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Nation's Largest Gathering of Latino Elected Officials Will Not Hear from Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump

More than 1,000 Latino leaders will be in Washington D.C. this week for the NALEO Annual Conference from June 23-25, 2016

Washington, D.C. – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) released the following statement regarding invitations extended to Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump to address the [NALEO 33rd Annual Conference](#) in Washington, D.C.

“As elected and appointed officials on the front lines of America’s communities, the next President of the United States will need to work with the NALEO constituency on behalf of the millions of constituents they represent nationwide. Leading cities and counties, schools, police forces, fire departments and more, NALEO members are charged with charting a course for the future strength, vitality, and success of the communities they represent.

“Our nation’s Latino leaders grapple with the day-to-day reality of having to ensure the safety and resiliency of their communities with fewer resources than ever before. The horrific terrorist attack on the Latino and LGBTQ communities just days ago underscores the continued challenges our nation’s local elected and appointed officials are facing today.

“Given the extraordinary role our nation’s Latino leaders play in keeping the wheels of our country turning during times of crisis and peace, it is important that NALEO members hear directly from the candidates vying for the nation’s highest office. The tragic events in Orlando that shook the foundations of the LGBTQ and Latino community, and all Americans, make the presence of the presumptive nominees even more critical.

“With the NALEO conference serving as the largest gathering of Latino elected and appointed officials in the country and the first national platform to address the greater Latino community following the Orlando massacre, this is a significant missed opportunity for Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump to provide guidance and support to our nation’s Latino leadership at a critical time. Their absence is an affront to the contributions and sacrifices our Latino elected and appointed officials make to this country each and every day.”

The major parties’ presumptive nominees have attended previous conferences held during presidential election years. In 2008, then-Senator Barack Obama and Senator John McCain both addressed the conference, as did Governor Mitt Romney and President Obama in 2012.

What: NALEO 33rd Annual Conference

Who: NALEO, the leadership organization of the nation's more than 6,100 Latino elected and appointed officials.

When: June 23-25, 2016

Where: Omni Shoreham Hotel
2500 Calvert St. NW
Washington, D.C. 20008

Media: Advance registration for media is required. To register, contact Amanda Bosquez (abosquez@naleo.org) or Paula Valle Castanon (pvalle@naleo.org).

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About NALEO

The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials is the non-partisan leadership organization of the nation's more than 6,100 Latino elected and appointed officials.