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## **Libertarian Presidential Nominee Gary Johnson to Address Nation's Largest Gathering of Latino Elected Officials in D.C.**

*More than 1,000 Latino leaders will be in nation's capital 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) today announced that Libertarian Presidential Nominee and Former Governor of New Mexico Gary Johnson will address the [NALEO 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference](#) in Washington, D.C.

Governor Gary Johnson will address the NALEO Annual Conference during the National Leadership Luncheon and Presidential Candidate Forum on Thursday, June 23, 2016. The address is part of a three-day event, which is expected to draw more than 1000 Latino elected and appointed officials and national leaders, held from June 23-25, 2016 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel.

“The NALEO Annual Conference offers the singular opportunity for national leaders to address NALEO’s constituency of the women and men who are leading cities and counties, schools, police forces, fire departments and more. NALEO members are charged with ensuring the safety, resiliency and success of their communities at a time of limited resources and crisis. We applaud Governor Johnson for demonstrating respect for the nation’s Latino elected and appointed officials by addressing them at this critical time,” said Arturo Vargas, NALEO Executive Director.

Both Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump were also invited to address the nation’s Latino leadership at this year’s conference and have declined the invitation. The major parties’ presumptive nominees attended the previous two NALEO Annual 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. The absence of the Democratic and Republican presumptive nominees has created great consternation among the bipartisan NALEO membership.

Other major speakers at the NALEO [Annual Conference](#) include U.S. Secretary of Labor Thomas Perez (Thursday, June 23), U.S. Secretary of Education John King (Friday, June 24), U.S. Representative and House Democratic Caucus Chair Xavier Becerra (Thursday, June 23) and Illinois Lt. Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti. The Honorable Julian Castro, recipient of the

Mexican Government's *Premio Ohtli* Award, will also join participants and provide remarks during the [NALEO 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary](#) Dinner Celebration (Thursday, June 23).

**What:** NALEO 33<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:abosquez@naleo.org)) or Paula Valle Castanon ([pvalle@naleo.org](mailto: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.*