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NALEO Announces Re-Election of President and Election of Board Leadership

Election took place following the organization's annual conference in Dallas, which brought together nearly 1000 Latino policymakers and leaders from across the country

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) today announced the re-election of Dallas County Treasurer and current President Pauline Medrano to an additional one-year term as NALEO President.

New officers and seven new board members were also elected during the organization's board of directors meeting on June 25, 2017 in Dallas, which followed the group's 34th Annual Conference.

Board officers elected during the meeting include: El Camino Community College District (CA) Board Vice President John Vargas as Vice President; Coconino County (AZ) Supervisor Elizabeth "Liz" Archuleta as Treasurer; and California State Senator Ricardo Lara as Secretary.

Rhode Island Secretary of State **Nellie Gorbea**, California State Assemblymember **Dante Acosta**, Massachusetts State Representative **Jeffrey Sanchez** (following an initial one-year term on the board), Executive Director of Kansas Hispanic & Latino American Affairs Commission **Adrienne Vallejo-Foster**, Harris County Sherriff (TX) **Ed Gonzalez**, Governing Board Member of Southwestern Community College District (CA) **Nora Vargas** and Canutillo Independent School District (TX) School Board Trustee **Armando Rodriguez** were unanimously elected to serve an initial three-year term on the NALEO Board of Directors.

"I am honored to be re-elected to another term as NALEO President and grateful to have these extraordinary leaders joining the NALEO Board of Directors during a critical time for our community. With their help, this organization will continue to empower the Latino community, strengthen our democracy and help our nation's Latino elected officials develop the leadership and governance skills they need to be effective advocates for their communities," said NALEO President and Dallas County Treasurer Pauline Medrano.

Medrano went on to say, "I'd like to thank the departing members of the NALEO Board of Directors for their extraordinary leadership and deep commitment to this organization. While their hard-work and diligent efforts will be missed, we know they will continue to be an integral part of the NALEO family for years to come."

Seven members of the NALEO Board of Directors completed their terms of service. These individuals include: NALEO Vice President and City of New York Council Member **Julissa Ferreras-Copeland**, Arizona State Senator **Catherine Miranda**, City of Santa Fe (NM) Councilor **Carmichael Dominguez**, City of Arlington (TX) Councilmember **Robert Rivera**, Village of Freeport (NY) Trustee **Carmen Piñeyro**, National Hispanic Council of School Board Members Chair and Bakersfield City School District President **Lillian Tafoya**, and Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District (TX) Board Member **Robert Peña, Jr.**

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