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### **NALEO Educational Fund and UCLA Host First National Education Leadership and Public Policy Academy**

*Three-and-a-half day intensive convening will bring together a cohort of 60 Latino elected officials to learn about effective public policies that support Latino families and communities*

*Washington, D.C.* – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund, in partnership with the Latino Policy and Politics Initiative (LPPI) at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), announced today that it will host the first *NALEO National Education Leadership and Public Policy Academy* from August 3-5, 2018.

“We are proud to join forces with UCLA to host this intensive data-driven policy academy to equip Latino policymakers with the information, communications, and strategic skillset necessary to architect evidence-based policy solutions for their diverse communities,” stated Arturo Vargas, NALEO Educational Fund chief executive officer.

The three-and-a-half day intensive, by invitation only, convening will bring together a cohort of 60 Latino state legislators, county and municipal officials, higher education trustees, and school board members to learn about effective public policies that support Latino families and communities, including the distinct needs of Latino boys and men.

“UCLA is ecstatic to partner with NALEO Educational Fund to empower Latino elected officials with the data and strategy necessary to address today’s most critical policy challenges and improve the well-being of Latinos from Connecticut to California,” said Sonja Diaz, UCLA LPPI executive director.

In partnership with UCLA LPPI, NALEO Educational Fund has designed academy curriculum to strengthen the governance capacity of Latino policymakers in the critical areas of education, economic development, criminal justice, and immigration as they relate to improving opportunities for Latinos, with special attention to intersections across gender and age, so that they are equipped with the necessary opportunities to contribute to the economic success of the country.

Topics addressed during the Institute’s curriculum include:

- Challenges and Opportunities for Latinos in the 21st Century
- Academic Attainment Trends for Latino Students
- Dismantling the School-to-Prison Pipeline: Transformative Justice
- Increasing College Access and Opportunities for Latino Males

- Fruitvale, Oakland: A Case Study on Transportation and Community Economic Development
- Improving Public Trust in Communities While Addressing Public Safety
- Collateral Consequences: Blurred Lines between Immigration and Criminal Law
- Restoring Hope through Reintegration

This convening is made possible thanks to the generous support of Title Sponsors, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and State Farm®. A full agenda and more information is available at [http://www.naleo.org/2018\\_leadership\\_academy](http://www.naleo.org/2018_leadership_academy).

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**About NALEO Educational Fund**

*NALEO Educational Fund is the nation's leading non-profit, non-partisan organization that facilitates the full participation of Latinos in the American political process, from citizenship to public service.*

**About UCLA LPPI**

*UCLA Latino Policy & Politics Initiative (LPPI) is a comprehensive think tank that addresses the most critical domestic policy challenges facing communities of color in states and localities across the U.S. LPPI fosters innovative research, leverages policy-relevant expertise, drives civic engagement, and nurtures a leadership pipeline to propel viable policy reforms that expand opportunity for all Americans. Learn more at: [latino.ucla.edu](http://latino.ucla.edu).*