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# U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders and Mayor Pete Buttigieg to Attend NALEO Presidential Candidate Forum at Telemundo Center in Miami

Taking place June 21 as part of NALEO's 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, the Forum will provide Sanders and Buttigieg with an opportunity to address the nation's largest gathering of Latino policymakers

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*Washington, D.C.* – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) today announced that U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders and Mayor Pete Buttigieg will address the nation's largest gathering of Latino policymakers during the NALEO Presidential Candidate Forum on Friday, June 21, 2019 in Miami.

The two presidential candidates will join Former U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Julián Castro, U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), U.S. Representative Eric Swalwell (D CA-15), Former U.S. Representative Beto O'Rourke and Former Governor John Hickenlooper, who have already confirmed their participation in the event.

NALEO is hosting the presidential candidate forum in partnership with Presenting Sponsor Comcast NBCUniversal Telemundo as part of this year's NALEO 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference (June 20-22, 2019). Taking place on June 21 at Telemundo Center headquarters in Miami, the Forum will offer candidates seeking the support of the nation's fastest growing population of new voters a unique opportunity to engage Latino leadership on the issues that matter most to the Latino community. The forum will be streamed nationally on Noticias Telemundo's digital properties

"We are looking forward to having Senator Sanders and Mayor Buttigieg join us this month as we gather Latino leaders in the Sunshine State for the nation's Latino political convention," stated Arturo Vargas, NALEO CEO. "The road to the White House runs through the Latino community, making it vital for the candidates vying for the nation's highest office in the land to engage with the local and state Latino leaders who are on the front lines tackling America's most pressing challenges. NALEO members are eager to hear from all candidates for U.S. President, and we will be watching to see who makes their commitment to our constituency a priority in advance of the upcoming primary caucuses and elections."

A recent poll by NALEO Educational Fund and Latino Decisions found that Latinos are following Election 2020 closely. More than eight in ten (84 percent) Latino voters reported being likely or certain to vote in November 2020.

The NALEO 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference is a unique source of professional development trainings tailored for elected and appointed officials. Conference attendees will have an opportunity to enhance their governance skills and engage our nation's top executive and legislative leaders during the three-day event. Past participants have included U.S. Presidents, U.S. Vice Presidents, Cabinet members, leaders of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, presidential candidates, and business leaders.

For more information about the NALEO 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, please visit our website or follow us on Facebook or Twitter.

### Who:

Former U.S. HUD Secretary Julián Castro U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren U.S. Representative Eric Swalwell Former U.S. Representative Beto O'Rourke Former Governor John Hickenlooper Mayor Pete Buttigieg National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO)

# What:

NALEO 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Presidential Candidate Forum

# When:

9-11 a.m. ET Friday, June 21, 2019

# Where:

Telemundo Center 1 Telemundo Way Miami, FL 33182

### Media:

This event is open to media. Space is limited. Advance registration is required.

Media can register for the forum by submitting their request and crew contact details to media@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 6,700 Latino elected and appointed officials.