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NALEO Educational Fund Announces Election of New Chair and Board Members

Indiana State Representative Mara Candelaria Reardon elected to serve as Board Chair; Ruben Barrales, Emilio Gonzalez and Pauline Medrano elected as new board members

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund today announced the election of a new chair, three new board members, one returning member and a new designee member to serve on the organization's 15-member board.

Board Chair and Indiana State Representative Mara Candelaria Reardon and board members Ruben Barrales, Senior Vice President, External Relations, Government Relations and Public Policy, Wells Fargo & Company; Emilio Gonzalez, Executive Director for Policy Strategic Alliances, Verizon; and the Honorable Pauline Medrano, Dallas County Treasurer were elected during a meeting held in Los Angeles, California, on November 18, 2019.

"Our organization looks forward to the work ahead as we approach a new decade, Census 2020 and the next presidential election. This is a critical time for Latinos across America to make sure we are seen and heard," stated the new NALEO Educational Fund chair and Indiana State Representative Mara Candelaria Reardon. "We appreciate the leadership of former Board Chair, Councilman John Duran, and look forward to continuing to work with him as he completes his second term alongside our new and other current members."

Current NALEO president and California Insurance Commissioner, Ricardo Lara, appointed Albuquerque Public Schools Board of Education member Peggy Muller-Aragon to serve as his designee to the Board. Executive Vice President at Parking Company of America Pep Valdes was re-elected to serve his second term.

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About NALEO Educational Fund

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