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NALEO Educational Fund, NLCET, and NHLA to Host Virtual Town Hall Outlining Principles for Holding Safe, Accessible Elections Amid COVID-19

Facebook Live event will highlight key principles to help guide advocacy and outreach efforts for ensuring equal access to the ballot box for Latino voters

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Ahead of the 2020 Presidential election and in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund, in conjunction with the National Latino Civic Engagement Table (NLCET) and National Hispanic Leadership Agenda (NHLA), will host a virtual town hall on [Facebook Live](#) and release a set of recommended principles on changes to election policies and practices intended to ensure Latino voters have the ability to participate and access the ballot box as fully as possible.

The virtual town hall brings a suite of national Latino organizations together around the collective mission of preserving access to the ballot box in November.

WHAT

NALEO Educational Fund, NLCET, and NHLA Virtual Town Hall and Principles Announcement, "Protecting Democracy: Latino Voting Amid COVID-19"

WHO

Panelists

- Hispanic Federation – Laura Esquivel, Director of National Advocacy
- LatinoJustice PRLDEF – Jose Perez, Deputy General Counsel
- Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund – Thomas A. Saenz, President and General Counsel
- Mi Familia Vota – Hector Sanchez Barba, Executive Director and CEO
- NALEO Educational Fund – Arturo Vargas, Chief Executive Officer
- UnidosUS - Clarissa Martínez-de-Castro, Deputy Vice President, Office of Research, Advocacy, and Legislation

Moderator

- NALEO Educational Fund – Juliana Cabrales, Director of Civic Engagement – Programs & Mid-Atlantic

WHEN

Thursday, July 16, 2020 – 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. ET/11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. PT

WHERE

[Facebook Live](#)

This event is open to media and the general public. No registration is necessary for this event.

WHY

For decades, NALEO Educational Fund has been a leading voice on creating and preserving access to voting for Latinos in an effort to fully engage the community in American civic life. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect everyday life, it is critical that lawmakers and administrators prioritize the protection and defense of equal access to the ballot box for all voters, which includes the Latino community. NALEO Educational Fund's partnership with the NLCET and NHLA on this issue represents a unified front in favor of advocacy that defends this idea.

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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.

About the NLCET

The National Latino Civic Engagement Table (NLCET) was formed in 2011 by the nation's leading Latino nonprofit advocacy and civil rights organizations working on civic engagement. The National Latino Civic Engagement Table consists of the Hispanic Federation, Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA), Latino Victory Foundation, the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), MALDEF (Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund), Mi Familia Vota Education Fund (MFVEF), National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund, Voto Latino Foundation, and UnidosUS.

About NHLA

National Hispanic Leadership Agenda (NHLA) is a coalition of more than 40 of the nation's most prominent Latino advocacy organizations. Collectively, NHLA leads advocacy on the pressing civil rights and policy issues affecting the 58 million Latinos living in the United States. NHLA strives to increase Latino visibility and leverages its efforts to build a stronger Latino influence in our country's affairs.