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****EARLY VOTE NUMBERS GOING INTO ELECTION DAY****

More Than 8.2 Million Latinos Have Already Cast Ballots, Shattering 2016 Levels

Young Latino voters are turning out in record numbers

Over half of initial 14.6 million projected Latino votes have been cast

WASHINGTON, D.C. – On the eve of Election Day, the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund released the following statement from CEO Arturo Vargas on new Election 2020 early Latino voter participation numbers and analysis on all absentee voting, vote-by-mail, and ballots cast otherwise before Election Day:

"Like the population overall, Latinos are turning out to vote early in record numbers, with more than 8.2 million Latinos already having cast their ballots nationally.

"Although we are not ideologically monolithic, we have always been deeply invested in the future of our communities and that of the country as a whole. While it is hopeful to see so much participation at this point, that enthusiasm can not let up. Eligible Latinos who have yet to cast their ballots should still make a plan to vote so that their voices will be heard by the time the polls close tomorrow.

"This election, with all its unprecedented dynamics, seems to have sparked a distinct urgency to participate in our democracy. Latino voters, particularly young Latinos, are proving that to be true. Our data look at three days out from Election Day – and we already saw more than twice as many Latino voters having cast their ballots than they did at the same time in 2016. Currently, 18-29-year-old Latino voters are showing up and serving as a driving force of this increased participation, accounting for over 20 percent of our community's early vote share. This figure close to doubled what it was at this point four years ago.

"We have known 2020 was going to be pivotal for our community – this is our moment. Given these circumstances, we fully expect Latino voter participation to surpass our initial projections of **14.6 million** voters. The energy and enthusiasm we are seeing represent a momentum that we must keep up through tomorrow so that no matter the outcome, we will once again renew our place in America as one of the most engaged electorates."

LATINO EARLY VOTE (EV), ACTUAL VOTE, AND PROJECTED VOTE: 2016 AND 2020

2016			2020		
Early Vote	Actual Vote	EV Share of Actual Vote	Early Vote	Projected Vote	EV Share of Projected Vote
3,742,551	12,682,000	29.5%	8,215,925	14,556,300	56.4%

Sources: Catalist voter file data: 2016 Early Vote as of November 5, 2016; 2020 Early Vote as of October 31, 2020; U.S. Census Bureau, Voting and Registration in the Election of 2016; NALEO Educational Fund projection

LATINO EARLY VOTE: 2016 AND 2020 BY AGE GROUP

	2016 Early Vote		2020 Early Vote		Percent Difference 2016 - 2020
Age Group	Number	Share of Total EV*	Number	Share of Total EV*	
18-29	422,896	11.3%	1,692,445	20.6%	300.2%
30-39	564,246	15.1%	1,382,452	16.8%	145.0%
40-49	618,837	16.5%	1,361,839	16.6%	120.1%
50-64	1,038,180	27.7%	2,087,241	25.4%	101.0%
65 and older	1,090,938	29.1%	1,664,792	20.3%	52.6%
Unknown	7,454	0.2%	27,156	0.3%	264.3%
Total	3,742,551	100.0%	8,215,925	100.0%	119.5%

*Total may not add up to 100 percent because of rounding

Source: Catalist voter file data: 2016 Early Vote as of November 5, 2016; 2020 Early Vote as of October 31, 2020

Data Limitations

The foregoing numbers are subject to certain limitations. Early vote numbers for 2020 are not static or a final tally, but rather, a glimpse of the Latino vote three days before the election, which can change as additional ballots are processed and counted.

In the lead up to Election Day, NALEO Educational Fund will continue its efforts to ensure Latino voters are prepared to cast ballots this year, including operating our toll-free bilingual hotline 1-888-VE-Y-VOTA (1-888-839-8682), staffed by live, bilingual operators year-round, trained to assist callers with any voting-related questions and to report issues at the polls.

Use our poll locator tool and text VOTENOW for English or VOTAHOY for Spanish to 97779 to find your polling place.

You can also subscribe to our election updates by texting GOVOTE for English or VEYVOTA for Spanish to 97779.

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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.