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NALEO Educational Fund Looks to Work with President-Elect Biden to Move Latino Community and Nation Forward

With Biden elected the 46th President of the United States, important issues to Latinos such as COVID-19 and jobs are front and center

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund today released the following statement from CEO Arturo Vargas following the election of Vice President Joe Biden to be the 46th President of the United States:

“After a hard-fought election, the Latino community and American people have made their voices heard. We respect the results of the election and call on our nation’s leaders to help bring the country together as we begin our next chapter after a long and hard-fought political battle. It is time to put our differences aside and come together to move forward with an orderly transition of power. We must now engage in the vital work to rebuild our country amid the current public health and economic crises.

“With record Latino turnout, particularly among young Latino voters, the community has played an impactful role in this election.

“It will be critical for the Biden Administration to engage our constituency and work with Latinos on policy outcomes to improve the quality of life for our community. A [Weekly Tracking Poll](#) from NALEO Educational Fund and Latino Decisions showed that COVID-19, healthcare, racism and discrimination, and jobs are the most important issues to Latino voters. For the sake of our community and the country, there must be progress on these fronts.

“Latino policymakers have worked tirelessly on the front lines of the COVID-19 response in their communities. These leaders need the support of the federal government now more than ever. Moreover, their experiences and perspectives will be essential to the Biden Administration’s efforts to combat the challenges presented by the pandemic and those in the multitude of other policy areas important to Latinos.

“Government and organizations like NALEO Educational Fund have a responsibility to collaborate and work toward improving people’s lives. As Latinos are the second-largest population group in the United States, Latino issues are American issues. While our community may face distinct challenges, we know that when Latinos do well, so does the rest of the country. The complexities of the issues we face command an understanding of our diverse community, one that can only occur if Latinos are equitably represented at the highest levels of government as members of the President’s cabinet and throughout the administration. NALEO

Educational Fund stands ready to work alongside the next administration and do our part in rising to the occasion to make a difference.”

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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.