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Surprising 2020 Census Apportionment Data Raise Questions

With only seven congressional seats shifting amid the second-lowest population growth ever, additional review is needed to determine whether or not undercount of Latinos occurred

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 Census Bureau’s release of Census 2020 apportionment data:

“NALEO Educational Fund is surprised by the Census 2020 apportionment data released by the Census Bureau. The figures reflect the second-slowest population growth in our nation’s history. States with significant Latino populations projected to gain congressional seats either failed to do so (Arizona) or gained fewer than projected (Florida and Texas). The Bureau and other statistical sources will provide more information that will help us understand the quality of these data.

“The initial results are surprising enough that once more details are released, we will be able to better determine to what extent the Latino population was fairly and accurately counted. We also believe that with additional information, a clearer picture may emerge on the impact of the unprecedented challenges that faced the Census 2020. That said, there appears to be a correlation between the investment of statewide governmental resources in census outreach and apportionment tallies.

“We also note that the apportionment data only provide state population counts and do not include information about the population characteristics, such as race, Hispanic origin, age, or gender. Much of this information will be available when the Bureau releases its redistricting data by September 30. Our organization will be examining these data closely to see what they indicate about Census 2020.”

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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.