



NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release
July 30, 2021

Contact: Marcus Silva, msilva@naleo.org
(510) 456-5444

Daniel Ramirez, dramirez@naleo.org
(805) 223-0225

NALEO Educational Fund Commends the Confirmation of Ur Jaddou as Head of United States Citizenship and Immigration Services

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 confirmation of Ur Jaddou as Director of United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS):

“NALEO Educational Fund congratulates Director Ur Jaddou on her confirmation to head USCIS. Director Jaddou’s unparalleled experience and expertise in immigration law and policy have prepared her to lead USCIS effectively while modernizing the delivery of immigration services and addressing the obstacles faced by lawful permanent residents (LPRs) who seek to become new Americans.

“As USCIS continues to face significant challenges with application backlogs, fiscal difficulties, and outdated technology, Director Jaddou’s leadership will benefit the agency and the nation as a whole. With nine million LPRs eligible for naturalization, 3.8 million of whom are Latino, Director Jaddou has a steep task ahead of her. As an expert in her field and the child of immigrants, we believe that Director Jaddou understands the challenges facing the agency and look forward to her proactive approach to ensuring USCIS fulfills its mission.

“With DHS and USCIS already taking several significant steps to promote naturalization, eliminate barriers in the U.S. citizenship process, and establish a culture of customer service and stakeholder engagement, Director Jaddou is in a key position to help further these efforts. We urge Director Jaddou to build on this foundation to make improving U.S. citizenship accessibility and affordability a top priority for the agency’s policy agenda, and we look forward to working with her to achieve this important goal.”

###

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.