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NALEO Educational Fund to Participate in Georgetown University's "Democracy at Risk" Virtual Panel Series

The virtual panel will address several topics such as: protecting the right to vote, diversity impact in the redistricting process, and how communities of color can ensure they are heard

Washington, D.C. – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund announced today that it will participate in the Center for Public & Nonprofit Leadership at Georgetown University [virtual Zoom panel](#), *Protecting Democracy: Making Every Vote and Voice Matter*, on Thursday, September 30, 2021, to discuss how to protect democracy for communities of color.

"We are excited to participate in this panel to highlight the importance of protecting our democracy and ensuring Latinos and all communities of color have fair opportunities to be heard and represented," said Arturo Vargas, NALEO Educational Fund Chief Executive Officer.

The *Protecting Democracy: Making Every Vote and Voice Matter* panel is part of the Center for Public & Nonprofit Leadership's year-long "Democracy at Risk" series of conversations in celebration of its 25th anniversary. The panel will discuss how the right to vote can be protected, especially for communities that have historically faced discrimination at the ballot box. In addition, the panel will discuss the 2020 Census, diversity throughout the nation, the redistricting process, and community representation.

WHAT

Panel discussion presented by the Center for Public & Nonprofit Leadership at Georgetown University – *Protecting Democracy: Making Every Vote and Voice Matter*

WHO

- Gary Bass, Bauman Foundation, Executive Director Emeritus
- Christine Chen, Asian Pacific Islander American Vote, Co-Founder and Executive Director
- Janeen Comenote, National Urban Indian Family Coalition, Executive Director
- Ashley Shelton, Power Coalition for Equity and Justice, Executive Director
- Arturo Vargas, NALEO Educational Fund, Chief Executive Officer

WHEN

Thursday, September 30, 2021
4:00 p.m. ET / 3:00 p.m. CT / 1:00 p.m. PT

TUNE IN

Register for free to watch the panel event [here](#). This event is open to the public.

For more information, please reach out to media@naleo.org.

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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.