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Latino Elected Officials Make Historic Gains in 2022 Midterm Election

Record-setting number of Latinos will serve in the House of Representatives and statewide executive office

Latina representation also grows with four more Latinas elected to the House, and for the first time in Oregon, Illinois, and Colorado

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund today released its [analysis](#) assessing Latino gains in Congress and statewide office in 2022. The 118th Congress will feature the largest class of Latinos to date, with the number of Latinos in the U.S. House of Representatives growing from 38 to 47. And following this year's election, a record 21 Latinos will hold statewide office — up from 18 before the 2022 midterms. A full roster of Latinos who will serve at these levels of office (including a breakdown by state and political party) is available [here](#).

In this election, Latino candidates pursued top congressional, statewide executive, and state legislative offices in 44 states. Latinos also ran in traditional Latino population centers and regions with emerging Latino communities like the Plains States, the Pacific Northwest, the Midwest, the Deep South, and New England.

"As Latino communities across the country continue to grow, so does our representation at the very highest levels of elected office," said **Arturo Vargas, CEO of NALEO Educational Fund**. "Latino candidates on both sides of the aisle had historic success this cycle by speaking to the distinct issues affecting our nation's diverse communities. Latinos continue to demonstrate their commitment to making our country stronger through public service in the top positions where critical decisions are made that affect the lives of all Americans."

Key Findings from NALEO Educational Fund's post-election analysis include:

Latinos in the U.S. Senate Post-Election 2022:

- The number of Latinos serving in the U.S. Senate will remain at six.
 - Incumbent U.S. Senators Marco Rubio (R-FL) and Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV) won their re-election bids, and Alex Padilla (D-CA), who was appointed to serve in 2021, won his first election to a full term. They will return to join current Latino U.S. Senators Ted Cruz (R-TX), Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM), and Robert Menendez (D-NJ) in Congress' upper chamber.

Latinos in U.S. House of Representatives Post-Election 2022:

- **Class:** The number of Latinos in the U.S. House increased from 38 to 47, a record number of Latino House members.
- **Party Breakdown:** Following Election 2022, 35 Democrats and 12 Republicans will serve as Members of Congress (up from 28 Democrats and 10 Republicans).
- **Gender:** The number of Latinas serving in the U.S. House of Representatives will increase by four (29 men and 18 women) from the previous Congress (24 men and 14 women).
 - Election 2022 also featured the election of the first Latinas to represent Colorado, Illinois, and Oregon in Congress.
- **New Faces:** There will be 14 new Latinos in the U.S. House of Representatives, including seven new Latinas.
 - AZ-6: Juan Ciscomani (R) – first Latino Republican to represent Arizona
 - CO-8: Yadira Caraveo (D) – first Latina to represent Colorado
 - IL-3: Delia Ramirez (D) – first Latina to represent Illinois
 - FL-10: Maxwell Alejandro Frost (D) – first Gen Z elected
 - OR-5: Lori Chavez-DeRemer (R) – one of the first two Latinas to represent Oregon
 - OR-6: Andrea Salinas (D) – one of the first two Latinas to represent Oregon
 - CA-42: Robert Garcia (D) – first LGBTQ+ Latino immigrant
 - FL-13: Anna Paulina Luna (R)
 - NJ-8: Robert Menendez, Jr. (D)
 - NM-2: Gabriel Vasquez (D)
 - NY-4: Anthony D’Esposito (R)
 - TX-15: Monica De La Cruz (R)
 - TX-35: Greg Casar (D)
 - WA-3: Marie Gluesenkamp Perez (D)

Latinos in Statewide Executive Elected Office Post-Election 2022:

- **Class:** The number of Latinos in statewide executive elected office will increase from 18 to 21, a historic high for Latinos.
- **Party Breakdown:** There will be an increase in the number of Latino Democrats serving in statewide office, from 12 to 14. Latino Republicans serving in statewide office will also increase, shifting from five to six post-election. There will continue to be one Latino serving in a non-partisan statewide executive office.
- **Gender:** The number of Latinas serving in statewide executive office decreased from seven to six.
- **New Faces:**
 - AZ: Adrian Fontes (D), Secretary of State
 - ID: Raul Labrador (R), Attorney General
 - IN: Diego Morales (R), Secretary of State
 - NV: Cisco Aguilar (D), Secretary of State
 - NM: Raul Torrez (D), Attorney General
 - NM: Joseph Maestas (D), State Auditor
 - NM: Laura Montoya (D), State Treasurer
 - RI: James DiOSSa (D), State Treasurer

Note: Election Results are based in part on unofficial results and media reports.

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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.