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## **NALEO Mourns Loss of Former Los Angeles County Supervisor and NALEO Board Member Gloria Molina**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) has issued the following statement from Chief Executive Officer Arturo Vargas regarding the passing of Former Los Angeles County Supervisor and NALEO Board Member Gloria Molina:

“The nation has suffered a great loss with the passing of Former Los Angeles County Supervisor and NALEO Board Member Gloria Molina, a dedicated public servant and leader who, throughout her accomplished career, fought for Latinos in Los Angeles and throughout the country.

“The Honorable Gloria Molina was an undisputable figure and integral part of the national political landscape for decades. She spent her career working to ensure her constituents and Latinos across America saw that their needs, concerns, and priorities were addressed. Her courageous path dates back 40 years to when she became the first Latina elected to the California State Assembly, followed by being elected to the Los Angeles City Council’s First Council District.

“The entire NALEO family will forever be thankful for her dedication to the Latinos in Los Angeles and across the country through her leadership and service on the NALEO Board of Directors and expresses its deepest condolences to her family. Our hearts and thoughts are also with her extended family, friends, and former colleagues during this difficult time.

“The Honorable Gloria Molina will be remembered as a steadfast Latina trailblazer who paved the way for women interested in public service and future leaders in the United States. Her legacy will live on through her policy triumphs and community engagement. Today, we honor and thank a hero whose work and leadership improved the lives of millions in California, Los Angeles, and the nation.”

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### **About NALEO**

*The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials is the non-partisan leadership organization of the nation’s more than 7,000 Latino elected and appointed officials.*