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2022 Midterm Elections See Record Number of Latino Turnout

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund today released the following statement following the Census Bureau's release of data from the 2022 Current Population Survey Voting and Registration Supplement for the 2022 midterm elections:

With more than 11.8 million Latinos casting ballots in the 2022 midterm elections, the community once again turned out in record numbers, sustaining the momentum of 2018's groundbreaking turnout. Nearly one of every 10 voters was Latino, and they played a decisive role in the outcome of the elections.

Despite these numbers, there is still work to be done to engage the community during and beyond the election season. While Latinos have demonstrated that they will show up to the ballot box if there is continued investment in Latino voter outreach, the ninth and final week of results from our 2022 National Latino Voter Tracking Poll showed that over 43 percent of likely Latino voters reported that no political party, campaign, or other organization had contacted them.

As the eligible Latino electorate continues to grow, sustained voter outreach is needed to ensure Latino voter turnout keeps pace. The share of Latino voting-age citizens who cast ballots in the midterm elections decreased slightly from 40.4 percent in 2018 to 37.9 percent in 2022. There was also a decline in the turnout of non-Hispanic voting-age citizens between 2018 and 2022. However, given the future growth of the Latino-eligible electorate, sustained investments in reaching and mobilizing Latino voters in every election will be critical for Latinos to become full participants in our nation's democracy.

As we gear up for another election season, NALEO Educational Fund has invited President Biden and the leading Republican candidates for president to attend the NALEO 40th Annual Conference this summer in New York City, to address Latino elected and appointed officials and speak to many of the issues that affect Latino communities across the country.

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.