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NALEO Mourns the Loss of Former Councilwoman and Assemblymember Cindy Montañez

LOS ANGELES, CA – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) has issued the following statement from Chief Executive Officer Arturo Vargas on the passing of former Councilwoman and Assemblymember Cindy Montañez:

“The recent passing of former Councilwoman and Assemblymember Cindy Montañez is a major loss for the city of San Fernando and the entire state of California. She was a fearless leader who dedicated her career to advocating for the Latino community and environmental justice in the San Fernando Valley and throughout California.

“As the youngest woman ever elected to the San Fernando City Council and State Assembly, Assemblywoman Montañez truly exemplified being a Latina trailblazer. Her work as a public servant empowering the Latino community and advocating for a more sustainable Los Angeles will have a lasting impact on the city for years to come.

“Her legacy and vision for a better Los Angeles will also live on through the lives she touched and communities she helped through her courageous leadership as a public servant. Our hearts and thoughts are with her family, friends, and all Californians during this difficult time.”

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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.