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NALEO Mourns the Passing of Former Assemblymember and Los Angeles City Councilmember Richard Alatorre

LOS ANGELES, CA – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) issued the following statement from Chief Executive Officer Arturo Vargas on the passing of former California Assemblymember and Los Angeles City Councilmember Richard Alatorre:

“We are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of the Honorable Richard Alatorre. He was a seminal figure in Los Angeles and California politics who made essential contributions to his constituents and the entire Los Angeles community. His passing is a major loss to the city of Los Angeles and the state.

“As the second Latino to ever serve on the Los Angeles City Council in the 20th Century, Councilmember Alatorre was a tenacious leader who understood how reapportionment and redistricting were essential elements to developing Latino political power and representation. Additionally, he helped shape the state’s farm labor laws, which helped give migrant workers collective bargaining rights.

“The Honorable Richard Alatorre’s courageous leadership as a public servant helped empower and transform the lives of many Angelenos. He leaves a legacy as one of the most influential Latino politicians in the state who constantly fought for the Latino community. Our hearts and thoughts are with his family, friends, and all Angelenos 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.