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NALEO 43rd Annual Conference To Focus on Problem-Solving and Solutions for Latino Communities Across the Country

Returning to Los Angeles July 14–16, 2026, NALEO marks 50 years of advancing Latino leadership under the theme "Celebrating Where We Began. Building What Comes Next"

***WASHINGTON, D.C.* –** The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) announced today the **NALEO 43rd Annual Conference** taking place July 14–16, 2026, in Los Angeles, California.

This year marks a historic milestone for NALEO. For five decades, the organization has left an indelible mark on American democracy and given rise to NALEO Educational Fund, which has worked to build a stronger and more representative nation, prepare Latino leaders to better serve their communities, and expand pathways to civic power.

As the country's largest gathering of Latino public officials, the NALEO Annual Conference will return to its hometown in Los Angeles to celebrate this special occasion. Recognized as the nation's "Latino Political Convention," the event has garnered an impressive reputation for delivering high-quality and content-driven programming. The Conference is expected to bring together hundreds of Latino policymakers from across the country and across the aisle to connect and enhance their governance skills around issues such as increasing immigration enforcement, rising affordability pressures, and rapid technological change.

"Leadership requires more than words — it requires space for leaders to come together, share challenges, and work toward real solutions," **said Erica Bernal-Martinez, CEO of the NALEO Educational Fund**. "That is why NALEO's 43rd Annual Conference is being intentionally designed to meet the realities elected and appointed officials are facing right now. More than a traditional convening, this Conference will focus on coordination, problem-solving, and practical strategies leaders can take back to their communities to address immigration, the affordability crisis, and the many other pressing issues they confront every day. This is how we honor NALEO's legacy — by ensuring today's leaders have what they need to meet this moment and deliver for their communities."

This year's Conference will provide attendees with tools, strategies, and collective approaches to turn challenges into actionable, common-sense solutions. Through workshops, panels, and problem-solving sessions, participants will strengthen their capacity to lead responsibly in this rapidly evolving moment.

The three-day event has featured many distinguished keynote speakers, including Presidents Barack Obama and Joe Biden; Vice Presidents Al Gore and Kamala Harris; Senators Elizabeth Warren, Alex Padilla, Mitt Romney, Bernie Sanders, and John McCain; Secretaries of State Hillary Clinton, Marco Rubio, and others.

The NALEO 43rd Annual Conference is made possible through the generous support of our Presenting Partner, State Farm®, and our additional sponsors whose partnerships help make this event possible.

WHAT
NALEO 43rd Annual Conference

WHEN
July 14–16, 2026

WHERE
InterContinental Los Angeles Downtown
900 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90017

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About NALEO
The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials is the nonpartisan leadership organization of the nation's more than 7,700 Latino elected and appointed officials.