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Governor Gavin Newsom to Participate in Fireside Chat at NALEO 43rd Annual Conference

Conversation will highlight California's priorities and the role of Latino leadership in shaping the state's future

LOS ANGELES, CA – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) announced today that the **Honorable Gavin Newsom**, Governor of California, will participate in a Fireside Chat during the NALEO 43rd Annual Conference, the nation's largest and most prestigious gathering of Latino policymakers.

Governor Newsom will join Conference attendees on **Tuesday, July 14, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Los Angeles** for a fireside chat with the **Honorable Alex Padilla**, United States Senator from California, moderated by **Erica Bernal-Martinez**, NALEO and NALEO Educational Fund CEO. The conversation will kick off three days of programming that brings together hundreds of Latino elected and appointed officials, civic leaders, and policy experts from across the country to discuss the most pressing issues facing their communities.

"California's Latino elected and appointed officials play an essential role in shaping policies that strengthen communities across our state," **said NALEO and NALEO Educational Fund CEO Erica Bernal-Martinez.** "We are honored to welcome Governor Gavin Newsom to the NALEO Annual Conference for a Fireside Chat that will provide attendees with the opportunity to hear directly from one of the nation's leading governors on the issues impacting California and the future of public service."

The Fireside Chat will provide Conference participants with an opportunity to hear Governor Newsom and Senator Padilla discuss California's priorities, leadership, and the challenges and opportunities facing the state. The session reflects NALEO's longstanding commitment to fostering meaningful dialogue between public officials and Latino leaders while strengthening representative democracy through civic engagement.

Each year, the NALEO Annual Conference convenes hundreds of Latino policymakers and community leaders to engage in critical conversations on the most pressing issues impacting the nation. Through policy discussions, leadership development, and the exchange of ideas, the Conference equips attendees with the tools and strategies needed to govern effectively and strengthen civic engagement.

In addition to Governor Newsom's Fireside Chat, Conference attendees will hear from prominent national and state leaders, including former U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Julián Castro, former U.S. Ambassador to Mexico and former U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar, President pro Tempore of the California State Senate Monique Limón, Speaker of the

California State Assembly Robert Rivas, Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass, and San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria.

WHO
The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of California

The Honorable Alex Padilla
United States Senator, California
Former President, NALEO

Erica Bernal-Martinez
CEO, NALEO and NALEO Educational Fund

WHAT
Fireside Chat
NALEO 43rd Annual Conference

WHEN
Tuesday, July 14, 2026
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

WHERE
Please RSVP for location information

Additional information, including the Conference agenda and speaker updates, is available here.

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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 8,000 Latino elected and appointed officials.