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The Honorable Julián Castro and the Honorable Joaquín Castro to Receive 2026 Edward R. Roybal Award for Outstanding Public Service

The award will be presented during the NALEO 50th Anniversary Celebration

LOS ANGELES, CA – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) announced today it will commemorate its 50th Anniversary with a special evening celebration recognizing five decades of advancing Latino leadership in American democracy and honoring two distinguished public servants whose careers have helped shape the nation's civic and political landscape. The event will feature the presentation of the Edward R. Roybal Award for Outstanding Public Service to the **Honorable Julián Castro**, former Mayor of San Antonio, former U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and current CEO of the Latino Community Foundation along with the **Honorable Joaquín Castro**, U.S. Representative (TX-20), in recognition of their distinguished careers in public service, steadfast commitment to advancing opportunities for Latino communities, and enduring contributions to strengthening civic participation and leadership in American democracy.

The award honors the enduring legacy of the organization's esteemed founder and President Emeritus, the late Congressman Edward R. Roybal, whose visionary leadership continues to inspire generations of public servants and Latino leaders across the nation. The award presentation will take place during the 50th Anniversary Celebration special evening event, featuring entertainment and special remarks commemorating five decades of advancing Latino participation in American democracy.

The NALEO 50th Anniversary Celebration special evening event is made possible through the generous support of our Host, PepsiCo; and our additional sponsors whose partnership helps honor this legacy.

WHAT
NALEO 50th Anniversary Celebration

WHO

- Hon. Julián Castro, former Mayor of San Antonio, former U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and current CEO of the Latino Community Foundation
- Hon. Joaquín Castro, U.S. Representative (TX-20)*
- Daniel Suárez, NASCAR driver
- DJ Sizzle

*Congressman Castro will provide special video remarks, with his formal recognition taking place later this year in Washington, D.C.

WHEN
Wednesday, July 15, 2026
6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. PT

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

VISUALS & PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES
Presentation of the Edward R. Roybal Award for Outstanding Public Service
Remarks from NALEO leadership
Special appearance by NASCAR driver Daniel Suárez
Entertainment by DJ Sizzle

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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.