



## NALEO NEWS

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### **Dr. Ben Carson to Address Nation's Latino Political Leadership at NALEO Conference in Las Vegas**

*More than 1200 Latino policymakers and leaders are expected to attend the NALEO conference and presidential candidate forums taking place June 17-19, 2015*

**Washington, D.C.** – Less than 18 months before the Latino electorate is expected to exercise its critical influence in the outcome of Election 2016, the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) announced that Republican Presidential Candidate Dr. Ben Carson will address the nation's largest gathering of Latino policymakers in the country for the NALEO 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. The address will take place on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at 2 p.m. PDT.

The Republican presidential candidate and neurosurgeon has emerged as one of the frontrunners in the race for the White House, polling in the top five of a recent Fox News poll.

“The next President of the United States will be elected by the Latino community,” said Arturo Vargas, NALEO Executive Director. “We are excited to have Dr. Ben Carson join us as one of the leading candidates for the White House in 2016 and look forward to hearing him engage the nation's largest gathering of Latino policymakers on the issues most important to the Latino community today.”

The three-day event, which is expected to draw more than 1200 Latino elected officials and national leaders, will be held from June 17-19, 2015 at the Aria Resort and Casino. As part of the Annual Conference, NALEO has invited candidates vying for the White House to address the nation's Latino elected and appointed officials during the organization's Republican (June 17) and Democratic (June 18) Presidential candidate forums.

The NALEO Annual Conference is the preeminent forum for our nation's leadership to engage Latino officials and the millions of constituents NALEO members represent. Previous conferences have featured President Barack Obama, Governor Mitt Romney, Secretary Hillary Clinton, Governor Jeb Bush, Vice President Joe Biden, U.S. Senator Marco Rubio, U.S. Senator John McCain and others.

The NALEO 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference is made possible through the generous support of Presenting Sponsors, Toyota and Walmart. This event is open to media. More information can be found on the NALEO website at <http://www.naleo.org/lasvegas2015/>.

**What:** NALEO 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference

**Who:** NALEO, the leadership organization of the nation's more than 6,000 Latino elected and appointed officials.

**When:** June 17-19, 2015

**Republican Presidential Candidate Forum**  
June 17, 2015 – 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. (PDT)

**Democratic Presidential Candidate Forum**  
June 18, 2015 – 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. (PDT)

**Where:** **Aria Resort and Casino**  
3730 South Las Vegas Boulevard  
Las Vegas, NV 89109

**Media:** **Advance registration is required. Press preset times to follow.** To register, please contact Amanda Bosquez ([abosquez@naleo.org](mailto:abosquez@naleo.org); 202-546-2536) or Paula Valle Castanon ([pvalle@naleo.org](mailto:pvalle@naleo.org); 213-765-9414).

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