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National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund

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### **NALEO Educational Fund Announces Election of New Board Members**

*West Hollywood Councilmember John Duran, Multi State Collaborative on Military Credit Advisor Mara Candelaria Reardon and National City Council Councilmember Alejandra Sotelo-Solis join board*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund announced the election of three new members to the organization's 15-member board.

West Hollywood Councilmember John Duran, Multi State Collaborative on Military Credit Advisor Mara Candelaria Reardon, and National City Council Councilmember Alejandra Sotelo-Solis were elected to serve three-year terms at the NALEO Educational Fund Board of Directors meeting on November 20, 2015 in San Antonio, Texas. In addition, EmblemHealth Senior Vice President of Corporate Relations & Government Affairs Lorraine Cortes-Vasquez was re-elected to serve a second and final three-year term on the board.

Michelle Mancias, current board member and counsel within the Office of the Corporate Secretary at State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, was also elected to serve as secretary of the NALEO Educational Fund Board during the meeting.

“Election 2016 offers the Latino community and our organization an extraordinary opportunity to make our voices heard and shape the policies to come in the next few years. Our organization will be hard at work in the coming months, making sure Latino voters have the information necessary to cast ballots and elect the leaders of their choice,” stated NALEO Educational Fund Chair Pauline Medrano. “We are proud to have these talented and committed individuals as part of the organization's leadership at this critical time and look forward to working with them and the rest of the board to ensure that the policy priorities of Latinos are fully addressed in 2016 and beyond.”

The new members will replace Colorado State Human Services Board Member Stephanie Garcia, AT&T Services, Inc. Assistant Vice President of Federal Relations Susan Santana, Esq., and Miami-Dade County Commissioner Juan C. Zapata, who concluded their terms on the NALEO Educational Fund Board this month.

Medrano went on to state, “We also want to extend our sincerest thanks to Commissioner Zapata, Board Member Garcia and Susan Santana of AT&T for their unwavering years of service on the NALEO Educational Fund Board of Directors. Their extraordinary leadership and dedication to the organization and Latino community is greatly appreciated.”

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#### **About NALEO Educational Fund**

*NALEO Educational Fund is the nation's leading non-profit organization that facilitates the full participation of Latinos in the American political process, from citizenship to public service.*