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NALEO Educational Fund Responds to 'Offensive' Albuquerque Journal Cartoon Depicting DREAMers as Violent Criminals

Washington D.C. – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund today released a statement from Executive Director Arturo Vargas in response to a cartoon published in the Albuquerque Journal of 'DREAMers' mugging a white couple:

"Satire and irony on the editorial pages promote discourse of issues that are being debated in the public domain, but statements that paint a single racial or ethnic group with the same brush cross the line into racism and bigotry. The editorial cartoon by artist Sean Delonas that appeared on the February 7, 2018 edition of the Albuquerque Journal is such an example.

"While we appreciate the editor's acknowledgement of the error in printing the cartoon, we believe that this action merits more discussion with the editors of the Albuquerque Journal who initially saw fit to print such a cartoon grossly offensive to Hispanics, when it is the leading periodical serving a region and state that is nearly half Hispanic."

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About NALEO Educational Fund

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