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## **NALEO 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference to Host Nation's Largest Gathering of Latino Policymakers in Phoenix Next Month**

*Taking place June 21-23, the three-day event will feature a robust policy agenda that addresses pressing issues affecting the Latino community in today's current political climate*

Washington, D.C. – In less than six weeks, the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) will host the [NALEO 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference](#), the nation's largest and most prestigious gathering of Latino policymakers, in Phoenix from June 21-23, 2018.

The [three-day event](#), which will take place at the Arizona Biltmore Hotel, is a unique source of professional development specifically tailored for elected and appointed officials and their supporters. Sessions at the Conference are designed to enhance the governance skills of participants and deepen their understanding of critical policy issues in a cross-jurisdictional context.

"We are looking forward to bringing together the nation's Latino leadership in the Grand Canyon State," stated Arturo Vargas, NALEO Educational Fund executive director. "As ground-zero for our nation's immigration debate in recent years, Arizona is the perfect place for our nation's elected and appointed officials, and supporters to come together to address the most pressing issues affecting the Latino community today."

Conference attendees will have an opportunity to engage our nation's top executive and legislative leaders during the event. Past participants have included U.S. Presidents, U.S. Vice Presidents, Cabinet members, leaders of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, presidential candidates, and business leaders.

The [NALEO 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference](#) will take place at a critical time, with Election 2018 months away and our nation's Latino public officials navigating a rapidly changing national political environment. This year's sessions will address a broad range of policy areas to ensure participants have the information they need to be effective leaders in this climate.

Conference [session topics](#) will include Latino political mobilization, school safety, the state of immigration policy, Latina leadership in the wake of the #MeToo movement, criminal justice reform, infrastructure, education (college access and workforce development), and the opioid crisis. The [agenda](#) will also include a special plenary on Census 2020 issues that threaten to thwart a full and accurate count of Latinos, including the last-minute addition of a citizenship question.

The [NALEO 35th Annual Conference](#) is made possible through the generous support of our Presenting Sponsor, [Toyota](#). For more information about the event, please visit our website or follow us on Facebook or Twitter.

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*The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials is the non-partisan leadership organization of the nation's more than 6,600 Latino elected and appointed officials.*