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PREFACE

The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund is pleased to publish the 2018 *National Directory of Latino Elected Officials*, which marks the thirty-fourth year that the NALEO Educational Fund has compiled and disseminated a comprehensive enumeration of Latino elected officials throughout the nation. The *Directory* includes the following information in Excel database format:

- The names and the addresses of the nation’s Latino elected officials;
- Their geographic distribution;
- The levels of government they represent; and
- Their political affiliation.

For each year between 1984 and 1994, prior to the publication of the *Directory*, the NALEO Educational Fund published its *National Roster of Hispanic Elected Officials*, which provided a listing of Hispanic elected officials, organized by jurisdiction. In 1996, the NALEO Educational Fund decided to change its methodology for compiling information about Latino elected officials, and initiated its publication of the *National Directory of Latino Elected Officials*, which contains a listing similar to the one published in the *Roster*. However, where the *Roster* for any given year had included elected officials who had served in office at any time during that year, the *Directory* generally includes only those elected officials who were in office as of January of the year of publication. Because so many significant elections occur in November of each year, this change enables the *Directory* to reflect the results of the previous year’s November elections. For the reasons explained in the “Methodology” section on page iv, as a result of this change, data on the number of elected officials in the *Directory* should not be used to make statistical comparisons with the data in previous *Rosters*.

We hope that this *Directory* provides our readers with a useful resource both to identify Latino representatives and to measure the civic activity of the Latino community.

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Additionally, we wish to acknowledge the many significant contributions made by the late Dr. Harry Pachon, who laid the foundation for the *Rosters* that preceded the *Directory* and guided their development during his tenure as the NALEO Educational Fund's Executive Director. Finally, we are grateful to the members of the NALEO Educational Fund staff for their efforts on the *Directory*. First, we extend a special thanks to Martha Recio, who coordinated the entire *Directory* production process, and personally conducted a significant amount of the elected official verification. We also appreciate the contributions of Monica Medina, who assisted with verification and proof-reading, and Rosalind Gold who provided overall guidance for the publication of the *Directory*. The NALEO Educational Fund is grateful to all those individuals who helped make the *Directory* a successful reality.

METHODOLOGY

Since 1984, the NALEO Educational Fund has conducted an annual verification to ascertain the number of Latino elected officials nationwide. To initiate the enumeration process, the NALEO Educational Fund turned first to its own constituency, Latino elected officials identified during past verifications. Potential Latino office holders were also identified through state and local government directories and World Wide Web sites on the Internet, major newspapers' listings of national and local election results, and membership lists of national, state and local organizations.

Because turnover in elected office occurs so frequently, the NALEO Educational Fund also conducted an extensive phone verification process. The NALEO Educational Fund staff contacted all Latino elected officials identified by phone, fax, or e-mail and more than 6,000 inquiries were completed during the verification period. Typically, questions asked in the verification process included "Is the office holder Latino?" and "Does he or she know of other Latino elected office holders in the jurisdiction?" In the overwhelming majority of cases, the individuals contacted were cooperative with the NALEO Educational Fund staff, generously providing mailing addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, fax numbers, party affiliations, term of office expiration dates, and demographics of Latino office holders.

The phone verification process proved invaluable. Many individuals having Spanish surnames were in fact, not Latino. Conversely, other individuals with non-Spanish surnames were identified as being Latino.

As noted in the "Preface," in 1996, the NALEO Educational Fund changed its methodology for the compilation of information about Latino elected officials. The 2018 *Directory* generally includes only those elected officials who were in office as of January 2018. Thus, although the *Directory* contains some basic data on Latino elected officials for the nation as a whole and each state, the data in the *Directory* should not be used to make statistical comparisons with the data in the *National Rosters of Hispanic Elected Officials* published by the NALEO Educational Fund between 1984 and 1994.

Additionally, past *Rosters* and *Directories* included a listing of Latino Chicago Local School Councilmembers (LSC's) in the Illinois section. However, the NALEO Educational Fund found that the number of Latino LSC's fluctuates widely from year to year, and their inclusion in the statistics presented in the *Directory* created questions about using *Directory* data to make comparisons between different states and different time periods. To enhance the comparability of *Directory* data, the NALEO Educational Fund has decided to discontinue the inclusion of statistics about LSC's and their listing in its *Directory*.

Although the NALEO Educational Fund employed an extensive variety of methods to identify Latino office holders, and we are highly confident of the names included, as a result of the frequent turnover in elected offices, the *Directory* may contain some errors or omissions. It is our hope that in future editions of the *Directory*, these errors will be corrected. All readers of the *Directory* are urged to contact Martha Recio of the NALEO Educational Fund by phone at (213) 747-7606, ext. 148, or by e-mail at mrecio@naleo.org, to provide information on Latino elected officials not currently included.

DIRECTORY GUIDE

The *Directory's* Excel database uses a letter code to indicate elected officials' level of office, and abbreviations to indicate their party affiliation. The following is a guide to this coding:

Level of Office

- "A" - U.S. Senator
- "a" - U.S. Representative
- "b" - Governor
- "c" - State Executive
- "d" - State Senator
- "e" - State Representative or Assemblymember
- "f" - County Official
- "g" - Municipal Official
- "h" - Judicial/Law Enforcement Official
- "i" - Education/School Board Official
- "x" - Special District Official

Party Affiliation

- DEM -- Democrat
- GOP -- Republican
- IND -- Independent
- N-P -- Non-partisan
- * -- No party affiliation indicated

In the statistical tables for each state, "HEOs" refers to Hispanic Elected Officials.

United States

Total HEOs: **6,749^a** Total HEOs at Federal and State Level: **378**

<i>Level of Office</i>	Male	Fem.	TOTAL	DEM		GOP		*		IND		N/P	
				M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
U.S. Senators	3	1	4	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
U.S. Representatives	25	9	34	20	7	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Officials ^b	9	4	13	4	2	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Senators	48	33	81	41	29	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Representatives	149	97	246	114	89	35	8	-	-	-	-	-	-
County Officials	298	229	527	151	132	25	27	119	65	-	-	3	5
Municipal Officials	1,493	713	2,206	159	105	29	15	1,051	460	2	-	252	133
Judicial/Law Enforcement	584	306	890	254	120	42	19	225	132	1	-	62	35
Education/School Board ^a	1,467	1,029	2,496	70	74	7	7	1,186	806	2	2	202	140
Special District Officials ^b	188	64	252	6	3	-	-	152	54	-	-	30	7
<i>Sub-Totals</i>	4,264	2,485	6,749	820	562	157	84	2,733	1,517	5	2	549	320
TOTALS	6,749			1,382		241		4,250		7		869	

DEM: Democratic office GOP: Republican office * : No party stated IND: Independent office N/P: Non-partisan office
M: Male F: Female

Source: NALEO Educational Fund, *2018 National Directory of Latino Elected Officials*

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Additionally, in 2004, New York City replaced its community school boards with 32 community education councils, each governing a community school district. Members of the public elected representatives to the community school boards, and past *Directories* included those representatives as elected officials. However, for the reasons set forth in the note on page 9, we do not classify the members of the new community education councils as elected officials. This change should be taken into account when making comparisons between data in this *Directory* and those of previous years.

^b In *Directories* published before 2001, Latino elected officials who were elected statewide or who served on certain state governing boards were classified as "State Executives." Starting with the *2001 Directory*, "State Officials" replaced the category of "State Executives," and includes only those state officials who are elected statewide. As a result, the Public Regulation Commissioners of New Mexico who were formerly included in the category of "State Executives" in earlier *Directories* have now been included in the category of "Special District Officials," and this reclassification should be taken into account when making comparisons between data in this *Directory* and those of previous years.

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Arizona

		Total HEOs: 387		Total HEOs at Federal and State Level: 25									
<i>Level of Office</i>	Male	Fem.	TOTAL	DEM		GOP		*		IND		N/P	
				M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
U.S. Representatives	2	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Officials	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Senators	4	3	7	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Representatives	10	6	16	8	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
County Officials	13	6	19	7	5	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-
Municipal Officials	84	38	122	5	8	-	-	66	28	-	-	13	2
Judicial/Law Enforcem.	29	16	45	6	4	1	-	22	12	-	-	-	-
Education/School Board	90	81	171	11	8	1	-	73	67	-	-	5	6
Special District Officials	3	2	5	-	-	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub-Totals</i>	235	152	387	43	34	4	-	170	110	-	-	18	8
TOTALS	387			77		4		280		-		26	

DEM: Democratic office GOP: Republican office * : No party stated IND: Independent office N/P: Non-partisan office

M: Male F: Female

Source: NALEO Educational Fund, *2018 National Directory of Latino Elected Officials*

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California

Total HEOs: 1,508				Total HEOs at Federal and State Level: 43									
<i>Level of Office</i>	Male	Fem.	TOTAL	DEM		GOP		*		IND		N/P	
				M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
U.S. Representatives	7	5	12	7	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Officials	2	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Senators	4	1	5	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Representatives	12	12	24	10	12	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
County Officials	26	7	33	3	3	-	-	21	3	-	-	2	1
Municipal Officials	292	164	456	28	29	8	4	206	99	-	-	50	32
Judicial/Law Enforcem.	62	23	85	4	1	1	1	24	6	-	-	33	15
Education/School Board	399	367	766	24	29	3	3	325	294	1	-	46	41
Special District Officials	90	35	125	3	2	-	-	82	31	-	-	5	2
<i>Sub-Totals</i>	894	614	1,508	85	82	14	8	658	433	1	-	136	91
TOTALS	1,508			167		22		1,091		1		227	

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Colorado

Total HEOs: 162 Total HEOs at Federal and State Level: 12													
<i>Level of Office</i>	Male	Fem.	TOTAL	DEM		GOP		*		IND		N/P	
				M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
U.S. Representatives	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Officials	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Senators	2	3	5	2	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Representatives	5	2	7	3	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
County Officials	13	10	23	9	7	3	2	1	1	-	-	-	-
Municipal Officials	34	30	64	2	1	-	-	24	22	-	-	8	7
Judicial/Law Enforcem.	12	5	17	2	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	7	5
Education/School Board	17	22	39	-	3	2	-	5	10	-	-	10	9
Special District Officials	5	2	7	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	4	-
<i>Sub-Totals</i>	88	74	162	18	15	9	3	32	35	-	-	29	21
TOTALS	162			33		12		67		-		50	

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Florida

Total HEOs: **213**

Total HEOs at Federal and State Level:

29

<i>Level of Office</i>	Male	Fem.	TOTAL	DEM		GOP		*		IND		N/P	
				M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
				U.S. Senators	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
U.S. Representatives	3	1	4	1	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Officials	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Senators	3	2	5	2	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Representatives	14	4	18	5	2	9	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
County Officials	8	3	11	-	1	4	1	4	-	-	-	-	1
Municipal Officials	67	34	101	4	-	2	3	45	26	-	-	16	5
Judicial/Law Enforcem.	25	38	63	1	-	-	-	24	38	-	-	-	-
Education/School Board	2	5	7	1	1	-	1	1	3	-	-	-	-
Special District Officials	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
<i>Sub-Totals</i>	124	89	213	14	5	20	9	74	68	-	-	16	7
TOTALS	213			19		29		142		-		23	

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Illinois

Total HEOs: 123^a Total HEOs at Federal and State Level: 16													
<i>Level of Office</i>	Male	Fem.	TOTAL	DEM		GOP		*		IND		N/P	
				M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
U.S. Representatives	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Officials	-	2	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Senators	3	2	5	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Representatives	4	4	8	3	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
County Officials	8	3	11	6	3	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Municipal Officials	42	23	65	12	2	-	-	23	16	-	-	7	5
Judicial/Law Enforcem.	2	6	8	-	1	-	-	2	5	-	-	-	-
Education/School Board ^a	8	8	16	1	1	-	-	5	5	-	-	2	2
Special District Officials	7	-	7	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	1	-
Sub-Totals	75	48	123	26	14	1	1	38	26	-	-	10	7
TOTALS	123			40		2		64		-		17	

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New Jersey

Total HEOs: 175 Total HEOs at Federal and State Level: 12													
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				M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
U.S. Senators	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
U.S. Representatives	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Officials	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Senators	-	3	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Representatives	1	6	7	1	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
County Officials	8	3	11	5	2	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-
Municipal Officials	65	18	83	20	6	5	1	26	9	1	-	13	2
Judicial/Law Enforcem.	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Education/School Board	33	35	68	2	-	-	-	29	31	-	-	2	4
Special District Officials	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub-Totals</i>	109	66	175	30	18	5	1	58	41	1	-	15	6
TOTALS	175			48		6		99		1		21	

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New Mexico

Total HEOs: **685** Total HEOs at Federal and State Level: **50**

<i>Level of Office</i>	Male	Fem.	TOTAL	DEM		GOP		*		IND		N/P	
				M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
U.S. Representatives	1	1	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Officials	2	1	3	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Senators	13	2	15	12	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Representatives	18	12	30	15	9	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
County Officials	50	39	89	35	24	3	5	12	10	-	-	-	-
Municipal Officials	177	60	237	21	5	4	1	126	44	-	-	26	10
Judicial/Law Enforcem.	80	43	123	51	23	9	4	18	12	-	-	2	4
Education/School Board	92	52	144	3	3	-	-	75	44	-	-	14	5
Special District Officials	35	7	42	1	1	-	-	30	5	-	-	4	1
<i>Sub-Totals</i>	468	217	685	140	68	21	14	261	115	-	-	46	20
TOTALS	685			208		35		376		-		66	

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New York

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<i>Level of Office</i>	Male	Fem.	TOTAL	DEM		GOP		*		IND		N/P	
				M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
U.S. Representatives	2	1	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Officials	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Senators	4	1	5	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Representatives	8	7	15	8	6	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
County Officials	8	3	11	5	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Municipal Officials	36	19	55	19	9	1	-	12	10	-	-	4	-
Judicial/Law Enforcem.	23	28	51	7	11	1	-	14	17	-	-	1	-
Education/School Board ^a	19	17	36	1	-	-	-	10	11	-	-	8	6
Special District Officials	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub-Totals</i>	100	76	176	46	31	5	1	36	38	-	-	13	6
TOTALS	176			77		6		74		-		19	

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^aIn 2004, New York City replaced its community school boards with 32 community education councils, each governing a community school district. Members of the public elected representatives to the community school boards, and past *Directories* included those representatives as elected officials. Members of the new community education councils are selected by either officers of the community school district’s parent and parent-teacher associations; the borough president; or the community superintendent. Thus, we do not classify community education councilmembers as elected officials. The 2003 *Directory* included 31 Latino New York City community school board members. As a result of the replacement of the school boards with educational councils, the 2018 *Directory* does not include any Latinos serving in comparable elected office. This change should be taken into account when making comparisons between data in this *Directory* and those of previous years.



Texas

Total HEOs: 2,753 Total HEOs at Federal and State Level: 50													
<i>Level of Office</i>	Male	Fem.	TOTAL	DEM		GOP		*		IND		N/P	
				M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
U.S. Senators	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
U.S. Representatives	5	-	5	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Officials	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Senators	5	2	7	4	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Representatives	25	11	36	23	11	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
County Officials	158	139	297	80	73	10	18	68	48	-	-	-	-
Municipal Officials	562	233	795	14	10	1	1	468	177	-	-	79	45
Judicial/Law Enforcem.	318	127	445	178	76	26	14	109	36	1	-	4	1
Education/School Board	743	362	1,105	17	13	1	2	626	294	1	2	98	51
Special District Officials	46	15	61	2	-	-	-	28	12	-	-	16	3
<i>Sub-Totals</i>	1,864	889	2,753	322	185	44	35	1,299	567	2	2	197	100
TOTALS	2,753			507		79		1,866		4		297	

DEM: Democratic office GOP: Republican office * : No party stated IND: Independent office N/P: Non-partisan office
M: Male F: Female

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