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Senator César J. Blanco Appointed as First Vice President for NALEO's Board of Directors

El Paso, Texas – Yesterday, the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) announced the election of its Board of Directors for the 2026-2027 term, appointing Senator César J. Blanco as First Vice President.

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

Senator César J. Blanco issued the following statement:

"I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve as First Vice President of the Board of Directors for the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO). This role is a responsibility to help open doors, build pathways to public service, and ensure Latino communities are part of the decisions that shape our future. I look forward to working with colleagues across the country to grow civic engagement, support emerging leaders, and keep our focus on delivering results that matter in people's daily lives."

Erica Bernal-Martinez, CEO of NALEO and NALEO Educational Fund, issued the following statement:

"Senator Blanco's election as NALEO First Vice President speaks to the confidence our Board has in his leadership. His deep roots in El Paso and the Big Bend region, his record of delivering for border communities, and his years of dedicated service on our Board make him exceptionally well-prepared for this role. At NALEO, we are focused on putting our members first — making sure Latino elected and appointed officials across the country have the tools, resources, and information they need to lead effectively and help their communities thrive. Senator Blanco embodies our mission and represents the best and brightest among NALEO members. We are proud to have him helping lead the way."

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