# NAHCO Newsletter February 2018





### SAVE THE DATE

The next NAHCO meeting will be on Tuesday, March 6, 2018

7am to 8:30am.

Guest speaker Eleanor Blume, Special Assistant Attorney General to California Attorney General

2020 Census Update

### Message from NACHO President

NAHCO is a grassroots organization bringing together members to advance Hispanic issues from a local official vantage point. Our goal is to encourage County Of



Hon. Sarah Benatar Coconino County Treasurer

point. Our goal is to encourage County Officials to participate in a united National effort, advocating for the communities they serve and strengthen our political effect.

#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### NALEO Educational Fund Dismayed by OMB Decision on Census 2020 Race and Ethnicity Questions

Despite recommendation from research experts for combined question approach, Census Bureau will move forward with two-question format for 2018 end-to-end test and Census 2020

**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 the decision by the Office of Management and Budget to maintain a two-question approach for collection of race and ethnicity data in Census 2020:

"NALEO Educational Fund is deeply dismayed that the Trump Administration has determined that the Census 2020 will proceed with a two-question format on the collection of Hispanic origin and race data, overturning the recommendation of Census Bureau expert staff to use a combined race and ethnicity question.

"The Census Bureau has invested years of research and testing, costing millions in taxpayer funds, to determine how to improve the collection of these data for the 2020 Census. The Census Bureau staff had recommended that the 2020 Census use a combined question that yielded higher quality data and more complete responses from respondents, resulting in budget savings during the decennial enumeration.

"The decision to ignore years of research and the expert advice of scientists is a blow to science and the collection of the best data possible."

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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

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### **Potential Impediment to Voting Access**

As of January 19, 2018, legislators had introduced at least 16 bills restricting access in eight states. The restrictions introduced this year include:

**Voter ID** (*Two states*). Nebraska has introduced a bill imposing photo ID requirements in order to vote, and New Hampshire has introduced a bill making its voter ID law more restrictive.

**Registration Restrictions** (*One state*). Virginia has introduced a bill making it more difficult for prospective voters to register, and it has also introduced a bill to limit voter registration mobilization efforts.

**Early Voting** (*Two states*). Indiana has introduced a bill shortening the early voting period, and Utah has introduced a bill permitting election officers to shorten the early voting period in certain circumstances.

**Absentee Voting** (*Two states*). Nebraska and Virginia have introduced bills restricting access or increasing burdens related to absentee voting.

**Student Voting (One state).** New Hampshire has introduced two bills that appear to be directed at making it more difficult for students to vote. In addition, the New Hampshire Senate passed a carryover bill directed at deterring student voting.

For more information, continue reading by clicking <a href="https://example.com/here.">here.</a>

### **ABOUT NAHCO**

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### 2018 NAHCO Priority Areas:

- Immigration Impact
- "Get Out the Vote"
- 2020 Census

### 2018 NAHCO Officers:

- Hon. Sarah Benatar, President
- ◆ Jaime Hurtado, Vice President
- ♦ Hon. David Gomez, Treasurer
- ♦ Hon. Tanya Giddings, Secretary
- Hon. Elizabeth Archuleta, Past President

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## **Economic Impact of Immigration by State**



Immigration, and how to handle it, continues to be a contentious topic in the United States in 2018. Recent issues include court

battles over the Trump administration's travel ban on certain countries...continue reading

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