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NALEO EDUCATIONAL FUND & LOCAL LEADERS TEAM UP TO PROMOTE THE AMERICAN DREAM

Workshop provided eligible legal permanent residents assistance with taking the first step toward U.S. citizenship and full participation in American democracy

Lynwood, CA – The NALEO Educational Fund, in partnership with local NALEO members, continued to celebrate our nation’s Independence Day by hosting a naturalization application assistance workshop for over 360 eligible legal permanent residents at the Marco Firebaugh High School on Saturday, July 9th. Workshop participants received assistance with their naturalization applications – from pro-bono legal assistance to free photographs – and in doing so took their first step toward becoming U.S. citizens and full stakeholders in their communities.

The workshop was hosted in collaboration with the offices of Congresswomen Lucille Roybal-Allard and Linda Sánchez; California State Assemblymember Ricardo Lara; Lynwood Mayor Aide Castro; Cudahy Mayor Josué Barrios; Bell Gardens Mayor Pro-Tem Sergio Infanzon; Lynwood School Board Members Jose Luis Solache and Alfonso Morales; State Farm Insurance, and many local community-based non-profit organizations. This workshop is part of the national *ya es hora ¡Ciudadanía!* campaign; a coalition of local and national groups committed to encouraging the millions of eligible legal permanent residents to apply for U.S. citizenship and become full participants in the American political process.

“Our country is stronger when all-its people participate in our democracy. In California today, there are more than two million legal permanent residents who are eligible to pursue U.S. citizenship; a third of those eligible live in Los Angeles County. I am extremely proud of all the members of our community who took the first step toward becoming an American citizen by attending our workshop,” said Congresswoman Linda Sánchez (CA-39).”

“Immigrants are an integral part of our nation’s democracy and our rich history. While legal permanent residency provides one with many privileges and benefits; becoming a naturalized U.S. citizen is the ultimate step in becoming part of the national fabric and moving our communities forward.” said event co-host Assemblymember Ricardo Lara.”

For more information on the workshop, please call 1-888-839-8682 / 1-888-VE-Y-VOTA or visit: www.yaeshora.info.

About the NALEO Educational Fund

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

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