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NALEO EDUCATIONAL FUND URGES MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL: MOVE THE ALL-STAR GAME OUT OF ARIZONA

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund issued the following statement regarding the Major League Baseball All-Star game set to take place next year in Arizona:

“The best players gather tonight in Anaheim for that all-American mid-summer classic known in baseball as the All-Star game, yet the shadow of Arizona’s new immigration law looms over the game.

Next year’s game is scheduled to be played in Arizona, which recently passed SB 1070, a clearly unconstitutional and costly law that jeopardizes the well-being of everyone in the state – residents and visitors alike. Many fans and a growing number of players agree. The Board of Directors and the Board of Advisors of the NALEO Educational Fund urge Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig to listen to those asking for next year’s game to be played in another location.

Several baseball stars have already said they would skip the game if it’s played next year in Arizona, and the players union has said it will give its “full support” to those players who sit it out. Latino elected officials and civic leaders should build on this momentum by urging players in their local communities to refuse to participate in the game if it is not moved to another location.

It is time for the Commissioner to step up to the plate and do the right thing for America’s great national pastime: move next year’s All-Star Game out of Arizona.”

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About NALEO Educational Fund

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

