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NALEO Educational Fund Responds to Resignation of U.S. Census Bureau Director John H. Thompson

WASHINGTON, D.C. – *The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund today issued the following statement in response to the resignation of U.S. Census Bureau Director John H. Thompson:*

“The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund extends its sincere thanks to Director John H. Thompson for his more than 27 years of service to the U.S. Census Bureau and nation.

“A friend of NALEO Educational Fund and the Latino community, Thompson’s departure on June 30 will leave a void in leadership at the Census Bureau that will need to be filled quickly. With a number of major operations of Census 2020 already underway, the Census Bureau cannot afford a gap in strong and effective management and leadership.

“The stakes are extremely high for the Latino community and nation, with the success of Census 2020 already in serious peril given the lack of adequate funding from Congress.

“Our nation cannot afford to have Congress ignore the warning signs. If the Census Bureau does not receive the funding it needs now to ensure an accurate count tomorrow, equal political representation for Latinos and critical federal funding for key services at the state and local level could be in real jeopardy.

“Given how critical accurate Census data are to the nation’s economy and democracy, we cannot afford to have a failed Census 2020.

“It is vital that Congress fund the Census Bureau fully and that President Trump act swiftly to nominate a candidate with the experience, qualifications and knowhow to lead the Census Bureau as soon as possible, and for the U.S. Senate to act on the nomination in a timely manner.”

About NALEO Educational Fund

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.