

Conference Agenda

Conference sessions are designed to enhance participant governance skills and deepen understanding of critical policy issues in a cross-jurisdictional context.

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July 14 – 16, 2026 | InterContinental Los Angeles Downtown

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July 13, 2026

2:00 PM PT

Conference Registration

2:00 PM-5:00 PM

2:30 PM PT

Mobile Tour: Homeboy Industries

2:30 PM-3:30 PM

Homeboy Industries is the largest gang rehabilitation and re-entry program in the world. For over 30 years, it has stood as a beacon of hope in Los Angeles. Reserve your spot and learn about their programs. There is a \$25 fee to attend.

39 spots left

July 14, 2026

8:00 AM PT

Conference Registration

8:00 AM-4:00 PM

8:45 AM PT

Opening Gavel Ceremony: Leading the Moment. Rising Together

8:45 AM-9:45 AM

Plated Breakfast

Three days. Hundreds of Latino leaders. One defining moment. NALEO and NALEO Educational Fund leaders join California's most prominent officials to open the 43rd Annual Conference with intention — setting the terms for what the next three days demand.

NALEO Marketplace

8:45 AM-9:45 AM

NALEO Service Project

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10:00 AM PT

Leadership Labs: Policy in Practice

10:00 AM-11:30 AM

These sessions are built for officials governing in real time. Every panel, working discussion, and peer exchange is organized around one question: What can you take back and use? Come ready to learn and work.

Governing Through Immigration: What Local Leaders Need to Know

10:00 AM-11:30 AM

Concurrent Breakout Sessions

Federal immigration policy isn't a distant debate — it's landing on your doorstep. This session offers local leaders a wide-lens look at the current landscape and what it demands of you as a governing official. Rather than reactive playbooks, the focus is on governance: understanding jurisdictional roles, building intergovernmental relationships, de-escalating tensions, and finding practical footing that holds across jurisdictions. Come ready to learn from peers who are managing these dynamics across different political and regional contexts.

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Affordability in Action: Protecting Families and Essential Services

10:00 AM-11:30 AM

Concurrent Breakout Sessions

Recommended for Education Policymakers.

Childcare. Groceries. The water bill. For Latino families, the math isn't adding up — and local leaders are the ones getting the calls. This workshop is a working session: bring what's happening in your community, leave with concrete approaches your office can implement to ease cost pressures and protect the services families can't afford to lose.

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AI and the Future of Work: Strengthening the Workforce from the Ground Up

10:00 AM-11:30 AM

Concurrent Breakout Sessions

AI and automation are changing the job landscape fast — but disruption isn't the whole story. Across the country, the trades are proving to be some of the most resilient and opportunity-rich fields available, and AI itself is becoming a tool that strengthens how people work, not just what gets replaced. This session helps local leaders cut through the noise: understand where your workforce is most exposed, where the real openings are, and how to champion a human-centered approach that treats technology as a complement to your community's talent — not a substitute for it.

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Unlocking Housing Resources: Funding, Grants, and Local Solutions

10:00 AM-11:30 AM

Concurrent Breakout Sessions

Federal funding is drying up. State mandates keep shifting. Your revenue base can only stretch so far. Sound familiar? This working roundtable brings together peers from sister leadership organizations who are fighting the same battles — and finding ways to win. You'll hear directly from representatives who know what grants, funding streams, and resources are available right now that your jurisdiction should be applying for. Bring your hardest questions. Leave with real strategies, real connections, and real money on the table.

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12:00 PM PT

Kickoff in LA: A NALEO World Cup Celebration

12:00 PM-2:00 PM

Step away from the conference and into the action. Join fellow NALEO members at an off-site World Cup watch party featuring a hosted lunch, special guest appearances, and an electric atmosphere that brings the energy of the tournament right to you. It's the perfect way to kick off the conference — great food, great company, and the beautiful game on the big screen in the heart of Los Angeles.

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2:30 PM PT

Democracy at a Crossroads: Leadership in Divided Times

2:30 PM-3:30 PM

What does it mean to be an effective public servant when the ground keeps shifting? This forum gathers national and state leaders who are answering that question every day — not in theory, but in practice. The conversation centers on the choices that define leadership: how you govern when trust is fragile, how you deliver for your community when federal support falls short, and how you stay focused on the work when the politics get loud. Come for a direct exchange about what effective public service demands of all of us — right now.

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Building What Comes Next: Leadership at 50

8:45 AM-9:45 AM

Plated Breakfast

Fifty years ago, Edward R. Roybal had a vision: Latino leaders, organized and ready to govern. This breakfast is about where that vision stands today — and what it demands of all of us right now. CEO Erica Bernal-Martinez and distinguished legislative leaders join NALEO's statewide and national partners for a morning that isn't just reflection — it's a reckoning with what we've built, what we're defending, and who we're building it for next.

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Carrying the Flame: Sustaining Leadership in Public Service

10:00 AM-11:30 AM

Concurrent Breakout Sessions

Public service demands everything — and Latino leaders carry that weight in ways that rarely get talked about. Inspired by the film *Into the Fire* and the legacy of leaders like Congressman Tony Cárdenas, this is a candid, facilitated conversation about what it actually takes to sustain yourself in this work: personal safety, family obligations, managing burnout, and building the resilience to keep leading for the long haul.

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Leadership Labs: Policy in Practice

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Concurrent Breakout Sessions

Compliance and Care on Campus: Safeguarding Students' Right to Learn in Today's Immigration Climate

10:00 AM-11:00 AM

Concurrent Breakout Sessions

Recommended for Education Policymakers.

In today's immigration climate, school district officials and local leaders can't afford to be caught unprepared. This session delivers the exact legal framework needed — including what *Plyler v. Doe* actually requires — to ensure every student, regardless of immigration status, has access to a safe, supportive learning environment. From protecting physical and mental well-being to preserving access to essential safety nets like free and reduced lunch, know your obligations, protect your students, and communicate with families without hesitation.

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Data Centers and AI Boom: Making the Deal Work for Your Community

10:00 AM-11:00 AM

Concurrent Breakout Sessions

A data center wants to build in your jurisdiction. The economic pitch sounds good. But what about the energy grid? The water supply? The jobs that actually go to your residents? This session gives local leaders a practical framework for evaluating deals, negotiating binding community benefits, and making sure the AI boom works for your community

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Healthcare on the Line: Ensuring Every Family Can Access and Afford the Care They Need

10:00 AM-11:00 AM

Concurrent Breakout Sessions

For too many Latino families, getting healthcare means navigating a system that is too far away, too expensive, or both — a clinic that closed, a bill that doesn't stop coming, a choice between treatment and rent. This session gives local leaders practical tools to address the real barriers standing between their communities and the care they need: from expanding access through community health centers and mobile clinics, to tackling medical debt, coverage gaps, and the cost pressures forcing families to delay care before it becomes a crisis.

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11:00 AM PT

On the National Stage: Leaders Shaping the Moment

11:00 AM-12:15 PM

These are the people making decisions that affect your community right now — and you'll be in the room with them. This forum puts NALEO members in direct conversation with the national leaders shaping policy, driving debate, and navigating the same political terrain you are. This is access you don't get anywhere else.

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12:00 PM PT

Final Four Fever: A NALEO World Cup Celebration

12:00 PM-2:00 PM

Buffet Lunch

Get ready to shout "*Goal!*" as you gather with fellow NALEO members for a high-energy World Cup Semifinals celebration featuring a hosted lunch, special guest appearances, and an electric, stadium-worthy atmosphere. This lively midday experience blends fun, connection, and camaraderie — bringing leaders together to celebrate the beautiful game and the power of community.

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1:00 PM PT

State of our Democracy: Voters, Trust, and Rising Together

1:00 PM-2:00 PM

What are voters actually thinking — and how worried should you be? This session goes beyond talking points to examine real data on civic trust, voter engagement, and where participation is declining. For Latino leaders whose communities are at the center of these trends, this is a strategy session: how do you hold trust, expand participation, and build political durability when the environment is working against you?

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2:30 PM PT

Solving the Housing Crisis: Policy, Supply, and Stability

2:30 PM-3:30 PM

The housing crisis isn't coming — it's here. Tariffs are hitting building materials. Fears around immigration enforcement are shrinking the construction workforce. Interest rates have shut out first-time buyers. This forum names the real barriers — financing, regulation, workforce, global market pressure — and spotlights the leaders who are cutting through them to actually get housing built and families stabilized.

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5:00 PM PT

50 Years Strong: A Celebration of Leadership and Legacy

5:00 PM-8:00 PM

Food Stations

Fifty years. One movement. One night to honor it. Join NALEO members, partners, and distinguished guests for an evening that belongs in the history books — featuring the presentation of the Edward R. Roybal Award for Outstanding Public Service, the NALEO President's Award, and special recognitions honoring the leaders who made this milestone possible. This is a room you'll want to be in.

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July 16, 2026

8:00 AM PT

Conference Registration

8:00 AM-12:30 PM

9:30 AM PT

Grounds for Celebration

9:30 AM-10:00 AM

Continental Breakfast

Fifty years of Latino leadership deserves more than a quiet morning. Grounds for Celebration kicks off Day 3 with great coffee, live DJ energy, and the company of hundreds of elected officials and civic leaders who have gathered this week to do something meaningful. This is your moment to pause, connect, and celebrate everything that brought us here — before we carry it forward together.

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Immigration Enforcement and Local Economies: The Cost of Workforce Disruption

10:00 AM-11:30 AM

Concurrent Breakout Sessions

Recommended for Education Policymakers.

Farms without workers. Construction sites stalled. Healthcare facilities short-staffed. The family-owned restaurant that's been on Main Street for twenty years — gone. The economic disruption from aggressive immigration enforcement is real, and local leaders are managing the fallout right now. This session brings together what employers, small business owners, workers, and nonprofits are actually experiencing — and gives you practical tools to stabilize your local economy and support the workforce your community depends on.

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Democracy in Practice: Protecting Participation and Building Power

10:00 AM-11:30 AM

Concurrent Breakout Sessions

We spent Tuesday understanding the problem. Now we fix it. This workshop moves directly into strategy — protecting voting access, shoring up election infrastructure, advancing naturalization and census engagement, and countering the misinformation eroding civic participation in your community. You leave with tools, not a summary.

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Building Housing-Secure Future: State and Local Solutions

10:00 AM-11:30 AM

Concurrent Breakout Sessions

Wednesday named the barriers. Today, we work through them. This hands-on workshop brings together leaders doing the hard work of housing production and household stabilization — workshopping what it actually takes to move the needle on supply, open pathways to homeownership, and keep vulnerable families housed in your community.

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12:00 PM PT

Forward Together: Leadership Beyond this Moment

12:00 PM-1:00 PM

Buffet Lunch

The challenges ahead are too big for any one community to face alone. This closing luncheon brings together NALEO members and allied leaders — partners and sister organizations who share our stakes and our commitment — for a showing of unity and collective leadership as we do the work to build the coalitions that can actually move the country forward. It ends where every great conference should: a focus on the future — with the ceremonial hand-off to the 44th Annual Conference, a room full of partners ready to keep going, and a clear-eyed commitment to what none of us can do alone.

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1:15 PM PT

Fixing a Broken System: Immigration Reform and America's Future

1:15 PM-2:30 PM

Three days of sessions have mapped what's broken. This closing forum asks the harder question: how do we fix it? Leaders from government, business, and advocacy join for a frank conversation about the long-term immigration reforms America actually needs — stabilizing the workforce, restoring economic competitiveness, and building a system that reflects the essential role immigrants have always played in this country's future.

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Deadline for NALEO Room Rate

The NALEO room rate is available through **June 9, 2026**, subject to availability, and may sell out before the deadline. If the NALEO rate is no longer available, guests may book directly with the hotel at the prevailing market rate or make accommodations at a nearby hotel.

The last day to register online for this conference is **Friday, July 3, 2026**.

Conference Rate

NALEO Membership will be verified. Includes access to all Conference sessions, meals, and the NALEO-sponsored evening event for July 14-16.

Lifetime Members	Members	New/Renewing Members	Non-Members
<p>Early bird rate Ends April 24 \$780 REGISTER NOW</p>	<p>Early bird rate Ends April 24 \$890 REGISTER NOW</p>	<p>Early bird rate Ends April 24 \$990 REGISTER NOW</p>	<p>Early bird rate Ends April 24 \$1,200 REGISTER NOW</p>
<p>Standard rate Starting April 25 \$890</p>	<p>Standard rate Starting April 25 \$990</p>	<p>Standard rate Starting April 25 \$1,200</p>	<p>Standard rate Starting April 25 \$1,310</p>
<p>For current NALEO Lifetime Members. Access to all Conference sessions, meals, and NALEO evening event.</p>	<p>For current paid NALEO Members. Access to all Conference sessions, meals, and NALEO evening event.</p>	<p>Includes a one-year NALEO membership. Access to all Conference sessions, meals, and NALEO evening event.</p>	<p>Access to all Conference sessions, meals, and NALEO evening event.</p>