

## ARTURO VARGAS

Arturo Vargas is the Chief Executive Officer of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials, a national membership organization of Latino policymakers and their supporters governed by a 35-member Board of Directors. Arturo also serves as CEO of the NALEO Educational Fund, an affiliated national nonprofit organization that strengthens American democracy by promoting the full participation of Latinos in civic life.

The NALEO Educational Fund's programmatic activities include U.S. citizenship outreach and assistance, civic participation and integration, voter engagement, technical assistance to elected and appointed Latino officials, research on Latino demographic and electoral trends, and policy analysis and advocacy on access to the democratic process. Headquartered in Los Angeles, the NALEO Educational Fund is governed by a 15-member Board of Directors, maintains offices in Houston, New York, Phoenix, Orlando and Washington, D.C.

Prior to joining NALEO, Arturo was Vice President for Community Education and Public Policy of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund. His prior positions at MALDEF included Director of Outreach and Policy where he coordinated the organization's 1991 redistricting efforts which led to an historic increase in the number of Latinos serving in the California legislature. Arturo also directed MALDEF's National 1990 Census Program, an award-winning national outreach and public policy effort to promote a full count of the Latino population. Before joining MALDEF, Arturo was the senior education policy analyst at the National Council of La Raza.

Arturo is a nationally-recognized expert in Latino demographic trends, electoral participation, voting rights, the Census, and redistricting. He has been included in Hispanic Business Magazine's List of 100 Hispanic Influentials twice, and named one of the 101 most influential Latinos nine times by Latino Leaders Magazine.

He has served on numerous local and national nonprofit and foundation Boards and recently completed service on the U.S. Census Bureau National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic, and Other Populations. He previously served on the Census Bureau's predecessor advisory committees, appointed by both Republican and Democrat U.S. Secretaries of Commerce. He also has served on the 2001-2002 and 2011-2012 Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commissions.

Arturo holds a masters degree in Education and a bachelor's degree in History and Spanish from Stanford University.