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School Board President Joined NALEO Educational Fund and UCLA for First National Education Leadership and Public Policy Academy

*Three-day intensive convening allowed **LGSD Board President Brown** and 60 Latino elected officials to learn about effective public policies that support Latino families and communities*

Lemon Grove, CA – Blanca Brown joined the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund and the Latino Policy and Politics Initiative (LPPI) at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), for the first [NALEO National Education Leadership and Public Policy Academy](#) held August 3-5, 2018.

The three-day intensive, by invitation only, [convening](#) brought LGSD Board President Blanca Brown together with a cohort of 60 Latino state legislators, county and municipal officials, higher education trustees, and school board members to learn about effective public policies that support Latino families and communities, including strategies for supporting the success of Latino boys and men.

“As a member of the decision making body in our community,” stated Blanca Brown Board President. “It is our duty to ascertain the obstacles that impede access to learning for all students and institute change.”

In partnership with UCLA LPPI, NALEO Educational Fund designed [academy](#) curriculum that allowed Ms. Blanca Brown and other Latino policymakers to strengthen their governance capacity in the critical areas of education, economic development, criminal justice, and immigration as they relate to improving opportunities for Latinos, with special attention to intersections across gender and age, so that they are better equipped to contribute to the economic success of the country.

Topics addressed during the [Institute’s](#) curriculum included:

- Challenges and Opportunities for Latinos in the 21st Century
- Academic Attainment Trends for Latino Students
- Dismantling the School-to-Prison Pipeline: Transformative Justice
- Increasing College Access and Opportunities for Latino Males
- Fruitvale, Oakland: A Case Study on Transportation and Community Economic Development
- Improving Public Trust in Communities While Addressing Public Safety
- Collateral Consequences: Blurred Lines between Immigration and Criminal Law
- Restoring Hope through Reintegration

A full agenda and more information about the convening is available on the NALEO Educational Fund website at http://www.naleo.org/2018_leadership_academy.

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