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Cerritos College Trustee Marisa Perez Joins National Education Leadership and Public Policy Academy Hosted by NALEO

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NORWALK, Calif. – August 9, 2018 – Cerritos College Board of Trustees member Marisa Perez participated in the first National Education Leadership and Public Policy Academy on August 3-5. The event was hosted by the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund, and sponsored in partnership by the Latino Policy and Politics Initiative (LPPI) at UCLA.

The invitation-only, weekend conference brought together 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. Topics addressed during the Institute’s curriculum included: challenges and opportunities for Latinos families and students in the 21st century, academic attainment trends for Latino students, increasing college access and opportunities for Latino males, among other topics.

“I am proud to have represented Cerritos College at the National Education Leadership and Public Policy Academy,” said Trustee Perez. “The curriculum allowed us to strengthen our governance capacity in the critical areas of education, economic development, criminal justice, and immigration as they relate to improving opportunities for Latinos. The topics we addressed are timely and vital to how we can solve issues around access to higher education for Latino students and new strategies on how to engage Latino families. We are at a critical moment in time when more work is needed to close the education and poverty gap for Latinos.”

About Cerritos College: Cerritos College serves as a comprehensive community college for southeastern Los Angeles County. Communities within the college’s district include Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, La Mirada, Norwalk, and portions of Bell Gardens, Lakewood, Long Beach, Santa Fe Springs and South Gate. Cerritos College offers degrees and certificates in more than 180 areas of study in nine divisions. Annually, more than 1,200 students successfully complete their course of studies, and enrollment currently averages 23,000 students. Visit Cerritos College online at <http://www.cerritos.edu/>.

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