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**Sonia Jaramillo and Maria Cuevas Join Latino Policymakers in Long Beach for NALEO National Policy Institute on Emergency Response and Management**

*Two-day convening provided Mrs. Jaramillo, Maria Cuevas and other Latino leaders with the information and training needed to help prepare elected officials and their communities be better prepared for response and recovery efforts during emergencies*

Gonzales, California – Sonia Jaramillo and Maria Cuevas joined the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund and leading experts, municipal and county officials, and school board members from throughout the country for the [NALEO National Policy Institute on Emergency Response and Management](#) in Long Beach from September 13-14, 2019.

The [convening](#) provided Sonia Jaramillo, Maria Cuevas and Latino policymakers from across the nation with the opportunity to deepen their knowledge around planning, response management, and recovery efforts in any emergency situations. Over two-days, Sonia Jaramillo and Maria Cuevas addressed ways to strengthen emergency preparedness in an effort to better prepare for, protect against, mitigate, respond to and recover from various types of emergencies.

During the [Institute](#), Sonia Jaramillo and Maria Cuevas received timely information to strengthen governance skills that supports effective leadership, and had an opportunity to network with colleagues and experts from throughout the country. Topics discussed during the convening included:

- Understanding Local, State, and Federal Roles during Emergencies;
- Communications and Mass Evacuation during a Disaster;
- Emergency Planning for the Elderly and other Vulnerable Populations; and
- School Campus Safety and Violence.

A full agenda with more information about the convening is available on the NALEO Educational Fund website at [http://www.naleo.org/2019\\_emergency](http://www.naleo.org/2019_emergency).

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