

WASHINGTON—Today, after learning of the passing of Dr. Harry Pachon, a professor of Public Policy at the University of Southern California, past president of the Tomas Rivera Policy Institute and founder of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO), Representative Xavier Becerra (CA-31), Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus, released the following statement:

"To Barbara Pachon and the entire Pachon family, I extend my deepest sympathies.

Harry Pachon believed in America and was a champion of education. His currency was knowledge and, in that sense, he was a supremely rich man most generous with his wealth. His groundbreaking research on the Latino community in America continues to inform and drive our nation's policy-making process."

"Harry Pachon found his station in life teaching us about America. We lost, too soon, a wonderful and thoughtful friend."