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NCLR to Recognize National Leaders and Advocates for Championing Voice of Latinos Amid Climate of Fear and Uncertainty

Mayor Martin J. Walsh of Boston and Mayor Eric Garcetti of Los Angeles to be recognized at 2017 NCLR Capital Awards alongside Republican strategist Ana Navarro

WASHINGTON, D.C.—NCLR (National Council of La Raza) will honor Mayor Martin J. Walsh of Boston and Mayor Eric Garcetti of Los Angeles, during the 30th Annual NCLR Capital Awards Gala, which recognizes elected officials on both sides of the aisle who promote policies and legislation that positively impact Hispanic Americans. Both Mayor Walsh and Mayor Garcetti displayed an unwavering commitment to the needs and safety of the Latino community this past January, when they swiftly opposed an executive order aimed at ramping up deportations. The measure—designed to prioritize separating families over community safety, and generate distrust between law enforcement and the undocumented community—received widespread backlash from leaders representing many of America’s largest cities. NCLR will recognize these city leaders for standing their ground against policies and blanket attempts to criminalize all hardworking Latino immigrants.

NCLR will also honor Republican strategist and political commentator Ana Navarro with the Capital Award for Public Service. Known for her sharp wit and candor, Navarro has used her media platform to serve as a strong advocate for the Latino community on several fronts. Navarro first made headlines during the campaign season, when she repeatedly took the candidates to task for their toxic rhetoric and attacks on the Latino community. Since then, she has worked to hold her party accountable for endorsing an extreme anti-immigrant agenda that runs counter to their core values. The Gala will also feature remarks from Senator Catherine Cortez Masto of Nevada, the first Latina senator in U.S. history.

More than 750 corporate, legislative, and community leaders will be in attendance as NCLR President and CEO Janet Murguía presents the awards to the 2017 recipients.

Erika Gonzalez, Anchor at NBC4 Washington, will serve as mistress of ceremonies at the event. AARP and Wells Fargo are event co-chairs. Vice Chairs for the Gala include BP America Inc., Charter Communications, Univision Communications Inc., and UPS.

Press who wish to cover the event must RSVP to Gabriela Gomez at ggomez@nclr.org or (202) 776-1732.

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WHO: Janet Murguía, President and CEO, NCLR
Senator Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV)
Mayor Eric Garcetti, City of Los Angeles
Mayor Martin J. Walsh, City of Boston
Ana Navarro, Republican Strategist and Political Commentator

WHAT: 2017 NCLR Capital Awards Gala

WHEN: Wednesday, March 29, 2016, 6:55 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

WHERE: National Building Museum
401 F Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20001

NCLR—the largest national Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization in the United States—works to build a stronger America by creating opportunities for Latinos. For more information on NCLR, please visit www.nclr.org or follow along on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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