



CONGRESSIONAL HISPANIC CAUCUS

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President Joseph R. Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden,

The Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC) Members remain committed to working with you and your team to promote a diverse administration. To serve as a resource to commissions considering judicial applications, CHC Members have been working to put forward those in our community who are qualified and ready to serve on the federal judiciary. With that in mind, we wish to bring to your attention Ana C. Reyes, who would be a historic choice to fill the vacancy on the United States District Court for the District of Columbia (DDC), which will open upon Judge Emmet G. Sullivan taking senior status on April 3, 2021.

Latinos represent the largest and second-fastest growing ethnic group in the nation, making up nearly 20 percent of the U.S. population. Yet, only two Hispanics have ever served on the District Court for the District of Columbia, a court of great consequence to the Hispanic community, as it hears most of the challenges to government action, in particular to challenges to immigration regulations.

Ms. Reyes's appointment would be historic on several levels. If appointed, Ms. Reyes would be the first female Hispanic member of the DDC. She would also be the first LGBTQ+ individual to serve on either the DDC or Federal Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. Indeed, we believe that only one other Hispanic LGBTQ+ individual currently serves on the federal judiciary nationwide. And with two decades of litigation experience in federal courts throughout the country, Ms. Reyes is eminently qualified to serve on the federal judiciary.

Ms. Reyes exemplifies the American Dream, she arrived in the United States as an immigrant and went on to graduate Magna Cum Laude from Harvard Law School. In addition to her work at a law firm, she has dedicated thousands of hours to *pro bono* work. There are a number of Latino families now living safely in the United States, either as citizens or on the path to citizenship, because of her work on behalf of refugees. Her commitment to others will translate on the bench in ensuring that all voices are given a full and fair hearing.

I respectfully request your thorough and full consideration of Ana Reyes to fill the upcoming vacancy on the DDC.

Sincerely,

Raul Ruiz
Chair
Congressional Hispanic Caucus