



June 28, 2024

The Honorable Dick Durbin, Chairman
The Honorable Chuck Grassley, Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Hon. Noël Wise, Nominee for the United States District Court for the Northern District of California

Dear Chair Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley,

On behalf of the Alameda Food Bank Board of Directors, I write to express our enthusiastic support for the nomination of our fellow Board Member, the Honorable Noël Wise, to the United States District Court for the Northern District of California.

Noël has been a member of the Alameda Food Bank Board for nine years. Before becoming a Board member, she and her family volunteered with the Alameda Food Bank for three years.

I have worked closely with Noël on the Board for the past five years, a period of time marked by unprecedented challenges. These challenges have led to a dramatic increase in the number of clients the organization serves. Each Board member is actively involved in making decisions on a wide range of issues: from hiring, to operations, budgets, to procurement. Part of each Board Member's role is to contribute their ideas and their time to move the Food Bank forward.

Throughout these challenging times, Noël's insight and ideas have been invaluable to our organization. I have always found her input to be well thought out, measured, and responsive. Whether hiring a new Executive Director, planning for the construction of the Food Bank's forever home, or figuring out how to serve over 900 cars a day during the height of the pandemic, Noël's advice has helped us respond to the community's needs.

Noël's current position on the bench precludes her from directly fundraising on behalf of the Food Bank. However, she steps up and takes on any other project or task the organization requires.

Having worked closely with Noël, I can confidently say she dedicates her limited free time to bettering her community. This care for those around her is demonstrated by her temperament, work ethic, and ethical judgement on the Board of the Alameda Food Bank. For those reasons, I enthusiastically support her nomination to the United States District Court for the Northern District of California

Thank you for your time,

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