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Re: Appointment of Judge Ana de Alba

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am honored to write this letter in strong support of appointment of U.S. District Judge Ana de Alba to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

As a Fresno Superior Court Commissioner, I worked literally side-by-side with Judge de Alba in adjoining courtrooms hearing criminal cases. I observed firsthand Judge de Alba's judicial excellence in hearing cases, making rulings and managing heavy calendars which at times exceeded 200 cases a day. Judge de Alba worked tirelessly to sentence defendants justly and fairly and make sound decisions on intricate legal matters, including reasonable suspicion for stops, probable cause for arrests, and lawful searches. I often called upon Judge de Alba for guidance to make my own decisions given her keen judicial intellect and acuity. I have witnessed her growth as a judge and have found her treatment of attorneys and litigants unequalled in her fairness and approachability.

Before joining the bench, Judge de Alba had an impeccable career as a civil litigator and trial attorney in fiercely competitive employment, business and tort cases. Despite her demanding caseload and family and professional responsibilities, Judge de Alba devoted countless hours to pro bono projects and mentoring attorneys and law students. Judge de Alba garnered the respect of all attorneys with whom she practiced and opposed. Judge de Alba's academic record at University of California, Berkeley law and undergraduate schools is remarkable.

Judge de Alba's nomination is a first for our Fresno Superior Court and the Eastern District of California. Judge de Alba is an asset to the Central California legal community and beyond as well as the Eastern District of California. An appointment to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals is only fitting to fulfill her judicial qualifications and aspirations. My colleagues and I have found Judge de Alba to be well liked and respected by all. Her dedication to public service and serving the needs of the underserved are renowned. Her work ethic, kindness to all and accomplishment with humility are impressive and tribute to the Fresno Superior Court and U.S. District Court.

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Lastly, Judge de Alba is a rising star. She will serve our country well as an appellate judge.

I am confident that you will share my favorable evaluation of Judge de Alba. Please feel free to contact me to discuss her qualifications.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gary L. Green", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gary L. Green
Fresno Superior Court Commissioner.

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