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The Honorable Dick Durbin
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*Sent via email to Anna Noone
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The Honorable Lindsay Graham
Ranking Member
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RE: Hon. Ana de Alba, Nominee for the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham,

It is with great pride that we enthusiastically recommend our former colleague Hon. Ana de Alba to serve as a federal judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

After her appointment to the Fresno Superior Court in October of 2018, Judge De Alba quickly earned the respect of her peers. As a superior court judge, she handled a misdemeanor calendar, a juvenile calendar, and other miscellaneous civil matters during her tenure. She worked diligently and efficiently to learn and handle the demands of a high volume courtroom. She researched and prepared her cases extensively, quickly learning and exceling in her assignments to garner the respect of her supervising judges, colleagues, attorneys and parties who appeared before her, as well as the judicial community as a whole. Those of us who have served on committees or worked alongside Judge de Alba for the last several years know and understand why. She works hard, enjoys challenging assignments and is a supportive and invaluable colleague. She contributes her time, energy and input to countless committees, locally, regionally and statewide. She exemplifies the ideals of public service... leading not for power or privilege, but from a sense of duty and always with integrity and humility. Her ethics as a judicial officer are without reproach; Judge de Alba approaches cases with impartiality, independence, and according to the law/facts of each case. She understands and embraces the immense responsibility of being a judicial officer.



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Judge de Alba is exceptionally well suited for appellate work. She excels at research and writing, carefully and meticulously prepares for matters before her and approaches cases and issues with an open mind. She has excellent analytical skills and logic, and has a broad understanding of federal and state criminal and civil laws. Her work ethic and intelligence are unparalleled. She approaches every job with an earnestness to create camaraderie and community, not just among judges and peers, but also the staff members and supportive staff that work alongside her. She has a broad admiration and gratitude for the people she works with. Judge de Alba leads by example, inspiring respect, confidence and trust in team settings.

Judge de Alba represents the greatest of American ideals and her path to the bench and esteemed career, despite being rife with adversity, is a testament to her integrity, strength, legal acumen and strong sense of duty to her community and nation. Without hesitation, we strongly support her nomination to the Ninth Circuit. Judge de Alba's intellect and work ethic will all serve her well on the Ninth Circuit as they did here and in the federal court.

If we can provide any further assistance or information on Judge de Alba's behalf, we have included our contact information below.

Respectfully submitted,

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