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Re: U.S. Magistrate Judge Benjamin Cheeks' Nomination to U.S. District Court for
the Southern District of California

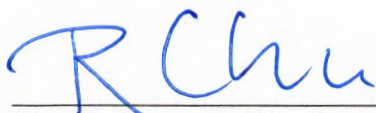
Dear Senate Judiciary Committee Members,

I am pleased to write this letter in support of the Hon. U.S. Magistrate Judge Benjamin Cheeks' nomination to the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California. I have known Hon. Cheeks for over a decade. During this time, I have had the opportunity to observe him in various community, professional, and leadership settings. I worked most closely with him through our shared three-year service on the board of directors for the Federal Bar Association, San Diego Chapter. When I was elevated to the position of President of the San Deigo Chapter, I regularly relied on his wise counsel and selfless service.

Throughout the time I have known him, Hon. Cheeks has distinguished himself as an intelligent and hardworking servant-leader. He is always willing to pitch in without being asked and without fanfare. Hon. Cheeks uses his experience to lead others to achieve their best. He works diligently and ethically. Although he is high achieving, he remains able to put people at ease with his humor and empathy. He handles challenges head-on, but with humility, understanding, and integrity. He has made an impressive contribution to federal practice in the Southern District of California and has many more years of service to contribute.

Hon. Cheeks has demonstrated that he has the qualities which would make him an excellent addition to the District Court bench. Based on my overwhelmingly positive personal experience with Hon. Cheeks, I enthusiastically provide my support for his nomination. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Hon. Rebecca G. Church
Judge, Superior Court of California,
County of San Diego