

November 19, 2024

The Honorable Dick Durbin  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C 20510

The Honorable Lindsey Graham  
Ranking Member  
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Re: Support for Judge Serena Murillo for Confirmation as U.S. District Judge for the Central District of California

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham,

As women attorneys and bar leaders in Los Angeles County, we collectively offer this letter in our individual capacities to express our strong support with respect to President Joseph Biden's nomination of Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Serena Murillo to the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

Despite efforts by President Biden's Administration, female judges are still underrepresented in both the state and federal courts. Judge Murillo is a highly qualified candidate who has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to equal justice under the law, and as a result will strive to champion equal justice in the Central District. Judge Murillo has established herself as a leader not only amongst the judiciary in Los Angeles County, but throughout the State of California. She is an exemplary representative of the diverse legal community of Southern California.

Judge Murillo has been entrusted with important assignments and roles statewide, both by the Los Angeles Superior Court leadership as well as the Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court on matters of great importance to the People of the State of California. She also has the confidence of the justices of California's Second District Court of Appeal, who have invited her to sit *pro tem*. Her experience as a former prosecutor, coupled with her well-rounded experience as a jurist in a variety of civil and criminal assignments, have prepared her well for the demanding role of U.S. District Court judge.

In addition to her substantive qualifications, Judge Murillo's judicial temperament is without question. She is patient, thorough, kind, humble, and thoughtful, yet commands respect and maintains control over her courtroom. Her intellectual curiosity will serve her well.

We offer our utmost support of Judge Serena Murillo, as female leaders of the Los Angeles legal community, and urge her confirmation to the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

Hon. Dick Durbin  
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Sincerely,

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