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U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
c/o Taylor Gibson  
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Sent via email: Taylor\_Gibson@judiciary-dem.senate.gov

Re: Support of Judge Michelle Williams Court for Confirmation as U.S. District Judge for the Central District of California

Dear Senator Butler:

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 Supervising Judge-Civil Michelle Williams Court 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 Williams Court is a highly qualified candidate who will strive to champion equal justice in the Central District. Judge Williams Court is a wonderful support and representative of the diverse legal community of Southern California. She brings a well-rounded legal background to the bench, serving as a government lawyer with the Department of Housing and Urban Development, in civil private practice, and importantly, in her role as vice-president and general counsel to Bet Tzedek Legal Services, a crucial nonprofit legal service group in Southern California.

While serving on the Los Angeles Superior Court (LASC), Judge Williams Court was appointed Supervising Judge-Civil for the largest trial court in the United States. She has been instrumental in the Technology Committee for LASC, serving as chair, and is highly regarded for her work in gaining greater access to justice for litigants. She also works to support the Judge *Pro Tem* program and the Small Claims division of LASC.

Based upon these experiences, it is clear that Judge Williams Court is highly qualified and has the requisite skill and training to allow her to excel if confirmed to this office. She is aware of the challenges women and minorities face in the legal community, and she lends an empathetic ear to these causes. Judge Williams Court is kind, humble and approachable and embodies the qualities of an ideal bench officer.

We offer our utmost support of Judge Williams Court, 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.

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