



May 9, 2022

VIA E-MAIL & U.S. MAIL

The Honorable Dick Durbin
Chairman
Senate Judiciary Committee
U.S. Senate Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Ranking Member
Senate Judiciary Committee
U.S. Senate Washington, DC 20510

Re: Support for Federal Judicial Nominee Salvador Mendoza Jr.

Dear Sirs:

I write this letter to enthusiastically and whole-heartedly endorse the nomination of US District Court Judge Salvador Mendoza, Jr. to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

I have known Judge Mendoza for over a decade in a professional capacity, first when he was a Superior Court public defender for the Benton County Office of Public Defense (which I manage), and later as he progressed in his judicial career first as Benton County Superior Court judge, and then now as US District Court judge.

As a public defender in Benton County, I was especially impressed with Judge Mendoza's advocacy, legal writing ability, and even willingness to mentor and coach younger attorneys (which he often did for my office). More recently, my observations of Judge Mendoza as a judicial officer have been equally positive. Attorney usually cannot ask for more than a judge who is willing to take the time to listen patiently to advocates, do the requisite legal analysis with impartiality, and rule with fairness and decisiveness. These are all qualities I would use to describe Judge Mendoza's judicial temperament.

I know that Judge Mendoza's impeccable track record as a private lawyer, public defender, and judge, will equip him to serve with distinction on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. The people, advocates, and litigants of this circuit would be well served by his appointment to that court.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my endorsement. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions about my observations and comments. While I am leaving my position at the office effective May 30, 2022, my office will know how to reach me for the indefinite future.

Very truly yours,

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