



# Superior Court of California

## County of San Francisco

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November 22, 2022

The Honorable Richard Durbin, Chairman

The Honorable Charles Grassley, Ranking Member

United States Senate, Committee on the Judiciary  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Sent via email to Phil Brest, [Phillip\\_Brest@judiciary-dem.senate.gov](mailto:Phillip_Brest@judiciary-dem.senate.gov) and Brendan Chestnut, [Brendan\\_Chestnut@judiciary-rep.senate.gov](mailto:Brendan_Chestnut@judiciary-rep.senate.gov)

Re: Letter of Support for the Confirmation of the Honorable Rita Lin

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley,

I write in support of the nomination of Judge Rita Lin to serve as a Federal District Court Judge for the Northern District of California. I have worked closely with her since her appointment to the Superior Court in 2018. As you know, Judge Lin has considerable experience in complex civil and criminal matters. Before her appointment she was defense counsel in a number of class action matters. As an assistant United States Attorney, she prosecuted public corruption, organized crime and narcotics trafficking cases.

As the judicial officer responsible for providing training to our members regarding search warrants, I asked Judge Lin to revise our policies and procedures concerning stored electronic communications, an incredibly complex and rapidly evolving area of Fourth Amendment jurisprudence. As a former federal prosecutor, she was uniquely qualified to create a curriculum and several different presentations to ensure that our judges adhered to both federal and state law guidelines. Her scholarship and writing are universally acknowledged by members of the court as superlative, striking the appropriate balance between the needs of law enforcement and respect for longstanding constitutional protections.

Judge Lin is also held in equally high regard by both the prosecution and the defense in our jurisdiction; her reputation is that of an efficient, prepared, scholarly, and impartial



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jurist. I have heard many lawyers comment upon her calm demeanor and measured approach to contentious legal issues. She will be an asset to the District Court for many years to come. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. My direct line is (415) 551-4070.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bruce E. Chan".

Bruce E. Chan