



November 1, 2021

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Letter of Support for Jinsook Ohta for the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

The National Asian Pacific American Bar Association and the California Asian Pacific American Bar Association, extend its strong support for Jinsook Ohta to serve on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California. If confirmed, Judge Ohta would be the first Asian American woman to serve on that court, in a district where the Asian population has grown in San Diego County by more than 20 percent over the last decade and represent 12 percent of the population.

NAPABA is the national association of Asian Pacific American attorneys, judges, law professors, and law students. NAPABA represents the interests of over 60,000 attorneys and over 90 national, state, and local bar associations. Its members include solo practitioners, large firm lawyers, corporate counsel, legal services and non-profit attorneys, and lawyers serving at all levels of government.

Cal-APABA represents the interests of Asian Pacific American bar organizations and the over 14,000 APA attorneys statewide to promote justice and equality, advance legal and policy matters that impact the APA community and enhance the professional development of its members.

Judge Ohta sits on the California Superior Court in San Diego and has a long history of public service. Prior to her appointment to the bench, Judge Ohta spent nearly 10 years at the California Department of Justice, mostly in the Consumer Protection Division, where she served as the supervising deputy attorney general. Judge Ohta has also served as a visiting assistant professor at the Thomas Jefferson School of Law, where she taught legal writing and employment law. In private practice, Judge Ohta practiced employment litigation at O'Melveny & Myers and later with Shepard Mullin. Notably, she clerked for the Hon. Barry Ted Moskowitz of the Southern District of California, the seat to which she is nominated to. She is a graduate of Yale University and the New York University School of Law.

Our organizations proudly support Judge Ohta's nomination and urge the Senate for swift confirmation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Priya Purandare". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Priya Purandare  
Executive Director  
National Asian Pacific American Bar Association

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Zathrina Perez  
President  
California Asian Pacific American Bar Association