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Senator Barbara Boxer
United States Senate
1700 Montgomery Street, Suite 240
San Francisco, CA 94111

Dear Senator Boxer:

SUBJECT: Jon Tigar, Alameda County Superior Court Judge, Application for the Position of Judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District

I am writing on behalf of Jon Tigar, Alameda County Superior Court Judge. Judge Tigar is seeking appointment to the position of Judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District. Jon Tigar possesses an impressive formal education, a superior background as a lawyer, and has earned an excellent reputation as a superior court judge.

Jon Tigar has been a judge in Alameda County for the last six years and has earned the deep respect of many professionals in the criminal justice system who have worked with him or who have appeared before him. As a superior court judge, he has sat in both general criminal and felony trial departments. He has also presided over the Domestic Violence Restraining Order calendar and handled numerous domestic violence cases. My staff speaks highly of Judge Tigar and his trial work; I share their opinions.

Jon Tigar is committed to the Alameda County community, has volunteered much of his time and legal skills, serves as a mentor to two organizations, and continues to do even more. Former Alameda County Sheriff Charles C. Plummer endorsed Jon Tigar when he applied to Governor Gray Davis for the Superior Court. Sheriff Emeritus Plummer is held in high regard throughout the law enforcement community; he would only endorse a candidate who is a quality individual, above reproach, and well suited to the sought after position.

The Berkeley Police Department and Berkeley Police Association have endorsed Jon Tigar in connection with his application to the position of Judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District. Jon Tigar is a man of integrity who will bring wisdom and expertise to this position. I support Mr. Tigar and have every confidence that he will be an asset in this most important role. It is my honor to recommend that serious consideration be given to the elevation of Superior Court Judge Jon Tigar to the position of Judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gregory J. Ahern".

Gregory J. Ahern
Sheriff-Coroner

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