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Re: Bar Association of San Francisco Letter of Support for the Nomination
of Tony West to be Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Specter:

On behalf of the Bar Association of San Francisco ("BASF"), we write to
express our strong support for the nomination of Tony West to be Assistant
Attorney General for the Civil Division.

Tony is an accomplished attorney whose integrity and skill have earned him an
impeccable reputation in the bar. The San Francisco legal community,
including this organization, has greatly benefited from Tony's leadership. For
the past six years, Tony has served as a Member of BASF's Litigation Section
Executive Committee. Tony is also a member of the Board of Governors for
the Northern California Association of Business Trial Lawyers and a Northern
District of California Lawyer Representative for the United States Court of
Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. His numerous accolades and awards evidence
Tony's success as a trial attorney. Tony's résumé, however, may not be able to
convey that he is a "lawyer's lawyer" who commands the respect of his
colleagues.



THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF
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Tony's career as a federal prosecutor and partner at Morrison & Foerster LLP demonstrate both his commitment to public service and his broad range of experience in the practice of law. We believe the Department of Justice and the American public will be well served by Tony's confirmation. It is for these reasons that we are pleased to support the nomination of Tony West to be the next Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division.

Sincerely,

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Russell S. Roeca
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February 18, 2009

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Re: Tony West, Nomination to be Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Specter:

As the Chair of Morrison & Foerster LLP, a global law firm with more than 1000 attorneys, I write to express my enthusiastic support for the nomination of Tony West to be Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division.

I have known Tony since 2001, when I helped recruit him to join Morrison & Foerster LLP. The firm gained not only a brilliant attorney but also an exceptional leader. The quality of representation Tony provides his clients is unsurpassed. Moreover, Tony approaches every case with the utmost integrity, winning over the admiration of his colleagues and respect of his opponents. For these reasons, he quickly became one of our most in-demand trial lawyers.

Tony is a natural leader who leads by example as well as inspiration. He has been a leader in our firm in many ways, especially in recruiting new attorneys and as co-chair of our firm's Diversity Strategy Committee, in support of our efforts to recruit, promote and mentor diverse attorneys.

While a partner at our firm, Tony has been deeply involved in the legal community. He is a Board of Governors Member for the Northern California Association of Business Trial

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Lawyers, a Northern District of California Lawyer Representative for the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and a Member of the Litigation Section Executive Committee of the Bar Association of San Francisco.

Tony's previous service as an Assistant United States Attorney as well as Special Assistant to the Attorney General of California demonstrate his dedication to public service and serving the best interests of our country. The Department of Justice will surely benefit from his able leadership. It is for these reasons that I am pleased to support the nomination of Tony West to be our Nation's next Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division.

Sincerely,

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Keith C. Wetmore
Chair

February 19, 2009

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy, Chairman
The Honorable Arlen Specter, Ranking Member
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Re: *Tony West*

Dear Senator Leahy and Senator Specter:

I write you in support of the nomination of Tony West to be Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division of the United States Department of Justice. I came to know Mr. West as a worthy adversary in the prosecution and conviction of John Walker Lindh, and I hold him in the highest regard.¹

Mr. Lindh came into the custody of the United States in Afghanistan shortly after the attacks of September 11th, and was brought to the Eastern District of Virginia for prosecution. In January 2002, in my capacity as Senior Litigation Counsel and Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, I was appointed along with David N. Kelley of the Southern District of New York to lead the prosecution of Mr. Lindh. Tony West and two colleagues from the law firm of Morrison & Foerster were retained to represent Mr. Lindh. From the very first hearing, the case was as intensely and hotly contested as any in which I have been involved during my seventeen years as a federal prosecutor.

From January 2002 until Mr. Lindh was sentenced in October 2002, I had almost daily contact with Mr. West and observed him in virtually every litigation context. What impressed me most about Mr. West was his extraordinary professionalism throughout this difficult case. I have no doubt that the skills and talent I witnessed firsthand will serve him well if he is confirmed as Assistant Attorney General.

First, in the highest traditions of the Bar, he took on the representation of a client who was the subject of massive negative publicity. He understood his categorical obligation to provide zealous representation and I never saw him flinch from that duty even for an instant. Second, Mr. West's word was his bond. Although I had never met Mr. West prior to his representation of John Walker Lindh, I came to accept his representations without qualification. Third, he demonstrated time and again that he is simply a brilliant litigator, a judgment I base not just on the exceptional quality of his

¹ In October 2002, shortly after the prosecution of Mr. Lindh was completed, I left the Department of Justice to become a Circuit Court Judge in Fairfax County, Virginia. In accordance with Virginia Judicial Ethics Advisory Opinion 06-1, I would note that this letter is personal and does not constitute official court business.

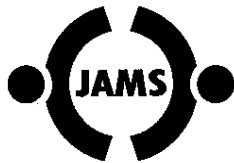
pleadings but on his entire approach to the litigation. Finally, Mr. West remained at all times unflappable, affable and courteous – despite the concentrated and pressurized pace of this litigation and the need by both sides to leave no stone unturned.

In summary, for ten months in 2002, and from the vantage point of an adversary, I had the privilege of seeing in action one of the finest attorneys I have ever known. I recommend Tony West's nomination to you without reservation.

Respectfully submitted,

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Randy I. Bellows



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RE: Nomination of Tony West

Dear Senator Leahy and Senator Specter:

I hereby support President Obama's nomination of Tony West of California for the office of Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division in the Department of Justice.

After receiving his Juris Doctor from Stanford Law School where he served as President of the Law Review, Tony West was appointed as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Northern District of California in 1994. During five years as a federal prosecutor he appeared before me and my fellow magistrate judges and district judges on numerous occasions. He was assigned the prosecution of several significant federal criminal cases including high-tech crime, white collar fraud, child pornography, federal firearm violations, drug trafficking, bank robberies, and tax offenses. He was consistently well-prepared and exhibited exceptional legal skills. I was particularly impressed by his even-handed and professional interaction with the court, opposing lawyers, federal agents, and others in the judicial process. His high intelligence and advocacy skills were always accompanied by common sense and good judgment. Tony West enjoys an excellent reputation among the federal judges in the Northern District of California.

After his government service, Tony West joined the law firm of Morrison & Foerster in San Francisco where he has represented clients in a wide variety of civil litigation. Since my retirement from the federal court, I have transitioned to JAMS (Judicial Arbitration & Mediation Services) where I hear civil cases as either an arbitrator or mediator. Recently, Tony West represented a party in a very sensitive case in which I served as the mediator. His skill, good judgment, and thoughtful legal advice to his client resulted in a successful mediated result which eliminated a serious risk of liability and embarrassment for his client. Once again, I witnessed the qualities that make him an extraordinary lawyer.

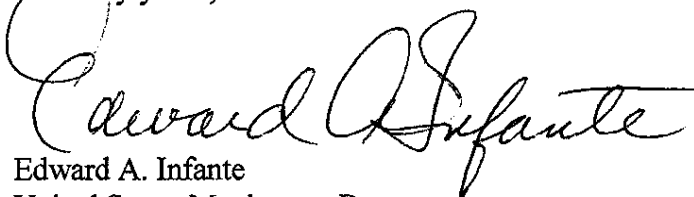
Senators Leahy and Specter

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Tony West is exceptionally well-qualified to serve our nation as Assistant Attorney General of the Civil Division. I recommend him and urge you and the Senate Judiciary Committee to support his confirmation.

Sincerely yours,

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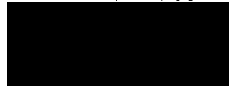
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Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Specter:

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the nomination of Tony West to be Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division of the Department of Justice.

I first met Tony in early 2001 when he joined Morrison & Foerster (where I was then a partner, after having been the head of the Securities & Exchange Commission's San Francisco Office from 1994 to 1998). Tony had served for several years as an Assistant United States Attorney and then a Special Assistant Attorney General for the California Department of Justice. We worked together closely over the next several years (until I joined Covington & Burling in 2007) on a wide range of client matters, including SEC enforcement investigations, Department of Justice inquiries, and private state law claims against a national accounting firm. Based on first hand experience, I can tell you that Tony commands the respect of his co-workers, opposing counsel, and judges. He is open-minded, practical and a fact-driven decisionmaker. I know this from working with Tony on a number of matters closely, side-by-side.

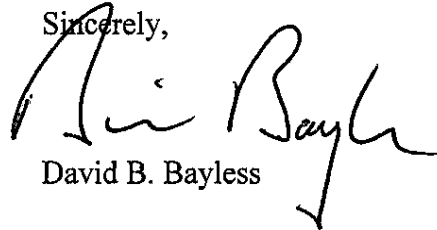
I also had the opportunity to talk with Tony over these years about the major issues of the day. He is thoughtful and measured in his views, and always open to a respectful and genuine dialogue with others with a different perspective. He understands the importance of providing consistent, clear and constructive advice to those who rely on the Department of Justice's legal judgments. Tony is also committed to operating a Department

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of Justice free from inappropriate political influence. President Obama could not have made a better choice. I am pleased to give him my highest recommendation. I very much hope that you will swiftly confirm Tony for this position with broad and bipartisan support.

Sincerely,

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David B. Bayless

February 25, 2009

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Re: Tony West, Nomination to be Assistant Attorney General for the
Civil Division, United States Department of Justice

Dear Senators Leahy and Specter:

I write in support of the nomination of Tony West to be Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division of the United States Department of Justice.

Tony West is an outstanding litigator and public servant. His extensive experience in a wide range of legal areas through his work in the federal government, state government, and private practice makes him particularly well suited to lead the Civil Division.

Tony and I have been law partners at the firm of Morrison & Foerster for the past 5 years and during that time Tony has served as a leader among the partners. He is highly respected for not only his informed legal analysis but also his sound judgment.

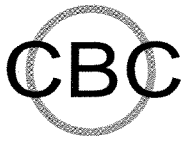
Not surprisingly, Tony has received numerous awards and honors in recognition of his stellar legal skills, including for his past service as an Assistant United States Attorney and in the office of the Deputy Attorney General.

Tony's past service at the Department of Justice will be of great benefit to him in the position of Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division. His demonstrated dedication to the Department and to the highest standards of the legal profession makes him the ideal attorney for the position.

Sincerely,



Beth S. Brinkmann



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February 26, 2009

The Honorable Barack Obama
President
The White House
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Dear President Obama:

We are writing to provide our strong and unqualified endorsement of Mr. Tony West to serve as the next Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division for the U.S. Department of Justice.

Mr. West is a litigation partner at Morrison & Foerster L.L.P. whose trial practices includes representing individuals and companies in civil and criminal matters. He is a former federal prosecutor and state special assistant attorney general and has served clients in both federal and state court legal matters.

Named one of Northern California's "Super Lawyers" every year since 2006, Mr. West was named one of the nation's "Leading Lawyers" by Lawdragon in 2008 and one of California's "Top 20 Lawyers Under 40" in 2004.

Prior to joining Morrison & Foerster in 2001, Mr. West served as State Special Assistant Attorney General, an appointee of former California Attorney General Bill Lockyer. In that capacity, he advised the attorney general on various matters including high-tech crime, identify theft, the Microsoft antitrust litigation, police officer training, civil rights and police misconduct.

One of Mr. West's most significant prosecutions involved the "Orchid Club" -- an international online child pornography and molestation ring involving 16 defendants in four different countries. One of the first cases of its kind, Mr. West led a team of FBI and Customs agents to secure convictions of all defendants and received commendations recognizing his efforts from then



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U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno, former FBI Director Louis Freeh and U.S. Customs Commissioner George Weise.

In light of Mr. West's exemplary record we can think of no better candidate to serve in your administration as Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division for the U.S. Department of Justice.

Sincerely,

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Rep. Barbara Lee
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**Re: Tony West, Nominee for Assistant Attorney General,
Civil Division**

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Specter:

I write to express my enthusiastic support of Tony West's nomination to serve as Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, in the United States Attorney General's Office.

I have known Tony since he was a law student at Stanford Law School. I had the pleasure of interviewing Tony and extending him an offer in 1991 to join our summer program. Over the years, Tony and I have become professional colleagues, good friends and mutual supporters of a variety of groups and organizations promoting civil rights and diversity within the legal profession, including the Bay Area Black Partners Group.

When Tony served as AUSA for the Northern District of California (1994-99), he prosecuted a variety of high profile child pornography cases. He was able to secure convictions in one particular online pornography and child molestation ring involving 16 defendants from four different countries on all defendants. Importantly, Tony wrote and argued the government's appellate brief in *United States v. Laney*, establishing new case law that ensures victims of child sexual exploitation recover restitution for future counseling and psychological treatment stemming from those crimes.

Tony served in the Clinton Administration as a Special Assistant in the U.S. Department of Justice, and worked on the development of national crime policy, most importantly, the 1994 Omnibus Crime Bill. Tony has also written and argued many times before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Outside of his practice, Tony has been a major contributor to the legal community. In addition to serving on the governing board of the Northern California Association of Business Trial Lawyers, he has served as a Ninth Circuit Lawyer Representative, was a member of the Litigation Section Executive Committee for the San Francisco Bar Association, and participates in Oakland, California's McCullum Youth Court. Tony is renown in the Bay Area for his legal commentary and opinion. He has appeared frequently on television, radio and in news articles.

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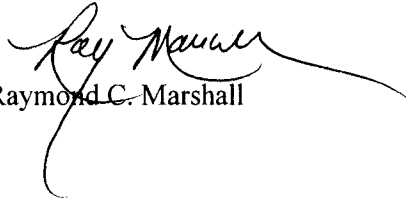
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Tony West is the real deal. He is a talented trial attorney, exceptionally smart, and both a skilled leader and team player. Tony will provide an excellent addition to Attorney General Holder's staff. I look forward to his early confirmation.

Sincerely,


Raymond C. Marshall

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March 1, 2009

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Re: Tony West's Nomination for Assistant Attorney General — Civil Division

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Specter:

I write to highly commend to you Tony West, President Obama's nominee to serve as Assistant Attorney General for the Department of Justice's Civil Division.

As the former United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and adversary of Tony West, I was delighted to learn of Tony's nomination. I first met Tony when I served as one of the lead prosecutors of John Walker Lindh in the Eastern District of Virginia, and Tony was one of the lawyers who represented him.

As I am sure you are aware, shortly after the September 11 terrorist attacks, Lindh was brought into American custody after he was captured in Afghanistan. Tony immediately impressed me as a formidable adversary who, despite his client's unpopularity in the media took on the representation in a very effective and professional manner.

During the ten months of litigation culminating in Mr. Lindh's conviction, I was frequently in contact with Tony and had the opportunity to observe him in nearly every aspect of the case — including motion practice, hearings and negotiations. Tony demonstrated day in and

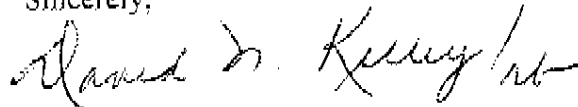
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day out that he was the consummate professional from whom I grew to expect the smartest advocacy, but executed with the highest degree of integrity.

My contact with Tony now is infrequent, but always a tremendous pleasure. I have found him to be not only one of the very best advocates I encountered in my nearly twenty years of service to the Justice Department, but also one of the finest human beings.

I was delighted to hear of Tony's nomination, not only because I think so highly of him as a lawyer and as a person, but because I hold in such high esteem the Department of Justice, to which I dedicated a good part of my career. I can not think of a better man that Tony to carry out the mission of the Civil Division in the years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David N. Kelley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a horizontal line at the end.

David N. Kelley

March 3, 2009

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Re: Nomination of Tony West for Assistant Attorney General -- Civil Division

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Specter:

I hope you are both well. I write in support of my partner and friend Tony West who will be in front of you next Tuesday as he appears before the Judiciary Committee for confirmation as head of the Department of Justice Civil Division.

I am sure you have his curriculum vitae, you know of his brilliant career at Stanford as a student, his various positions in law enforcement at the Department of Justice in Washington, the U.S. Attorney's office in Northern California and his position with the Attorney General's office in California.

But I am writing as a reference to something you both will appreciate. I recruited Tony to come to Morrison & Foerster and have tried a number of both civil and criminal cases with him. As you know, when you try cases with someone you not only can assess their legal skills but also their character. Tony has judgment and a good way with both colleagues and opponents.

Tony is an extraordinary legal talent. He's an organizational person who I have seen work very well in some extremely difficult situations. He is one of the best people I know at bringing disagreements to a conclusion and replacing them with a consensus, a policy, a program, a way to go ahead. He's admired by people at all levels in this firm for his leadership and his inspiration. Particularly that is true with the young lawyers who, in this difficult economic environment, seek out his guidance and his support and they always get it.

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Finally, he has that quality we admire in a lawyer. He cares about his clients and always puts them first. I believe these professional skills are directly transferable to the Department of Justice Civil Division and wholeheartedly support his confirmation.

I greatly appreciate your consideration of my thoughts.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James J. Brosnahan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" being particularly prominent and stylized.

James J. Brosnahan

March 3, 2009

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Re: Tony West's Nomination for Assistant Attorney General — Civil Division

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Specter:

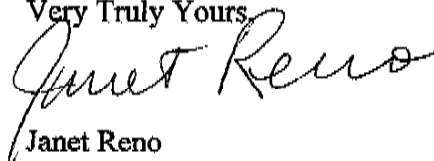
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After leaving the United States Justice Department, Tony continued his public service as the Special Assistant Attorney General for the state of California, where he advised the Attorney General on various matters, including high-tech crime, identity theft, the Microsoft antitrust litigation, police officer training, civil rights and police misconduct.

I believe Tony is an excellent choice to lead the Civil Division. I am proud to have worked with him, and I know that he is committed to the Department and its mission to uphold the law. Tony will bring able leadership and the highest integrity to the Department of Justice. I enthusiastically endorse his nomination and urge that he be confirmed.

Very Truly Yours

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Janet Reno

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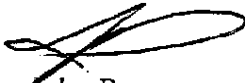
Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Specter:

I write in support of Tony West's nomination to be Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division. It is difficult in a mere letter to convey to you the high regard in which Tony is held by the legal community here. He commands both the respect and the goodwill of his peers and adversaries. He is a good lawyer and a good man.

I have had the pleasure of working with Tony on both political and Oakland civic projects. He is a talented attorney, an inspirational leader, and a true pillar of the Bay Area legal community. Tony has served on numerous local boards, including the Board of Directors for U.C. Hastings College of the Law and the Board of Governors for the Northern California Association of Business Trial Lawyers. These organizations and the legal community at large have benefited greatly from Tony's phenomenal talent for bringing people together, focusing on the important issues, and producing positive outcomes.

Tony's service as a federal prosecutor as well as a state special assistant attorney general demonstrates his commitment to public service. He will be a tremendous asset to the Department of Justice, just as he has been to Bay Area. It is for these reasons that I am pleased to support the nomination of Tony West to be our Nation's next Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division.

Sincerely,



John Russo



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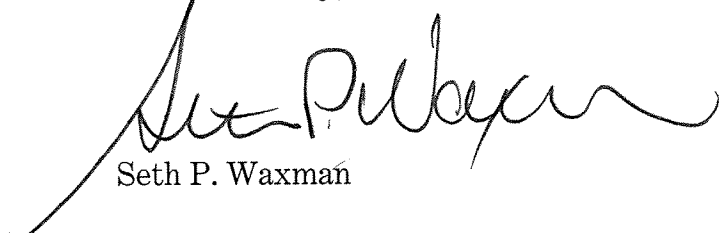
Re: Nomination of Anthony West to be Assistant Attorney General

Dear Senators Leahy and Specter:

I write to endorse the nomination of Anthony West to be Assistant Attorney General overseeing the Civil Division.

Tony and I worked together at the Department of Justice in 1994, when I joined the staff of the Deputy Attorney General. Although Tony was only two years out of law school at the time, he displayed remarkable talent — qualities and skills that have been evident to so many of us who have followed with admiration his practice and career through the intervening years. Tony has everything required to become a splendid Assistant Attorney General. I commend him to the Committee heartedly, and without reservation.

Yours sincerely,



Seth P. Waxman

March 3, 2009

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Re: Tony West's Nomination for Assistant Attorney General — Civil Division

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Specter:

It is my pleasure to strongly recommend the confirmation of Tony West as Assistant United States Attorney General for the Civil Division.

Tony is an excellent lawyer. Last year, I had the opportunity to work with Tony on a civil rights case that we argued before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. I was impressed by his outstanding advocacy skills, thoughtful legal analysis and wise judgment. More importantly, Tony displayed a unwavering commitment to both his clients and to the rule of law. In addition, Tony is a pleasure to work with. He is well regarded by both his colleagues and opponents, and he is respected as being a dedicated mentor to young lawyers.

As a former Ninth Circuit Judge, I can say without hesitation that Tony is an exceptional attorney, and it would have been a privilege to have him in my courtroom. I know that he will bring able leadership and the highest integrity to the Department of Justice. The President has made an excellent decision in choosing Tony West to be the next Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division. I enthusiastically endorse his nomination and urge his confirmation.

Sincerely,



Shirley M. Hufstedler

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Re: Nomination of Tony West for Assistant Attorney General — Civil Division

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Specter:

As Mayor of San José, I write to enthusiastically support the nomination of Tony West as Assistant United States Attorney General for the Civil Division.

I fondly remember meeting Tony as a young man, back when his father and I served together on the San José Planning Commission. Tony later served with distinction on the Planning Commission, following in his father's footsteps. Since I first met Tony, I have come to admire his honesty, integrity, courage and decency. Even in the most stressful of circumstances, Tony is unflappable – always courteous and respectful to colleagues and opponents alike. I cannot think of anyone more qualified to assume a position of leadership in the Department of Justice.

The President has made an excellent choice in selecting Tony to serve as the next Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division. I urge you to confirm him without delay.

Sincerely,



Chuck Reed
Mayor



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Re: Nomination of Tony West for Assistant Attorney General — Civil Division

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Specter:

I write to enthusiastically support the nomination of Tony West as Assistant United States Attorney General for the Civil Division.

By way of background, I am the former City Attorney for the City and County of San Francisco, a position which I held for almost sixteen years. Recently, I served as President of the San Francisco Police Commission. I am now in private practice where I also serve in an advisory capacity to a number of Bay Area charitable institutions.

I have known Tony for several years, and I cannot think of anyone more qualified to assume a position of leadership in the Department of Justice. I have had the pleasure of working with Tony on numerous civic projects. He is a talented attorney, an inspirational leader, and a true pillar of the Bay Area legal community. I can personally attest to the fact that he is highly regarded by the judges before whom he has appeared. Tony is a person who can bring people together, focus on the important issues, and produce positive outcomes. Furthermore, he is universally regarded as a highly principled individual with solid ethical values.



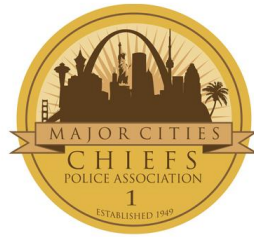
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Sincerely,

Louise H. Renne

Louise Renne

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The Honorable Arlen Specter
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Dear Messrs. Leahy and Specter:

On behalf of the 56 largest jurisdictions in the United States, we are writing to support the nomination of Tony West to become Assistant Attorney General of the Civil Division.

Mr. West comes to Washington with a distinguished record of achievement in law enforcement. He has served as both a Federal prosecutor and a Special Assistant Attorney General in California. As Assistant U.S. Attorney, Tony West played the leading role in a multi-agency task force against child pornography and child molesters. Through these accomplishments, Mr. West has earned the widespread respect of law enforcement and the public we serve.

We applaud this high caliber of experience we heartily endorse Tony West for a position of authority at the Department of Justice. With Mr. West at the helm of the Civil Division, Chiefs of Police and Sheriffs across our Nation may look forward to a relationship built upon trust and confidence.

American law enforcement has always looked to the Judiciary Committee for leadership and we now ask that you send the nomination of Tony West to the floor for speedy confirmation by the U.S. Senate.

Sincerely,

Robert Davis, Vice President
Chief of Police
San Jose, California



March 5, 2009

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy, Chairman
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Re: Tony West's Nomination for Assistant Attorney General – Civil Division

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Specter:

I am writing to strongly support the confirmation of Tony West as Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division. I have known Tony for almost 20 years, since he was my student at Stanford Law School and served as President of the Stanford Law Review. Tony was a gifted law student and his teachers knew he would be a great addition to the profession. In that he has exceeded our fondest expectations.

As a former head of the Civil Division myself, I have a good sense of what the job requires and can assure you that Tony West has the necessary qualifications. First, Civil is the division which most often represents the government in court on a wide range of matters. Tony is an accomplished litigator whose experience in the public and private spheres and in many different courts and policy positions is ideal preparation for understanding the daily work of the division.

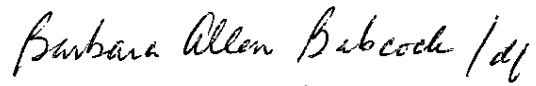
Perhaps as important as his litigation skills, Tony is an excellent and accomplished leader and administrator. The size of the Civil Division and the breadth of its mandate make it hard to assure good practice and a unified approach in the government's litigation. But Tony has the ability to inspire and direct. In terms of the hiring he will do, the standards of excellence and ethical lawyering he will set, he will be exemplary.

I should add that I have followed Tony West's career since he left here, and also know others who are very familiar with his work. I am quite certain you will find that everyone who has ever worked with him (or indeed against him) has only the highest regard for his abilities. His is exactly the kind of appointment which will help to bring the Department back to high standards of Justice it has served in the past.

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Please let me know if there is any further information I can furnish about Tony West. He has my unqualified recommendation.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Allen Babcock /d/".

Barbara Allen Babcock
Judge John Crown Professor of Law
Emerita



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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Re: Tony West's Nomination for Assistant Attorney General — Civil Division

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Specter:

I am writing to strongly support the confirmation of Tony West as Assistant United States Attorney General for the Civil Division.

Tony is an outstanding lawyer. I had the opportunity to work with Tony when I personally selected him to serve on my executive team as Special Assistant Attorney General for the State of California, when I was the California Attorney General. Although his appointment was nearly a decade ago, and much earlier in his career, Tony already had built a wonderfully diverse professional background, having worked at the United States Department of Justice, where he helped pass the Omnibus Crime Bill, and then as an Assistant United States Attorney, where he successfully prosecuted numerous cases, including sensitive and high-profile prosecutions.

Tony's work was of enormous importance to the success of my administration from its beginning, and I was able to rely on him for good advice and consistent excellence as my personal representative on a wide range of matters, including high-tech crime, identity theft, the Microsoft antitrust litigation, police officer training, civil rights and police misconduct. In just such a role, I asked Tony to lead the long and difficult negotiations with the city government and police department of Riverside, California in the wake of the tragic police shooting of Tyisha Miller in 1998. Tony's efforts as leader of a task force including the

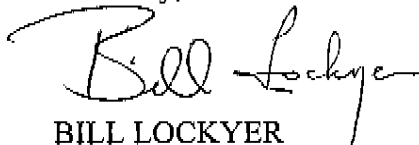
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Attorney General's litigators and police review specialists resulted a pioneering, successful, and lasting resolution that ended decades of antagonism between the police department and the city's minority residents.

Tony is also the right choice to lead the Civil Division at this time. Tony has a skill at listening carefully to people of differing viewpoints and succeeding in getting them to find ways that they could work together, compromise and get something important accomplished. I think that is the skill-set needed for this job, especially at this moment in the nation's history, and I know it will help Tony foster a resurgence of independence and credibility within the U.S. Department of Justice.

The President has made an excellent decision in choosing Tony West to be the next Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division. I know that he will bring the same able leadership and integrity to the Department of Justice that he brought to the California Attorney General's Office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Lockyer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bill" and last name "Lockyer" clearly distinguishable.

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Re: Tony West's Nomination for Assistant Attorney General — Civil Division

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Specter:

On behalf of the California Police Chiefs Association, we strongly recommend the confirmation of Tony West as Assistant United States Attorney General for the Civil Division. We are confident that Mr. West will lead the Civil Division with distinction and honor.

Mr. West will bring a strong background of public service to the Civil Division. Mr. West began his career at the United States Department of Justice, where he served as a Special Assistant to Deputy Attorney General Phil Heymann and then Deputy Attorney General Jamie Gorelick. Among Tony's responsibilities was working on the 1994 Omnibus Crime Bill. Tony later served as an Assistant United States Attorney, successfully prosecuting several cases, including the Orchid Club, at the time, one of the largest child pornography cases in United States history. After leaving the United States Justice Department, Tony continued his public service as the Special Assistant Attorney General for the state of California, where he advised the Attorney General on various matters, including high-tech crime, identity theft, police officer training, civil rights and police misconduct.

Mr. West's career as a federal prosecutor and a Special Assistant Attorney General demonstrate both his commitment to public service and his broad range of experience in the practice of law. We believe the Department of Justice and the American public will be well served by Tony's confirmation. We strongly support the nomination of Tony West to be the next Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division, and we ask that he be swiftly confirmed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bernard K. Melekian".

Bernard K. Melekian
President

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Re: Nomination of Tony West for Assistant Attorney General — Civil Division

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Specter:

I write to strongly support the nomination of Tony West as Assistant United States Attorney General for the Civil Division.

I am a local prosecutor in Santa Clara County, the past President of the Santa Clara County Bar Association, the Bar Association of Silicon Valley and the past President of the California La Raza Lawyers Association, a statewide association representing more than 2,000 Latino lawyers.

I have known Tony for more than a decade, and I believe he is an excellent nominee for a high-ranking position at the Justice Department. Tony is respected and admired by colleagues and opponents alike, who know him as someone who is always even-tempered and who conducts himself with the highest level of integrity and ethics. I know Tony will bring these qualities to the Civil Division, and that they will prove invaluable as he helps to restore independence and credibility to the Department of Justice.

I enthusiastically support Tony's nomination and I urge you to confirm him without delay.

Respectfully,



Christopher Arriola



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Re: Tony West's Nomination for Assistant Attorney General – Civil Division

Dear Chairman Leahy:

I write to support the confirmation of Tony West as Assistant United States Attorney General for the Civil Division.

I had the opportunity to work with Tony in 2006 when Ron Dellums succeeded me as Mayor of Oakland. Tony was an integral part of the transition team, providing invaluable assistance on various issues, especially policing issues. I was impressed by Tony's ability to work with people across the political spectrum and to build consensus even in the face of difficult issues.

Tony's career as a lawyer is equally impressive. Tony served in the Justice Department as a Special Assistant to the Deputy Attorney General, helping to draft the Omnibus Crime Bill. He then served as an Assistant United States Attorney, successfully prosecuting several cases, including the Orchid Club, at the time, one of the largest child pornography cases in United States history. After leaving the United States Justice Department, Tony continued his public service as the Special Assistant Attorney General for the State of California, where he advised the Attorney General on various matters, including high-tech crime, identity theft, the Microsoft antitrust litigation, police officer training, civil rights and police misconduct. Tony's strong background will serve him well in leading the Civil Division.

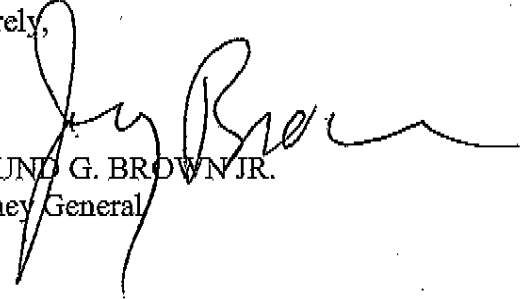
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Sincerely,



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Attorney General

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RE: NOMINEE TONY WEST

Dear Senators Leahy and Specter:

I write in support of Tony West's nomination to be the Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division of the U.S. Department of Justice.

I am a lawyer in San Francisco, and the founding partner of the Keker & Van Nest law firm. I have known Tony since he has been a partner at Morrison & Foerster, have worked with him, and admire him as a lawyer and as a man..

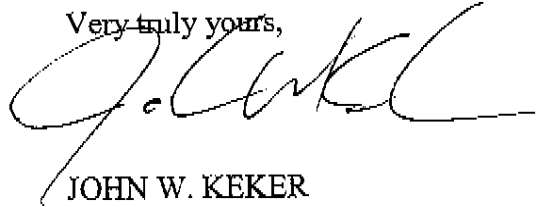
Tony West is a splendid nominee for a high-ranking position in the Department of Justice, and I urge you to confirm him. Whether he is on your side or serving as opposing counsel, there is never a doubt about Tony's integrity, decency, common sense, intelligence and humanity. Certainly Attorney General Eric Holder, who embodies these same qualities, is a major step in the right direction to returning the Department to excellence. Having Tony West at his side, making important decisions in the Civil Division, will be another big step.

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I know and respect Tony's family, including his wife Maya and his sister-in-law Kamala Harris, our District Attorney. The support of these able and excellent family members will sustain him during his hard work at DOJ.

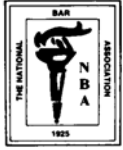
I am not including Tony's biographical details because you know them. If you or your staff have questions, or would like further information, please feel to call me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. W. Kecker', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

JOHN W. KEKER

JWK/der



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March 5, 2009

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Re: Nomination of Tony West for Assistant Attorney General — Civil Division.

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Specter:

On behalf of the National Bar Association (NBA), which represents a network of approximately 44,000 African American attorneys and judges nationwide, I urge you and the members of the United States Senate Judiciary Committee to confirm the nomination of Tony West to the position of Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division of the United States of America. Mr. West is supremely qualified to be nominated as Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division.

On August 1, 1925, during the first quarter of the 20th century, twelve African American pioneers dedicated to justice and civil rights for all people gave birth to the National Bar Association. The objectives of the National Bar Association established then, continue to form the basis of the organization today: to advance the science of jurisprudence; improve the administration of justice; preserve the independence of the judiciary and to uphold the honor and integrity of the legal profession; to promote public policy that will improve the economic condition of all American citizens, regardless of race, national origin, sex, religion; to secure for all citizens the freedoms protected and guaranteed by the Constitution; and to protect the civil and political rights of the citizens and residents of the United States of America.

As demonstrated by his distinguished career, both in the public and private sectors, Mr. West exemplifies the high standards sought by the National Bar Association for the protections and freedoms of all Americans under the Constitution of the United States. Moreover, Mr. West possesses the skills and qualifications necessary to lead the Civil Division in these difficult and unprecedented times.

Tony began his career as a Special Assistant to Deputy Attorney General Phil Heymann and then Deputy Attorney General Jamie Gorelick. Among Tony's responsibilities was working on the 1994 Omnibus Crime Bill, where he helped explain the importance of the bill's components to elected officials and local community leaders. Tony later served as an Assistant United States Attorney, successfully prosecuting several cases, including the

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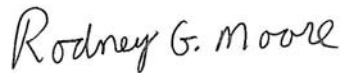
In addition to his public service, Mr. West has held several positions in the private sector that have given him significant preparation for execution of the duties and responsibilities of the Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division, including his current position as a successful litigation partner for the law firm of Morrison & Foerster, LLP. At the firm, Mr. West handles complex civil and criminal cases, including white-collar criminal defense, civil rights and civil liberties matters, securities litigation, and antitrust. Mr. West brings a wealth of considerable legal and administrative knowledge and experience. He would be ready to lead the Civil Division on day one.

On a personal level, I have known Mr. West for over 15 years. I am well acquainted with both his character and reputation. He is well respected in the general community, as well as the legal community.

For these reasons, the National Bar Association urges that you confirm Tony West, as Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division, without delay. Our support for this nomination is complete and without reservation.

Should you have any questions regarding our support, please do not hesitate to give me a call. I can be reached at (404) 347-8108.

Sincerely,



Rodney G. Moore, President
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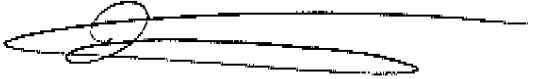
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Sincerely,

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Nell Jessup Newton
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March 5, 2009

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Re: Tony West's Nomination for Assistant Attorney General — Civil Division

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Specter:

I write to strongly support the confirmation of Tony West as Assistant United States Attorney General for the Civil Division.

I am the Chancellor and Dean of University of California Hastings College of Law. Tony served on the Hastings Board of Directors. I became acquainted with him in this capacity and also had the opportunity to learn about the high esteem in which Tony is held in the California legal community. As a Director, Tony met the highest standards of integrity, by always undertaking due diligence in overseeing our \$50 million budget and by his dedication to the public service mission of UC Hastings. I have great admiration for Tony as a talented attorney, a servant of the public's interest, and as a person.

After graduating from Stanford Law School, where he was President of the Law Review, Tony worked as a Special Assistant to the Deputy Attorney General at the Department of Justice. Tony then served as an Assistant United States Attorney, successfully prosecuting several cases, including the Orchid Club, at the time, one of the largest child pornography cases in United States history. After leaving the United States Justice Department, Tony continued his public service as the Special Assistant Attorney General for the state of California, where he advised the Attorney General on various matters, including high-tech crime, identity theft, the Microsoft antitrust litigation, police officer training, civil rights and police misconduct.

The Department of Justice will be fortunate to have a man like Tony West in a position of leadership. Tony is widely respected by both colleagues and opponents, and he is truly regarded as a pillar in the Bay Area legal community. He is an excellent choice to be the next Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division. I enthusiastically endorse his nomination and urge his confirmation.

Sincerely,

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Re: Nomination of Tony West for Assistant Attorney General — Civil Division

Dear Chairman Leahy:

I write to strongly support the nomination of Tony West as Assistant United States Attorney General for the Civil Division.

I have known Tony for several years as a leader in the San Francisco Bay Area, in particular in our hometown of Oakland. I have personally seen him work with community groups on a wide range of issues. Tony is known as a problem solver, who has an uncanny ability to bring people together by building consensus and finding common ground. I know that Tony will bring these skills to the Department of Justice, at a time when the Department is looking to regain credibility and independence. Thus, Tony is the perfect person to lead the Civil Division.

President Obama has made an excellent choice in selecting Tony to serve as the next Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division. Tony is a man of unrivaled honesty and integrity, who knows how to tackle the tough issues. I enthusiastically support his nomination and I urge you to confirm him without delay.

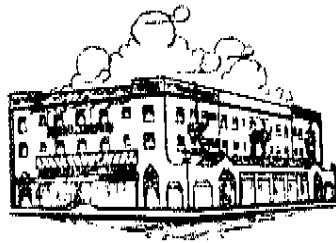
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Sandré R. Swanson

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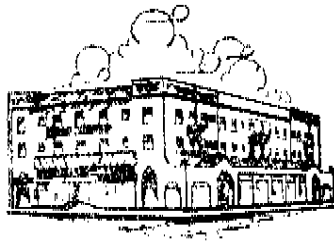
Re: Nomination of Tony West for Assistant Attorney General --- Civil Division

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Specter:

I write to strongly support the nomination of Tony West as Assistant United States Attorney General for the Civil Division.

Tony began his career in public service, first as a Special Assistant to the Deputy Attorney General, where he helped to pass the Omnibus Crime Bill, and later as an Assistant United States Attorney, where he successfully prosecuted numerous cases, including cases involving the exploitation of children. After leaving the United States Justice Department, Tony continued his public service as the Special Assistant Attorney General for the state of California, where he advised the Attorney General on various matters, including high-tech crime, identity theft, the Microsoft antitrust litigation, police officer training, civil rights and police misconduct. He is now a very successful attorney in private practice.

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Now, I am sure that there are many who can attest to Tony's competence as an attorney - he certainly is a fine one. My purpose is to cite his accomplishments as a man and a father and a citizen. In the eight years that I was Mayor of San Jose, 1983-1990, I came to know Tony and his family well - they are everything that one can admire in a family and in Americans. His father served on the Planning Commission with great distinction and Tony, himself, was an advisor and friend to me. Perhaps, I was a mentor, but I learned much from him. He is the best we can have in public service and I enthusiastically endorse his nomination and urge his confirmation.

Thank you for allowing me to give my opinion. I wish you well in these difficult times.

Sincerely yours,

Tom McEnery

Senators Leahy & Specter -

*Tony West will make us all
very proud of him, and our confidence in him.*

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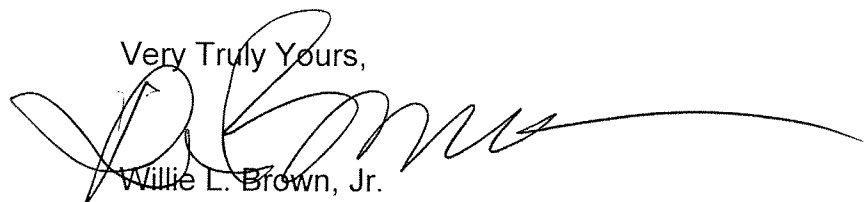
I am writing you to strongly support the confirmation of Tony West as Assistant United States Attorney General for the Civil Division. Speaking from personal experience, I can say without hesitation or qualification that Tony is a man of the highest honor and integrity. I cannot think of a better person to lead the Civil Division at this time.

Tony is eminently qualified to assume a position of leadership at the Department of Justice. Tony began his career as a Special Assistant to Deputy Attorney General Phil Heymann and then Deputy Attorney General Jamie Gorelick, where he helped to pass the 1994 Omnibus Crime Bill. Tony later served as an Assistant United States Attorney, successfully prosecuting several cases, including cases involving the exploitation of children. After leaving the United States Justice Department, Tony continued his public service as the Special Assistant Attorney General for the state of California, where he advised the Attorney General on various matters, including high-tech crime, identity theft, the Microsoft antitrust litigation, police officer training, civil rights and police misconduct.

Tony is also the right man to lead the Civil Division at a time when the Department of Justice is seeking to restore its independence and credibility. The President's calls for government accountability and transparency will be well-served through Tony's appointment, because Tony does not know how to lead in any other way. If the Civil Division comes to reflect Tony West, it will be unparalleled.

The President has made an excellent decision in choosing Tony West to be the next Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division. I strongly urge you to confirm him without delay.

Very Truly Yours,



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RE: Tony West's Nomination – Assistant Attorney General – Civil Division

Dear Senator Leahy and Senator Specter:

I write to you on behalf of the Charles Houston Bar Association ("CHBA") in support of Tony West's nomination as Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division of the United States Department of Justice. As President of the CHBA, I urge you and the members of the Judiciary Committee to confirm the nomination of Tony West.

Founded in 1955, the Charles Houston Bar Association is committed to working with and within the African American community to facilitate access to the justice system and to promote equal protection under the law. CHBA is the northern California affiliate of the National Bar Association and with more than 900 members the CHBA is a powerful voice in the Northern California legal community.

Tony West is the most qualified person for this position. As you know, Mr. West has served as Assistant United State Attorney for the Northern District of California. In that capacity, he has served under former Attorney General Janet Reno and has prosecuted a variety of cases ranging from sexual exploitation offenses against children to government malfeasance. He has received numerous accolades for his skills as an accomplished attorney. As noteworthy as his career has been, I write because of his commitment to this association and his community.

Tony West's values are aligned with that of CHBA. He has tirelessly advocated for those issues that are of paramount concern to this association: improving access to justice; promoting equal protection under the law; increasing diversity within the legal field; bringing services to the community; and supporting our law students and young attorneys. His professional career demonstrates his commitment to public service, but his service to this association demonstrates his commitment to his community. Because of his efforts and commitment to CHBA and the African American community, he has been honored at many of our functions, and most recently at our Judicial Luncheon (March 2008) and our Annual Dinner Dance and Gala (December 2008).

Because of his efforts, commitment and dedication, it is my hope that you confirm the nomination of Tony West.

Sincerely,

Nedra A. Shawler
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Re: Tony West, Nomination to be Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division
Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Specter:

I write in support of the nomination of Tony West as Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division.

As the President and a founder of the Equal Justice Society, a national organization dedicated to changing the law through progressive legal theory, public policy and practice, I have had a wonderful working relationship with Tony. I have known many attorneys in my 34 years in the legal profession. Tony stands out to me for a number of reasons. He is very smart yet humble. He is a brilliant thinker and strategist yet he is also accessible to people in the community. He sees the big political and legal picture yet remains grounded in community and family. He is a star yet has remained someone we can count on if we need him. The civil rights community rejoiced when we learned of this nomination. Tony has the right judgment, integrity, and management skills for the job and I look forward to seeing this new administration make significant strides.

The Justice Department and the Nation will be well served with Tony West as head of the Civil Division.

Very Truly Yours,



Eva Paterson

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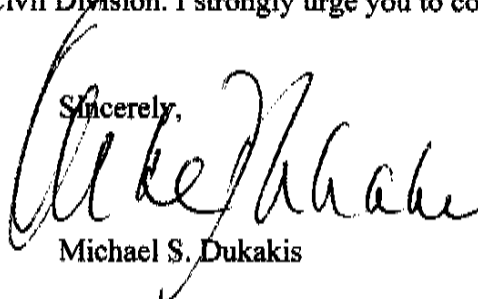
I have known Tony West for over twenty years since his undergraduate days at Harvard. Shortly after his graduation, he became an aide in my 1988 presidential campaign, did a terrific job for me, and demonstrated the kind of intelligence and integrity that have been part and parcel of his career. Kitty and I were at his wedding in California; we have kept in close touch with him; and we think the world of him.

I have watched him develop as a lawyer, a prosecutor and as a real champion of American values. He is intelligent, articulate and strong. He has precisely the qualities the Justice Department needs as it emerges from what for many of us was a dark and troubling eight years.

As somebody who has devoted his life to public service, thirteen years of which were spent in the practice of the law, I know, as do both of you, how important it is to restore the good name of the Department of Justice with the kind of integrity and independence that it should always have.

The President has made an excellent decision in choosing Tony to be the next Assistant Attorney-General for the Civil Division. I strongly urge you to confirm him without delay.

Sincerely,

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Michael S. Dukakis



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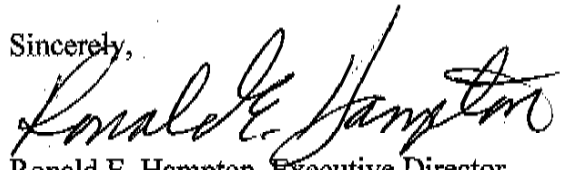
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Sincerely,



Ronald E. Hampton, Executive Director

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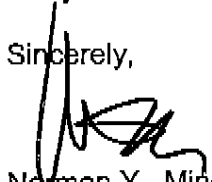
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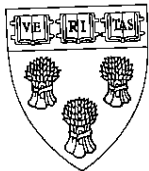
I have known Tony and his family for more than 30 years. Even as a young man working as a volunteer in my congressional office when he was 11 years old, Tony struck me as gifted and capable of going on to do great things. He has proved me right.

Tony is someone who has devoted much of his life to public service. As a federal prosecutor and then as the Special Assistant Attorney General for the State of California, Tony has consistently demonstrated his commitment to making life better for his fellow citizens. As someone who has devoted his own life to public service, I know the importance of such a commitment. I believe there is no one better suited or more qualified to restore credibility to the Department of Justice than Tony, nor can I think of anyone more committed to its mission.

As the President himself put it, "the American people deserve to have faith that their Justice Department will keep them safe and uphold our most basic rights." Tony has the depth of experience and integrity necessary to accomplish these goals. The Department of Justice will be lucky to have a man like Tony West in a position of leadership. I urge you to confirm him without delay.

Sincerely,


Norman Y. Mineta



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Re: Tony West's Nomination for Assistant Attorney General — Civil Division

Dear Chairman Leahy:

I write to support the confirmation of Tony West as Assistant United States Attorney General for the Civil Division.

Tony is an outstanding lawyer and he is eminently qualified to lead the Civil Division. I first met Tony when he worked for me as a Special Assistant at the Department of Justice. Tony provided invaluable assistance to us in helping pass the 1994 Omnibus Crime Bill. Tony went on to serve as an Assistant United States Attorney, successfully prosecuting several cases, including the Orchid Club, at the time, one of the largest child pornography cases in United States history. After leaving the United States Justice Department, Tony continued his public service as the Special Assistant Attorney General for the state of California, where he advised the Attorney General on various matters, including high-tech crime, identity theft, the Microsoft antitrust litigation, police officer training, civil rights and police misconduct.

The President has made an excellent decision in choosing Tony West to be the next Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division. As a former Deputy Attorney General, I know that Tony will bring able leadership and integrity to the Department of Justice. I strongly support his nomination and urge that he be confirmed.

Please feel free to contact me at [REDACTED] should you need any further information.

Best regards,

Phil Heymann



ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA
MAYOR

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Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Specter:

I write in support of the nomination of Tony West as Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division.

I have known Tony for over a decade; his dedication to public service is unparalleled. He has been a leader in his community and throughout the state. As a federal prosecutor, he successfully prosecuted individuals who exploited children. His efforts on behalf of sexually abused children led to an appellate court decision ensuring that victims of child sexual exploitation are able to recover restitution for future counseling stemming from their abuse.

Tony's demonstrated commitment to law enforcement is augmented by his dedication to civil rights, such as the work he did to improve law enforcement policy as Special Assistant Attorney General for our state. A consensus-builder, his ability to listen to diverse points of view while providing the type of leadership that gets the job done. California has benefited greatly from his service, and, if confirmed, Tony will undoubtedly become an invaluable asset to the Department of Justice and the Nation.

Tony's supporters span the political spectrum, a testament to his integrity, careful judgment, and demonstrated respect for others' points of view. For these reasons, I strongly endorse his nomination and respectfully urge his confirmation.

Very truly yours,

ANTONIO VILLARAIGOSA
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Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Specter:

As the founder of the first non-partisan organization dedicated solely to protecting the rights of crime victims, I write to express my strong support for the nomination of Tony West as Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division.

Crime Victims United was founded in 1992. We are the only organization that uses education, legislative advocacy and political action to enhance public safety, promote effective crime reduction measures and strengthen the rights of crime victims. We support local, state, federal and judicial candidates who have demonstrated their commitment to enhancing victims' rights and improving public safety.

I have known Tony West for over ten years – since he was an Assistant United States Attorney in San Jose. Over the years, I have come to know and respect Tony as a dedicated public servant committed to the rights of crime victims. As a federal prosecutor, Tony successfully tried many cases involving the exploitation of children. His efforts on behalf of sexually abused children led to an appellate court decision ensuring that victims of child exploitation are able to recover restitution for future counseling stemming from their abuse. In short, Tony is a true champion for victims' rights.

Tony will make an excellent Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division. I support his nomination and urge that he be confirmed.

Sincerely,

Harriet Salarno,
Chair

GEORGE M. SUNDHEIM

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Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Specter:

I write to support the nomination of Tony West as Assistant United States Attorney General for the Civil Division. I am the former Chairman of the California Republican Party, one of four current members of Governor Schwarzenegger's political organization, a recipient of a California Bar Pro Bono Award, former President of a local bar association, member of the bar since 1981, worked in a District Attorney's office and have been in politics and public issues since 1971. With that background, I can say that Tony is the right person to lead the Civil Division at this time.

Tony is someone who is committed to working with people across the political spectrum and building consensus even on difficult issues. He is skilled at listening to people with diverse viewpoints and finding ways for them to be able to work together to get things done. Persons on both sides of the aisle admire Tony's integrity, honesty and decency. He is always courteous and respectful to colleagues and opponents alike. I cannot think of anyone more qualified to assume a position of leadership in the Department of Justice.

Tony will make an excellent Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division. I support his nomination and urge his confirmation.

Sincerely,



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The Honorable Arlen Specter
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Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Specter:

I am writing to express my strongest support for the confirmation of Tony West as the Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division. I do so because I believe that his legal ability, deep and well-rounded professional experience (in both public and private sectors), and admirable personal qualities make him, in my estimation, an ideal choice for that important post.

First, Tony is a superb lawyer with a stellar academic background who has earned the respect of both colleagues and opposing counsel throughout his impressive career. At Morrison and Foerster, Tony's firm, where I have been Of Counsel for the past twelve years, I have come to know him and his fine work. It has been obvious to me that Tony is held in highest esteem at all levels of the firm, from top management to support personnel.

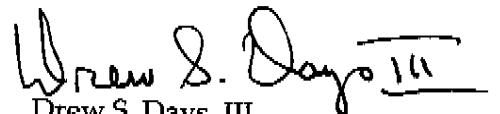
Second, Tony has gained high-level professional experience in the private sector at one of the Nation's major law firms as well as through three tours of duty in government service—one in the Office of the Attorney General of California and two in the United States Department of Justice. Having served as an Assistant to two Deputy Attorneys General and as an Assistant United States Attorney, Tony clearly has a sophisticated understanding of how the DOJ works and, if confirmed, is certain to "hit the ground running" in assuming firm leadership and management with respect to the Division's diverse programs.

Third, Tony has estimable personal qualities, ones that often turn out to be critical to the success of high government officials. In addition to being bright, articulate and extremely

personable, Tony possesses sound judgment and an equanimity that should stand him in good stead as AAG. For all that, he is also tough and unlikely to bend in the stiffest of countervailing winds.

Please forgive me if I have gone on overlong. But I know that you both share my view that everything possible must be done to ensure that the prior proud reputation of the Department of Justice is restored and that those who work there feel once again that their professionalism and dedication will be respected and rewarded. I am confident that Tony West, if confirmed, will play a crucial role in achieving that transformation.

Sincerely,


Drew S. Days, III



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Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Specter:

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Governors and members of the Northern California Chapter of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers (the "ABTL") in support of the nomination of Tony West to be the Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division of the United States Department of Justice.¹ Mr. West's educational and professional achievements, his energetic, gracious and civil manner, as well as his many contributions to the community, qualify him extraordinarily for this position.

The ABTL, founded in 1972, is a leading California voluntary bar association. It is dedicated to fostering a dialogue between the Federal and state benches and the bar regarding business litigation issues. As such, our organization is unique among specialized bar organizations in California because it provides a forum where the plaintiffs' bar, the defense bar, and Federal and state judges all work together to improve the administration of justice for many of the most complex kinds of civil cases, including securities, antitrust, intellectual property, and consumer class actions. The Northern California Chapter of the ABTL is by far the largest of the five ABTL chapters in California and has approximately 2,000 members, many of whom are among the most highly accomplished and celebrated litigators in California, and, indeed, the nation. Our Board of Governors and many of our members are very familiar with Mr. West, who has ably served as a Governor for several years, committing his time and many talents to improving our system of justice.

Mr. West's considerable professional accomplishments mark him as a man of substance. Equally important, the professional associations to which he has contributed and his civic activities confirm his genuine and abiding commitment to the fair and equal administration of justice for all.

¹ No Governor or member of the Northern California Chapter of the ABTL who is a judicial officer participated in a discussion about, or in preparation of, this endorsement.

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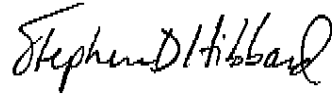
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The Northern California Chapter of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers is proud to endorse Mr. West. We believe Mr. West is eminently qualified to serve as Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division by virtue of his education and his professional experiences. He has served as a Special Assistant in the Department of Justice under the Clinton Administration, as a Special Assistant Attorney General in California, as a Federal Prosecutor, and he has gained the important perspective of those in private practice as well. From these experiences, we believe Mr. West has developed the wisdom, judgment, and skill necessary to manage the Civil Division and to uphold and enforce the laws of this nation. We urge your committee to vote favorably on Mr. West's nomination.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Stephen D. Hibbard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, stylized "S" at the beginning.

Stephen D. Hibbard
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**RE: Tony West's Nomination for Assistant Attorney General for the Civil
Division**

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Specter:

I write to support the confirmation of Tony West as Assistant United States Attorney General for the Civil Division.

Tony is an outstanding lawyer eminently qualified to lead the Civil Division. As a former Justice Department lawyer and Special Assistant to the California Attorney General, Tony has breadth of government prosecutorial experience. As a litigator in one of the Bay Area's preeminent law firms, he also has breadth of litigation experience in the private sector. He has dealt with difficult cases in a variety of settings with skill and integrity, ranging from the volatile Tyisha Miller police misconduct matter in Riverside County to the defense of John Walker Lindh. Tony is rightly regarded as one of the most able members of the Bay Area legal community.

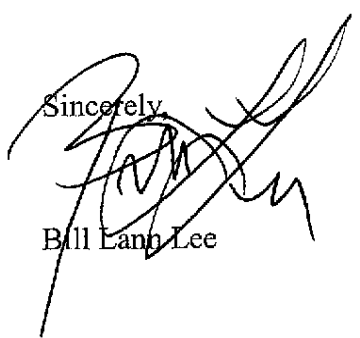
As Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division in the Clinton Administration, I had the pleasure of working with Tony on important policy matters, including issues of diversity and inclusion. His devotion to the practical enforcement of our nation's civil rights laws and his ability to build consensus will be a tremendous asset to the Department of Justice. The American people will be well-served by a leader like Tony who will be dedicated to the independence and non-partisanship of the Department and committed to restoring its integrity. I believe that the career lawyers and staff of the Civil Division, in particular, will benefit from his ethics, strength and sensitivity as a manager and leader.

The President has made an excellent decision in choosing Tony West to lead the Civil Division. His commitment to civil rights will serve him well in coordinating the work of the Civil and Civil Rights Divisions so that the Government speaks with a single voice in matters of equity and fairness. I enthusiastically recommend Tony's confirmation. I urge that he be confirmed without delay in light of the many challenges facing the Civil Division at this time.

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If I can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Bill Lann Lee

March 9, 2009

Jamie S. Gorelick

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Dear Chairman Leahy and Senator Specter:

I am writing to endorse the nomination of Tony West to serve as Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division. I got to know Tony West when he served in the Deputy Attorney General's office during my tenure as Deputy. Because he has also been a line prosecutor and a thoughtful and skilled private practitioner, Mr. West has all of the skills and background one would want in the head of the Civil Division.

When Mr. West was an Assistant United States Attorney, he prosecuted a wide variety of cases, including sexual exploitation offenses against children, high-tech crimes, bank robberies, financial fraud schemes, economic espionage, firearms violations, tax offenses and government malfeasance. One of his most significant prosecutions involved the Orchid Club, an international, online child pornography and molestation ring involving sixteen defendants in four different countries. Tony also wrote and successfully argued the government's appellate brief in *United States v. Laney*, 189 F.3d 954 (9th Cir. 1999), a case of first impression in the Ninth Circuit that established new case law ensuring that victims of child sexual exploitation are able to recover restitution for future counseling and psychological treatment stemming from their abuse (the case also established that a defendant who trades child pornography not for money but for other pornographic images engages in distribution for "pecuniary gain" under the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines).

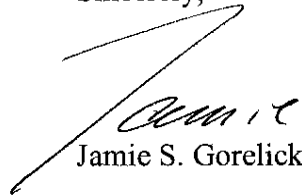
Adding to this background is Mr. West's service in the Deputy's office and as a private practitioner. At Justice, he worked on the Omnibus Crime Bill and he addressed the wide variety of issues that present themselves at the senior levels of the Department, from civil and criminal cases, to policy development, to relationships with other agencies of government. As a distinguished lawyer at Morrison & Foerster, Mr. West handled a wide range of cases with skill and the highest standards of professionalism. He is very well-regarded in the San Francisco bar and around the country. All of these experiences will serve him well if he is confirmed as Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division.

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In the next several years, the person in that job will have to protect the interests of the United States and its citizens in a highly challenged environment. I have every confidence that, if confirmed, Tony West will acquit that responsibility fully and admirably.

Sincerely,



Jamie S. Gorelick

KAREN BASS

SPEAKER of the ASSEMBLY

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Re: Nomination of Tony West for Assistant Attorney General - Civil Division

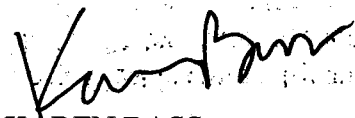
Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Specter:

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In addition to his experience, Tony also has the character and integrity to lead the Civil Division. Tony is a man of the highest integrity; his honesty, decency, and humanity are never in doubt. The President has made an excellent choice in selecting Tony to serve as the next Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division. I urge you to confirm him without delay.

Sincerely,



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Re: Nomination of Tony West as Assistant Attorney General – Civil Division

Dear Senators Leahy and Specter:

I am writing this letter to express my strong support of the nomination of Tony West as Assistant United States Attorney General for the Civil Division.

I have known Tony well on both a professional and a personal level for over two decades. He is a person of great intellectual ability with outstanding professional skills and a proven dedication to excellence in his work. As an attorney, he is widely respected for his outstanding advocacy skills, thoughtful legal analysis, and wise judgment. In addition, Tony has consistently displayed an unwavering commitment to the rule of law and has rightly earned the respect and admiration of his peers. Most importantly, Tony is a person of unquestioned integrity and honesty who has shown a deep and lasting commitment to public service.

On a personal level, Tony is a wonderful person to have as a professional colleague and as a friend. He is gracious and generous to his friends and his community. He has served as a dedicated mentor to young lawyers, even as he has achieved success in his own right. I consider myself lucky to have the opportunity to voice my support for his nomination.

I know that Tony will bring able leadership and the highest integrity to the Department of Justice. I enthusiastically endorse his nomination and urge that he be confirmed without delay.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Phil Angelides
Former Treasurer, State of California 1999-2007



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Re: Nomination of Tony West for Assistant Attorney General — Civil Division

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Specter:

I am writing to strongly recommend the nomination of Tony West as Assistant United States Attorney General for the Civil Division.

I have been at the forefront of Republican Party and public policy issues for several years. Formerly an Appointments Secretary for Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, I am currently a member of the California Public Utilities Commission. I am also an active participant in the Republican Party, and am serving my third term as a member of the Executive Committee of the California Republican Party. Until entering the Schwarzenegger Administration, I was also Vice Chair of the San Francisco Republican Party. Having known Tony for several years, I can say without hesitation that Tony is an exemplary candidate for leading the Civil Division at this time.

Tony has served in a distinguished capacity on the Board of Directors of the University of California Hastings College of the Law. While an appointee of Governor Gray Davis, Tony was viewed by the Schwarzenegger Administration as a visionary of considerable talent. Tony was held in such high esteem that I was assigned to explore potential appointments that would have provided more visibility within the administration. To Tony's credit, when approached for potential appointments, he expressed a commitment to his post on Hastings' Board of Directors, and identified specific goals he wanted the Board to address before his departure.

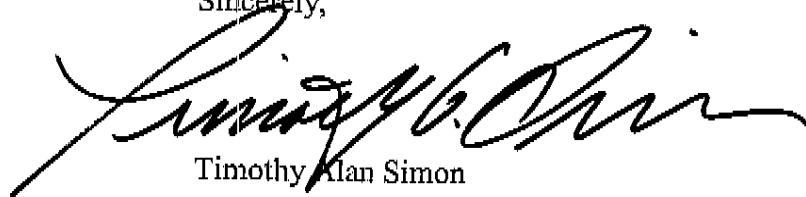
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In addition, Tony's leadership in the State Bar of California has drawn bi-partisan accolades. His level of volunteerism, coupled with his active and high-profile law practice, are evidence of his selfless commitment to public service and equal justice.

As a more personal matter, I note that Tony has exhibited neither hesitation nor inhibition about serving a Republican Governor, despite being a Democrat himself. Tony is a man of unquestioned integrity and honesty. He is respected by people on both sides of the aisle, and he is renowned as someone who can work across the table to build consensus. Over the years, Tony has displayed an amazing ability to help people see past their differences in order to reach a common goal. By doing so, Tony not only demonstrates his own stellar abilities, but also brings out the best in others. In sum, Tony is an unbiased leader. And, that is precisely what the Justice Department and this country needs in these difficult times.

In conclusion, I am honored to give this recommendation and encourage the Republican members of this Committee to give Tony West their vote. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy A. Simon", written in a cursive style.

Timothy Alan Simon

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Re: **Nomination of Tony West for Assistant Attorney General — Civil Division**

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In addition to his experience, Mr. West also has the character and integrity to lead the Civil Division. Over the years, I have come to know Mr. West as a man of courage and conviction; he displays a commitment to his clients and the law. I know he will bring that same commitment and integrity to the Department of Justice. I strongly support Mr. West's nomination and urge you to confirm him without delay.

Sincerely,



Zoe Lofgren
Member of Congress



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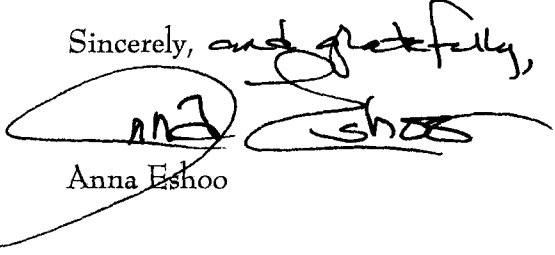
Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Specter:

I am writing to you to express my strong support for the nomination of Tony West as Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division and to urge his confirmation.

I have observed Tony's career develop from the time he was an Assistant United States Attorney in San Jose, California to his service as the Special Assistant Attorney General for the State of California and now as a partner at a prominent international law firm. He has displayed a consistent dedication to serving the country and the State of California. Tony is well regarded for his ability to work across party lines to develop innovative public policy solutions. His ability to build consensus is a testament to his integrity and his respect for other viewpoints. I can think of no better person than Tony to assume a position of leadership in the Department of Justice.

President Obama has made an excellent decision in nominating Tony West to be the next Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division. I know he will bring able leadership and integrity to the Department of Justice. I'm proud to recommend him to you and I strongly urge you to confirm him without delay. Should you have any questions I would be more than happy to speak to you personally.

Sincerely, *and gratefully,*


Anna Eshoo



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Re: Nomination of Tony West for Assistant Attorney General — Civil Division

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Specter:

On behalf of the South Asian Bar Association of Northern California, I am writing to strongly recommend the nomination of Tony West as Assistant United States Attorney General for the Civil Division. We unequivocally support Mr. West's nomination given his tireless efforts to champion civil rights and represent those without a voice in our community.

Further, Mr. West is well-regarded in our legal community as a consensus builder who seeks to ensure that minority viewpoints are represented, which we believe will serve the U.S. Department of Justice and our country well as the Obama Administration tackles the tough challenges that lay ahead.

We enthusiastically support Mr. West's nomination and respectfully urge that the Senate Judiciary Committee confirm him promptly. Thank you for your service to our great nation and your thoughtful consideration of our recommendation.

Very truly yours,

Khurshid Khoja
President