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November 19, 2024

The Honorable Dick Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Ranking Member
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United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Serena R. Murillo, United States District Court, Central District of California

Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Grassley:

As former federal government attorneys and current judicial officers on the Los Angeles Superior Court, we unequivocally endorse the nomination of Judge Serena R. Murillo for appointment to the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

Judge Murillo has distinguished herself as an excellent judicial officer. She is highly respected among her colleagues, court staff, and members of the state bar. She is also extremely hard-working, highly ethical, and a strict adherent to the rule of law.

Judge Murillo will bring a breadth of experience to the federal court. Her judicial assignments have varied from a criminal felony assignment to an unlimited civil calendar, and she has excelled in both assignments. Judge Murillo has presided over numerous criminal and civil jury trials and bench trials. In addition, as a long-time Deputy District Attorney, Judge Murillo prosecuted numerous violent crime cases as a trial court prosecutor.

Moreover, Judge Murillo's leadership skills are evident in the many committees she has led on behalf of our Court. She is the Chair of our Judicial Education Committee, which provides substantive legal education to over 550 judicial officers. Her dedication to our Court and the surrounding community is demonstrated by her tireless efforts in managing a large caseload with

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her judicial education responsibilities. Her successes in these endeavors have not gone unnoticed and are not limited to our Court. She is a statewide leader in judicial education having been selected by our former Chief Justice to serve on two statewide committees. Judge Murillo is also recruited regularly to teach substantive criminal law and procedure to new judges statewide.

Her talents in legal education are not limited to the Court. She has also taught law students at local law schools. She is a dedicated public servant who strives to improve our legal system. Judge Murillo has earned a reputation as an intelligent, fair, and well-reasoned judge.

We appreciate the opportunity to express our support for Judge Murillo's nomination to the federal bench. We believe she is well-qualified to serve as a District Court Judge and her deep commitment to the rule of law will make her a valuable colleague to the judges serving on the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter A. Hernandez", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hon. Peter A. Hernandez
Judge, Superior Court for the State of California
in the County of Los Angeles

/s/ Joseph Brandolino

Hon. Joseph Brandolino (permission to sign electronically given on 11/18/2024)
Judge, Superior Court for the State of California in the County of Los Angeles

/s/ Susel Carrillo-Orellana

Hon. Susel Carrillo-Orellana (permission to sign electronically given on 11/18/2024)
Commissioner, Superior Court for the State of California in the County of Los Angeles

/s/ Ashfaq Chowdhury

Hon. Ashfaq Chowdhury (permission to sign electronically given on 11/18/2024)
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/s/ Patrica A. Young

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cc: Senator Laphonza Butler
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