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Dear Committee members,

I was the Los Angeles County District Attorney, 1992-2000. In 1997 I met Miss Murillo when I interviewed her for the position of deputy district attorney. I was then greatly impressed with her intelligence, demeanor, and forthright answers to the questions my colleague and I posed to her.

She responded to our questions thoughtfully, but also with a mix of confidence and humility. She was clearly proud of her Hispanic heritage and believed that her upbringing in the Hispanic culture would benefit all, the public we serve as well as the accused.

We spent nearly an hour together and when she left I had concluded that she has great potential as a trial lawyer but also as a leader within the department.

Over the ensuing years and before she became a Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge, the feedback I received about her performance clearly met my expectations. She was always prepared, appreciated the unique ethical obligations inherent in being a prosecutor, and was a very effective advocate for the People. She was also a colleague that everyone enjoyed working with and respected her work.

When she informed me that she was seeking a Superior Court appointment, I tried to talk her out of it. I assured her that the qualities she had developed since being hired, were qualities that would make her a marvelous Chief Deputy District Attorney and even the District Attorney.

Of all the many recommendations I have written for judicial candidates, I would place Serena as my number one candidate. She would simply be a terrific federal judge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gil Garcetti". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Gil Garcetti  
Los Angeles county District Attorney, 1992-2000