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**Re: Letter Supporting Nomination of the Honorable Benjamin J.
Cheeks, U.S.M.J. to the United States District Court for the
Southern District of California**

Dear Senate Judiciary Committee Members:

I proudly submit this letter in support of Judge Cheeks's nomination to the United States District Court for the Southern District of California. Judge Cheeks has all the qualities of a great district court judge. He is a seasoned trial lawyer, blessed with exceptional intelligence, judgment, and patience. In short, Judge Cheeks would be a tremendous addition to the Southern District's district court bench. Respectfully, his nomination should receive bipartisan support.


I first met Judge Cheeks during "baby" judge school, just a few months ago. Judge Cheeks and I had friends in common and we immediately struck up a friendship on the first day of our week-long seminar. We would enjoy each other's company over coffee during breaks, in the afternoon over lunch, and in the evenings over dinner. Judge Cheeks and I got to know each other well over those several days and have remained close since.

During our numerous conversations, we would discuss our backgrounds, our families, and our new roles as judicial officers, both still in sheer awe at our selections. It was evident to me that Judge Cheeks is a student of this craft who has a sincere passion for the rule of law. He is a thoughtful man who cares deeply about others, does what is right (even when difficult), and devotes time to bringing up the next generation of lawyers, ensuring they learn properly how to litigate in federal court.

I recognize Judge Cheeks and I have not known each other long, but I have no

hesitation saying he is a Judge who wants—and strives—to get it right. With him on the district court, you will be getting someone willing to call balls and strike regardless of circumstance. He will treat all litigants fairly and with respect.

I sincerely appreciate your consideration of this letter. I support Judge Cheeks' nomination and respectfully believe you should, too. I am available at your convenience to answer any questions you may have.



Hon. Justin T. Quinn, U.S.M.J.