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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
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The Honorable Jefferson B. Sessions III
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Leahy and Sessions:

I would like to express my support of the nomination of Alejandro Mayorkas as Director of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in the Department of Homeland Security.

From 1998 until 2001, Mr. Mayorkas was the United States Attorney for the Central District of California. He was recommended by Senator Dianne Feinstein and appointed by President Clinton as the chief federal law enforcement officer in the largest federal district in the nation. In that capacity he worked closely with federal, state and local law enforcement in leading 240 Assistant U.S. Attorneys in prosecuting cases of public corruption, investment fraud, civil rights violations, high-tech and computer-related crime, organized crime, environmental crime and international money laundering. He created the Civil Rights Section to prosecute hate crimes and other acts of intolerance and discrimination. I personally worked with Mr. Mayorkas when I was first elected Los Angeles County District Attorney in 2000.

From 2001 to the present, Mr. Mayorkas has been a partner with the law firm of O'Melveny & Myers. He was named as one of the "50 Most Influential Minority Lawyers in America" in 2008 by the National Law Journal. He serves on the Board of Directors of Bet Tzedek Legal Services, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing the disadvantaged with access to justice. He also serves on the Board of Directors of United Friends of the Children, a non-profit organization devoted to the well-being of foster youth in Los Angeles County.

Mr. Mayorkas has the intelligence, work ethic, dedication and background necessary to serve as the Director of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services in the Department of Homeland Security. I personally and wholeheartedly support his nomination and believe that he would be a valuable asset as the Director of this agency.

Very truly yours,

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STEVE COOLEY
District Attorney

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June 5, 2009

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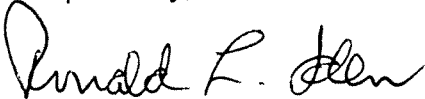
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If I can be of any further assistance to you in your consideration of Mr. Mayorkas' nomination, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Respectfully,



Ronald L. Iden
Senior Vice President
Chief Security Officer
The Walt Disney Company



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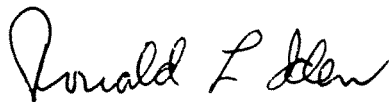
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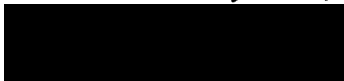
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LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

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June 9, 2009

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
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Dear Senator Leahy:

I wish to express my personal support for the nomination of Alejandro Mayorkas to be the new Director of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services in the Department of Homeland Security.

For many years Alejandro has been a steadfast supporter of local law enforcement in the Los Angeles region; first as an Assistant United States Attorney, and later as the United States Attorney for the Central District of California. Time and again, Ali proved himself an energetic, creative and dedicated partner to the Los Angeles Police Department and to other police agencies in the region. Whether in the pursuit of street gang members through federal racketeering prosecutions, or in major cases against high-level narcotic dealers and money launderers, throughout his tenure in the Office of the United States Attorney, Ali has invariably displayed leadership and devotion on behalf of our communities.

I know that Ali's wonderful intellect, his leadership, experience, and especially his own compelling life story as an immigrant to our great nation, will be valuable assets as the new administration develops best policies and practices to better serve and protect all Americans.

If there are any questions regarding this correspondence, please have a member of your staff contact me at (213) 485-3101.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM J. BRATTON
Chief of Police

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sergio G. Diaz".

SERGIO G. DIAZ, Deputy Chief
Commanding Officer
Operations-Central Bureau



Police Department

June 10, 2009

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Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
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Washington, D.C. 20510

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Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
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RE: Letter of support for the nomination of Mr. Alejandro N. Mayorkas for the position of Director of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in the Department of Homeland Security (USCIS)

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Sessions:

It is with great pleasure that I am writing this letter to recommend Mr. Alejandro N. Mayorkas for the position of Director of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in the Department of Homeland Security. I met Mr. Mayorkas over a decade ago when I was a member of the Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD) management team and he was the United States Attorney (USA) for the Central District of California (CDC), appointed by President Clinton. During these dealings, I found Mr. Mayorkas to be the consummate professional, always willing to collaborate with local law enforcement to facilitate our public safety mission.

As the Commanding Officer of LAPD's Training Group during the aftermath of the Rampart corruption scandal, Mr. Mayorkas was instrumental with the development and implementation of a contemporary style of police training. This was a major undertaking for the LAPD with extreme time limitations. This training involved the training of dozens of police instructors, who in turn, provided training for over 9000 police officers in a period of one year.

This police training provided a high quality, realistic and interactive learning experience for our officers concerning the 4th and 14th Amendments to the United States Constitution. Thanks to Mr. Mayorkas we were able to develop training scenarios that were extremely intense and thought provoking.

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Mr. Mayorkas has proved time and time again to be a thoughtful leader able to work effectively with others. His leadership abilities have been recognized by many including being named one of the "50 Most Influential Minority Lawyers in America" in 2008 by the National Law Journal.

Please consider this letter a display of my strong support for Mr. Alejandro N. Mayorkas' bid to the position of Director of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in the Department of Homeland Security. As a Cuban immigrant himself, Mr. Mayorkas has the personal commitment and professional experience necessary to lead the over 15,000 diligent employees of the USCIS. If I can be of further assistance concerning this matter I can be contacted at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

GEORGE GASCÓN
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Re: *Alejandro N. Mayorkas - Nominee for Director,
Citizenship and Immigration Services*

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Sessions:

I write to you in support of the nomination of Alejandro Mayorkas for Director of Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS). Having been a head of one of the Department of Homeland Security agencies, I understand the challenge that the next Director of CIS will face in reducing processing delays and implementing badly needed, but expensive, IT systems. The position requires a strong, experienced and capable leader.

By way of background, I have known Mr. Mayorkas for nearly twenty years and have followed his career closely since hiring him as Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Central District of California in 1989. On one level, Mr. Mayorkas distinguished himself as a federal prosecutor who handled and tried to jury a good many cases. He was effective, but he was also the consummate professional, courteous in his dealings with witnesses and opposing counsel. One sensed that he truly believed the Holmesian maxim that "the government always wins when justice is done." Because of his trial and teaching skills, he ultimately became a supervisor of the general crimes section of the U.S. Attorney's office where he trained and mentored dozens of

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The Honorable Jefferson B. Sessions III
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newly hired Assistant U.S. Attorneys regarding trial practice and the ethical standards expected of Assistant U.S. Attorneys.

As an Assistant U.S. Attorney, Mr. Mayorkas was a talented trial attorney who always conducted himself with honor and dignity. He was the model of the federal prosecutor who took to heart the injunction found in United States v Berger that federal prosecutors may strike "hard blows", but never "foul ones".

In time, Mr. Mayorkas was appointed by President Clinton to be the United States Attorney for the Central District of California where for several years he oversaw the second largest U.S. Attorney's office in the nation. Having myself been the U.S. Attorney for Central District, I know that Mr. Mayorkas acquired management, budget and administrative skills of the type that are needed to run an agency such as CIS. Having headed several federal agencies myself, I also know how important this kind of experience is to running an agency in Washington, D.C.

After resigning as the U.S. Attorney here in 2001, Mr. Mayorkas became a partner in the Los Angeles office of O'Melveny & Myers, one of the most respected and prestigious law firms in Southern California and the country. He is highly thought of in this community as a lawyer of integrity and one who is devoted to the promotion of the highest standards of legal ethics. He is of the "old school" of lawyering where providing sound advice to clients is more important than firm profits. As an immigrant himself, I am confident that Mr. Mayorkas, if confirmed by the Senate, will approach the challenges of the CIS Director position with an understanding of the importance of the agency and the impact it has on those who lawfully seek to immigrate to the U.S. or adjust their status.

In sum, I believe that Mr. Mayorkas has the background, experience, managerial skills and judgment to make a superb Director of CIS; one who can improve the overall efficiency of that important agency of the Department of Homeland Security and do so consistently with the security interests of our nation.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions concerning the above or if I can be of any further assistance to you or the Committee.

Very truly yours,


Robert Bonner

RB/jem

June 15, 2009

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Jefferson B. Sessions III
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator:

I am writing in support of the confirmation of Alejandro Mayorkas to the position of Director of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in the Department of Homeland Security.

I have known and consider Ali Mayorkas a trusted friend and colleague for the past 11 years. I met Ali while I was assigned as the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Assistant Director in Charge of the Los Angeles Field Office. During my tenure as Assistant Director of the Los Angeles Field Office, I had regular contact with the United States Attorney's Office for the Central District of California. I regularly met with Ali on issues that were of importance to successful federal law enforcement in Los Angeles. During his tenure as United States Attorney, Ali ensured that the priorities of the United States Attorney's Office and the FBI were aligned to provide the most efficient and effective utilization of resources in addressing crime problems resulting in the fair and successful prosecution of cases. In that regard, Ali was a true partner in meeting and addressing issues of mutual concern. This was not only the case with the FBI Office but was true of his relationship with all federal law enforcement agencies. He established regular monthly meetings with federal law enforcement agency leaders to ensure that priorities and objectives were shared and effectively communicated.

Ali and I continue to enjoy a personal relationship as a result of the working partnership we built while serving together in Los Angeles.

Ali clearly understood and recognized the serious violent crime problem in the Central District and in response developed innovative approaches targeting criminals in possession of firearms. His office aggressively prosecuted street gangs by applying federal racketeering statutes. He also recognized the need for a balanced approach with active involvement at the U.S. Attorney's Office in the federal Weed & Seed Program providing resources to after-school and neighborhood programs for at-risk youth. He also created a Civil Rights Section in the U.S. Attorney's Office in order to more effectively respond to hate crimes and other acts of intolerance and discrimination.

Ali Mayorkas has, throughout career, both in and out of Government, served with professionalism, honesty and integrity. He has brought leadership and value to both the Government and private sector. I believe that he will bring that same leadership and his exceptional legal and management skills to the position of Director of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in the Department of Homeland Security.

It was an honor to have served with Ali in the government and I believe he will be an asset to our Country to have him serve in a leadership position. It is my hope that you will act favorably in confirming the appointment of Alejandro Mayorkas.

Sincerely,

James V. DeSarno, Jr.
Assistant Director, FBI (Ret.)



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June 17, 2009

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Dear Chairman Leahy & Ranking Member Sessions:

**RECOMMENDATION OF MR. ALEJANDRO MAYORKAS FOR DIRECTOR
OF THE UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES**

As the Sheriff of Los Angeles County, I am writing to recommend Alejandro Mayorkas for nomination to the position of Director of the United States Citizenship & Immigration Services. As the leader of a law enforcement agency that works regularly with federal law enforcement, I am very interested in doing everything I can to ensure that President Obama fills this critically important position with the most qualified person for the job. I believe that Alejandro Mayorkas is that person.

As United States Attorney, Mr. Mayorkas worked in conjunction with a number of local law enforcement agencies either individually or as part of various task forces. Under his leadership, the Civil Rights Section was created to prosecute hate crimes. He believes that goals of federal agencies can only be achieved through close collaboration and partnership with local law enforcement agencies. He respects the experience and commitment these agencies bring in working together with federal agencies.

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As Sheriff, I am keenly aware of how effective law enforcement can be when federal and local agencies work together. All law enforcement agencies in Los Angeles County, whether federal or local, face significant challenges to maximize their resources. One of the best ways we can maximize our effectiveness is through cooperation with one another, and through his efforts as United States Attorney, Alejandro Mayorkas has demonstrated that he is committed to such cooperation. I firmly believe that citizenship and immigration services in Southern California will be enhanced if he is selected to be the Director of the United States Citizenship & Immigration Services.

In conclusion, it is with complete confidence that I recommend Alejandro Mayorkas for the position of Director of the United States Citizenship & Immigration Services.

Sincerely,



LEROY D. BACA
SHERIFF



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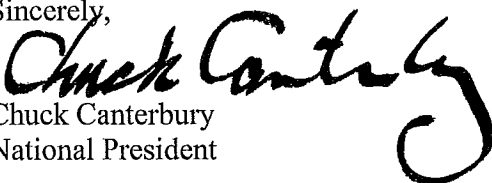
I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to advise you of our support for Alejandro N. Mayorkas to be the next Director of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Mr. Mayorkas began his career in public service in 1989 as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Central District of California. He prosecuted a wide array of Federal cases and specialized in white collar crimes cases involving money laundering as well as telemarketing and insurance frauds. From 1996 to 1998, he served as Chief of the Office's General Crimes section, overseeing the training and trial work of all new Assistant U.S. Attorneys in the Criminal Division.

In 1998, he was nominated and confirmed as the U.S. Attorney for the Central District of California, becoming the youngest U.S. Attorney in the nation at that time. He led an office of more than 240 Federal prosecutors and oversaw the prosecution of nationally significant cases in the largest Federal judicial district in the nation. As the U.S. Attorney, Mr. Mayorkas coordinated Federal and State law enforcement task forces to address gang violence, firearms crimes, and financial fraud schemes. He served in this role until 2001 and, over the course of his tenure, earned the trust and respect of the law enforcement community. We are proud that he has decided to leave the private sector and return to public service and pleased to be able to support his nomination.

I believe that President Obama has made a fine choice in Alejandro N. Mayorkas to head USCIS and, on behalf of the more than 327,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, I urge you and the Committee to report favorably his nomination. If I can be of any further assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Executive Director Jim Pasco in my Washington office.

Sincerely,


Chuck Canterbury
National President



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Honorable Patrick J. Leahy

Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee

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Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy:

As National President of the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA), the largest nonpartisan professional association that exclusively represents federal law enforcement officers, I am writing to support President Obama's nomination of Alejandro Mayorkas as the Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration.

Mr. Mayorkas' depth of experience in immigration matters is truly impressive. His background incorporates a wealth of diversified experience, and he certainly has a superior grasp of the legal aspects of both citizenship and immigration. As one of the government's top prosecutors, Mr. Mayorkas has distinguished himself as superior litigator, and is quite capable of overseeing high profile, complex matters.

Since the horrific attacks on our homeland on September 11th, the need to have our government components work together has become even more crucial. I am optimistic that Mr. Mayorkas will work well with the leadership of ICE and CBP to ensure our citizenry is well protected.

Respectfully,

J. Adler

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National President



U.S. Department of Justice
Drug Enforcement Administration

Office of the Administrator

Washington, D.C. 20537

June 22, 2009

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
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The Honorable Jefferson B. Sessions III
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Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Sessions:

I am very pleased to recommend to you Mr. Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, whose nomination as Director of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, is before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

As the Committee considers Mr. Mayorkas for this important position, I would ask that you take note of the important role he has played throughout his career in support of safeguarding American citizens. During my tenure as the Special Agent in Charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) San Francisco and Los Angeles Field Division Offices, I had the good fortune to get to know and work with Mr. Mayorkas, both as an Assistant U.S. Attorney and as a U.S. Attorney. Mr. Mayorkas has been very supportive of DEA and its programs, including our Mobile Enforcement Team and Asset Forfeiture Programs. He has vehemently worked with DEA in bringing to justice violent drug traffickers and applying the RICO Statutes to the prosecution of street gang members. While this consummate professional has successfully prosecuted many cases, including one of our nation's largest money laundering cases, Operation Polar Cap, he is equally as dedicated and compassionate to community service. His compassion and dedication to providing resources to develop after school programs to economically disadvantaged, at-risk youth and working in these communities is awe inspiring. This is a man who truly cares about the well being of others.

Mr. Mayorkas is perfectly suited to meet the challenges as Director of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Therefore, as the Acting Administrator of the DEA, I highly recommend that you give Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas full consideration for this position in the Department of Homeland Security.

Sincerely,

Michele M. Leonhart
Acting Administrator