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*Via electronic mail (dc.jnc@dc.gov)*

The Honorable Emmett G. Sullivan,  
Chairperson  
District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission  
616 H Street, N.W., Suite 623  
Sixth Floor (Gallery Place)  
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Judge Sullivan:

The Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia ("HBA-DC") is pleased to support Valencia Rainey's nomination for the Associate Judge vacancy in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. We believe, based on our research and deliberations, including an interview with Ms. Rainey, that her work as an Associate Judge would be a significant contribution to the Superior Court.

The HBA-DC undertakes a careful review of individuals who seek its endorsement. We ensure that candidates for endorsement meet the letter and the spirit of our endorsement policy, which includes such criteria as demonstrated professional qualifications and personal traits.

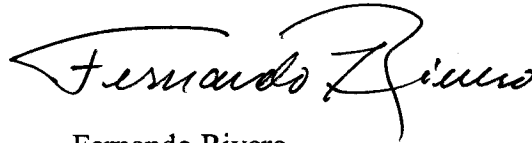
While we are mindful that Ms. Rainey does not present prior judicial experience, she nevertheless possesses significant litigation experience (approximately 15 years), including jury trials and experience with both prosecution and defense, which has helped prepare Ms. Rainey to assume judicial duties.

Other significant factors encourage our support as well. The HBA-DC highly values a demonstrated commitment to the DC community as well as to the rights or advancement of the Hispanic community or other historically disadvantaged groups. Ms. Rainey's commitment to mentoring activities with "at-risk" youth, her other mentoring work with students at Malcolm X Elementary School in Washington, DC in association with the National Bar Association, and her membership in the Women's Bar Association and related organizations, demonstrate the kind of commitment to the District and to minority groups that makes the HBA-DC proud to support her nomination.

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In sum, the HBA-DC is pleased to recommend Valencia Rainey's nomination for an Associate Judge position in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. If we can be of further assistance in the nomination process, please let us know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fernando Rivero". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "F" and a long, horizontal tail.

Fernando Rivero  
Co-Chairperson  
HBA-DC Endorsements Committee