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*Via Email at [dc.jnc@dc.gov](mailto:dc.jnc@dc.gov)*

Ms. Bianca Garcia

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Judicial Nomination Commission

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**Re: Endorsement of Fara Gold for Associate Judge,  
Superior Court of the District of Columbia**

Dear Ms. Garcia:

The Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia (HBA-DC) is pleased to endorse Fara Gold for one of the judicial vacancies on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia (DC Superior Court). Based on our careful consideration of Ms. Gold's experience and record, we believe that her service as an Associate Judge would be a significant contribution to the DC Superior Court.

As the leading bar association for Hispanic attorneys in the Washington, DC area, the HBA-DC is committed to promoting the appointment of highly qualified and diverse candidates to leadership positions in our local judiciary. The HBA-DC undertakes a careful review of individuals who seek its endorsement to make certain that individuals with impeccable credentials, as well as proper temperament and character, are supported for these trusted positions. We ensure that candidates for endorsement meet the letter and spirit of our endorsement policy, which includes such criteria as established professional qualifications, a demonstrated commitment to the District of Columbia community in general, as well as the rights and advancement of minority communities.

Ms. Gold is currently Special Litigation Counsel and Senior Sex Crime Counsel for the Criminal Section of the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). The position of Senior Sex Crimes Counsel was created especially for her after she developed national expertise in the area of investigating and prosecuting sexual misconduct committed by those acting under color of law. She was instrumental in DOJ's increased focus on the prosecution of law enforcement committed-sex crimes during the past decade. Clearly, she is

well-regarded and accomplished there, as evident in the creation of the position, as well as her promotions and several honors.

Ms. Gold's career focus has been on advocating on behalf of the most vulnerable victims of crime, and she has shown a steadfast devotion to a just result—not just a “win”—even in face of public or political pressures. Of particular note is Ms. Gold's current efforts to prosecute sexual misconduct of detention facility staff on the southern border, demonstrating her commitment to upholding the rights of all, regardless of their national origin. Additionally, Ms. Gold's experience leading an area of litigation practice, participating in hiring and mentorship committees, and periodically functioning as “acting” management will serve her well in supervising chambers staff should she be chosen to serve as an Associate Judge.

We are confident that Ms. Gold's professional experience, legal acumen and skills, and unwavering commitment to the highest ideals of the legal professional and equal justice will make her an outstanding Associate Judge. We urge you to select Fara Gold for the Associate Judge vacancy.

Respectfully Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Leila J. Levi".

Leila J. Levi  
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