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District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission
515 5th Street NW, Suite 235
Washington, DC 20001

Attention: The Hon. Emmet G. Sullivan, Chair
Ms. Bianca Garcia, Executive Director

**Re: Endorsement of Anita Josey-Herring for Chief Judge
of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia**

Dear Judge Sullivan and Ms. Garcia:

The Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia (HBA-DC) is pleased to endorse the Honorable Anita Josey-Herring for Chief Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. We are confident that, based on Judge Josey-Herring's professional qualifications, vast experience as a Superior Court judge, and demonstrated commitment to disenfranchised communities and the residents of the District of Columbia, she would make a significant contribution to the Court as Chief Judge.

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, and a demonstrated commitment to the District of Columbia in general as well as the rights and advancement of minority communities.

During her over 20-year tenure on the Superior Court as an Associate Judge, Judge Josey-Herring's exemplary service has prepared her well to serve as Chief Judge. She has served in almost every division of the Court, including -as Deputy Presiding and then President Judge of Family Court. During this time, Judge Josey-Herring gained significant insight on and knowledge of the inner workings of the Court and developed positive working relationships with stakeholders and local partners and officials. Judge Josey-Herring has also served on numerous court-wide committees and undertaken efforts to implement new processes, procedures, and programs to improve the Court's operations, accessibility, and service to the public.

Judge Josey-Herring has demonstrated her dedication to serving the residents of the District of Columbia, including students, families, and disadvantaged and marginalized communities. For instance, she has tutored middle school children, connected parents of truant children with social service agencies, coordinated internships for high school students with the Mayor's Office, and presided over numerous mock trial and appellate competitions involving high school and law students. She served on the board of the Transitional Housing Corporation (Housing Up), which provides housing and supportive services to the homeless. She also served on the board of the Lutheran Social Services which, among other things, connects individuals seeking to adopt children with children free for adoption.

The HBA-DC is honored to endorse Judge Josey-Herring. She is a well-regarded judicial officer and a tireless advocate for access to justice, who will continue to make an outstanding contribution to the Court as Chief Judge.

Respectfully Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. F. Reyna', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ruben F. Reyna
President
Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia