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Lawyers Club Endorses/Supports Three Candidates for San Diego Court Judge

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Lawyers Club of San Diego endorses or supports three judicial candidates in the June 5, 2018 primary election for contested San Diego County Superior Court seats. The Lawyers Club Board of Directors has voted to endorse **Hon. Herbert J. Exarhos**, who is seeking reelection for Seat No. 28; and has voted to support **Timothy J. Nader** and **Victor Manuel Torres**, who are seeking Seat No. 34.

Both Nader and Torres are among the challengers vying for the seat held by Superior Court Judge Gary Kreep, who was given a public censure last year by the state Commission on Judicial Performance for “engag[ing] in a pattern of misconduct that demonstrates a lack of judicial temperament.”

Any judicial candidate may seek Lawyers Club’s support or endorsement, and Lawyers Club’s Judicial Elections Endorsement Committee evaluates each candidate who seeks endorsement and makes recommendations to the board, which makes the final decision.

Exarhos was appointed to the bench in 1983 as a judge on the San Diego Municipal Court and then as a judge on the San Diego Superior Court in 1987. Exarhos has served in a variety of roles for the court, including acting as Supervising Judge of both the Criminal Division and the East County Division. He is currently assigned to the East County Courthouse where he presides over criminal trials. Exarhos further helped guide one of California’s largest court systems as a member of the San Diego Superior Court Executive Committee for more than 15 years. Prior to being appointed to the bench, Exarhos was a Certified Family Law Specialist in practice for himself, and an Associate Attorney at Milch, Wolfsheimer & Wagner. He also worked for the City of San Diego as a Deputy City Attorney. Information about his biography and campaign is available at his website: <http://www.judgeexarhos.com>.

Nader has worked as a Deputy Attorney General for the California Attorney General’s office since 2008. In that capacity, he represents state taxing and business agencies in all phases of complex litigation at the trial and appellate levels. Nader, who has practiced law for more than 35 years, has a diverse legal and professional background, including Chula Vista City

Councilman, Mayor of Chula Vista, affordable housing developer, non-profit social service executive, foreign aid volunteer, and child support attorney for San Diego County. Among other community activities, Nader, a long-time Lawyers Club member and former member of the Lawyers Club Board of Directors, currently serves on the Southwestern Community College District Board of Trustees. Information about his biography and campaign is available at his website: <http://www.timnader.com>.

Torres has owned the Law Offices of Victor Manuel Torres since 1991. His practice primarily focuses on state and federal criminal trial work. He also represents clients in a variety of other civil litigation matters. He has been honored for his legal work by Border Angels with the Roberto Martinez Spirit of the Barrio Award, by San Diego La Raza Lawyers Association as its Attorney of the Year, and by California Rural Legal Assistance with the Cruz Reynoso Award. Torres, a long-time Lawyers Club member, is very active in the community, including having served on the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Bar Association and on the San Diego La Raza Lawyers Association Board of Directors, and the City of San Diego's Gang Commission. Information about his biography and campaign is available at his website: <http://www.victortorresforjudge2018.com>.

About Lawyers Club of San Diego

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