

April 3, 2017

The President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Re: **Letter of Support for the Nomination of Noel Francisco as Solicitor General of the United States**

Dear Mr. President:

The National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) strongly supports the nomination of Noel Francisco to serve as Solicitor General of the United States. Mr. Francisco is an experienced appellate advocate with a strong commitment to public service. If confirmed, Mr. Francisco would be the first Asian Pacific American confirmed to this position.

The National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) is the national association of Asian Pacific American attorneys, judges, law professors, and law students. NAPABA represents the interests of over 50,000 attorneys and over 75 national, state, and local bar associations. Its members include solo practitioners, large firm lawyers, corporate counsel, legal services and non-profit attorneys, and lawyers serving at all levels of government. NAPABA engages in legislative and policy advocacy, promotes Asian Pacific American political leadership and political appointments, and builds coalitions within the legal profession and the community at large. NAPABA also serves as a resource for government agencies, members of Congress, and public service organizations about Asian Pacific Americans in the legal profession, civil rights, and diversity in the courts.

A graduate of the University of Chicago Law School, Mr. Francisco clerked for Judge J. Michael Luttig of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and for the late Justice Antonin Scalia of the U.S. Supreme Court. He served as Associate Counsel to President George W. Bush and was Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Office of Legal Counsel, U.S. Department of Justice. In 2005, Mr. Francisco entered private practice, where he was the chair of the government regulations practice and where he argued three cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. In 2017, he was appointed Principal Deputy Solicitor General and Acting Solicitor General of the United States.

Mr. Francisco is held in high esteem by our membership—both Democrats and Republicans. His confirmation would represent a historic first for the Asian Pacific American community and we are confident he can effectively represent the United States before the U.S. Supreme Court. The National Asian Pacific American Bar Association proudly supports his candidacy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tina Matsuoka', written in a cursive style.

Tina Matsuoka  
Executive Director