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## **NALEO and NALEO Educational Fund Endorse Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson's Nomination to the Supreme Court**

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*– NALEO President Ricardo Lara*

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*– NALEO Educational Fund Chair Mara Candelaria Reardon*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) and NALEO Educational Fund today released the following statement from NALEO President Ricardo Lara and NALEO Educational Fund Chair Mara Candelaria Reardon, following the organizations' Executive Committees' meeting and unanimous vote to endorse the nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to serve on the Supreme Court of the United States. The bipartisan members who make up the Executive Committees voted unanimously to endorse Judge Jackson after an extensive evaluation and internal assessment — prepared by NALEO Educational Fund — measuring the alignment of Judge Jackson's record with NALEO's and NALEO Educational Fund's established criteria for the evaluation of judicial nominees:

"In evaluating Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson's commitment to equal justice for all, service to the community, and overall dedication to advancing the racial and ethnic diversity in the legal profession, we are proud to endorse her nomination to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court," stated NALEO President, Ricardo Lara. "Judge Jackson's experience ruling on issues that are core to NALEO's mission — including fair enforcement of immigration laws — gives us confidence in her commitment to the just and equitable treatment of underrepresented communities in our country."

"Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson is a dedicated public servant and distinguished legal practitioner whose unparalleled experience at every level of the federal judicial system makes her distinctly qualified to serve on our nation's highest court," added NALEO Educational Fund Chair, Mara Candelaria Reardon. "Judge Jackson's commitment to safeguarding civil rights and promoting equal justice for all will be essential in her role on the bench. Given Judge Jackson's criminal justice reform work and extensive experience representing low-income defendants — all of which demonstrate her dedication to addressing inequities in our country's legal system — we urge the U.S. Senate to consider Judge Jackson's swift confirmation."

In addition to evaluating Judge Jackson's work within the parameters of our criteria for evaluating judicial nominees, the NALEO and NALEO Educational Fund Executive Committees also considered her ratings by various bar associations, other Latino groups' recommendations, and her background supporting the fair and equal representation of underrepresented communities — including the Latino community — in our country's legal system.

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*The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials is the non-partisan leadership organization of the nation's more than 7,000 Latino elected and appointed officials.*

**About NALEO Educational Fund**

*NALEO Educational Fund is the nation's leading non-partisan, non-profit organization that facilitates the full participation of Latinos in the American political process, from citizenship to public service.*