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NALEO and NALEO Educational Fund Congratulate Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on Being Confirmed to the Supreme Court

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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 confirmation of Judge Ketanji Brown to serve on the Supreme Court of the United States:

"We congratulate Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on her well-deserved confirmation to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court and applaud her for making history as the first Black woman to serve on the Court. Her commitment to equal justice for all will be pivotal for the fair enforcement of voting rights, immigration laws, and other protections against discrimination for the Latino community," stated NALEO President, Ricardo Lara. "As our country continues achieving milestones on representation and diversity, we count on Judge Jackson's dedication to advancing racial and ethnic diversity in the legal profession and urge her to recruit and hire qualified Latinos to serve on her staff."

"Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson's commitment to the equitable treatment of underrepresented communities will help safeguard our civil rights and promote equal justice for all in our country," added NALEO Educational Fund Chair, Mara Candelaria Reardon. "Judge Jackson's unparalleled experience at every level of the federal judicial system has made her distinctly qualified to serve on our nation's highest court. We congratulate her for this achievement and encourage Judge Jackson to hire qualified Latinos to serve as clerks and other roles on her staff, further adding the diversity, talent, and skills of Latinos to the legal profession."

The bipartisan NALEO and NALEO Educational Fund Executive Committees previously voted unanimously to [endorse](#) Judge Jackson after an extensive internal evaluation and assessment. Prepared by NALEO Educational Fund, the analysis measured the alignment of Judge Jackson's record with NALEO's and NALEO Educational Fund's established criteria for evaluating judicial nominees. The criteria included the nominee's commitment to equal justice for all, service to the community, and overall dedication to advancing racial and ethnic diversity in the legal

profession. 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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About NALEO

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.