

November 1, 2021

United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Durbin, Ranking Member Grassley, and Committee Members:

**On behalf of the 200,000 advocates of National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW), I write to express our support for the nomination of Judge Gabriel P. Sanchez to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.**

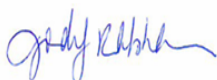
Judge Sanchez has worked for the California state government, in private practice, and even maintained an active pro bono practice while a practicing attorney, dedicating much of his career to improving the lives of everyday people. While working as a pro bono attorney in the case *Bautista v. State of California*, Judge Sanchez was instrumental in helping improve heat illness safety protections for California farm workers and ensured the protections were enforced across the state. This work earned him the ACLU of Southern California's Social Justice Award. As California Governor Jerry Brown's Deputy Legal Affairs Secretary and senior advisor on corrections and criminal justice matters, Judge Sanchez played an important role in drafting and implementing the landmark Public Safety and Rehabilitation Act of 2016, a proposition overwhelmingly approved by California voters to enhance public safety and focus on prisoner rehabilitation. He also worked as a lead attorney in several complex prisoner class action cases when at the Office of the Attorney General in San Francisco.

Since 2018, Judge Sanchez has served as an Associate Justice on the California Court of Appeal, First Appellate District, the first male Latino justice on the court. If confirmed to the Ninth Circuit, Judge Sanchez would serve on the very court where he started his career.

Jewish text states that it is critically important to have ethical, unbiased judges, "Judges need to be people of strength through good deeds... And they need to be clean of any infraction, so that no one can make any claim of bias against them" (*Midrash Tanchuma, Shoftim 3:1*). Throughout his career, Judge Sanchez has demonstrated his commitment to equal justice under the law. His depth and breadth of experience would be an asset to our nation's largest appellate court.

**NCJW urges you to support the nomination of Judge Gabriel P. Sanchez to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.**

Sincerely,



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