

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC) applauds President Barack Obama’s nomination of U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Sonia Sotomayor to be the next Justice on the U.S. Supreme Court. Her confirmation would make her the first Hispanic and only the third woman to serve on the nation’s highest court. Celebrating this historic nomination, U.S. Rep. Michael Honda, chair of CAPAC, issues the following statement:

“I applaud President Obama decision to choose Judge Sonia Sotomayor as the next Supreme Court nominee. A brilliant legal mind, Judge Sotomayor has already served our country with great distinction. Over the course of her distinguished career, Judge Sotomayor has been a fearless guardian of the rule of law and demonstrated integrity of the highest class, earning her the respect of the legal community. She would bring to the Supreme Court her experience in nearly every level of our judicial system—as a prosecutor, litigator, trial court and appellate judge—offering a depth and breadth of experience that will inform her work on our nation’s highest court.

“Judge Sotomayor’s experiences epitomize the American dream. Born in housing projects in the South Bronx, she went on to become the valedictorian of her high school, the top undergraduate student in her class at Princeton, and an editor of the Yale Law Journal. Her legal career has been as dazzling as her life story, and she is unquestionably qualified to serve as a Supreme Court Justice. We look forward to working with her and the White House to ensure a fair and smooth confirmation process.”

CAPAC has been working with the Obama Administration to recommend diverse and talented individuals for Administration positions, including judicial nominations.

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*The Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC) is a bicameral and bipartisan caucus of Members of Congress of Asian and Pacific Islander descent and Members who have a strong dedication to promoting the well-being of the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. Founded in 1994 by then Congressman Norman Mineta, and currently chaired by Congressman Michael Honda, CAPAC has been addressing the needs of the AAPI community in all areas of American life. For more information on CAPAC, please call (202) 225-2631 or visit <http://www.honda.house.gov/capac> .*