

September 22, 2010

The Honorable Diane Feinstein
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The Honorable Barbara Boxer
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Dear Senator Feinstein and Senator Boxer:

We, the undersigned fifty-plus organizations in California, urge you to do everything within your power to ensure that the U.S. Senate confirms Goodwin Liu to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit before the next Congressional recess.

Professor Liu is an exceptional judicial candidate who enjoys a national reputation. He is a Rhodes Scholar with an impeccable academic background. He served as a law clerk to Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and District of Columbia Circuit Judge David Tatel. He has worked as a litigator for a private law firm and also served as Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Education under President William Clinton. Goodwin would bring valuable expertise in government, private practice, and academia to his service on the bench.

Importantly, Professor Liu has numerous and extensive ties to California. He grew up in Sacramento and was educated in California's public schools. He received his undergraduate degree from Stanford University. For the past seven years, he has taught at one of California's leading law schools, U.C. Berkeley, and was promoted to Associate Dean. Over the years, he has devoted considerable time and energy to assisting several California institutions, such as Stanford University and the San Francisco Unified School District. The residents of California would be extremely lucky to have him confirmed to the Ninth Circuit.

Finally, Goodwin Liu's confirmation would bring Asian-American representation to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. The Ninth Circuit has the highest percentage of Asian-American residents in the country. Yet for years, it has lacked Asian-American representation. Goodwin Liu's confirmation would mean that this community, once again, has representation on the court.

Senators, please do all that you can to ensure Goodwin Liu's confirmation to this important position.

Sincerely yours,

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