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Kim M. Whatley
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Judicial Nomination Commission
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Dear Ms. Whatley:

We hereby endorse D.C. Solicitor General Todd Sunhwaee Kim for a judgeship on the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. He would make a fine addition to the court.

As Solicitor General, Mr. Kim has distinguished himself for his skill as an appellate advocate and his commitment to fighting for fair and equal treatment for all citizens.

We note in particular his contribution to marriage equality in the Nation's Capital. After the D.C. Council legalized same-sex marriage in an act that became effective on March 3, 2010, opponents filed multiple suits, arguing that the Council lacked authority to prohibit initiatives and referenda that would infringe on protections afforded by the D.C. Human Rights Act. Mr. Kim led the defense of the law in this complex set of cases through three appeals to the Court of Appeals and two attempts to seek review by the U.S. Supreme Court. Mr. Kim, however, won the day before the *en banc* Court of Appeals — 5 to 4 — with assured oral and written presentations. In such a close case, we believe that Mr. Kim's advocacy skills, tireless effort, and wise strategy made the difference.

That case alone represented an enormous advance for civil rights, and Mr. Kim continues to defend the interests of all District citizens. One of his duties is to represent the D.C. Office of Human Rights before the Court of Appeals. We trust that as a judge he would continue to exercise the same diligence, discernment, and compassion we have seen him exercise as D.C. Solicitor General.

In short, Mr. Kim's record shows him to be well qualified to serve on the D.C. Court of Appeals, and we encourage the President to nominate him.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Rosendall
President