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SAN BERNARDINO SUPERIOR COURT WELCOMES FIRST LATINA JUDGE CANDICE A. GARCIA-RODRIGO

SAN BERNARDINO, CA— On March 25, Governor Gavin Newsom announced the appointment of San Bernardino Superior Court's (SBSC) first Latina Judge Candice A. Garcia-Rodrigo.

The Governor's office released the following statements:

Candice A. Garcia-Rodrigo, 38, of Riverside, has been appointed to serve as a Judge in the San Bernardino Superior Court. Garcia-Rodrigo has served as a Commissioner at the Riverside Superior Court since 2018. Garcia-Rodrigo was an Adjunct Professor at the University of La Verne, College of Law from 2018 to 2020 and of Counsel at CKB Vienna LLP from 2017 to 2018. Garcia-Rodrigo was an Attorney and Chief Financial Officer at Rodrigo Law Firm PC from 2011 to 2018 and an Associate at Betty Auton-Beck, Professional Law Corporation from 2008 to 2011 and at the Law Offices of Vincent B. Garcia & Associates from 2004 to 2008. Garcia-Rodrigo earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of La Verne, College of Law and a Master of Public Administration degree and Master of Science degree in leadership and management from the University of La Verne. Garcia-Rodrigo fills the vacancy of a new position created on September 24, 2019. Garcia-Rodrigo is the first Latina Judge ever appointed to the San Bernardino Superior Court.

Presiding Judge Michael A. Sachs said of the appointment and selection, "we are pleased with the Governor's appointment of Judge Garcia-Rodrigo as the first-ever appointed Latina Judge to our Court. As a result, we will see that our bench becomes more reflective of the greater diversity of California and that of San Bernardino County as a whole."

San Bernardino Superior Court has an overall need of 43 additional judicial officers – the highest judicial need in the state of California.

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