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Commission on Judicial Appointments To Consider Nomination to Supreme Court

Hearing for Chief Justice Nominee Set August 25th in S.F.

San Francisco – A public meeting has been scheduled by the Commission on Judicial Appointments on Wednesday, August 25, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. in the California Supreme Court Courtroom, Earl Warren Building, Fourth Floor, 350 McAllister Street, San Francisco, to consider the nomination by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger of Justice Tani Gorre Cantil-Sakauye as Chief Justice of California.

Justice Cantil-Sakauye, who serves as Associate Justice of the Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District (Sacramento), was nominated to fill the Supreme Court vacancy created by the announcement on July 14, 2010, by Chief Justice Ronald M. George that he would not seek re-election as Chief Justice in the November 2010 election.

Because of Chief Justice George's decision, the Governor had the opportunity to nominate a successor before September 16, 2010, pursuant to Article VI, section 16, subsection (d), of the California Constitution.

The state Constitution specifies that a gubernatorial nomination to the Supreme Court or Court of Appeal is "effective when confirmed by the Commission on Judicial Appointments." (Art. VI, § 16, subd. (d) (2).) The members of the commission who will consider the nomination of Justice Cantil-Sakauye are Chief Justice George, chairperson; Attorney General Edmund G. Brown, Jr.; and Presiding Justice Joan Dempsey Klein, Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Three (Los Angeles), senior presiding justice of the state Courts of Appeal. If the nomination is confirmed, Justice Cantil-Sakauye's name will be placed on the November 2010 ballot for election.

All communications to the commission by persons who wish to comment on the nomination must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 18, 2010. The commission's address is:

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Commission on Judicial Appointments
c/o Chief Justice of California
Supreme Court of California
350 McAllister Street
San Francisco, California 94102
Attention: Secretary to the Commission

Anyone wishing to testify before the commission must state that request in writing; include a statement whether the witness will be testifying in support or opposition to the nominee; and provide a summary of the proposed testimony, the facts upon which it is based, and its relevance to the nominee's qualifications. A request to be included on the speakers' list must be received by the commission by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 18, 2010.

The guidelines for the Commission on Judicial Appointments are published as an appendix to the California Rules of Court and are available on the California Courts Web site at <http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/reference/documents/guidelinescja.pdf>.

The guidelines also can be obtained by calling the Public Information Officer of the Judicial Council of California at 415-865-7726 / 7740.

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