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### **LDF Issues Statement on President Biden’s Judicial Nominees Announcement**

Today, the Biden administration announced nominees for several seats on federal courts throughout the country. These nominees include Jia Cobb for the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, Myrna Perez for the 2<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, and Dale Ho for the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. Sherrilyn Ifill, President and Director-Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF), issued the following statement regarding these nominees:

“We are encouraged that the Biden administration has continued to focus on advancing judicial nominees. It is of utmost importance to prioritize this matter and ensure our court system’s soundness and integrity.

“We also congratulate Jia Cobb, Myrna Perez, and former LDF attorney Dale Ho on their nominations for seats in the federal judiciary. All three individuals will bring much-needed professional diversity to the federal court system. Ms. Cobb is an esteemed civil rights attorney with deep experience working on criminal justice, police accountability, and fair housing issues – and Ms. Perez and Mr. Ho are exceptional voting rights attorneys who are intimately familiar with election law. The nominees’ professional backgrounds will be exceedingly valuable in the federal judiciary, which has recently seen an influx in civil rights-related cases.

“We welcome the establishment of a federal judiciary that is reflective of this nation’s rich diversity, which helps ensure the system’s legitimacy and integrity. If confirmed, Ms. Cobb will be only the fourth Black woman ever appointed to the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. And Ms. Perez would be the only Latina sitting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Circuit Court — the first since Justice Sonia Sotomayor vacated her seat to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. We call on the U.S. Senate to take up and confirm these nominees without delay.”

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