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ABAS APPLAUDS NOMINATION OF THE HONORABLE TANI CANTIL-SAKAUYE AS THE NEXT CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT

Sacramento, CA, July 21, 2010 — The Asian/Pacific Bar Association of Sacramento (ABAS) applauds Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's nomination of Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye as the next Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court. Pending confirmation and voter approval, Justice Cantil-Sakauye will become the first Asian-Pacific American to head the state's judiciary.

"ABAS commends the Governor for selecting Justice Cantil-Sakauye as the next Chief Justice," said ABAS President Jeannie Lee. "She is an outstanding jurist with an excellent reputation in the legal community, and she has been a wonderful mentor and role model to many API attorneys. We are very excited for her and look forward to her continued success." "When then Judge Tani sought the endorsement of ABAS for her appointment to the Third District Court of Appeal, we recognized that she would go far, and the Governor's nomination confirms that," added Darrel "H" Woo, ABAS Judicial Appointments Committee Co-chair.

A second-generation Asian American, Justice Cantil-Sakauye has been an active supporter of ABAS. Shortly after she received her Juris Doctorate degree from the U.C. Davis School of Law, Justice Cantil-Sakauye joined the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office, and later worked for the Office of Governor Deukmejian as a deputy legislative secretary and as a deputy legal affairs secretary. In 1990, she was appointed to the Sacramento County Municipal Court as the state's youngest judge; and in 1997, she was elevated to the Superior Court. Since 2005, Justice Cantil-Sakauye has served as an associate justice for the Third District Court of Appeal. Justice Cantil-Sakauye has received many awards, including the 2005 President's Award from ABAS and the 2003 Trailblazer Award from the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA).

"Tani has shown that she has not only influenced the professional lives of API attorneys and judges locally, but on a national scale as well," said NAPABA Regional Governor Dee Brown. "She has had a long-standing career as a well-respected jurist, and while in this extraordinary position, she has embraced her responsibilities as a role model and an inspiration to API attorneys and judges throughout the country. Because of her outstanding achievements, commitment, and strong leadership in the API legal profession and beyond, she has paved the way for advancement of other API attorneys and judges. NAPABA is proud to recognize Tani as a past NAPABA Trailblazer and looks forward to her confirmation as Chief Justice on the California Supreme Court."

ABAS congratulates Justice Cantil-Sakauye upon her historical nomination and applauds Governor Schwarzenegger for nominating her.

About Asian/Pacific Bar Association of Sacramento (ABAS)

The Asian/Pacific Bar Association of Sacramento (ABAS) is a member association, formed in 1981 to promote and protect the interests of Asian and Pacific Islander American attorneys and the API communities in the greater Sacramento area. ABAS is a member of both the Asian/Pacific Bar of California (ABC), the statewide umbrella organization for Asian lawyers' and judges' associations and the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA).