

Subject:	FYI - ICE Director nominee: Ed Gonzalez of Houston, TX
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FYI – yesterday (4/27), the White House announced that Ed Gonzalez would be nominated to be the Director of ICE. Gonzalez nomination is pending transmittal the Senate. Here's the bio posted by the White House yesterday with the announcement:

Ed Gonzalez, Nominee for Director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security

Sheriff Ed Gonzalez, a lifelong Houstonian, was elected on November 8, 2016 as the Sheriff of Harris County. On January 1, 2017, Gonzalez became the 30th Sheriff of Harris County, Texas. Voters elected Sheriff Gonzalez to a second term in 2020 when he earned the highest vote total of any candidate on the countywide ballot. The Harris County Sheriff's Office is the largest Sheriff Office in the State of Texas, and the third-largest nationally. Sheriff Gonzalez leads upwards of 5,000 employees to protect the County's 4.5 million residents within the 1,700 square miles of Harris County. Sheriff Gonzalez began his law enforcement career as a civilian employee in the Houston Police Department, where he later became a police officer and rose to the rank of Sergeant. He served on the elite hostage negotiation team and was assigned to the Homicide Division as an investigator.

After serving 18 years with the Houston Police Department, Sheriff Gonzalez retired in 2009 to serve three terms on the Houston City Council representing District H. He was elected by his peers in 2010 to serve as Vice Mayor Pro-Tem and was appointed Mayor Pro-Tem in 2012 by then-Mayor Annise Parker. Sheriff Gonzalez holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of Houston Downtown, and a master's degree from the University of St. Thomas.

The White House also transmitted Rob Silvers' nomination to the Senate yesterday as well. His nomination (PN456) to be the Under Secretary for PLCY has been referred to the Senate Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs Committee for consideration.

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From:	Sheriff Ed Gonzalez (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
To:	Chapa Anthony (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
CC:	(b)(6)
Subject:	Re: HAPCOA Letter in support of Sheriff Gonzalez for ICE Director
Date:	2021/07/12 14:15:10
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Thank you Tony and all. I great appreciate it!
Ed

On Monday, July 12, 2021, Chapa Anthony (b)(6) wrote:

(b)(6) Attached please find a letter from the *Hispanic American Police Command Officers Association (HAPCOA)* in support of the nomination of Sheriff Ed Gonzalez for the position of Director of ICE.

Please forward our letter to the US Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee.

We look forward to continuing our support of the men and women of the Department of Homeland Security..

Also please note that HAPCOA, at our 2021 National Law Enforcement Training Symposium, Aguila Award Luncheon (November 17, 2021), in San Antonio, TX, will award (posthumously) our HAPCOA Silver Medal of Meritorious Service to Mr. Alonzo Pena, former Deputy Director of ICE. Mr. Pena was a long time member and supporter of HAPCOA.

Tony

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Sender:	Sheriff Ed Gonzalez (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
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Sent Date: 2021/07/12 14:10:48

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From:	(b)(6)
To:	Sheriff Ed Gonzalez (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Subject:	FW: Support letter for ICE nominee Sheriff Gonzalez - MCSA
Date:	2021/07/14 15:45:00
Priority:	Normal
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Sure you have this but FYI!

From: Ben Bawden (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, July 14, 2021 10:47 AM
To: (b)(6)
Subject: Support letter for ICE nominee Sheriff Gonzalez - MCSA

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Hello (b)(6)

Please see the attached letter of support from the Major County Sheriffs of America for Sheriff Ed Gonzalez's nomination to be Director of ICE. We have sent this to the committee leadership as well. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you!
Ben

Ben Bawden
Brooks Bawden Moore, LLC
(b)(6)

Sender:	(b)(6)
Recipient:	Sheriff Ed Gonzalez (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Sent Date:	2021/07/14 15:45:52
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From:	ESPINOSA, MARSHA (b)(6)
To:	PECK, SARAH (b)(6)
Subject:	FW: FOR APPROVAL: ICE nominee statement
Date:	2021/04/21 09:14:19
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Type:	Note

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From: OLICK, KAREN (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 9:04 AM
To: ULLOA, ISABELLA (b)(6); PECK, SARAH (b)(6); REZMOVIC, JEFFREY (b)(6); GEER, HARLAN (b)(6); BIVONA, JOHN (b)(6)
Cc: ESPINOSA, MARSHA (b)(6)
Subject: RE: FOR APPROVAL: ICE nominee statement

Looks good to me

From: ULLOA, ISABELLA (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 9:03 AM
To: PECK, SARAH (b)(6); OLICK, KAREN (b)(6); REZMOVIC, JEFFREY (b)(6); GEER, HARLAN (b)(6); (b)(6)
Cc: ESPINOSA, MARSHA (b)(6)
Subject: RE: FOR APPROVAL: ICE nominee statement

Suggested edits below. Defer to Karen for final. Thank you.

(b)(5)

From: PECK, SARAH (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 8:40 AM
To: OLICK, KAREN (b)(6); ULLOA, ISABELLA (b)(6); REZMOVIC, JEFFREY (b)(6); GEER, HARLAN (b)(6); (b)(6)
Cc: ESPINOSA, MARSHA (b)(6)
Subject: FOR APPROVAL: ICE nominee statement

Hi Karen, Jeff, Isa, Harlan, and (b)(6) - Here is a draft statement for your review on President Biden's nominee for ICE Director.

Do you approve?

(b)(5)

Sender:	ESPINOSA, MARSHA (b)(6)
	(b)(6)
Recipient:	PECK, SARAH (b)(6)
	(b)(6)
Sent Date:	2021/04/21 09:14:18
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From:	(b)(6)
To:	Narain, Balaji (Ossoff) <Balaji_Narain@ossoff.senate.gov>; (b)(6)
CC:	Frazer, Caitlin (Ossoff) <Caitlin_Frazer@ossoff.senate.gov>
Subject:	RE: Senator Ossoff Question for Mr. Gonzalez, nominee to be Director, ICE
Date:	2022/03/08 12:26:29
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Hi Balaji,

Yes. Mr. Gonzalez commits to appearing before the U.S. Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations at the subcommittee's request promptly, without preconditions, and on any subject of the subcommittee's choosing if confirmed as ICE Director.

I hope that's helpful. Thank you –

(b)(6)

From: Narain, Balaji (Ossoff) <Balaji_Narain@ossoff.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 9:23 AM
To: (b)(6)
Cc: Frazer, Caitlin (Ossoff) <Caitlin_Frazer@ossoff.senate.gov>
Subject: Senator Ossoff Question for Mr. Gonzalez, nominee to be Director, ICE

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(b)(6)

I hope you are doing well. We are anticipating a vote this week on Mr. Ed Gonzalez's nomination to be Director of ICE (A/S for Immigration and Enforcement). Prior to the vote, can Mr. Gonzalez answer the following question (below and attached):

Should you be confirmed, will you commit to appearing before the U.S. Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations at the subcommittee's request promptly, without preconditions, and on any subject of the subcommittee's choosing?

Standing by for any questions or concerns. Thank you.

V/r,
Balaji

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Please find Senator Ossoff's FY23 Appropriations Forms [here](#)

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From:	(b)(6)
To:	(b)(6)
CC:	(b)(6)
Subject:	RE: ICE Director Nominee - WebEx Test Call
Date:	2021/07/07 12:13:11
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9AM EST tomorrow works perfectly. Invites for the test call are going out momentarily!

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 12:02 PM
To: (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: ICE Director Nominee - WebEx Test Call

Hi (b)(6)

Sorry for the double emails. The Sheriff said he prefers 9AM EST or 930am EST but can accommodate a different time if that is the preference.

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 11:10 AM
To: (b)(6)
(b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: ICE Director Nominee - WebEx Test Call

Hi (b)(6)

Sheriff Gonzalez is available before 10:15 AM or after 11:30AM tomorrow. His email is

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Thank you!

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 10:38 AM
To: (b)(6)
(b)(6)

Cc: (b)(6)

Subject: RE: ICE Director Nominee - WebEx Test Call

Hi Thomas,

Thank you for following up. Let me confirm with Sheriff Gonzalez where he will be for his staff interview so we can get this time set up.

Best,

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 10:34 AM

To: (b)(6)

Cc:

Subject: RE: ICE Director Nominee - WebEx Test Call

Good morning (b)(6)

I hope you all had a nice holiday weekend. Checking up on this, is Mr. Gonzalez or DHS staff available for a test call prior to the staff interview this Monday, July 12th? Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Wednesday, June 30, 2021 2:06 PM

To: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Cc: (b)(6)

Subject: RE: ICE Director Nominee - WebEx Test Call

Thanks (b)(6) Good afternoon (b)(6)

To ensure staff interviews go well, we require virtual nominees to perform a test call through our video-conference interface, WebEx. Please let me know of a time and date that works best for a test call sometime prior to 4pm July 8th, I am happy to accommodate. Please conduct the test call with the same device and in the same location Mr. Gonzalez intends to attend the staff interview on July 12th.

WebEx email invites for test calls are sent via email address. If Mr. Gonzalez has a professional or personal email address that he will use, please forward or CC it to me. Alternatively, we can also use a staff member's email address for the invite, as long as they have access to the device Mr. Gonzalez will be using during the interview. Please provide an email address for Mr. Gonzalez's WebEx invite and also for any additional staff you would like on the test call and interview. Please let me know if you have any questions!

Thank you,

(b)(6)

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Wednesday, June 30, 2021 1:52 PM

To: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Cc: (b)(6)

Subject: RE: ICE Director Nominee - WebEx Test Call

Thanks (b)(6) who's helping out with Ed's nomination.

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Wednesday, June 30, 2021 1:46 PM

To: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Subject: ICE Director Nominee - WebEx Test Call

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Hi (b)(6) — Hope you're enjoying recess!

Connecting you with (b)(6) to arrange a time to do a WebEx test call for Ed Gonzalez, nominee to be Director of ICE. His staff interview will be on Monday July 12.

Thank you!

(b)(6)

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Counsel

U.S. Senate Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs Committee

Chairman Gary C. Peters

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