Subject: FYI - ICE Director nominee: Ed Gonzalez of Houston, TX **Date:** 2021/04/28 05:54:33

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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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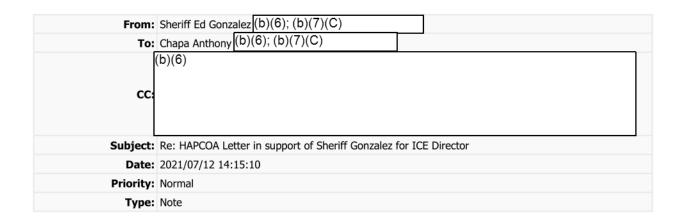
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Thank you Tony and all. I great appreciate it! Ed

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

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

Anthony Chapa
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Sender: Sheriff Ed Gonzalez (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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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
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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

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Sender: (b)(6)

Recipient: Sheriff Ed Gonzalez (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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То:	(b)(6)	
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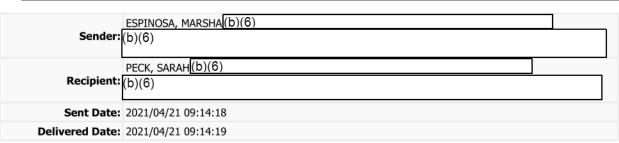
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From: OLICK, KAREN (b)(6)
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To: ULLOA, ISABELLA(b)(6) PECK, SARAH(b)(6)
REZMOVIC, JEFFREY(b)(6) GEER, HARLAN(b)(6)
BIVONA, JOHN (b)(6)
Cc: ESPINOSA, MARSHA (b)(6)
Subject: RE: FOR APPROVAL: ICE nominee 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.
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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?

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From:	(b)(6)
	Narain, Balaji (Ossoff) <balaji_narain@ossoff.senate.gov>;</balaji_narain@ossoff.senate.gov>
То:	(b)(6)
CC:	Frazer, Caitlin (Ossoff) <caitlin_frazer@ossoff.senate.gov></caitlin_frazer@ossoff.senate.gov>
	Frazer, Caitlin (Ossoff) <caitlin_frazer@ossoff.senate.gov> RE: Senator Ossoff Question for Mr. Gonzalez, nominee to be Director, ICE</caitlin_frazer@ossoff.senate.gov>
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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 -

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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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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.

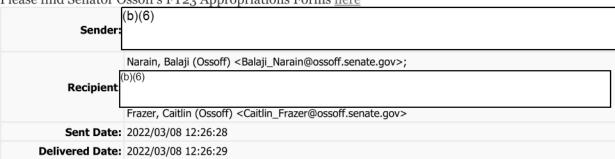
V/r, Balaji

Balaji Narain | General Counsel

Office of Senator Jon Ossoff (D-GA)

455 Russell Senate Office Building

(c): 202-441-2832| <u>balaji_narain@ossoff.senate.gov</u> Please find Senator Ossoff's FY23 Appropriations Forms <u>here</u>



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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)

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,

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