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### **APBA-SV Applauds Unanimous Confirmation of Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye for Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court**

PALO ALTO, CA – The Asian Pacific Bar Association of Silicon Valley applauds The Commission on Judicial Appointments' unanimous confirmation of Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye to be the next Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court. If approved by the voters in November, Justice Cantil-Sakauye would be the first Asian-American to lead the state's judiciary and give the California Supreme Court a female majority for the first time in its history.

"The confirmation of Justice Cantil-Sakauye is an important milestone for the Asian Pacific American legal community. Justice Cantil-Sakauye is extremely qualified and her background reflects the rich diversity of our state," said Rudy Kim, president of the Asian Pacific Bar Association of Silicon Valley.

Nominated by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in July 2010 to succeed retiring Chief Justice Ronald M. George, Justice Cantil-Sakauye is currently an Associate Justice for the Third District Court of Appeal in Sacramento. Prior to that, she served as a superior court judge for the Sacramento County Superior Court and as a municipal court judge for the Sacramento County Municipal Court. Justice Cantil-Sakauye served in the office of Governor Deukmejian and as a deputy district attorney in the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office.

Justice Cantil-Sakauye's life embodies the "American Dream." She is the daughter of a former Filipino farm worker and worked to support herself throughout her higher education including law school. Justice Cantil-Sakauye has been and remains active in her community, including with her church, the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, and the Asian/Pacific Bar Association of Sacramento.

Justice Cantil-Sakauye must be approved by voters on Nov. 2, 2010, before she may serve as Chief Justice.