

RESOLUTION

RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal government body or agency must first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson was born in Washington, DC and grew up in Miami, Florida; and

WHEREAS, her parents, Johnny Brown and Ellery Brown, attended segregated primary schools, then attended historically black colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, Judge Jackson comes from a family of public servants as her parents started their careers as public school teachers and became leaders and administrators in the Miami-Dade Public School System and her brother became a police officer and served in the United States military; and

WHEREAS, when Judge Jackson traces her love of the law back to sitting next to her father in their apartment as he tackled his law school homework and she undertook her preschool homework, coloring books; and

WHEREAS, Judge Jackson stood out as a high achiever in her childhood and became a speech and debate star in middle school and student body president in high school; and

WHEREAS, even with all of her success, as a Black woman, Judge Jackson still faced naysayers including her high school guidance counselor who told her to temper her expectations when she said she wanted to attend Harvard; and

WHEREAS, Judge Jackson was not deterred by naysayers as she graduated *magna cum laude* Harvard University, then attended Harvard Law School, where she graduated *cum laude* and was an editor of the *Harvard Law Review*; and

WHEREAS, following her time at Harvard Law School, and before becoming a judge, Judge Jackson was a public defender, Supreme Court Clerk, and Vice Chair of the U.S. Sentencing Commission; and

WHEREAS, Judge Jackson was nominated by Barack Obama in 2012 to the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia and confirmed as a Judge in 2013 with bipartisan support; and

WHEREAS, Judge Jackson was nominated by Joe Biden in 2021 to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and was confirmed the same in 2021 with bipartisan support; and

WHEREAS, on February, 25, 2022, President Joe Biden nominated Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to become the 116th Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court and the first Black woman to serve as a Supreme Court Justice; and

WHEREAS, if confirmed, to our country's highest court, Judge Jackson will continue to break barriers as she will be the sixth woman to serve as a judge and third Black judge in the history of the United States Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, Judge Jackson's confirmation will inspire future generations of Black girls and boys to become attorneys and make an impact in our society:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles STRONGLY SUPPORTS the confirmation of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court as the 116th Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court and first Black woman to serve as a Supreme Court Justice.

PRESENTED BY:

CURREN D. PRICE, JR.

Councilmember, 9th District

SECONDED BY:

MAR 29 2022

FOR MAYOR MARTINEZ

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