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## Members Of New Jersey's Hispanic Community Praise Governor Christie's Nomination Of Judge Faustino Fernandez-Vina

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***"Historic Appointment That Further Diversifies The Court And Gives Important Representation To New Jersey's Hispanic Community"***

"Once again, Governor Christie has shown that his commitment to the Hispanic community translates to real action and consideration. The nomination of Judge Fernandez-Vina is a historic appointment that further diversifies the Court, gives important representation to New Jersey's Hispanic community, and adds an incredibly experienced legal mind to the Court. Governor Christie's dedication to give representation and voice to New Jersey's many diverse communities has been exceptional and I am honored to stand with him and support Judge Fernandez-Vina completely."

*-Gil Medina, Former Commerce Secretary (Governor Whitman), Former Camden Councilman, Attorney, CPA*

"The nomination of Judge Faustino Fernandez-Vina to the New Jersey Supreme Court is yet another step in the Governor acting on his commitment to expand diversity on the Court. I applaud the Governor for giving voice to our state's Hispanic community on our highest Court with the naming of a highly qualified, experienced nominee with a track record of bipartisan support from the Legislature. Just as we have over the past three years, I know the Hispanic community will be especially energetic in working with the Governor to ensure that Judge Fernandez-Vina receives a fair confirmation process from the Senate Judiciary Committee and a speedy up-or-down vote of the Senate as a whole."

*-Martin Perez, Member of the Rutgers Board of Governors, President of the Latino Leadership Alliance.*

"We applaud Governor Christie's continued action to make good on his promise to provide a needed reshaping of the New Jersey Supreme Court with the nomination of Judge Faustino Fernandez-Vina. What is truly remarkable is that the Governor continues to make nominations of qualified individuals that increase the diversity of the Court and the representation of so many of our underrepresented communities, including women, Asian-Americans, African-Americans, and Hispanics. Governor Christie has consistently stood by this principle in making nominations to the Supreme Court and in exercising his appointment authority at all levels of government. Given Judge Fernandez-Vina's record of support from members of both parties and his deep, twenty-two year legal career, we expect the Senate to offer a swift confirmation process for his nomination and secure Hispanic representation on the Court as quickly as possible."

*-Lydia J. Valencia, Center for Hispanic Policy Advisory Committee Chair and Puerto Rican Congress of New Jersey President and CEO*

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