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## **Maria Elena Durazo Issues a Statement on the Appointment of Judge Sonia Sotomayor**

*(Los Angeles) – Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO Executive Secretary-Treasurer Maria Elena Durazo issued the following statement today on the appointment of Judge Sonia Sotomayor to the United States Supreme Court.*

“The over 800,000 workers of the Los Angeles Labor Movement are proud that today the U.S. Senate confirmed an individual with similar experiences as their own.

“The daughter of Puerto Rican immigrants, Sonia Sotomayor has arguably lived the American Dream. Her father was a factory worker with a third-grade education who died when she was a child. Her mother raised Sotomayor while working as a nurse. These are the experiences that make her an excellent addition to our nation’s highest court.

“As a Latina, I am proud that Sotomayor has been confirmed to the U.S. Supreme Court and to see that she isn’t just a token Latina. She has so much experience behind her including her formal education at a prestigious university and the real-life experience of overcoming obstacles as part of a poor, working family. But, I’m even prouder as an American.”

*The Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO is the chartered Central Labor Council (CLC) of the AFL-CIO in Los Angeles County and is the second largest in the country, representing over 800,000 workers through over 350 unions. Its mission is to promote a voice for workers so they can remain in the middle class, move themselves out of poverty by joining a union, encourage active participation in the political process by electing pro-union and pro-worker officials and to advance public policies that support workers and their families. As the coordinating center for labor’s political activity, the Federation believes that in educating and mobilizing workers to be politically active they can create and sustain healthy communities, and **FIGHT FOR GOOD JOBS** that **REBUILD THE LOS ANGELES MIDDLE CLASS**. Visit the Federation at [www.launionaflcio.org](http://www.launionaflcio.org).*

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