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NCJW Endorses Nomination of Goodwin Liu, Welcomes Judiciary Committee Approval

May 13, 2010, Washington, DC -- The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) today endorsed the nomination of Goodwin Liu to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals and welcomed the vote of the Senate Judiciary Committee in favor of the confirmation of Goodwin Liu to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. NCJW President Nancy Ratzan issued the following statement:

"Professor Goodwin Liu is eminently qualified and would bring incredible insight and expertise in the law to the bench. He currently serves as Associate Dean and Professor of Law at the University of California, Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall).

"Professor Liu has a demonstrated commitment to the core constitutional values of liberty, equality, and justice. By voting to confirm Professor Liu, the Senate Judiciary Committee has recognized his outstanding qualifications, his role as a legal luminary, and his ability to hear each case before him with an open mind.

"NCJW urges the Senate to move quickly to confirm Professor Liu and to act to fill the record number of vacancies in our courts. Ongoing obstruction of nominees to the federal bench undermines the ability of Americans to access their constitutional right to justice. We also urge President Obama to nominate more individuals to the federal bench who share Professor Liu's commitment to individual rights and fundamental freedoms.

"NCJW members are committed to ensuring that the critical voice of progressive Jewish women, along with our broad base of allies, is heard in the judicial confirmation process on this nominee and others."

The [National Council of Jewish Women](#) (NCJW) is a grassroots organization of volunteers and advocates who turn progressive ideals into action. Inspired by Jewish values, NCJW strives for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children, and families and by safeguarding individual rights and freedoms. Through BenchMark: NCJW's Judicial Nominations Campaign, NCJW has delivered the voice of progressive Jewish women and our allies to promote a federal bench with judges committed to upholding constitutional rights.

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