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The Honorable Tani Cantil-Sakauye Chief Justice of California Via email to: [Email address redacted] Ms. Ahmoi Kim, Secretary Commission on Judicial Appointments ("Commission")

Dear Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye,

Re: Request for a video-copy of the Commission February 9, 2017 Hearing.<sup>1</sup>

Per Ms. Kim's direction I am sending this email to her, to give to you. I would like your permission for me to be sent a copy of the Commission's webcasted-Hearing of February 9, 2017, which took place in the Fourth District Division One Court of Appeals (hereafter referred to as the "Court").

As you are aware, I spoke at the Hearing in opposition of William S. Dato's appointment to be an Associate Justice in the Court. Unfortunately, I had to leave shortly after the Commissioners' unanimous votes and comments to appoint Justice Dato. As a result, I was unable to see the swearing-in aspect of the Hearing.

I am seeking the verbatim record of the Hearing in its entirety, including my own testimony. My intended usage of the webcast-copy is in the public's best interest and is three-fold:

- 1. To submit it and/or transcription of it to the California Bureau of the State Auditor (BSA).
- 2. To submit it and/or transcription of it as part of an investigation of Commission on Judicial Performance (CJP) unpunished-crime.
- 3. To submit portions and/or transcription of it to government actors as part of a collaborative effort by many to encourage that state-agency policies, which are in place to protect the public's best interest and integrity in our courts, are being adhered to.

I understand that the webcast of the public Hearing is the Commission's copyrighted material. I will not be sharing it in any public forum without your express written permission.

On behalf of the people of California, thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

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(1) act on behalf of the commission in all matters arising between hearings;

Guideline 7. Post-hearing procedures

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> GUIDELINES FOR THE COMMISSION <u>http://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/guidelinescja.pdf</u> Guideline 3. Commission chairperson

<sup>(</sup>a) [Chairperson] The Chief Justice (or Acting Chief Justice) shall serve as chairperson of the commission.

<sup>(</sup>b) [Powers] The chairperson shall preside at the confirmation hearing. The chairperson also is authorized to:

<sup>(</sup>a) [Access to the commission's files] Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b) of this guideline, after the conclusion of any nomination proceedings of the commission subject to these guidelines, a person, agency, or organization, upon written request to the commission's secretary, may obtain access to the public portions of the commission's files, as defined in guideline 4(h), as well as any transcript of the hearing prepared by a court reporter as a record of those proceedings pursuant to guideline 5(e), for inspection and copying at the requesting party's expense.

<sup>(</sup>b) [Audio or video recording] Any audio or video recording prepared as a record of the hearing pursuant to guideline 5(e) shall be copyrighted and made available for viewing at a time and location specified by the commission's secretary, but shall not be available for copying by the requesting party unless such copying is authorized by the commission.