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Via E-mail only

Re: Dianne Baquet Smith, Employee Relations Board Nominee

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this letter as my strong recommendation of Dianne Baquet Smith for the City's Employee Relations Board. I am an employee-side labor lawyer with over 35 years of experience in the Los Angeles legal community. I have been fortunate to get to know Ms. Baquet Smith professionally and through bar service organizations. She was a formidable foe in litigation, but was always the epitome of ethics and collegiality. She served her clients well and the legal community well.

For several years, I was on the Executive Committee of the Labor and Employment Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, and served as Chair in 2015-2016. We frequently invited Ms. Baquet Smith to speak on employment law-related panels. She was a popular speaker. In addition to being extraordinarily knowledgeable about employment law, she was also a personable and engaging speaker. The City of Los Angeles will be lucky to have her.

If you have any further questions, I can be reached at (310) 503-9344.

Sincerely,

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