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State Panel to Consider Governor's Appointment of Mauro and Nominations of Hill and Codrington to State Courts of Appeal

San Francisco — Public meetings have been scheduled by the Commission on Judicial Appointments on Wednesday, August 25, 2010, in the California Supreme Court Courtroom, Earl Warren Building, Fourth Floor, 350 McAllister Street, San Francisco, to consider one appointment and two nominations by the Governor to the state Courts of Appeal. The names and positions follow.

- Judge Louis R. Mauro, of the Superior Court of Sacramento County, appointed to be an Associate Justice of the Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District (Sacramento). He would fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Associate Justice Fred K. Morrison.
- Associate Justice Brad R. Hill, of the Court of Appeal, Fifth Appellate District (Fresno), nominated to be Presiding Justice of the Fifth Appellate District. Justice Hill would fill the vacancy created by the announcement of Administrative Presiding Justice James A. Ardaiz that he will not seek re-election in the November 2010 election.
- Judge Carol D. Codrington, of the Superior Court of Riverside County, nominated to be an Associate Justice of the Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division Two (Riverside). She would fill the vacancy created by the announcement by Associate Justice Barton C. Gaut that he will not seek re-election in the November 2010 election.

The state Constitution specifies that a gubernatorial appointment or nomination to the Supreme Court or Court of Appeal is “effective when confirmed by the Commission on Judicial Appointments.” (Art. VI, § 16, subd. (d) (2).)

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Because of the decisions of Administrative Presiding Justice Ardaiz and Associate Justice Gaut not to seek re-election, the Governor is required to nominate a successor for each of these two positions before September 16, 2010, pursuant to Article VI, section 16, subsection (d), of the California Constitution.

The August 25, 2010, public hearings are scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Judge Mauro's appointment, 1:00 p.m. on Justice Hill's nomination, and 2:00 p.m. on Judge Codrington's nomination.

The members of the commission who will consider the appointment of Judge Mauro are Chief Justice Ronald M. George, chairperson; Attorney General Edmund G. Brown, Jr.; and Administrative Presiding Justice Arthur Scotland, of the Third Appellate District (Sacramento). If the appointment is confirmed, Judge Mauro may be sworn in immediately.

The members of the commission who will consider the nomination of Justice Hill are Chief Justice George, chairperson; Attorney General Brown; and Administrative Presiding Ardaiz, of the Fifth Appellate District (Fresno). If the nomination is confirmed, Justice Hill's name will be placed on the November 2010 ballot for election.

The members of the commission who will consider the nomination of Judge Codrington are Chief Justice George, chairperson; Attorney General Brown; and Presiding Justice Manuel Ramirez, of the Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division Two (Riverside), who is serving due to the unavailability of Presiding Justice David Sills, the senior presiding justice of the Fourth Appellate District. If the nomination is confirmed, Judge Codrington's name will be placed on the November 2010 ballot for election.

All communications to the commission by persons who wish to comment on the appointment or nominations should be received by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 18, 2010. The commission's address is:

Commission on Judicial Appointments
c/o Chief Justice of California
Supreme Court of California
350 McAllister Street
San Francisco, California 94102
Attention: Secretary to the Commission

Anyone wishing to testify before the commission must state that request in writing; include a statement whether the witness will be testifying in support or opposition to the appointee or nominee; and provide a summary of the proposed testimony, the facts upon which it is based, and its relevance to the appointee's or nominee's qualifications. A request to be included on the speakers' list must be received by the commission by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 18, 2010.

The guidelines for the Commission on Judicial Appointments are published as an appendix to the California Rules of Court and are available on the California Courts Web site at <http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/reference/documents/guidelinescja.pdf>.

The guidelines also may be obtained by calling the Public Information Officer of the Judicial Council of California at 415-865-7726 / 7740.