



January 13, 2020

The Los Angeles County Democratic Party
533 S. Fremont Avenue, Suite 410
Los Angeles, CA 90071

Re: Endorsement of Judicial Candidate Myanna Dellinger

Dear Members of the Democratic Party Leadership:

I understand the Democratic Party has chosen not to endorse Myanna Dellinger for Superior Court Office No. 72. I am hoping this is only a tentative decision and appreciate the opportunity to address the Party in the hopes of righting what I believe is an injustice to Ms. Dellinger.

I disagree with your rating for two major reasons. One, as I address below, has to do with Ms. Dellinger's particular qualifications. The second deals with the perception that an academic lacks the qualifications to become a sitting judge. A judge listens to a variety of people who appear before her and work on her behalf and makes fair and reasoned decisions. One does not become, as Ms. Dellinger has, a tenured member of a law faculty without exemplifying those qualities with students, colleagues, and the administration. A judge researches the law and writes comprehensive and comprehensible orders. Careful research, which translates to complete and understandable writings is what academics do. A judge cares about the law. That is exactly why professors teach. To the extent your lack of endorsement reflects a bias, implicit or otherwise, against academics, I believe it unfair and unwarranted.

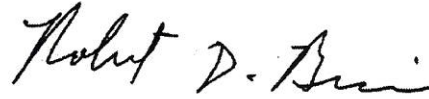
As to Ms. Dellinger's qualifications specifically, I am not sure what qualities lead you not to endorse her for a judicial position. She is obviously bright – she finished number one in her law school class, was Order of the Coif, and was a Fulbright Scholar. She is obviously a hard worker – she has published over a dozen, oft-cited and well-researched law review articles, while getting a Master's Degree and working on a PhD. She knows how to manage a docket – she did so as a law clerk in the U.S. Virgin Islands. She knows how to conduct trials and to frame appellate issues – she was an extern on the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California and a law clerk on the Ninth Circuit. She has brought diversity wherever she goes – she is the only female tenured law professor at her law school. So I do not understand how a bright, hard working, experienced woman who would bring diversity on the bench is not

someone the Party would endorse. As a result, I would hope you would reconsider your decision.

While I am a member of the Loyola faculty, please know that what I have expressed in this letter these are my personal views from having known Ms. Dellinger for several years, and are not any official views of the school.

Thank you for your consideration. I would be happy to discuss further Ms. Dellinger's rating and qualifications with anyone from the Party. I can be reached at Robert.brain@lls.edu, or (213) 736-8168.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert D. Brain". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R' and a distinct 'D'.

Robert D. Brain
Clinical Professor of Law

Cc: Ms. Myanna Dellinger