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HOPE STATEMENT ON PRESIDENT-ELECT JOSEPH BIDEN'S NOMINATION OF CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY GENERAL XAVIER BECERRA TO LEAD THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

LOS ANGELES, CA, (December 7, 2020) — Hispanas Organized for Political Equality (HOPE) issued this statement today congratulating California Attorney General Xavier Becerra on his nomination to lead the United States Department of Health and Human Services:

Hispanas Organized for Political Equality (HOPE) is thrilled to congratulate Xavier Becerra on his nomination to President-Elect Biden's administration. As a longstanding champion of health equity and women's health, and a dedicated public servant, we are certain that Attorney General Becerra will serve as the head of the United States Department of Health and Human Services with the strong leadership and steadfast commitment to equity and justice that is needed to move our country forward.

Attorney General Becerra has been an ally of HOPE and the recipient of our Ray of HOPE award for his longstanding support for the advancement of Latinas. Mr. Becerra has consistently championed HOPE's mission of advancing the economic and political parity of Latinas and provided mentorship to many of HOPE's leaders. We are proud to celebrate his nomination and look forward to advocating on his behalf as he goes through the Senate confirmation process.

If confirmed, Xavier Becerra will be the first Latino to lead the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in its history. This historic nomination underscores the importance of ensuring that the Latino community is fairly represented at all levels of our government.

We urge Governor Newsom to continue to ensure California's government is equally representative of our community by selecting a Latina as California's next Attorney General and a Latina or Latino for the U.S. Senate Seat. Latinos make up the largest demographic group of California at 39% of the population, which is expected to increase to over 45% of the state's population by 2060, with half of those being Latinas.

It's time for Latinas to also be represented at the highest levels of California.

About Hispanas Organized for Political Equality (HOPE) - HOPE® is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that has focused on empowering our communities through advocacy, Latina leadership training, and increasing knowledge on the contributions Latinas have made to advance the status of women for the past 30 years. To date, HOPE's innovative programming has served 56,000 Latinas statewide and touched the lives of several thousand more. For more information on HOPE, please visit Latinas.org or follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).