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LCCC Congratulates California Secretary of State Alex Padilla on His Appointment to the U.S. Senate

California – Today, Governor Newsom announced that he will appoint California Secretary of State Alex Padilla to the soon to be vacated U.S. Senate seat. In November 2020, the Latino Caucus of California Counties participated in a number of press conferences urging Governor Newsom to appoint a Latino/a to the soon to be vacated U.S. Senate seat. Below are statements from LCCC President V. Manuel Perez, LCCC Vice President Debra Lucero, LCCC immediate past President Alfredo Pedroza, and Supervisor Luis Alejo.

“The Latino Caucus of California Counties applauds Governor Gavin Newsom for his appointment of Alex Padilla as California’s next U.S. Senator,” said **LCCC President and Riverside County Supervisor V. Manuel Perez**. “Alex Padilla is a bright and accomplished leader and I have full confidence he will represent all Californians very well indeed. In 170 years of U.S. statehood, California has never before had a Latino representative in the U.S. Senate. This is a historic first, that comes at a time where we need great leaders who can connect to the Latino population, and strongly needed in our nation as a whole. ¡Sí se pudo!”

“It’s taken 170 years, but we now have a Latino Senator in California. I couldn’t be more thrilled and look forward to this needed perspective represented in our nation’s Capital,” said **LCCC Vice President and Butte County Supervisor Debra Lucero**.

“Today is a historic day for all Californians” said **LCCC immediate past President and Napa County Supervisor Alfredo Pedroza**. “Secretary Alex Padilla is the right person at the right time. The LCCC is ready to work together to address the many issues facing Californians, including Latinos, and counties.”

“The Latino Community applauds Governor Gavin Newsom for this historic appointment. A new chapter of Latino leadership in California is now being written. We thank Governor Newsom for recognizing the contributions and sacrifices of hardworking Latinos. We are 30 percent of all registered voters and 40 percent of all Californians. It was time. Alex Padilla will be a great Senator for all Californians,” concluded **Monterey County Supervisor Luis Alejo**.

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