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# FORWARD LATINO SUPPORTS WHAT WILL BE A HISTORIC NOMINATION OF ALEJANDRO MAYORKAS FOR SECRETARY OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Franklin, WI – The Forward Latino, Inc., Board of Directors voted unanimously to support the nomination of Alejandro Mayorkas for Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

Mayorkas, previously a U.S. Attorney, led United States Citizenship Services and then served as Deputy Secretary for DHS during the Obama administration is well regarded by individuals on both sides of the aisle with Former DHS Secretary and Republican Tom Ridge stating Mayorkas is an "exceptionally fine pick."

Darryl Morin, Forward Latino National President issued the following statement:

"We congratulate President-Elect Joe Biden on his choice to serve as Secretary of the United States Department of Homeland Security. Upon his confirmation, every American will be able to rest easy knowing that safeguards protecting us from enemies both foreign and domestic will be restored, and know that all department policies will be in keeping with the Constitution of the United States and the principles defined within.

The son of Cuban immigrants fleeing an oppressive regime, Alejandro represents the promise that is America. While all previous secretaries where descendants of immigrants, Ali will be the first Latino and the first immigrant to rise to lead one of the largest departments across the United States Government.

Ali will provide steady, strategic and experienced leadership that will put the law before politics, and will defend and restore policies that protect the dignity of all, a core principle which has made the United States the envy of the world.

We urge members of the United States Senate, that when his name is formally put forward by President-Elect Biden, that they quickly confirm Alejandro so that on that day, our nation will be safer and stronger."

## About Forward Latino:

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