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CONFIRMATION OF JUDGE JACKSON TO THE U.S. SUPREME COURT AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

WASHINGTON (April 7, 2022) – *Thursday, the United States Senate voted to confirm Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court. When sworn in this summer, Jackson will be the first Black woman to serve on the nation's high court. The following statement can be attributed to [Deeohn Ferris](#), president and CEO of the [Institute for Sustainable Communities](#).*

“The confirmation of Judge Jackson as Associate Justice to the U. S. Supreme Court is a landmark for gender and racial justice.

“Judge Jackson has lived understanding about what remedies are necessary to remove systemic discriminatory racial, gender, and economic barriers.

“People of color disproportionately face environmental, economic, and social challenges within their communities. The participation of people of color and women matters in remedying this kind of discrimination.

“Change-making works best and is the most sustainable when there is a plurality of voices and diverse coalitions are contributing to the public policy discourse and the investments that flow from those decisions. The Supreme Court needs to be as diverse as this country.

“We’re celebrating this important milestone for our country. Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson will progress our nation on the path to life, liberty, and justice for all.”

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