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NACo Welcomes Mayor Julián Castro’s Nomination to Lead HUD

WASHINGTON, D.C. – National Association of Counties (NACo) President Linda Langston, Supervisor, Linn County, Iowa, provided the following statement in response to the Administration’s nomination of San Antonio Mayor Julián Castro to lead the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

“The nation’s counties congratulate Mayor Julián Castro on his nomination to become the next secretary of Housing and Urban Development. We enthusiastically welcome a leader with local government experience to take the helm at HUD. President Obama has selected an energetic, talented leader for this key appointment, and we will welcome his confirmation.

“Counties have worked together with HUD to support and strengthen programs that build resilient, vibrant counties. The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) have helped to revitalize communities across the country. We look forward to working with Mayor Castro to find innovative solutions to some of the most complex challenges facing our counties.

“NACo thanks Secretary Donovan for his tremendous leadership and looks forward to continuing to work with him in his new position as budget director.”

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