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STATEMENT ON NOMINATION OF JUDGE KETANJI BROWN TO U.S. SUPREME COURT

[The LGBTQ Center Long Beach](#) applauds President Biden's historic nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Through decisions like *One, Inc. v. Olesen* on freedom of speech, *Lawrence v. Texas* which abolished sodomy laws, and *Obergefell v. Hodges* that allowed LGBT marriage, the Supreme Court plays a critical role in affirming the rights of LGBTQ individuals and other marginalized communities.

LGBTQ protections are among the upcoming cases before the Supreme Court. The Center takes note of Jackson's background and believes that she will be an agent of equality.

If confirmed to the bench, Jackson would be the first Black woman on the nation's highest court in more than two centuries. The Center looks forward to a day when it is no longer newsworthy that a person of color or a female to hold such a position of power.