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Statement by Secretary Napolitano on President Obama's Intent to Nominate Alejandro Mayorkas as U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Director

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"I am proud to announce President Obama's intent to nominate Alejandro Mayorkas as U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Director. Alejandro comes to the Department of Homeland Security with broad experience as the former United States Attorney for the Central District of California and, most recently, as a partner at O'Melveny and Myers, where he was named one of the '50 Most Influential Minority Lawyers in America' by the National Law Journal.

Alejandro's expertise covers a wide array of issues critical to the Department, including law enforcement, civil rights, computer crime and international money laundering."

Biography

As a partner at O'Melveny and Myers, Mayorkas represents and advises companies around the world on an extensive range of subjects while serving on the firm's Policy Committee and chairing the Warren Christopher Scholarship Committee. Previously, he became the youngest U.S. Attorney in the nation at the age of 39, serving California's Central District from 1998-2001 where he led 240 Assistant U.S. Attorneys, created a Civil Rights Section to prosecute acts of intolerance and discrimination, and developed multiple programs to fight violent crime. Mayorkas previously served as Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Central District office from 1989-1998. He holds a J.D. from Loyola Law School and a B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley.

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