

DAVID JIMENEZ - NOMINATION HEARING TESTIMONY

Good Morning –Senator Duff, Representative Janowski, Senator Kane, Representative Buck-Taylor and members of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee.

I'm David Jimenez and it is an honor and privilege to be appointed to the CT Board of Regents by Governor Dannel P. Malloy.

My sincere thanks to this committee for the opportunity to appear before you to speak to my desire to serve on the Board of Regents.

I live in Simsbury, CT, am married and have three children. I've been working in CT since 1998 and living here since 2001. I'm originally from Los Angeles, CA, and grew up in various cities, but primarily in Texas. I attended the University of Texas and majored in Economics. I attended law school in New York at Hofstra University. I've been an attorney for 24 years.

I'm a partner with a national law firm for 8 years and specialize in Corporate Governance and employment related matters. Prior to that I was an in-house attorney with The Hartford insurance company and prior to that I was with other law firms early in my career. I'm currently on the board of The Hartford Stage, The Mark Twain House and serve as the stewardship chair of my church in Simsbury.

I'm interested in the Board of Regents because of two primary areas: I have a deep interest in education having personally experienced the benefits of a solid education. And, I have a deep and growing interest in Connecticut. Over the last 10 years or so I have made a concerted effort to be involved in my community and to have substantive impact where possible. I believe the Board of Regents is vitally important to the state's citizenship and it strikes me that the Board has an awesome responsibility and opportunity as it seeks to steward the CT's 17 state universities and colleges that comprise the Regent System.

In short, I'm very interested and enthusiastic about the Board of Regents, and I believe my legal skills coupled with my personal experience will add value to the important work of the organization.

Thank you for the privilege of addressing this important committee.