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Welcome to this special edition of *Dialogue on Diversity's* Mini-Newsletter issued in Mid-August. This mid-summer edition marks the happy outcome of the nomination, now tested and approved by a handsome margin in the Senate, of Judge Sotomayor as the newest Justice on the U.S. Supreme Court — another of the not infrequent events that evidence again the success of the country in its essential character as a diverse society, one drawing its strengths and demonstrating its creative excellence in the workings of diverse and ever renewed cultural strains as they come to the fore in the unceasingly evolving scenes of our social, economic, and civic life.

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SPECIAL NUMBER CONGRATULATING THE NEWEST JUSTICE
OF THE U.S. SUPREME COURT, THE HONORABLE SONIA SOTOMAYOR



Justice Sotomayor has emerged from the testing of a lengthy confirmation process with stature much enhanced by the experience. Your Dialogue is proud to have sensed promptly the aptness of the nomination of Judge Sotomayor and to have commented at length – in articles circulated not only to our own readership but also to the key members of the Committee charged with evaluating the nomination – on the conformity of her history and the manner of her work in the legal vineyard – meticulous, closely reasoned, fact-bound, and tireless – with the venerable model of judging in the Anglo-American legal tradition. The Justice's long time friends, Alex Rodriguez and Bettie Baca, honored her with a not to be forgotten celebration as friends gathered the afternoon of her swearing in, August 8, 2009, for a

gala lawn party at their Annandale, Virginia home just outside Washington, D.C. We were delighted to be among the guests. A montage of photos memorialize the occasion.

A Lawn Party for Justice Sonia

Scenes from the Lawn Party, Saturday, August 8, 2009, for the newly sworn in Justice Sonia Sotomayor, at the home of her good friends Alex Rodriguez and Bettie Baca, at Annandale Virginia, near Washington, D.C.



Old friends, the Justice and Bettie Baca



Justice Sotomayor with Ma. Cristina Caballero of Dialogue on Diversity



Hostess Bettie Baca surveys panorama



Cutting of the Cake: HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JUSTICE SONIA



Alex is first to propose a (well photographed) Toast — it was, by coincidence, the new Justice's Birthday!