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CHAMBERS OF
JUDITH N. KEEP, JUDGE

Dear Earl -
Thought you might enjoy another copy of the clipping. It's a very nice article.

Judy

PS. Enjoyed your Cameo appearance Friday night during Harlesons annual diatribe.

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# Democrats, Labor Pushing for Gilliam's Confirmation

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San Diego County Democratic leaders have joined the push for confirmation of Superior Court Judge Earl B. Gilliam, the San Diego jurist whose appointment to the federal bench has been hanging fire for more than a year.

The Democrats are expected to be joined soon by the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council in urging Gilliam's approval.

Last week, six San Diego area officials — including two county supervisors, two city councilmen, a member of the San Diego school board and a trustee of the San Diego Community College District — sent a letter to President Carter seeking his assistance in winning confirmation for the federal district court appointment he made last Dec. 6. Gilliam was nominated by Sen. Alan Cranston on May 22, 1979.

The full county Democratic Central Committee — minus one — signed a letter Monday endorsing Gilliam's appointment and urging "that our (California) federal delegation push for the confirmation of this outstanding judicial person by the U.S. Senate."

The letter was delivered to Cranston.

**Metzger Not Invited**

The only non-signed from the Central Committee was new member Tom Metzger. According to the committee official Sarah Lowery, Metzger was not asked to join in the Gilliam action as a way of underscoring the party's chagrin that Metzger, a Ku Klux Klan member, has a seat on the county Democratic panel by virtue of his primary win in the 43rd Congressional District election.

Wednesday evening, members of the Jimmy Carter Democratic Club met to sign postcards urging Gilliam's appointment, which were scheduled to be forwarded to the Senate Judiciary Committee. The judge's name has been held up by committee Republicans, who are seeking an investigation into unspecified allegations against the San Diegan.

Labor council Secretary-Treasurer Joe Francis said Wednesday that the alliance of area labor unions will endorse a resolution at its July 23 meeting calling on the Judiciary Committee to approve Gilliam.

**Labor Support Seen**

"We supported him for Superior Court judge and I don't expect any difficulty in adopting this resolution," Francis said Wednesday.

A July 9 letter to Carter from the city and county officials said Gilliam's appointment "has been delayed much too long; therefore, we urge an immediate confirmation of this appointment."

That letter was signed by Supervisors Jim Bates and Lucille Moore; Councilmen Leon Williams and Mike Gotch; San Diego Community College trustee Charles Reid, and San Diego school board member Robert Filner.