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Schwarzenegger Hit Again on Lack of Diversity in Judicial Appointments

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The California Coalition for Civil Rights has sent a sharply-worded letter to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger criticizing the lack of diversity in his appointments to the California bench.

The statewide group notes that 17 percent of the Governor's appointments have been minorities. That compares to 29.2 percent under Governor Gray Davis. "This decline is especially disappointing given the increasing representation of minorities and women in the population and in the pools from which judges are drawn," the group says.

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Phil Angelides criticized the Governor during the campaign on the same issue. And in last year's budget talks, Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez was promised by the administration that its recruitment of African-American, Latino, and Asian-American judges would increase in exchange for a boatload of new state-funded positions. Apparently that hasn't happened.

The Governor has made reaching out to these traditionally Democratic constituencies a large part of his appeal to move beyond party lines. At the same time, Republicans have been egging him to appoint more GOP judges, who tend to be white men. As always, trying to find middle ground here will be a difficult assignment as the Governor gets pressure from both sides of the aisle.

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