

March 10, 2022

The Honorable Mitch McConnell Republican Leader 317 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Leader McConnell:

I request to be notified before any unanimous consent agreement is agreed to regarding the nomination of Eric Garcetti to be Ambassador to India at the Department of State. This request is intended to be made publicly and will be disclosed in the Congressional Record so my name need not be withheld. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Grassley Ranking Member

Chuck Granley

Committee on the Judiciary

[, Senator Chuck Grassley
Intend to object to the nomination of: Eric Garcetti
(PN 1579) dated March 10, 2022
I will submit a copy of this notice to the
Legislative Clerk and the Congressional Record within 2 session days and I give my
permission to the objecting Senator to object in my name.
Date Received by Legislative Clerk

Statement of Senator Chuck Grassley of Iowa Before the United States Senate On the Nomination of Eric Garcetti to be U.S. Ambassador to India March 10, 2022

Mr. President, I intend to object to any unanimous consent request at the present time relating to the nomination of Mayor Eric Garcetti, of California, to be the U.S. Ambassador to India.

I will object because I have received numerous credible allegations from multiple whistleblowers alleging that Mr. Garcetti, while Mayor of Los Angeles, had knowledge of sexual harassment and assaults allegedly committed against multiple city employees and their associates by his close advisor, and that he ignored the misconduct. The allegations involving the mayor's office have been the subject of public reporting and a purportedly independent investigation. However, serious questions remain regarding the alleged misconduct, as well as the mayor's knowledge of that misconduct.

First, whistleblowers who have spoken with my office have not previously spoken to the Foreign Relations Committee, and are presenting new allegations that must be fully investigated.

Second, the investigation of the Los Angeles mayor's office reportedly found no wrongdoing by the mayor or his staff. However, information provided by multiple whistleblowers strongly suggests that this investigation was incomplete at best. The extent to which the investigation was truly independent is also not clear, and the report has not been made public.

The United States owes it to the Republic of India to send them a qualified Ambassador that will represent the values of the United States. Mayor Garcetti may very well be fully qualified, but at this time, the Senate needs to look into these allegations further.

So until my staff and I have conducted a thorough investigation and are able to speak with everyone involved I cannot vote to confirm Mr. Garcetti.