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Senate Confirms Nani Coloretti as Deputy Secretary at the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Becoming the Highest Ranking Filipino American in Government

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Washington, D.C. – Kaya: Filipino Americans for Progress congratulates Nani Coloretti on her confirmation today by the United States Senate to the position of Deputy Secretary at the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Nominated by President Obama on March of 2014, Coloretti is the fourth female deputy secretary and the highest-ranking Filipino American to serve in the Obama Administration.

“We are excited to have another prominent Filipino American voice in government,” said Genevieve Jopanda, National Co-Chair for Kaya: Filipino Americans for Progress. “Ms. Coloretti’s confirmation affirms her abilities and signals the continued growth of Filipino American visibility in the federal government.”

The confirmation of Ms. Coloretti, who was born in Hawai’i, was hailed by Senators Brian Schatz (D-Hawai’i) and Mazie Hirono (D-Hawai’i) as a big step for Hawai’i and the Filipino American community. “Nani not only brings strong leadership experience, but the ability to inspire the next generation of Filipino-American leaders in Hawai’i and across the country,” [said Senator Schatz](#). “I am proud to call Nani a friend and I look forward to continuing to work with her in her new role.”

“HUD Secretary Castro told me that Nani’s role, as his right hand, is critical to implementing his vision which includes providing affordable housing and much needed infrastructure,” [said Senator Hirono](#). “Nani’s dedication to public service and her wealth of experience give me confidence in her ability to do an excellent job. I look forward to working with her.”

Ms. Coloretti previously served as the Assistant Secretary for Management at the U.S. Department of the Treasury, a position she held since 2012. Previously, she served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Management and Budget from 2009 to 2012. Prior to joining the Administration, she worked in the San Francisco Mayor’s office from 2005 until 2009, most recently serving as Budget Director. Ms. Coloretti is a recipient of the National Public Service Award, the Public Policy and International Affairs Achievement Award, the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award and the Federal 100 Award.

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