

A CASE FOR DR. IGNACIO MEDINA

A REQUEST FOR PROMOTION TO CORONER

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SCORE BOARD	DR. MEDINA	DR. MEDINA	DR. MEDINA
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That Dr. Ignacio Medina, Jr. has manifested a thorough knowledge of the office of Coroner and a sincere dedication to it;

That it is respectfully recommended to his Excellency, John McKeithen, Governor of the State of Louisiana, that Dr. Ignacio Medina, Jr., be forthwith appointed Coroner for the Parish of Orleans as soon as possible to preclude any question of the legality of the vital functions of the office during the interim of the death of Dr. Chetta and the appointment of his successor.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED in an *hanc session* of the Criminal District Court on this day of our Lord May 29, 1968.

BERNARD J. BAGERT, SR. OLIVER P. SCHULINGKAMP
EDWARD A. HAGGERTY, JR. RUDOLPH R. BECKER, JR.
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Orleans Parish Medical Society Executive Board Asks Governor to Name Dr. Medina Coroner

The Honorable John J. McKeithen

Governor of Louisiana
Baton Rouge, La.

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM, JUNE 4, 1969

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ORLEANS PARISH MEDICAL SOCIETY IS ANXIOUS TO SEE THAT THE PRINCIPLES OF MANAGEMENT OF THE OFFICE OF CORONER OF ORLEANS PARISH AS ESTABLISHED BY THE LATE DR. NICHOLAS CHETTA BE CONTINUED. TO THIS END WE RECOMMEND TO YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO FILL DR. CHETTA'S UNEXPIRED TERM HIS FIRST ASSISTANT DR. IGNACIO MEDINA JR. WHO WAS TRAINED BY DR. CHETTA AND HAS BEEN HIS CLOSE ASSOCIATE FOR THE PAST EIGHTEEN YEARS.

W. E. KITTRIDGE M.D., PRES. ORLEANS PARISH MEDICAL SOCIETY.

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INDEPENDENT CIVIC	ALLIANCE FOR GOOD GOVT. ROUND TABLE DEMOCRATS	0
POLITICAL PATRONAGE GROUPS	0	5

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Dr. Medina worked with the late Dr. Nicholas Chetta over the years to achieve this respectable independence, and Dr. Medina is pledged to carry out this noble tradition.

VOTE #69 Sat., Elect Dr. MEDINA

STATES-ITEM

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THE TIMES-PICAYUNE

FRIDAY, OCT. 31, 1969

Medina Favored for Coroner

In Poll of Orleans Doctor

One out of every two doctors recommended Dr. Ignacio Medina for coroner of Orleans Parish. A poll of Orleans Parish medical society members showed today.

Dr. L. Sidney Chantomet, society president, revealed results of a secret ballot. Dr. Frank Minyard, 54 votes, or 8 per cent. Spoiled ballots, 91, or 14 per cent.

Dr. Chantomet said this is the first time in the society's history such a poll was taken.

Poll Indicates Medina Backing

A poll of members of the Orleans Parish Medical Society has shown that Dr. Medina is their choice for coroner of Orleans Parish.

The society's ballots were secret so no one could tell which physician voted for which candidate. The first results were as follows: Dr. Medina, 334 votes; Dr. Carl H. Bagert, 137 votes; Dr. Frank Minyard, 54 votes.

VOTE #69 FOR CORONER ELECT

Dr. IGNACIO MEDINA

Best Qualified . . . Ask Your Doctor