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Senate Confirms Castro As New HUD Secretary

Earlier this afternoon, the Senate confirmed San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro to lead the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). His confirmation passed easily with bipartisan support. There were 71 votes to confirm and 26 votes against.

In recent years, Castro has received a lot of national attention. This Cabinet position will likely boost Castro's credentials, which many believe will help make him an attractive potential 2016 Vice Presidential pick.

Castro faces a number of policy challenges in this new role, including revitalizing the housing market, recent FHA balance sheet losses, and the possibility of GSE reform. For more information, check out this recent Politico article.

Thank you for your support,

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