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SUPREME COURT DECIDES *RICCI*: “The Supreme Court has ruled that white firefighters in New Haven, Conn., were unfairly denied promotions because of their race, reversing a decision that high court nominee Sonia Sotomayor endorsed as an appeals court judge.”

UPDATE: “Although there is a sharp 5-4 divide among the justices, not a single justice thought that Judge Sotomayor acted correctly in granting summary judgment for the City of New Haven.”

ANOTHER UPDATE: [More here.](#)

Further thoughts from Roger Pilon (“In its opinion today in *Ricci v. DeStefano*, the Supreme Court came down solidly for upholding the equal protection of the law.”) and Ilya Shapiro. (“*Ricci* is a victory for merit over racial politics—which is appropriate given that the ruling overturns a lower court panel that included Sonia Sotomayor.”)

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