# CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM

DEPARTMENT: Municipal Court AGENDA DATE: December 4, 2023

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Lilia Worrell, 212-5822

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** All

STRATEGIC GOAL: NO. 2: Set the Standard for Safe and Secure City

#### **SUBJECT:**

APPROVE a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

Discussion and action on the appointment of two candidates to fill vacancies for Substitute Associate Municipal Court Judges per El Paso City Code 2.44.030 to fill terms from January 1, 2024 through Dec 31, 2027.

The candidates are: Courtney Bowie Melissa Warrick

# **BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?

There are currently four vacancies for Substitute Associate Municipal Court Judges. Four candidates submitted applications; 1 candidate withdrew his name from consideration. All candidates are qualified. One city representative submitted three names to the City Manager's office.

These positions serve as substitutes for the elected and appointed municipal court trial judges at trial and other court hearings; they preside over arraignments; they serve as magistrates on graveyard shifts; duties allowed by the City Code.

Council will appoint the candidates to serve as Substitute Associate Municipal Judges in accordance with the City Code Chapter 2.44. Although the City Code does not require the recommendation of the Presiding Judge, a recommendation was solicited from Presiding Judge Daniel Robledo. The Presiding Judge is more familiar with the legal community and since he will supervise the associates, his input is valuable. City Council is not bound by the Judge's recommendation. The Presiding Judge does not have any objection to the appointment of any of the candidates.

#### PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

Yes, it is City Council who appoints Substitute Associate Municipal Judges in accordance with City Code Chapter 2.44. City Council previously appointed Substitute Associate Municipal Judges on February 3, 2021.

# AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

The item has been budgeted in the <u>Judiciary budget</u> - General Fund. Dept # 111 Fund 1000 Division 11060 Account 50100

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### **BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:**

Enter appropriate comments or N/A

N/A

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### **DEPARTMENT HEAD:**

Lilia Worrell

(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager

### RESOLUTION

# BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the following Substitute Associate Municipal Judges be appointed in accordance with the El Paso City Code Section 2.44.030, to serve four-year terms beginning on January 1, 2024 and expiring on December 31, 2027.

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Appo	ointments:
	rtney Bowie issa Warrick
APPROVED this day of Dec	cember, 2023.
	CITY OF EL PASO:
ATTEST:	Oscar Leeser, Mayor
Laura D. Prine, City Clerk	
APPROVED AS TO FORM:	APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:
E Gating	Lilia Worrell
Eric Gutierrez	Lilia A. Worrell
Senior Assistant City Attorney	Director for Municipal Court

#### EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION

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A 7	Bowie, Courtney J 7718-0923 ASSOCIATE MUNICIP	AL JUDGE	□Experience □Training □Other:	
PERSONAL INFORMATION				
POSITION TITLE:	, 2,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	EXAMID#:		
ASSOCIATE MUNICIPAL JUDGE				
NAME: (Last, First, Middle)		SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBE	R:	
Bowie, Courtney J	(Da atal (Carla)	N/A		
ADDRESS: (Street, City, State/Province, Zip,	Postar Code)	EMAIL ADDRESS:		
HOME PHONE:				
DRIVER'S LICENSE: DRIVER'S LIC	DENICE.			
■ Yes ■ No State: TX Num				
What is your highest level of education? Doctorate				
	PREFERENCES			
ARE YOU WILLING TO RELOCATE?				
□Yes ■No □Maybe				
WHAT TYPE OF JOB ARE YOU LOOKING F Regular	OR?			
TYPES OF WORK YOU WILL ACCEPT: Part Time				
SHIFTS YOU WILL ACCEPT: Day,Evening,Night,Rotating,Weekends,On Ca	all (as needed)			
OBJECTIVE: Continue to grow within the legal profession	while specifically taking on responsi	bilities that sharpen my skills as	it pertains to leading both	
court proceedings as well as alternative dispu	te resolution such as arbitration.			
	EDUCATION			
DATES:	SCHOOL NAME:			
From: 8/2016 To: 5/2019	Thurgood Marshall School of Lav	W		
LOCATION: (City, State/Province)	DID YOU GRADUATE?	DEGREE RECEIV	ED:	
Houston , Texas	■Yes □No	Professional		
MAJOR:		UNITS COMPLET 120 - Semester	TED:	
Law DATES:	SCHOOL NAME:	120 - Semester		
From: 8/2009 To: 5/2013	University of Phoenix			
LOCATION: (City, State/Province)	DID YOU GRADUATE?	DEGREE RECEIV	ED:	
Houston , Texas	■Yes □No	Bachelor's		
MAJOR: Business and Management		UNITS COMPLET 120 - Semester	ED:	
business and ivaliagement		120 - Semester		
	WORK EXPERIENCE			
DATES:	EMPLOYER:	POSITION TITLE	Ε:	
From: 1/2022 To: Present	Bowie Urbina Law, PLLC	Attorney/Partner		
ADDRESS: (Street, City, State/Province, Zip, 8340 Gateway E Suite 201, El Paso, Texas, 7	79907	COMPANY URL: Bowieurbinalaw.c		
PHONE NUMBER:	SUPERVISOR:		CT THIS EMPLOYER?	
915-703-1393	Self - Attorney/Partner	■Yes ■No	C CHDEDVICED.	
HOURS PER WEEK: 65	\$ALARY: \$6,000.00/month	# OF EMPLOYEE 3	3 3UPEKVISED:	
DUTIES:	- Law Flow for Day	Color in all Defense	- Decelerated All 1	
Manages JV operations with Wronged in Texas Law Firm for Personal Injury and Criminal Defense cases. Manages Business Law Clients both start ups and existing businesses. Meets with current and potential clients to advise on legal issues. Prepares pleadings and files lawsuits. Conducts discovery for cases in litigation. Prepares demands and participates in formal/informal settlement negotiations. Attends hearings and argues/defends motions. Conducts Arbitrations for Texas Comptroller. Supervises/trains staff.				
hearings and argues/defends motions. Condu	cts Arbitrations for Texas Comptroll	er. Supervises/trains staff.		

936-522-7085

PHONE NUMBER:

From: 8/2021 To: 1/2022

ADDRESS: (Street, City, State/Province, Zip/Postal Code) 112 Texas Ave, El Paso, Texas, 79912

Garcia Bowie, PLLC

Self - Attorney/Partner

SUPERVISOR:

Attorney/Partner

MAY WE CONTACT THIS EMPLOYER?

COMPANY URL: Garciabowielaw.com

□Yes ■No

HOURS PER WEEK: 80	SALARY: \$0.00/month	# OF EMPLOYEES SUPERVISED:	
DUTIES:			
	led Business Law Clients both start ups and exis		
potential clients to advise on legal issues. Prep	ared pleadings and filed lawsuits. Conducted di ettlement negotiations. Attended hearings and a	scovery for cases in litigation. Prepared	
Arbitrations for Texas Comptroller. Supervised.		argueu/derended motions. Conducted	
REASON FOR LEAVING:	a amou otam		
Breach of Contract and Professional difference	S		
DATES:	EMPLOYER:	POSITION TITLE:	
From: 3/2020 To: 8/2021	Clarke Law, PLLC	Associate	
ADDRESS: (Street, City, State/Province, Zip/F 7322 Southwest Freeway, Houston, Texas, 77	Postal Code) 074		
PHONE NUMBER:	SUPERVISOR:	MAY WE CONTACT THIS EMPLOYER?	
713-339-3988	Peter Clarke - Managing Partner	■Yes □No	
HOURS PER WEEK: 60	SALARY: \$6,250.00/month	# OF EMPLOYEES SUPERVISED: 2	
DUTIES:			
Met with current and potential clients to advis	e on legal issues. Prepared pleadings and filed l n formal/informal settlement negotiations. Atte	awsults. Conducted discovery for cases in	
Provided analysis for all cases in litigation. Prepared	pared weekly/monthly reports for managing par	rtner. Attended and participated in AAA	
arbitrations. Conducted Arbitrations for Texas	Comptroller. Supervised/trained staff.		
REASON FOR LEAVING:			
Relocating to El Paso			
DATES:	EMPLOYER:	POSITION TITLE:	
From: 1/2020 To: 8/2020	The Law Office of Courtney Bowie, PLLC	Attorney/Partner	
ADDRESS: (Street, City, State/Province, Zip/F 15406 Hensen Creek Dr, Houston, Texas, 770	86		
PHONE NUMBER:	SUPERVISOR:	MAY WE CONTACT THIS EMPLOYER?	
9365227085	Self - Attorney/Partner	□Yes ■No	
HOURS PER WEEK: 60	SALARY: \$4,000.00/month	# OF EMPLOYEES SUPERVISED: O	
DUTIES:			
	al Defense, Personal Injury, and Business Law. on practice, formal and informal settlement neg		
litigation matters leading up to trial.	on practice, formal and informal settlement neg	ottations, preparing demands, and other	
REASON FOR LEAVING:			
Full-time Employment with a law firm			
	CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES		
TYPE:			
Law License	LCCHING ACENOV		
LICENSE NUMBER:	ISSUING AGENCY:   Supreme Court of Tex	as	
Supreme Sourt of Texas			
Skills			
OFFICE SKILLS:			
Typing: 120			
Data Entry: 0			
OTHER SKILLS:			
Arbitrator - Intermediate - 2 years and 7 months			
LANGUAGE(S):			
English - ■ Speak ■ Read ■ Write			
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION			
Nothing Entered For This Section			
DEFENSIVE			
REFERENCES			
I	Nothing Entered For This Section		

The following terms were accepted by the applicant upon submitting the online application:

By clicking on the 'Accept' button, I hereby certify that every statement I have made in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false or incomplete answer may be grounds for not employing me or for dismissing me after I begin work. I understand that I will have to produce documentation verifying identity and employment eligibility in the U.S. I understand that I may be required to verify any and all information given on this application. I understand that this completed application is the property of the City of El Paso and will not be returned. I understand that the City of El Paso may contact prior employers and other references.

I understand that completion of this Application for Employment does not guarantee that I will be employed by the City of El Paso.

I hereby affirm that my answers to these statements and questions are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have not knowingly

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<u>Falsification:</u> I understand that falsification of information listed on my application or presented to the City of El Paso can be grounds for serious reprimand or termination.

Employment testing: I understand that all required drug tests, pencil-and-paper tests, physical exams, or electronic or other tests will be used in the employment decision.

Condition of Employment:: I understand that I must provide official proof of Education (transcripts, diplomas, certificates), driver's license (if required), within 3 days of being contacted with a job offer.

This application was submitted by Courtney J Bowie on 10/5/23 1:29 PM



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A77	Warrick, Melissa 18-0923 ASSOCIATE MUNICIPA	L JUDGE	□Experience □Training □Other:
	PERSONALINFORMATIO	N	
POSITION TITLE: ASSOCIATE MUNICIPAL JUDGE		EXAMID#:	
NAME: (Last, First, Middle) Warrick, Melissa		SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBE	R:
ADDRESS: (Street, City, State/Province, Zip/P	ostal Code)	EMAIL ADDRESS:	
HOME PHONE:			
DRIVER'S LICENSE: DRIVER'S LICE			
■ Yes □ No State: TX Numb What is your highest level of education?	per:		
Doctorate			
	PREFERENCES		
ARE YOU WILLING TO RELOCATE?  ■Yes □No □Maybe			
WHAT TYPE OF JOB ARE YOU LOOKING FO Regular	R?		
TYPES OF WORK YOU WILL ACCEPT: Full Time			
SHIFTS YOU WILL ACCEPT:			
Day, Evening, Night, Rotating, Weekends			
	EDUCATION		
DATES: From: 8/2001 To: 5/2004	SCHOOL NAME: Tulane University Law School		
LOCATION: (City, State/Province) New Orleans, Louisiana	DID YOU GRADUATE?  •Yes •No	DEGREE RECEIV	ED:
MAJOR:	-1e3 -NO	Doctorate	
DATES:	SCHOOL NAME:		
From: 1/1998 To: 5/2001	Temple University		
LOCATION: (City, State/Province) Philadelphia , Pennsylvania	DID YOU GRADUATE? ■Yes □No	DEGREE RECEIV Bachelor's	'ED:
MAJOR: Criminal Justice			
	WORK EXPERIENCE		
DATES:	EMPLOYER:	POSITION TITL	<u></u>
From: 10/2022 To: Present	Law Office of Romero & Warrick P	PLLC Partner	
ADDRESS: (Street, City, State/Province, Zip/P 918 E. San Antonio Ave, El Paso, Texas, 7990		COMPANY URL: www.romerowar	ricklaw.com
PHONE NUMBER: 915-200-4200	MAY WE CONTACT THIS EMPLO ■Yes □No	YER?	
HOURS PER WEEK:			
DUTIES:			
Represent indigent clients on misdemeanor an Represent clients on misdemeanor and felony of Represent clients in family law cases, probate of Assist in the day to day administration of the la	cases pretrial through trial when retacases and personal injury cases from	ained.	ourt.
DATES: From: 6/2022 To: 9/2022	EMPLOYER: 34th Judicial District Attorney's O	POSITION TITL Assistant District	
ADDRESS: (Street, City, State/Province, Zip/P	ostal Code)	Maaaalalii Dialiici	. Attorney
500 E. San Antonio Ave Suite 200, El Paso, Te PHONE NUMBER:	xas, 79902   MAY WE CONTACT THIS EMPLO	VFR2	
915-546-2059	■Yes ■No	TER!	
HOURS PER WEEK: 80			

DUTIES: Prosecuted felony cases from pretrial to trial. Practiced in the 120th District Court and handle Screened new cases at DIMS and PFILE cases the	d a high volume fast-paced docket.		
Worked extensively with law enforcement, victing		ed hearings and trial.	
REASON FOR LEAVING: Started my own law firm			
DATES:	EMPLOYER:	POSITION TITLE:	
From: 4/2021 To: 6/2022	216th District Attorney's Office	Assistant District Attorney	
ADDRESS: (Street, City, State/Province, Zip/Po 402 Clearwater Paseo, Kerrville, Texas, 78028	·		
PHONE NUMBER:	SUPERVISOR:		
8303439102 HOURS PER WEEK:	Melissa Warrick		
40			
DUTIES: First-chair counsel in jury trials and contested punishment and appeal. Coordinate with others as part of a smaller offic Assist local law enforcement investigations and	e, effectively managing an extensive docket ar		
REASON FOR LEAVING: Want to change career paths and relocate to E	L Paso TX		
DATES:	EMPLOYER:	POSITION TITLE:	
From: 12/2019 To: 3/2021	Spokane County Prosecuting Attorney's Office	Deputy Prosecuting Attorney	
ADDRESS: (Street, City, State/Province, Zip/Po 1100 W. Mallon, Spokane, Washington, 99260	ostal Code)		
PHONE NUMBER:	SUPERVISOR:	MAY WE CONTACT THIS EMPLOYER?	
5094773662	Eugene Cruz - Supervisor, Special Assault Unit	■Yes □No	
HOURS PER WEEK: 35			
Member of the elite Special Assault prosecution First-chair counsel in jury trials and contested hithrough punishment and appeal Focus on sex crimes and child abuse prosecutio Coordinated with others as part of an office of cases each month Assisted in law enforcement investigations and	nearings, successfully prosecuting cases from c n, with additional experience in cases ranging over forty attorneys, effectively managing an ex	from domestic violence to property crimes	
REASON FOR LEAVING:	· · · J		
Relocated to Texas			
DATES: From: 9/2011 To: 11/2019	EMPLOYER: 34th Judicial District Attorney's Office	POSITION TITLE: Assistant District Attorney-Senior Trial Attorney	
ADDRESS: (Street, City, State/Province, Zip/Postal Code) 500 E. San Antonio, El Paso, Texas, 79901			
PHONE NUMBER:	SUPERVISOR:	MAY WE CONTACT THIS EMPLOYER?	
(915) 546-2059	Michelle Hill - Trial Team Chief-Drug Task Force	■Yes □No	
HOURS PER WEEK: 40	# OF EMPLOYEES SUPERVISED: O		
DUTIES: Assigned to the DA Drug Task Force.			
Prosecute misdemeanor and felony cases from pre-indictment through the trial and punishment.			
Screen misdemeanor and felony cases for charging and presentation to the grand jury.			
Assist local law enforcement with investigations	and search warrants.		
REASON FOR LEAVING: Moved to Washington state.			
DATES: From: 7/2008 To: 5/2011	EMPLOYER: Glendale City Prosecutor's Office	POSITION TITLE: Assistant City Prosecutor	
ADDRESS: (Street, City, State/Province, Zip/Po 6815 N. 57th Ave, Glendale, Arizona, 85301	-		
PHONE NUMBER: 217-720-1225	SUPERVISOR: Samantha Sycowski 217-720-1225	MAY WE CONTACT THIS EMPLOYER?	
HOURS PER WEEK:	# OF EMPLOYEES SUPERVISED:		
40	10		

DUTIES: Prosecuted misdemeanor cases from screening	through the trial phase and sentencing.		
Supervised and trained new attorneys in the of	fice.		
Supervised support staff and mediated staff co	nflicts.		
Screened misdemeanor cases for charging.			
REASON FOR LEAVING: Relocated to TX.			
DATES:	EMPLOYER:	POSITION TITLE:	
From: 8/2004 To: 7/2008	Maricopa County Attorney's Office	Deputy County Attorney	
ADDRESS: (Street, City, State/Province, Zip/P 301 W. Jefferson St., Phoenix, Arizona, 85003			
PHONE NUMBER: 602-506-3411	SUPERVISOR: Beth Beringhaus - Bureau Chief	MAY WE CONTACT THIS EMPLOYER?	
HOURS PER WEEK:	# OF EMPLOYEES SUPERVISED:	Tes Ino	
DUTIES:	20		
Prosecuted misdemeanor and felony cases at t	he pretrial and trial levels for both adults a	and juveniles.	
Assigned to the Drug Enforcement Bureau.			
Screened felony cases for charging and grand j	ury presentation.		
Supervised and trained new attorneys in the of	fice.		
REASON FOR LEAVING: Started a new position at the Glendale City Pro	osecutor's Office.		
	CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES		
TYPE: Arizona State Bar license			
LICENSE NUMBER:	ISSUING AGENC		
TYPE:	Arizona Supreme	Court	
Texas State Bar License			
LICENSE NUMBER:	ISSUING AGENC Texas Supreme C		
TYPE: Washington State Bar License	·		
LICENSE NUMBER:	ISSUING AGENC		
	Washington Supr	eme Court	
	Skills		
	Nothing Entered For This Section		
	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION		
Nothing Entered For This Section			
REFERENCE TYPE:	REFERENCES NAME:	POSITION:	
Professional	Patricia Baca	Judge, 346th District Court	
ADDRESS: (Street, City, State/Province, Zip/P 500 E. San Antonio Suite 701, El Paso, Texas			
EMAIL ADDRESS: yvwhitaker@epcounty.com		PHONE NUMBER:	
REFERENCE TYPE:	NAME:	POSITION:	
Professional Michelle Hill  ADDRESS: (Street, City, State/Province, 7 in/Postal Code)		Trial Team Chief-DA Drug Task Force	
ADDRESS: (Street, City, State/Province, Zip/Postal Code) 500 E. San Antonio Suite 200, El Paso, Texas 79901			
EMAIL ADDRESS: mhill@epcounty.com		PHONE NUMBER:	
REFERENCE TYPE:	NAME:	POSITION:	
Professional ADDRESS: (Street, City, State/Province, Zip/P	Kristin Romero ostal Code)	Judge, Municipal Court # 2	
El Paso, Texas 79901			
EMAIL ADDRESS:		PHONE NUMBER:	

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This application was submitted by Melissa Warrick on 9/16/23 10: 26 AM