

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

DEPARTMENT: Municipal Court
AGENDA DATE: May 10, 2022
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 4 candidates to fill 5 Part Time On call Associate Judge vacancies. Six candidates applied; 1 did not meet qualifications; 1 non-responsive. Four candidates' names were submitted by a city representative to the City Manager's office. These positions serve as substitutes for the elected municipal court trial judges at trial and other court hearings; they preside over arraignments; they serve as magistrates on graveyard shifts. The candidates are:

1. **Elia Garcia**
2. **Jose Gonzalez**
3. **Leonel Nunez**
4. **Manuel Parra**

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?

Council will appoint the candidates to serve as Associate Judges in accordance with City Code 2.44.030. Although the City Code 2.44.030 does not require the inclusion 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 Associate Municipal Court Judges in accordance with City Code 2.44.030 and the City Charter.

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 **Judiciary budget** -
General Fund. Dept # 111 Fund 1000 Division 11060 Account 50100

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

Enter appropriate comments or N/A

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

Amberelle Carr on behalf of John Howell

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

Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager