

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

DEPARTMENT: Municipal Court
AGENDA DATE: June 6, 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 2 candidates as Substitute Associate Municipal Judges of the Municipal Court per El Paso City Code 2.44.030 to fill terms from June 26, 2023 through June 25, 2027:

The candidates are:

1. Sara Elizabeth Priddy
2. Roberto Antonio Ramos

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 5 vacancies in the Court for Substitute Associate Municipal Judge. Five candidates submitted applications; 2 candidates qualified and their 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, duties allowed by the City Code.

Council will appoint the candidates to serve as Substitute Associate Municipal Judges in accordance with 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.

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

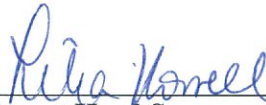
BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

Enter appropriate comments or N/A

N/A

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD:



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

Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager