

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE May 20, 2022

TO Honorable Members of the Ad Hoc Judicial Nominations Committee

SUBJECT **Judicial Nominating Commission Recommendations of Full time Municipal Judge including the Administrative Judge and Associate Judge Positions**

The Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC) serves as an advisory body to the City Council in matters related to the filling of municipal judge vacancies, the reappointment of current municipal judges, salary recommendations for municipal judges, the implementation of a merit evaluation system for the appointment of municipal Judges and providing recommendations for improvements in the municipal court.

As you may be aware, the full-time Municipal Judges, including the Administrative Judge and Associate Judges, are appointed every two years through a Judicial recruiting process that is conducted by the Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC). The process includes reviewing court operations, accepting applications, conducting interviews, and recommending judges to the City Council Ad Hoc Judicial Nominating Committee.

Recently, the JNC initiated a review of applicants to appoint judges upon the expiration of the current term. The job position announcements were posted on February 20, 2022, and candidate interviews were held from Monday, April 25, 2022, through Wednesday, April 27, 2022.

The JNC, as required by City Ordinance and pursuant to proper notice, convened into executive session and interviewed candidates for the full-time Municipal Judges including the Administrative Judge and Associate Judge positions of the City of Dallas. For your reference, attached you will find a copy of the total list of interviewed candidates and the Judicial Positions Recruitment Process.

Based on interviews, evaluations, and deliberations the JNC has ranked and recommends to the Ad Hoc Judicial Nominating Committee (3) three candidates for Administrative Judge, (15) fifteen candidates for full-time Municipal Judge, and (26) twenty-six candidates for Associate Judge. Please note that some candidates received a tie vote.

## **Administrative Judge Candidates**

The Ad Hoc Judicial Nomination Committee may recommend (1) one of the following candidates for Administrative Judge.

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1. Robinson Jr, Preston
2. Carter, Rosalyn L.
3. Ayinde, Akeem

### **Full- time Municipal Judge Candidates**

The Ad Hoc Judicial Nomination Committee may recommend (10) ten of the following candidates for full-time Municipal Judge.

1. Acuna, Michael; Blacklock, Demetrius E.; Clancy, Julie; Goffney, Tonya L.; Kramer, Kristen B.; Murrell, Mark J.; Tilman, Marcia L. Robinson, Jay E.; Robinson Jr, Preston; Williams, Cherl D. **(tie vote)**
2. Thakrar, Amar
3. McCall Jr, Jhon P.; Green, Naomi S. **(tie vote)**
4. Haddad, Manny
5. Gray, Amy C.

### **Associate Judge Candidates**

The Ad Hoc Judicial Nomination Committee may recommend (18) eighteen of the following candidates for Associate Judge.

1. Armstrong, Melodee; White, Sandra H. **(tie vote)**
2. Thakrar, Amar
3. Haddad, Manny
4. McDonald, Daniel E.; Cooks, Desmond **(tie vote)**
5. Menchu, Cadoc Tim A.
6. Johnson, Edward C.; LaSusa Erane; Primrose, Kristen S. **(tie vote)**
7. Arizor, Helen N; Butrus, John J; Gray, Amy C.; Neal, Stephanie **(tie vote)**
8. McClelland, Eric B.; Villareal, Bobbie Rae **(tie vote)**
9. Cornell, Jeffrey; McCall Jr, Jhon P. **(tie vote)**
10. Anderson, Roland C; Palomeque, Pablo; Shaw, Darcie **(tie vote)**
11. Amador, Victor, Galvan, Jhon Q. **(tie vote)**
12. Egharerevba, Natasha, Varughese, Rachel **(tie vote)**
13. Davidson, Jenafer F.

On Thursday, May 26, 2022, the Ad Hoc Judicial Nominating Committee will review a report from the chair of JNC, Matthew McDougal, and consider a recommendation for City Council to consider on June 22, 2022. The deadline to appoint municipal judges is August 31, 2022. All candidate applications, resumes, cover letters, and reference checks will be delivered in a binder to your office on Friday, May 20, 2022.

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Should you have any questions or need additional information please contact me at (214) 670-3316.



**Jon Fortune**  
Deputy City Manager  
**[Attachment]**

c: T.C. Broadnax, City Manager  
Chris Caso, City Attorney  
Mark Swann, City Auditor  
Biliera Johnson, City Secretary  
Preston Robinson, Administrative Judge  
Kimberly Bizzor Tolbert, Deputy City Manager

Majed A. Al-Ghafry, Assistant City Manager  
M. Elizabeth (Liz) Cedillo-Pereira, Assistant City Manager  
Robert Perez, Assistant City Manager  
Carl Simpson, Assistant City Manager  
M. Elizabeth Reich, Chief Financial Officer  
Genesis Gavino, Chief of Staff/Office of Resilience  
Directors and Assistant Directors