

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE May 11, 2026

Honorable Members of the Public Safety

TO Cara Mendelsohn (Chair), Jesse Moreno (Vice Chair), Laura Cadena, Maxie Johnson, Jaime Resendez, William Roth, Kathy Stewart

SUBJECT **2026 Appointment of the Municipal Judge Update**

The Judicial Nominating Commissions (JNC) serves as an advisory body to the City Council in matters related to the appointment of the City of Dallas Municipal Judges, including filling vacancies, salary increase recommendations, 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 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 Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC) initiated a review of applicants to appoint judges upon the expiration of the current term. The job position announcements were posted on March 24, 2026, and candidate interviews were held from Monday, April 20, 2026, through Wednesday, April 22, 2026.

On Tuesday, May 12, 2026, the Ad Hoc Judicial Nominating Committee will review a report from the chair of the Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC), Matthew McDougal, and consider a recommendation for City Council to consider on May 27, 2026. The deadline to appoint municipal judges is August 31, 2026.

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

Service First, Now!

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Chief of Public Safety

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