



# CITY MAGISTRATE MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION

## Annual Report 2023 – 2024

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**February 5, 2024**

In accordance with Tucson City Code Sec. 10A-139(c), please find below the Annual Report of the Tucson City Magistrate Merit Selection Commission.

### **1. Executive Summary**

Between March 1, 2023 and February 2, 2024, the Commission met six times. During that period, the Commission interviewed three sitting Tucson City Court Magistrates for reappointment. The Commission recommended in favor of two of them and against one.

The Commission also interviewed six applicants for one vacant magistracy and sent names to the Mayor and Council for consideration.

### **2. Significant Actions**

- On August 24, 2023, the Commission voted 6-0 to recommend against reappointing Presiding Magistrate Antonio F. Riojas to another four-year term on the City Court bench
- On August 24, 2023, the Commission voted 6-0 to recommend reappointing Magistrate T. Jay Cranshaw to another four-year term on the City Court bench
- On February 2, 2024, the Commission voted 6-0 to recommend reappointing Magistrate Julia A. Maldonado to another four-year term on the City Court bench

- On February 2, 2024, the Commission voted 6-0 recommend the following applicants, in ranked order, for consideration by the Mayor and Council for appointment to the City Court bench: (1) Sarah Mayhew, (2) Al McDonald, and (3) Paul Skitzki

### **3. Meetings**

#### April 21, 2023

The Commission 5-0 to permit virtual attendance (as feasible) and in-person attendance (Commissioners Livier and Scott not present for vote)

#### May 30, 2023

The Commission discussed the reappointment of Presiding Magistrate Antonio F. Riojas and Magistrate T. Jay Cranshaw

#### June 13, 2023

The Commission set interview dates for Presiding Magistrate Antonio F. Riojas and Magistrate T. Jay Cranshaw

#### August 24, 2023

The Commission interviewed Presiding Magistrate Antonio F. Riojas and Magistrate T. Jay Cranshaw

The Commission voted 6-0 to recommend against reappointing Presiding Magistrate Antonio F. Riojas to another four-year term on the City Court bench (Commissioner Scott not present for vote)

The Commission voted 6-0 to recommend reappointing Magistrate T. Jay Cranshaw to another four-year term on the City Court bench (Commissioner Scott not present for vote)

December 5, 2023

The Commission voted 6-0 to interview six applicants of six for a vacant judgeship (Commissioner Livier not present for vote)

February 2, 2024

The Commission interviewed Magistrate Julia A. Maldonado for reappointment

The Commission voted 6-0 to recommend reappointing Magistrate Julia A. Maldonado to another four-year term on the City Court bench (Commissioner Jimenez not present for vote)

The Commission interviewed six applicants for an open magistracy: (1) Al McDonald, (2) Frank Anjakos, (3) Matt Walker, (4) Paul Skitzki, (5) Sarah Mayhew, and (6) Suzette Marquez Leonardo

On February 2, 2024, the Commission voted 6-0 recommend the following applicants, in ranked order, for consideration by the Mayor and Council for appointment to the City Court bench: (1) Sarah Mayhew, (2) Al McDonald, and (3) Paul Skitzki (Commissioner Jimenez not present for vote)

The Commission 6-0 to permit virtual attendance (as feasible) and in-person attendance (Commissioner Jimenez not present for vote)

For the Commission,



James W. Rappaport  
CHAIR  
CITY MAGISTRATE MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION