



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Office of the City Attorney

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Andy Segovia

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Reappointment of Municipal Court Presiding Judge

**SUMMARY:**

The Presiding Judge of the Municipal Courts must be a current Municipal Court Judge. The current Presiding Judge, Carla Obledo, was the sole applicant for this position. The terms for this position are two years, expiring April 30, of odd-numbered years. Duties include the assigning the duties and schedules of the current full- and part-time judges. This reappointment is for the remainder of a two-year term expiring April 30, 2025.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Presiding Judge of the Municipal Court is appointed by City Council every two years (odd-numbered) years, with an effective date of May 1. Municipal Court Judges must: (1) be a U.S. citizen; (2) a Texas resident; (3) a licensed attorney in good standing; (4) have practiced law in Texas for a minimum of two years; and (5) a resident of the City of San Antonio for at least three years immediately preceding appointment.

The Subcommittee of the Municipal Court Advisory Committee undertook the appointment process in early 2023, and met May 24, 2023, to consider the application and recommend the

reappointment of Carla Obledo as Presiding Judge. Judge Obledo was first appointed as Presiding Judge in January 2020 and reappointed in 2021.

**ISSUE:**

The San Antonio Municipal Court Presiding Judge term expired April 30, 2023. The judge will remain in holdover until the City Council takes action to reappoint the judge.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The alternative would require qualification of new applicants, leaving the current judge in holdover until a new appointment can be made. This will not change the term of office. Appointments are for the remainder of unexpired terms, beginning May 1, in an odd-numbered year and ending on April 30, two years later.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Annual salary for the Municipal Court Presiding Judge is \$161,506.80, with added monthly car allowance of \$500.00, and is appropriated in the FY 2023 budget. Life insurance and health and retirement benefits currently extended to City employees are extended to Presiding Judge.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff supports the recommendation of the Municipal Court Advisory Committee Subcommittee for the reappointment of Carla Obledo as Municipal Court Presiding Judge for the remainder of a two-year term expiring April 30, 2025.