

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE August 30, 2018

TO Honorable Members of the Ad Hoc Judicial Nominations Committee:  
B. Adam McGough (Chair), Phillip T. Kingston (Vice Chair), Council Member Jennifer S. Gates, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Adam Medrano, Council Member Sandy Greyson, Council Member Kevin Felder

SUBJECT Recommendation to fill Judicial Vacancies

The Dallas City Council recently approved a slate of nominees for full and part-time municipal court judges. After the nominations were confirmed by the City Council, one of the nominees for a full-time position, Yolanda Julado-Gessein, withdrew her name from consideration, leaving a vacancy. Additionally, one of the part-time appointees, Marcela Evans, resigned.

## Recommendation for Full-time Position

The JNC convened on August 15, 2018 and voted unanimously to recommend that the Ad Hoc Judicial Nominations Committee select the next candidate on the slate previously provided by the JNC, as modified by the Ad Hoc Judicial Nominations Committee. Accordingly, the JNC recommends Marcia Tillman.

Judge Tillman has served as an Associate Judge for 2 years. She has 10 years of experience as an Assistant District Attorney in Montgomery and Jefferson Counties, and worked as an Assistant City Attorney for 5 years in Conroe. The remainder of her career was in private practice with heavy exposure to criminal law. The JNC found her temperament and knowledge of the Dallas Municipal Court processes and procedures important.

## Recommendations for Part-time Position

Judge Tillman's nomination to a full-time position, if accepted by the City Council, will create an additional vacancy among the part-time judges, as she currently serves as a part-time judge. Accordingly, if she is confirmed, two part-time appointments will be necessary.

The JNC has not been able to convene a meeting in advance of your September 4, 2018 meeting to discuss recommendations for these part-time positions. However, the JNC has previously provided a recommended slate of part-time judges, which is attached, as amended by the Ad Hoc Judicial Nominations Committee. Note that the slate includes rankings that show which candidates should be given consideration in the event a higher-ranked candidate was rejected.

On behalf of the JNC, thank you for the opportunity to be of service. Please contact me if you have any questions.



Mark Melton, Chair  
Judicial Nominating Commission

### Attachments

cc: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
T.C. Broadnax, City Manager  
Larry Casto, City Attorney  
Craig D. Kinton, City Auditor  
Billerae Johnson, City Secretary  
Daniel F. Solis, Administrative Judge  
Kimberly Bizar Tolbert, Chief of Staff to the City Manager  
Majed A. Al-Ghafry, Assistant City Manager  
Jo M. (Jody) Puckett, Assistant City Manager (Interim)

Jon Fortune, Assistant City Manager  
Joey Zapata, Assistant City Manager  
M. Elizabeth Reich, Chief Financial Officer  
Nadia Chandler Hardy, Chief of Community Services  
Raquel Favela, Chief of Economic Development & Neighborhood Services  
Theresa O'Donnell, Chief of Resilience  
Directors and Assistant Directors

**EXHIBIT A**  
**Prior Slate of Candidates**

## Recommendations of the Judicial Nominating Commission

Key	
Sitting Municipal Judge	
Sitting Associate Judge	
* =Selected for Either Municipal or Associate Judge Positions	

Municipal Judge			
Rank	Name	Gender	Ethnicity
1	Demetrius Blacklock	M	BLK
2	Jay Robinson	M	WHT
3	Michael Acuna	M	UNK
4	Cheryl Williams	F	BLK
5	Preston Robinson	M	BLK
6	Tonya Goffney*	F	BLK
	Yolanda Julado-Gessein*	F	MEXA
7	Mark Murrell	M	BLK
8	Julie Clancy	F	UNK
9	Kristen Kramer	F	UNK
	Hollis Godfrey*	M	WHT
10	Marcia Tillman*	F	WHT
11	Dalerie Moore	F	BLK
12	Stefanee Davis	F	BLK
13	Henry Wade	M	WHT
14	Victor Lander	M	BLK
15	Daniel Solis	M	MEXA

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Clayton Amendment  
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Associate Judge			
Rank	Name	Gender	Ethnicity
1	Melodee Armstrong	F	BLK
2	Tim Menchu	M	AMIN
3	Daniel Ryan	M	WHT
4	Roland Anderson	M	WHT
5	Kristine Primrose	F	WHT
6	Joselito Giron	M	OASI
7	Daniel McDonald	M	WHT
8	Desmond Cooks	M	BLK
9	Thaddeus Iwuji	M	UNK
10	Sandra White	F	BLK
	Tonya Goffney*	F	BLK
11	Juan Renteria*	M	SPAN
	Marcia Tillman*	F	WHT
12	Jonh McCall	M	WHT
	Yolanda Jurado-Gesswein*	F	MEXA
13	Eric McClennand		
	Holis Godfrey*	M	WHT
14	Amar Thakrar	M	UNK
	Marcela Evans	F	UNK
15	Amy Castle Gray	F	UNK
16	Erane LaSusa	F	WHT
17	Frances Crumpler	M	UNK
18	Yodit Tewolde	F	BLK
19	Sharon Sela	F	UNK
20	Mai Mullen Milton	F	BLK
21	Ashley White	F	TWO
22	Timon Watson	M	WHT
23	Raymond Hindieh	M	OTHR

Full-time Judge

Recommended for FT

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Medrano Amendment

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Resigned