

Arizona Superior Court

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MEMORANDUM

To: The Pima County Board of Supervisors
From: Hon. Jeffrey T. Bergin, Presiding Judge
Date: March 28, 2023
Re: Board Agenda for April 4, 2023

I am requesting that you remove two items from your agenda for April 4 and continue them to a meeting in late May or early June. The April 4 item is the Judge Pro Tempore Appointments of Bobbi Berry, Oscar Flores, Robert Forman, and Vinjinya Torres. I understand that Judge Ray Carroll requested the removal of the April 18 item for the Pro Tempore Appointment of Damond Holt.

The Justice Courts of Pima County (Pima County Consolidated Justice Court, Green Valley Justice Court, and Ajo Justice Court) have been working diligently to revise their processes and procedures for submitting proposed candidates for justices of the peace pro tempore to the Presiding Judge of Superior Court for approval. These processes will include increased vetting, through formal applications, interviews, and due diligence. They are requesting additional time to assure that the processes and procedures can be put into place and utilized for submitting new names to me as the Presiding Judge. I will then submit the approved names to you.

In addition, it would be appropriate to have all nominees for Justices of the Peace Pro Tempore submitted at the same time and to have their terms of office run from July 1 through June 30 of each year. By postponing these items until late May or early June, we are able to accomplish this goal.

Thank you for your consideration.

cc: Jan Leshner, County Manager
Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board
Hon. Charlene Pesquiera, Presiding Justice of the Peace, Pima County
Hon. Ray Carroll, Justice of the Peace Precinct 7
Ron Overholt, Superior Court Administrator
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