

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Martha Sepeda, Acting City Attorney

SUBJECT: An Ordinance Accepting the Resignation of Part-Time Municipal Court Judge Gloria Cabrera and Appointing a Qualified Candidate to Serve the Unexpired Term Ending January 17, 2006

DATE: May 26, 2005

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance accepts the resignation of part-time Municipal Court Judge Gloria Cabrera and appoints a qualified candidate to serve in this part-time position for the unexpired term ending January 17, 2006.

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Judge Gloria Cabrera, a part-time Municipal Court Judge, resigned on March 7, 2005. The City received eight applications in response to its advertisement. In order to qualify to be a Municipal Court Judge, an applicant must be a resident of Texas, a citizen of the United States, and a licensed attorney in good standing. In addition, an applicant must have two or more years of experience in the practice of law in Texas and be a resident of the City of San Antonio for at least three years immediately preceding the appointment. Only six applicants were eligible for consideration. The Quality of Life Subcommittee on Municipal Courts interviewed these six applicants on May 3, 2005 and short listed two finalists for final review of their qualifications on May 23, 2005.

POLICY ANALYSIS

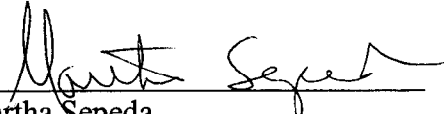
Part-time Municipal Court Judges discharge all the duties of a Municipal Court Judge and are called to serve on an hourly basis during the absence of a full-time judge or to perform the duties of a magistrate in the City Detention Center.


FISCAL IMPACT

Funds to pay part-time Municipal Court judges were included in the FY 2004-2005 budget and therefore there is no fiscal impact with this action.

COORDINATION

This ordinance has been coordinated with the Quality of Life Subcommittee on Municipal Courts, the City Clerk's Office, and the Municipal Courts Department.


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