

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA**

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT OF
MEMBERS OF THE MARICOPA COUNTY
REGIONAL HOMELESS COURT
GOVERNING COUNCIL AND
APPOINTMENT OF A CHAIR TO THE
COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
No. 2021-029

WHEREAS, A.R.S. § 22-601(A) authorizes the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court to establish a homeless court to adjudicate cases filed in a Justice of the Peace court or a municipal court in a county; and

WHEREAS, Superior Court Administrative Order No. 2013-063 continues the establishment of the Maricopa County Regional Homeless Court Governing Council (“Council”) to manage day-to-day operations of the Maricopa County Regional Homeless Court (“MCRHC”), and to make further recommendations for operation of the MCRHC and modifications of eligibility criteria to the Superior Court in Maricopa County Presiding Judge (“Presiding Judge”) in accordance with A.R.S. §22-601; and

WHEREAS, Superior Court Administrative Order No. 2013-063 provides for the continuation of the establishment of the Council to consist of a total of six (6) members comprised of three (3) Justices of the Peace designated by the Justice of the Peace Presiding Judge, a (1) Phoenix Municipal Court judge designated by the Presiding Judge of Phoenix Municipal Court, and two (2) municipal court Presiding Judges; and

WHEREAS, Superior Court Administrative Order No. 2019-021 provides that the appointment of municipal court judge members of the council to a three (3) year term and appointment of Justices of the Peace members of the council to two (2) year terms, or until their successor is duly appointed or qualified, whichever last occurs, The term length for the municipal court judges and the Justices of the Peace shall alternate per election and appointment cycle.

WHEREAS, the Chair of MCRHC, Judge Elizabeth Finn has retired and Judge Kane, municipal court member of MCRHC has resigned from the MCRHC, both after many years of dedicated service and use of their personal time to ensure the success of the MCRHC.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Superior Court Administrative Order No. 2019-021 the Maricopa County Justice of the Peace Presiding Judge has designated members of the Council, and Judge Kane's and Judge Finn's replacement have been elected by a majority of municipal court presiding judges; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Superior Court Administrative Order No. 2013-063 and 2019-012, the Superior Court Presiding Judge designates a member of the Council to be the MCRHC Presiding Judge;

IT IS ORDERED continuing the appointment of municipal court judge members of the council Honorable James Hernandez for Phoenix Municipal Court to their term that ends December 31, 2021 and Judge Stephanie Olohan for Mesa Municipal Court is appointed as Judge Finn's replacement to a term that ends December 31, 2021 or until a successor is duly appointed, whichever shall last occur. Terms may be extended upon approval of the municipal presiding judges and the presiding superior court judge.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED appointing the following members of the Council for a three (3) year term beginning on January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2023 on the expiration date listed, or until a successor is duly appointed, whichever shall last occur:

Honorable Enrique Medina
Maricopa County Justice of the Peace
Downtown Justice Court
Expires: December 31, 2023

Honorable Teresa Lopez
Maricopa County Justice of the Peace
Expires: December 31, 2023

Honorable Craig Wismer
Maricopa County Justice of the Peace
Arrowhead Justice Court
Expires: December 31, 2023

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED appointing Judge Danielle Harris for Tempe Municipal Court as Judge Kane's replacement and as Chair of the MCRHC to a term of three (3) years ending December 31, 2023, or until a successor is duly appointed, whichever shall last occur:

Dated this 11th day of March, 2021.

/s/ Joseph C. Welty
Hon. Joseph C. Welty
Presiding Judge

Original: Clerk of the Superior Court

Copies: Municipal Court Presiding Judges in Maricopa County
Justices of the Peace in Maricopa County
Honorable Danielle Harris, Tempe Municipal Court
Honorable Stephanie Olohan, Mesa Municipal Court
Honorable James Hernandez, Phoenix Municipal Court
Raymond Billotte, Judicial Branch Administrator
Richard Woods, Deputy Court Administrator
Karen Westover, Regional Court Administrator
Karen Sadler, Homeless Court Coordinator
Municipal Court Administrators in Maricopa County
James Morrow, Justice Courts Administrator