

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

IN THE MATTER OF ESTABLISHING THE EAST)
VALLEY REGIONAL VETERANS' COURT)
GOVERNING COUNCIL)
_____)

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 2018-071

WHEREAS, A.R.S. § 22-601(A) authorizes the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Maricopa County to establish a veterans' court to adjudicate cases filed in a municipal court in the county; and

WHEREAS, Superior Court Administrative Order Nos. 2016-035, 2016-071 and 2016-076 established the East Valley Regional Veterans Court (EVRVC) consisting of Carefree-Cave Creek Consolidated Court, Chandler Municipal Court, Fountain Hills Municipal Court, Gilbert Municipal Court, Paradise Valley Municipal Court, Scottsdale Municipal Court, Tempe Municipal Court and any additional municipal court in Maricopa County that may join the EVRVC upon the written approval of the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Maricopa County; and

WHEREAS, the Presiding Judges of the participating municipal courts seek to establish a Governing Council (Council) and from the Council appoint a Council chairperson to assist the Council and the EVRVC coordinator in managing the day-to-day operations of the EVRVC, and to make recommendations for the operation of the EVRVC to the Council and to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Maricopa County in accordance with A.R.S. § 22-601;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the East Valley Regional Veterans' Court Governing Council is established, consisting of the Presiding Judges of the EVRVC participating municipal courts or their designee, and may operate in a manner consistent with Superior Court Administrative Order Nos. 2016-035, 2016-071, and 2016-076. The Council shall have authority to establish operating guidelines for the Council and EVRVC as consistent with A.R.S. § 22-601 and subject to the approval of the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court. This authority shall include the appointment of a Council chairperson, to be rotated on a periodic basis, and for the chairperson to represent the EVRVC and the Council, and to provide assistance to the EVRVC Coordinator, as requested, and as the Council may otherwise see fit. The Council is not intended to or authorized to supersede or interfere with the independent authority of each Presiding Judge of the participating municipal courts with respect to each jurisdiction's conditions and procedures for participating in the EVRVC or the supervisory authority of the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Maricopa County.

DATED this 9th day of May, 2018

/s/ Janet E. Barton

Janet E. Barton
Presiding Judge

Original: Clerk of the Superior Court

Copies: Hon. John Hudson, Gilbert Municipal Court Presiding Judge
Hon. Joseph Olcavage, Scottsdale Municipal Court Presiding Judge
Hon. Michael Traynor, Chandler Municipal Court Presiding Judge
Hon. Kevin Kane, Tempe Municipal Court Presiding Judge
Hon. Robert Melton, Fountain Hills Municipal Court Presiding Judge
Hon. Stephanie Olohan, Carefree-Cave Creek Consolidated Court Presiding Judge
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