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Date: April 1, 2021
To: Brea Clark, Mayor
From: Ronda A. Guerrero, Court Administrator 
Subject: Judges' Appointments

As you know, Presiding Judge David Poarch has submitted his resignation effective June 30, 2021. Judge Poarch has faithfully served the City of Norman and its citizens for more than 18 years on the bench and has been a wonderful mentor and friend to me. He wants to continue to serve, just not in the same capacity. He would like to be appointed to the vacant Acting Judge position. As Acting Judge, he would serve in place of the Presiding or Associate Judge if they were not available.

I want to recommend Drew Nichols, one of our current Associate Judges, for the appointment of the Presiding Judge position. Judge Nichols has been a practicing attorney for almost 21 years and has served as the Associate Judge since October 2010. Judge Nichols' background includes working at the District Attorney's office as a prosecutor before starting his own law practice in Norman in 2004. His experience with our court would provide for a smooth transition.

For the Associate Judge position, I recommend Blaine Nice. Mr. Nice has 32 years' experience on the bench, serving as judge for multiple municipalities. He was an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Norman for 23 years and is currently a Partner Attorney at Fellers Snider Law in Oklahoma City.

These recommendations bring over 40 years of exemplary judicial experience and I know them both to be honest, hardworking and trustworthy. Their appointment would continue the Municipal Court's mission of reflecting judicial administration at its best while providing the ultimate welfare of the entire community.