

To: Apache Junction City Council
From: Presiding Magistrate Thomas C. McDermott
Re: Expansion of Associate Magistrate Contract List

Esteemed Council Members:

I humbly request that the Council approve the requested expansion of the contract Associate Magistrate list by one position, and that the Council approve Attorney Ian Service to fill that position. The primary reason for the Municipal Court's request is to ensure adequate coverage when the Presiding Magistrate may require leave, either for a planned vacation or an unexpected illness or family emergency.

Of the five associate magistrates currently under contract with the Municipal Court, one is no longer available, and two others are rarely available. Two associates regularly serve the court on busy calendar days. However, of these two, only one might be available to serve on short notice or to cover a full week. Although she might be available to cover for a week, such a request may constitute a significant imposition on her due to the distance she resides from the Municipal Court. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.