

**APACHE JUNCTION MUNICIPAL COURT  
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TO: Mayor and City Council  
FROM: James W. Hazel, Presiding Magistrate  
RE: Approval of Contracts for Public Defender Services  
DATE: May 15, 2016

At the June 21, 2016 Council meeting, I am requesting the approval for the contracts of William Pearlman and Carrie Canizales to provide public defender services in the Apache Junction Municipal Court be extended for a one-year term.

Both the United States and Arizona law require the appointment of public defenders to those who cannot afford an attorney when charged with a crime. The attorneys are paid 1,725.00 per month and are required to represent up to 165 clients in a fiscal year. The contract will be in effect from July 1, 2016-July 1, 2017.

**Suggested motion:**

I move that City of Apache Junction enter contracts with William Pearlman and Carrie Canizales to provide public defender services for a contract term of July 1, 2016 through July 1, 2017.