

**APACHE JUNCTION MUNICIPAL COURT
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TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: James W. Hazel, Presiding Magistrate

RE: Indigent Defense Contract Solicitation

DATE: May 21, 2018

The purpose of this memo is to ask the city council to reject bids received for the indigent defense contract solicitation which closed on April 24, 2018. I make this request as problems arose during the bid process which included, not receiving enough qualified bidders, the bid announcement not being placed in an easily visible location on the city website, and confusion created on the compensation level for the work. The current service providers have agreed to a six-month extension of their contracts so that staff can re-bid a more refined solicitation.

Suggested motion:

"I move that the City of Apache Junction reject all bids for the April 24, 2018 indigent defense contract solicitation and staff is directed to rebid the solicitation in the fall of 2018. I further move that Presiding Magistrate James W. Hazel, Jr. be authorized to negotiate contract extensions for the current defense service providers William J. Pearlman and Karen Nicely with an extended term to expire on December 31, 2018."