



City of Apache Junction

Home of the Superstition Mountains

Municipal Court

8/26/2021

To: Mayor Wilson, Vice-Mayor Rizzi and City Council Members
From: Hon. A. Douglas LaSota, Presiding Magistrate
Re: Associate Magistrate positions

As previously discussed, I would like to hire an Associate Magistrate who is an attorney and would work no more than 19 hours per week on average. I do not believe a full-time position is necessary, as I can handle the volume fine without full-time assistance.

Also as discussed, I would like to hire a Judicial Assistant to replace the Management Analyst who left, leaving an open position. I would also like to have Council appoint such person as a non-attorney Associate Magistrate as we discussed in Executive session.

I have reviewed Mr. Stern's proposed amendments to the City Code, and worked with him on appropriate language and appropriate limitations on the power of the Judicial Assistant in a role of Associate Magistrate. I believe the limitations expressed by council have been adhered to regarding the person's scope of duties. Therefore, I recommend that the draft changes proposed by Mr. Stern be approved.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

A. Douglas LaSota

Hon. A. Douglas LaSota