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## **Public Asked for Input on Candidates For Superior Court Vacancy**

The Maricopa County Commission on Trial Court Appointments is asking for public input on 13 candidates for an opening on the Maricopa County Superior Court.

The candidates are Chris R. Baniszewski, Justin Beresky, Theodore Campagnolo, Suzanne E. Cohen, Michael D. Hintze, Stephen M. Hopkins, Steven P. Lynch, Mina E. Mendez, Bernard C. Owens, Louis T. Seletos, Joan M. Sinclair, Shellie Smith and Russell R. Yurk.

Citizens may address the commission about any of the candidates on June 25, 2012, at 8:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Arizona State Courts Building, 1501 W. Washington Street, Conference Room 345, Phoenix, Arizona. Public comment will not be accepted after the 8:00 a.m. hearing on June 25. Candidate interviews will follow the public hearing and the interviews are open to the public.

Written comments about candidates can be sent to the commission at 1501 W. Washington, Suite 221, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007 or by email to [jnc@courts.az.gov](mailto:jnc@courts.az.gov). Comments must arrive by June 20, 2012 to be considered. Anonymous comments cannot be considered.

After the interviews, the commission will recommend at least three nominees for the opening to Governor Jan Brewer, who will appoint the new judge.