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## **Public Asked for Input on Candidates for Vacancy on Superior Court in Pima County**

PHOENIX - The Pima County Commission on Trial Court Appointments is seeking public input on nine candidates for a vacancy on the Superior Court in Pima County created by the retirement of Hon. Joan L. Wagener.

The candidates are:

- Michael J. Martinez Areinoff
- Soo Conatser
- Marie D. Kagie-Shutey
- T. Clayton Kamm
- James W. Rappaport
- Nicole P. Savel
- Christina M. Vejar
- Dawn R. Walton
- Antonio L. Zapata

Candidate applications can be viewed online at the Commission's website, [azcourts.gov/jnc](https://azcourts.gov/jnc).

The Commission will meet to interview the candidates on Apr. 30, 2026. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will be held at the Arizona Court of Appeals, Division II Conference Room 341, 400 W. Congress St., Tucson, AZ 85701. The interview agenda will be posted on the Commission's website at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Members of the public may address the Commission on Apr. 30. Written comments may also be submitted via email to [jnc@courts.az.gov](mailto:jnc@courts.az.gov) or mailed to 1501 W. Washington, Suite 221, Phoenix, AZ 85007. It is not necessary to submit multiple copies of written comments - email is preferred. Comments must be received no later than Apr. 27 to be considered. Anonymous comments cannot be considered.

Following the interviews, the Commission will recommend at least three nominees for the opening to Gov. Katie Hobbs, who will appoint the new judge.

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