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Public Asked for Input on Candidates for Superior Court Vacancies

The Maricopa County Commission on Trial Court Appointments is seeking public input on 20 candidates for two openings on the Superior Court in Maricopa County.

The candidates are:

- Scott M. Blum
- Michelle Carson
- Quintin H. Cushner
- James N. Drake, Jr.
- David W. Garbarino
- Melody Garland Harmon
- Gregory J. Gnepper
- Lauren R. Guyton
- Amy M. Kalman
- James R. Knapp
- Julie A. LaFave
- William Mabry III
- Keith J. Miller
- Sigmund G. Popko
- Suzanne J. Reed
- Michael F. Valenzuela
- Ashley Villaverde Halvorson
- William R. Wingard
- Kristen J. Wright
- Melissa M. Zabor

Their applications can be viewed online at the Commission's website, <http://azcourts.gov/jnc>.

The Commission will meet to interview the candidates on October 19, 2021 at 8:15 a.m. The meeting will be held in room 345 of the Arizona State Courts Building, 1501 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007. The interview agenda will be posted on the Commission's website at least 7 days prior to the meeting.

Citizens may address the Commission on the day of the meeting or send written comments to jnc@courts.az.gov or to 1501 W. Washington, Suite 221, Phoenix, AZ 85007. It is not necessary to submit multiple copies of written comments, and email is preferred. Comments must be received no later than October 13, 2021 to be considered. Anonymous comments cannot be considered.

After the interviews, the Commission will recommend at least three nominees for each opening to Governor Doug Ducey, who will appoint the new judges.