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**PUBLIC COMMENT SOUGHT
ON SUPERIOR COURT APPLICANTS**

The public is invited to comment on 34 applicants for two vacancies on the Superior Court in Maricopa County created by the retirement of Judges Anna Baca and Louis Araneta.

The applicants are William D. Anderson, John F. Beatty, James P. Beene, Jerry Bernstein, James B. Bowen, Mark H. Brain, Tamika N. Cheatham, David O. Cunanan, John R. Doody, Jr., Jeffrey R. Finley, Troy P. Foster, Douglas Gerlach, Robert L. Greer, Roger L. Hartsell, Steven K. Holding, Jaime B. Holguin, Daniel J. Kiley, William C. Knoche, Kirby D. Kongable, Steven P. Lynch, M. Scott McCoy, Mina E. Mendez, Michael T. Morrissey, James R. Morrow, Bernard C. Owens, David J. Palmer, Carolyn K. Passamonte, Wesley E. Peterson, Jay M. Polk, Virginia L. Richter, Joan M. Sinclair, Peter A. Thompson, Benjamin E. Vatz, and Robert J. Weber.

The Maricopa County Commission on Trial Court Appointments will review the applications and take public testimony at a meeting on February 25, 2009. The meeting will be held at the State Courts Building, 1501 W. Washington, Room 345, starting at 9:00 a.m. Citizens may address the commission at that time or send written comments to 1501 W. Washington, Suite 221, Phoenix, AZ, 85007 or to jnc@courts.az.gov. Written comments must arrive by February 6 to be considered. Anonymous comments cannot be considered.

At the February 25 meeting, the commission will choose the applicants to be interviewed. The selected applicants will be interviewed on March 27. After the interviews, the commission will recommend at least three nominees for each opening to Governor Jan Brewer, who will appoint the new judges.