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**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

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**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**Board Agenda Memo**

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**MEETING DATE:** June 8, 2021

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Steve Rose, Director of Human Resources

**SUBJECT:** Presentation of Candidates for District Attorney to Fill the Remaining Term Left Behind by Retiring District Attorney Clifford Newell

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Interview the candidates and appoint a District Attorney.

**FUNDING:** Provided in budget

**BACKGROUND:** Resolution 21-118, approved on April 13, 2021, provides a recruitment and selection process to fill the District Attorney position effective on or after July 11, 2021. Current District Attorney Cliff Newell is retiring effective July 10, 2021, 18 months prior to the end of the term of office.

The recruitment for the District Attorney, an elected position, is described in the attached memo from County Counsel regarding Board authority to appoint the District Attorney (located as part of the 2 agenda packet for the Board of Supervisors meeting June 8, 2021). The interviews with the Board of Supervisors, for a vacant elected position, takes place during an open Board meeting. This includes the interview as well as deliberation and the final decision.

The Ad Hoc Selection Committee recommends three finalists be interviewed by the Board of Supervisors in open session on June 8, 2021. The three finalists are listed here in alphabetical order by last name:

Matthew Beauchamp

Christopher Walsh

Jesse Wilson

Members of the public who wish to provide comment on the agenda item may do so in the following ways:

**PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE THE JUNE 8, 2021 MEETING**

- 1) Writing a letter to the Board of Supervisors at 950 Maidu Ave, Suite 200, Nevada City, CA 95959.
- 2) Emailing [BOS.PublicComment@co.nevada.ca.us](mailto:BOS.PublicComment@co.nevada.ca.us).
- 3) Leaving an eComment at [www.mynevadacounty.com/boardmeetings](http://www.mynevadacounty.com/boardmeetings).

**PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THE JUNE 8, 2021 MEETING BY:**

- 1) In-Person: Eric Rood Administrative Center: Members of the public can provide comment in-person inside the Board of Supervisors' Board Chambers at the Eric Rood Administrative Center. (Chambers capacity is limited to a total of 34 individuals due to Public Health restrictions in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Face coverings are mandatory inside all County facilities.)
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The selected candidate may be appointed effective July 11, 2021 and will hold office until noon on January 2, 2023 when the term ends. The appointee will have full rights and responsibilities of the Office of District Attorney.

**Item Initiated and Approved By: Steve Rose, Director of Human Resources**