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TO: Jeff Irwin, Chair
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THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel
County Administrator

FROM: Mark A. Ptaszek, Court Administrator
14A District Court

DATE: February 2nd, 2005

SUBJECT: Approval of Magistrate Appointment – Camille T. Horne

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Pursuant to MCR 8.110, (C), (3), (d), the Judges of the 14A District Court appoint Camille T. Horne as Magistrate of the Court. In accordance with MCL 600.8501, the Judges request the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners approve the appointment.

BACKGROUND:

MCR 8.110 (C), (3), (d), vests authority over all personnel matters of the court with the Chief Judge. MCL 600.8501 requires that all magistrates shall be appointed by the judges of the district and said appointments shall be subject to approval by the County Board of Commissioners before a person may assume the duties of the Office of Magistrate.

Magistrates perform a variety of duties enumerated in MCL 600.8511. They must be registered electors in the County, serve at the pleasure of the judges of the court, must take the constitutional oath required for their office, file a performance bond with the County Treasurer and Chief Judge, and must be licensed to practice law in the State of Michigan.

DISCUSSION:

The Honorable George Parker, Magistrate of the 14A District Court, retired December

10th, 2004. The court conducted an appointment process to replace Magistrate Parker. As a result, the 14A District Court Judges appoint Camille T. Horne as Magistrate of the 14A District Court, replacing Magistrate Parker.

Ms. Horne is an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Michigan and is a member of the State Bar. She has considerable experience in various legal areas coinciding with the role of magistrate including but not limited to trials, arbitrations, and administrative proceedings. Ms. Horne has a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Notre Dame and a Juris Doctor Degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Law.

IMPACT ON HUMAN RESOURCES:

No positions would be created or eliminated as a result of this appointment.

IMPACT ON BUDGET:

No additional funding is requested.

IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS:

There are no indirect costs.

IMPACT ON OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR OUTSIDE AGENCIES:

The appointment of Ms. Horne as Magistrate benefits all of the various customers of the court, including but not limited to citizens, litigants, attorneys, defendants, witnesses, law enforcement agencies, the jail and other courts.

CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES:

This appointment conforms to County policy.

ATTACHMENTS/APPENDICES:

None.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF CAMILLE T. HORNE AS MAGISTRATE OF THE 14A DISTRICT COURT

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 16th, 2005

WHEREAS, the Judges of the 14A District Court, pursuant to MCR 8.110 (C), (3), (d), appoint Camille T. Horne as Magistrate of the 14A District Court to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of the Honorable George W. Parker, **and**

WHEREAS, in accordance with MCL 600.8501, the Judges request the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners approve the appointment, **and**

WHEREAS, appointing Ms. Horne to replace Magistrate Parker assures the provision of the cost effective and efficient access to justice the citizens of Washtenaw County have come to enjoy and expect, **and**

WHEREAS, Camille T. Horne is an experienced attorney; is a registered elector in the County of Washtenaw; will serve at the pleasure of the Judges of the 14A District Court; will take the constitutional oath of office required for this office; will file a performance bond with the County Treasurer and Chief Judge; and is licensed to practiced law in the State of Michigan, **and**

WHEREAS, the appointment of Ms. Horne results in no positions being eliminated or created, requires no additional funding, has no indirect costs, and conforms to County policy; **and**

WHEREAS, the appointment of Ms. Horne is a benefit to the users of the court including but not limited to citizens, litigants, attorneys, defendants, witnesses, law enforcement agencies, the jail and other courts, **and**

WHEREAS, this appointment has been reviewed by Corporation Counsel, the Finance Department, Human Resources, the County Administrator's Office and the Ways & Means Committee

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the appointment of Camille T. Horne by the Judges of the 14A District Court as Magistrate of the Court **effective February 16, 2005**