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Judicial Selection Policy & Procedures

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Stephanie Phillips, Director of Political Affairs
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Good Morning Madam Mayor and Council members.

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I listened to the discussion from the previous council meeting where you discussed how you would go about setting up a Selection Panel to review and interview candidates for judicial vacancies. I was surprised there wasn't any written policy or formal procedures on the matter.
Already in place

Also, I was disturbed that public involvement and participation was not mentioned once in all that discussion. The City didn't post the list of applicants for public view, nor was the public invited to participate in the ~~selection~~ *interview* process.

I have attended multiple hearings at the Judicial Selection Commission. I respectfully submit the following be considered for written policies

and procedures for the City's judicial selection process:

1. Panel member selection should be a mix of members of the public, possibly former judges, business owners, ~~possibly~~ attorneys - all representative of each Ward - panel members should not be City Council Members nor any City of Las Vegas employee.

Much like the Judicial Selection Commission, the Commission is made up of a mix of members from all over Nevada with various business backgrounds and are appointed by the Governor & NV Bar. In the same way, your Selection panel should consist of a mix of residents who apply for this position from each Ward. Council members would review each applicant and appoint those who would be seated on the Selection Panel for a period of 2 years.

1. Once a vacancy occurs the City should post that vacancy on their website with a filing deadline for applicants.

2. Once the deadline has been reached, the City should post all applicants and their bio's on the City's website
3. Post the time/date and location well in advance on the City's website notifying the public of the upcoming interviews where the Selection Panel would narrow down the applicants to ^{the top} ~~a selection~~ of 3.
4. Invite the public to participate in public comment at the beginning of the interview process.
5. Provide an email address where the public can send in letters of support or opposition that would be forwarded to the Selection panel.
6. Post the Selection Panel's 3 finalists on the City's website.

The public's participation in this process is of utmost importance. The public pays your salaries and elects you to your positions. Everything you do is for the public. Judges can severely impact a person's life and those who we elect and who are appointed to the bench are so very important.

I hope in future judicial selection processes, the public involvement will be welcomed and I look forward to seeing the City of Las Vegas implementing formal policies and procedures prior to the next judicial vacancy.

Thank you for your time...