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CITY OF WACO ANNOUNCES NEW MUNICIPAL JUDGE

WACO, TEXAS (September 15, 2022) – The City of Waco is pleased to announce the selection of Robert “Bobby” Garcia as the finalist for Municipal Judge, scheduled to join the City on October 10, 2022. The Municipal Judge is responsible for Waco Municipal Court administration and presides over jury trials, bench trials, and other hearings. Waco City Council will consider the ordinance appointing Judge Garcia during its meeting on September 20, 2022.

Judge Garcia obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Baylor University and a Juris Doctor from Baylor Law School. As a Baylor undergraduate student, Judge Garcia was elected to student government and founded the Hispanic Cultural Association. For his leadership on campus, he was honored with the prestigious President’s Award. At Baylor Law School, Judge Garcia served as an elected officer of the student bar association and a member of the Order of Barristers.

Upon graduation, Judge Garcia began working as a criminal prosecutor in Nueces County, Texas, and within a year, was appointed by the Nueces County Commissioners Court to replace a retiring justice of the peace. After leaving the bench, Judge Garcia obtained his Master of Public Administration degree from Texas A&M Corpus Christi and served as the CEO of his own company.

Judge Garcia has significant judicial experience in Texas, serving as a municipal court judge in Corpus Christi, Pearland, and Harlingen. In Harlingen, Judge Garcia created a program where he conducted courtroom simulations in local high schools to teach students about the consequences of criminal activity. This year, Judge Garcia was named the 2022 Outstanding Municipal Court Judge of the Year by the Texas Municipal Court Association.

Mayor Dillon Meek said, “I am excited to announce the selection of Judge Garcia as a finalist for this key leadership role with the City of Waco. He offers an exceptional level of experience, including serving as a municipal judge in other cities. The Council is confident he will ensure that the laws of the State of Texas and the ordinances of the City of Waco will be applied fairly and justly to all persons who appear before the court.”

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