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STAFF REPORT BOARD MEETING DATE: September 27, 2016

DATE: September 21, 2016
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Al Rogers, Management Services Director
(775) 328-2017, arogers@washoecounty.us
THROUGH: John Slaughter, County Manager

SUBJECT: Consideration and possible appointment from a list of County Commissioner nominated and qualified persons including Julia Ratti to fill the vacancy of the Nevada State Senate District 13 seat pursuant to NRS 218A.260, and as requested by Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval in a letter to Chair Jung dated September 16, 2016. (All Districts)

SUMMARY

The Board of County Commission has been requested by the Governor of the State of Nevada to appoint to three (3) vacant legislative seats representing Washoe County. The vacant seats of Senate District 13 and 15 along with Assembly District 25 will be appointed for a possible special session of the Legislature. Staff recommends filling the vacant seat of Nevada State Senate District 13 seat with a nominated and qualified person.

Washoe County Strategic Objective: Regional and Community Leadership

BACKGROUND

Voters usually choose their legislators at elections, so appointing people to vacant seats in the Nevada Legislature is a serious responsibility of the Board of County Commissioners. In an atmosphere of quickly evolving information concerning a possible special session of the Nevada Legislature, citizens were offered the opportunity to submit their name for interest in the vacant seats and the County Commissioners each have submitted the names of nominees to be considered for those vacant seats.

The nominated list of candidates for Nevada State Senate District 13 seat includes:

- Commissioner Berkbigler Nominee - Julia Ratti
- Commissioner Lucey Nominee - Julia Ratti
- Commissioner Jung Nominee - Julia Ratti
- Commissioner Hartung Nominee – Julia Ratti
- Commissioner Herman Nominee - Julia Ratti

AGENDA ITEM #

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FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact on this item.

RECOMMENDATION

Appoint Commission nominee Julia Ratti to fill the vacancy of the Nevada State Senate District 13 seat pursuant to NRS 218A.260, and as requested by Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval in a letter to Chair Jung dated September 16, 2016.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Possible motion would be: "Move to appoint Commission nominee Julia Ratti to fill the vacancy of the Nevada State Senate District 13 seat pursuant to NRS 218A.260, and as requested by Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval in a letter to Chair Jung dated September 16, 2016.

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Office of the Governor

September 16, 2016

Kitty Jung, Chairman
Washoe County Commission
1001 East Ninth Street
Reno, Nevada 89512-2845

Re: Nevada State Legislature Vacancy
Senate District No. 13

Dear Chairman Jung:

Pursuant to NRS 283.060, I, as Governor of the State of Nevada, hereby declare the Seat for Nevada State Senate District No. 13 in Washoe County vacant. I, now, pursuant to Article 4, Section 12 of the Constitution of the State of Nevada, and NRS 218A.260, leave it to the Washoe County Commission to appoint a replacement for Senate District No. 13.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact my General Counsel Joe Reynolds at (775) 684-5661.

Sincere regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Sandoval".

BRIAN SANDOVAL
Governor

Julia Ratti

Senate District 13

Salas, Fidel

From: Slaughter, John
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2016 7:49 AM
To: Salas, Fidel
Subject: RE: Appointment to District 13

Please add to the list

From: Hartung, Vaughn
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2016 6:37 PM
To: Slaughter, John <JSlaughter@washoecounty.us>; Oxarart, Scott <SOxarart@washoecounty.us>; Leuenhagen, Nancy <NLeuenhagen@washoecounty.us>
Subject: Fwd: Appointment to District 13

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Julia Ratti <juliaratti4nv@gmail.com>
Date: 9/20/16 5:29 PM (GMT-08:00)
To: "Jung, Kitty" <KJung@washoecounty.us>, "Hartung, Vaughn" <VHartung@washoecounty.us>, "Berkbigler, Marsha" <MBerkbigler@washoecounty.us>, "Lucey, Robert (Bob) L" <BLucey@washoecounty.us>, "Herman, Jeanne" <JHerman@washoecounty.us>
Cc: "Slaughter, John" <JSlaughter@washoecounty.us>
Subject: Appointment to District 13

Dear County Commissioners,
Please accept this email as my request for appointment to fulfill the vacancy for Senate District 13. I reside at 256 G St., Sparks, NV 89431.
Sincerely,
Julia Ratti
775-525-0359