

Item 5



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

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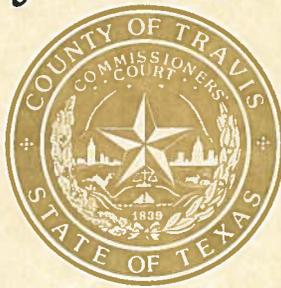
Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head:

Commissioners Court Sponsor: Commissioner Margaret J. Gomez

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

Approve Resolution Recognizing Dr. Geraldine Nagy on her Retirement and for her dedicated service to Travis County and its residents.

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Resolution

- WHEREAS Dr. Geraldine F. Nagy has been the Director since January 2005 of the Adult Probation Department, Pretrial Services, and, since November 2011, the Drug Diversion Court, serving 8 District and 6 County Court at Law judges in Travis County; and,
- WHEREAS Dr. Nagy has dedicated her outstanding 33 year career to researching and implementing effective justice system practices in her current position and through her former roles as the Deputy Director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice – Community Justice Assistance Division, as counseling psychologist with the Federal Bureau of Prisons, and as Deputy Director of Bastrop County Adult Probation; and,
- WHEREAS Her education and experience have given her a broad understanding of all aspects concerning the supervision of offenders and she has shared her wealth of knowledge about community supervision, treatment programming, and transformational leadership at the local, state and national levels; and,
- WHEREAS Dr. Nagy has demonstrated a highly successful collaborative approach to internal and external initiatives, and promotes transparency, trust and consensus-building; and,
- WHEREAS Her ability to bring distinct perspectives together to tap into our collective desire to develop and implement cost effective, smart-on-crime strategies that protect the public and help offenders improve their lives; and,
- WHEREAS Through implementation of Evidence-Based Practices in probation, pre-trial and Drug Diversion Court in Travis County over the past eight years, Dr. Nagy has led our community's ability to reduce recidivism and ensure neighborhood safety, enhance systems, processes and practices that have led to reduction in use of jails, improved court appearance rates, and provided cost savings using strategies such as validated screening and assessment tools and expansion of use of specialized caseloads and services to address specific criminogenic needs of thousands of clients; and,
- WHEREAS This local work has not only helped to contribute to Austin/Travis County being one of the safest communities in American but has also led to Dr. Nagy becoming one of the nation's leading experts and advocate for EBP in the field of community corrections; and,
- WHEREAS Dr. Nagy has shared our successes with a national audience by opening our departments to outside researchers, experts and practitioners interested in improving community corrections practices; and,
- WHEREAS She has provided unprecedented leadership in ensuring documentation of our work and allowed others to understand lessons learned, what has worked well and what challenges we have confronted in implementing systemic changes; and,

WHEREAS Dr. Nagy has garnered recognition, respect and support of policy-makers, organizations and associations at local, state and national level with her dedication and contributions to the criminal justice corrections community and lasting contributions to the field while bringing great credit to our Travis County community; and,

WHEREAS She inspires staff to be invested in their work so they accurately identify issues, suggest realistic solutions to problems, effectively implement programs, and analyze data to objectively evaluate efforts and success; and,

WHEREAS She is an avid supporter of training in order to provide professional development to all staff on best practices in their field and through her leadership she has built an infrastructure of knowledge, empowered others to think strategically, systemically and collaboratively, and made key administrative choices that have benefitted all citizens of Travis County; and,

WHEREAS Her legacy will be the impact that her work has had on improving the criminal justice system by reducing incarceration costs, increasing public safety, and promoting positive change and law abiding behaviors in offenders.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT DOES HEREBY EXTEND SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR TO DR. GERALDINE NAGY FOR HER DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO TRAVIS COUNTY AND WISHES HER THE BEST IN HER WELL DESERVED RETIREMENT.

SIGNED THIS 11TH DAY OF JUNE 2013.

SAMUEL T. BISCOE
County Judge

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Commissioner, Precinct 1

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Commissioner, Precinct 3

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