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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *January 16, 2024*

**DATE:** November 21, 2023

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**THROUGH:** Alicia Lerud, Court Administrator/Clerk of Court

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to acknowledge retroactively various one-time gift card donations at a value of [\$3,960.00] from the Washoe Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Foundation accepted by the Second Judicial District Court, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Program. District Court. (All Commission Districts).

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### **SUMMARY**

The Second Judicial District Court accepted various gift card donations in the amount of \$3,960.00 from the Washoe Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Foundation in support of the Second Judicial District Court, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Program between December 2023 and February 2024, FY 2024.

**Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:** Vulnerable Populations

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

On November 15, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners retroactively acknowledged item 8.B.1, the Second Judicial District Court's request to accept gift card donations at an estimated value of \$1,500.00 from the Washoe Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Foundation, a cash donation of \$100.00 from Mr. William R. Feltner and Ms. Barbara J. Feltner and a cash donation of \$50.00 in honor of Susan J. Krump.

On March 14, 2023, The Board of County Commissioners retroactively acknowledged item 6.A.1, the Second Judicial District Court's request to accept various one-time gift card donations at a value of [\$4,000.00] from the Washoe Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Foundation and a one-time cash donation at a value of [\$200.00] from Susan J. Krump.

**AGENDA ITEM # \_\_\_\_\_**

On September 12, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners retroactively acknowledged item 5.A.2, the Second Judicial District Court's request to accept a one-time cash donation at a value of \$2,893.25 from Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation.

### **BACKGROUND**

CASA or Court Appointed Special Advocates is a nationwide program that trains community volunteers to speak for the best interests of abused and neglected children involved in dependency court. Appointed by the Court, a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) represents the children's interests in the court process, ensuring the court has all the information needed to make the best decision for the child and ensuring their right to a safe and permanent home.

The Second Judicial District Court, Family Services Department oversees the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Program which assigns Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) to children involved in the foster care system and part of a dependency court case. The Washoe Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Foundation is a non-profit that supports the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Program through fund raising and volunteer recruitment. Gift cards are provided for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) volunteers to take their assigned children holiday shopping.

Donation was taken to the next available BCC meeting upon receipt.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The in-kind gift cards have no fiscal impact.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation to acknowledge retroactively various one-time gift card donations at a value of [\$3,960.00] from the Washoe Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Foundation accepted by the Second Judicial District Court, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Program.

### **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be "recommendation to acknowledge retroactively various one-time gift card donations at a value of [\$3,960.00] from the Washoe Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Foundation accepted by the Second Judicial District Court, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Program.