

# WASHOE COUNTY

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# STAFF REPORT BOARD MEETING DATE: August 27, 2024

**DATE:** July 17, 2024

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** Kendra A. Materasso, Family Services Manager

Second Judicial District Court, 775-328-3854

THROUGH: Alicia Lerud, Court Administrator/ Clerk of Court

**SUBJECT:** Acknowledge retroactively various one-time, in-kind gift card donations

at a value of [\$7,150.00] from the Washoe Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Foundation accepted by the Second Judicial District Court, CASA Program. District Court (All Commission Districts). FOR

POSSIBLE ACTION

#### **SUMMARY**

The Second Judicial District Court accepted various gift card donations in the amount of \$7,150.00 from the Washoe Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Foundation in support of the Second Judicial District Court, CASA Program, FY 2024 / 2025.

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 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.

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.

On January 16, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners retroactively acknowledged item 11.A.1, the Second Judicial District Court's request to accept various one-time gift

card donations at a value of [\$3,960.00] from the Washoe Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Foundation.

On January 16, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners retroactively acknowledged item 11.A.3, the Second Judicial District Court's request to accept a one-time cash donation at a value of [\$100.00] from Susan J. Krump.

On May 21, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners retroactively acknowledged item 7.B.1, the Second Judicial District Court's request to accept various one-time gift card donations at a value of [\$3,575.00] from the Washoe Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) 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 best interests in the court process, 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 or back-to-school shopping and for outings to local eateries.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

The in-kind gift cards in the amount of \$7,150.00 has no fiscal impact.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Acknowledge retroactively various one-time, in-kind gift card donations at a value of [\$7,150.00] from the Washoe Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Foundation accepted by the Second Judicial District Court, CASA Program. District Court.

### **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be "acknowledge retroactively various one-time, in-kind gift donations at a value of [\$7,150.00] from the Washoe Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Foundation accepted by the Second Judicial District Court, CASA Program. District Court.