



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** December 13, 2022

**DATE:** Tuesday, October 25, 2022

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** Eric P. Brown, County Manager  
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**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to accept the County Manager's recommendation and appoint Interim Washoe County Registrar of Voters, Jamie Rodriguez to the permanent position of Registrar of Voters, effective December 13, 2022, with an annual salary of \$129,272.00 in accordance with Nevada Revised Statute 244.164. (All Commission Districts.)

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### SUMMARY

The County Manager, in accordance with Nevada Revised Statute 244.164, is recommending the Board of County Commissioners accept the appointment of Jamie Rodriguez to the position of Washoe County Registrar of Voters, effective December 13, 2022.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Regional and Community Leadership.

### PREVIOUS ACTION

On July 12, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners appointed Jamie Rodriguez as the Interim Washoe County Registrar of Voters after the resignation of Registrar of Voters Deanna Spikula.

On November 17, 2017, the Board of County Commissioners appointed Deanna Spikula, Assistant Registrar of Voters, as the Washoe County Registrar of Voters after the retirement of Luanne Cutler,

On April 9, 2013, the Board of County Commissioners appointed Luanne Cutler, Administrative Assistant as the Washoe County Registrar of Voters after the resignation of Dan Burke.

On September 21, 1999, the Board of County Commissioners appointed Dan Burk, Interim Registrar of Voters as the Washoe County Registrar of Voters.

On December 8, 1998, the Board of County Commissioners accepted the resignation of Washoe County Registrar of Voters, Laura Dancer and appointed Dan Burk, Administrative Assistant serving in the capacity as Assistant Registrar, as the Interim Registrar of Voters.

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## **BACKGROUND**

Under NRS 293.040, the County Clerk is designated as the local elections official. However, pursuant to NRS 244.164, in each county having a population of 100,000 or more, the Board of County Commissioners may appoint an individual to the position of Registrar of Voters to assume all the powers and duties with respect to elections.

Registrar of Voters Deanna Spikula tendered her resignation effective August 1, 2022. Jamie Rodriguez was appointed by the Board of County Commissioners as Interim Registrar of Voters on July 12, 2022

Human Resources recruited for the position of Registrar of Voters from August 17, 2022, through August 31, 2022, and received 20 applications. The application materials were reviewed by a screening committee and the candidates with the most potential for success in the position were invited to participate in the interview. Ms. Rodriguez was identified as the top candidate following the interview process.

Ms. Rodriguez holds a Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Arts from the University of Nevada, Reno. Prior her appointment as the Interim Registrar of Voters, Ms. Rodriguez was the Government Affairs Liaison for Washoe County from 2017 through 2022.

The County Manager is recommending the appointment of Jamie Rodriguez for the position of Registrar of Voters to continue and manage any impact on Voter integrity, transparency, and accountability. The Registrar of Voter will serve in a permanent role as the Registrar of Voter.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no incremental fiscal impact for this appointment as the Registrar of Voter is a budgeted position.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

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## **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with the recommendation, a possible motion would be

“appoint Interim Washoe County Registrar of Voters, Jamie Rodriguez to the permanent position of Registrar of Voters, effective December 13, 2022, with an annual salary of \$129,272.00 in accordance with Nevada Revised Statute 244.164.