



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Sherry Statman, Presiding Judge

DATE: January 29, 2025

SUBJECT: **Support of Council at First Appearance (Resolution No. 20240829-143)**

On August 29, 2024, Council passed [Resolution No. 20240829-143](#) directing the City Manager and Presiding Judge to make best efforts to update processes and procedures for magistration hearings and support the implementation of the Council at First Appearance (CAFA) program. Through collaborative negotiations, the County and City together have developed a proposed eight-month interlocal agreement that provides the groundwork for full-implementation of the CAFA program by October 1, 2025.

Under the proposed eight-month interlocal agreement on Council's January 30, 2025, agenda as item #62, the City will begin phasing out its magistration services while the County phases-in its services. Those changes will occur according to a calendar that the City and County have tentatively agreed upon. The calendar is attached as an exhibit to the proposed interlocal agreement. As set out in the calendar, County personnel will be performing an increasing number of CAFA magistrations over the next eight months. Beginning on October 1, 2025, it is anticipated that the County will be performing all magistrations at the Central Booking Facility and that all magistrations will take place with legal counsel present for arrestees.

cc: T.C. Broadnax, City Manager
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Corrie Stokes, City Auditor
Mary Jane Grubb, Municipal Court Clerk
CMO Executive Team