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Pierce County Council unanimous in naming district judge

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The Pierce County Council voted unanimously Tuesday to appoint deputy prosecutor Kevin McCann to fill a vacant judgeship in District Court.

McCann will take over the seat vacated last year by Jack Nevin, who moved to Pierce County Superior Court.

McCann, 44, has been a deputy prosecutor for Pierce County for 17 years and a judge pro tem for 10 years.

"His work ethic, his sense of fairness and his integrity is going to serve the community well," Prosecutor Mark Lindquist told the council. "You did a good job."

The council voted 5-2 on June 25 to recommend McCann from a field of six finalists. Council Chairwoman Joyce McDonald, R-Puyallup, and council member Dan Roach, R-Bonney Lake, cited McCann's prospect of winning an election to the bench in 2014.

Connie Ladenburg and Rick Talbert, both Democrats, dissented in the earlier vote. Though she originally supported another candidate, Ladenburg said Tuesday, "I am fully confident that Kevin is going to be an excellent judge."

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