



## STAFF REPORT

**Report To:** Board of Supervisors

**Meeting Date:** February 4, 2021

**Staff Contact:** Nancy Paulson, City Manager

**Agenda Title:** For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of a representative member to the Nevada Local Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council ("NLJRCC") pursuant to NRS 176.014 for a two-year term. (Nancy Paulson, npaulson@carson.org)

Staff Summary: The NLJRCC was created by the Nevada Legislature with the enactment of Assembly Bill ("AB") 236 during the 80th (2019) Legislative Session.

Pursuant to section 7 of AB 236, subsequently codified as NRS 176.014, the Carson City Board of Supervisors is required to appoint one member to the NLJRCC. Although the statute does not specify required qualifications for members to be appointed, the Sentencing Commission has indicated that the NLJRCC should be comprised of stakeholders from the criminal justice system and mental health and treatment communities. District Attorney Jason Woodbury has recommended Deputy District Attorney Garrit Pruyt for appointment.

**Agenda Action:** Formal Action / Motion

**Time Requested:** 5 mins

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### **Proposed Motion**

I move to appoint \_\_\_\_\_ for a two-year term.

### **Board's Strategic Goal**

Efficient Government

### **Previous Action**

N/A

### **Background/Issues & Analysis**

NA

### **Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation**

Section 7 of AB 236 (2019), codified as NRS 176.014

### **Financial Information**

Is there a fiscal impact? No

If yes, account name/number:

Is it currently budgeted?

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact:**

**Alternatives**

N/A

**Attachments:**

[NDSP Letter to Carson City re NLJRCC - Ima.pdf](#)

[DA Email.pdf](#)

[GPRUYT Resume 2021.pdf](#)

**Board Action Taken:**

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

Aye/Nay

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(Vote Recorded By)



**STATE OF NEVADA  
DEPARTMENT OF SENTENCING POLICY**

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January 4, 2021

***Via U.S. Mail and Email***

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**Re: *Member Appointment for the newly created Nevada Local Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council***

Dear Carson City Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of the Nevada Department of Sentencing Policy (NDSP), I am pleased to introduce our agency to you. We are a new Nevada State agency that was created in 2019 by the enactment of Assembly Bill 80 (2019) (AB 80) to assist the Nevada Sentencing Commission in developing data-driven policy recommendations concerning sentencing and corrections in Nevada and in tracking and assessing the outcomes resulting from the enactment of Assembly Bill 236 (2019) (AB 236). As you may know, AB 236 was part of a justice reinvestment initiative intended to address Nevada's growing prison population and the expense of that growth to Nevada's taxpayers by data-driven policy recommendations intended to:

- Strengthen responses to behavioral health needs of offenders
- Focus prison resources on serious and violent offenders
- Improve efficiency and effectiveness of community supervision
- Minimize barriers to successful reentry
- Ensure sustainability of criminal justice reforms

To help meet those goals, AB 236 created the Nevada Local Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council (NLJRCC), which will advise and assist the Sentencing Commission in meeting its purpose by, among other things, providing input on and recommendations regarding various criminal justice issues and matters that are important at the local level, as specifically

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stated in NRS 176.014(3). The NLJRCC, which our agency will be supporting, will be comprised of representatives from each county in Nevada (one member from each county with a population of less than 100,000, and two members each from Clark County and Washoe County). Each member of the NLJRCC **is appointed by the county's governing body** for a two-year term. NRS 176.014(2). Once the NLJRCC members have been appointed, the Chair of the Sentencing Commission (currently, Justice Hardesty) will appoint the Chair of the NLJRCC.

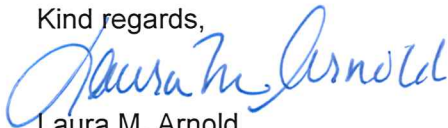
Pursuant to NRS 176.014(1)(a), the Carson City Board of Supervisors is required to appoint one (1) member to the NLJRCC. While the statute creating the NLJRCC does not currently specify the qualifications of those to be appointed as its members, the Sentencing Commission has indicated that the NLJRCC should be comprised of stakeholders from the criminal justice system and mental health and treatment communities.

Because the NLJRCC is legislatively mandated, and in this agency's efforts to support the NLJRCC, we are requesting that each Nevada Board of County Commissioners appoint its member(s) **prior to July 1, 2021**, so that Justice Hardesty can appoint the NLJRCC's chair in August 2021, and the NLJRCC can have its first meeting in September 2021. If it would be helpful to this Board of Commissioners, we can be available to provide public comment or information at one of your upcoming Board meetings to facilitate your appointment of the NLJRCC representative from Carson City.

At your earliest convenience, please advise as to when the Carson City Board of Supervisors will be able to consider its selection for the NLJRCC, and how our agency can support you in that effort.

We look forward to working with and hearing from you.

Kind regards,



Laura M. Arnold  
Staff Attorney, Nevada Department of Sentencing Policy

cc: Nancy Paulson, Carson City Manager  
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Attachment: NRS 176.014 (emphasis added)

**NRS 176.014 Creation; composition; Chair; duties; terms of members; per diem; staff. [Effective July 1, 2020.]**

1. The Nevada Local Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council is hereby created. The Council consists of:
    - (a) One member from each county in this State whose population is less than 100,000; and
    - (b) Two members from each county in this State whose population is 100,000 or more.
  2. Each member of the Council must be appointed by the governing body of the applicable county. The Chair of the Sentencing Commission shall appoint the Chair of the Council from among the members of the Council.
  3. The Council shall:
    - (a) Advise the Sentencing Commission on matters related to any legislation, regulations, rules, budgetary changes and all other actions needed to implement the provisions of this act as they relate to local governments;
    - (b) Identify county-level programming and treatment needs for persons involved in the criminal justice system for the purpose of reducing recidivism;
    - (c) Make recommendations to the Sentencing Commission regarding grants to local governments and nonprofit organizations from the State General Fund;
    - (d) Oversee the implementation of local grants;
    - (e) Create performance measures to assess the effectiveness of the grants; and
    - (f) Identify opportunities for collaboration with the Department of Health and Human Services at the state and county level for treatment services and funding.
  4. Each member of the Council serves a term of 2 years. Members may be reappointed for additional terms of 2 years in the same manner as the original appointments. Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Council must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment not later than 30 days after the vacancy occurs.
  5. While engaged in the business of the Council, to the extent of legislative appropriation, each member of the Council is entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.
  6. To the extent of legislative appropriation, the Sentencing Commission shall provide the Council with such staff as is necessary to carry out the duties of the Council pursuant to this section.
- (Added to NRS by [2019, 4379](#), effective July 1, 2020)

Subject: RE: Member Appointment for NLJRCC

Date: 1/14/2021 9:14 AM

From: "Jason Woodbury" <JWoodbury@carson.org>

To: "Janet Busse" <JBusse@carson.org>, "Maxine Cortes" <MCortes@carson.org>, "Mary Jane Ostrander" <MOstrander@carson.org>

Cc: "Nancy Paulson" <NPaulson@carson.org>

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Good morning Janet,

I would like to submit Garrit Pruyt as a candidate for the appointment. Garrit is a Deputy District Attorney in our Criminal Division and is our representative in Judge Luis's Mental Health Court program. I have asked Garrit to update his resume and I will provide that in a future e-mail. Is there anything else that you would suggest we prepare?

Thanks,

**Jason D. Woodbury**  
**Carson City District Attorney**  
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**From:** Janet Busse <JBusse@carson.org>

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 13, 2021 3:15 PM

**To:** Maxine Cortes <MCortes@carson.org>; Jason Woodbury <JWoodbury@carson.org>; Mary Jane Ostrander <MOstrander@carson.org>

# Garrit S. Pruyt

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## Experience

Carson City District Attorney's Office

December 2015 – Present

*Deputy District Attorney*

- Reviews PCs/warrant requests, determines charges, drafts criminal complaints
- Manages a complex docket, prosecutes cases ranging from traffic citations to category A felonies
- Conducts preliminary hearings, prosecutes unresolved cases at jury trial
- Drafts and responds to relevant motions
- Participates in child victim interviews as part of CAC multidisciplinary team
- Responds to Supreme Court Appeals and Writs of Habeas Corpus
- Serves as on call DDA, advises officers, conducts telephonic warrants
- Reviews Carson City Jail procedures and regulations
- Communicates case deficiencies with law enforcement officers
- Reviews and prepares written search warrants, advises officers on current investigations
- Communicates with victims (English/Spanish) regarding case status, court proceedings, restitution, etc.

Office of the Nevada Attorney General

May 2014 – November 2015

*Deputy Attorney General, Bureau of Litigation*

- General Counsel to Northern Nevada Correctional Center
- Drafted legislation and policy, conducted meetings with legislators to resolve concerns, testified on behalf of Department of Corrections and other interested parties before the legislature
- Managed large civil litigation caseload, drafted motions and discovery, represented clients at hearings and trial
- Advised Nevada Department of Corrections regarding use of force, investigation, maintaining evidence, asset forfeiture, banking, impact assessments, applicability of state laws, and national standards
- Liaison to the Department of Justice for federal investigations and consent agreements

Eighth Judicial District Court of Nevada

August 2013 – May 2014

*Law Clerk for the Honorable Judge Michael Villani*

## Teams and Committees

-Nevada State Prosecutors Best Practices Committee

2019 – Present

-First Judicial District Mental Health Court Team

September 2018 – Present

-Carson City Misdemeanor Drug Treatment Court Team

February 2016 – September 2018

-Chairperson – Washoe Tribal Head Start Policy Council

September 2017 - Present

## Instructor Experience

*Legislative Presenter* – The Effects of Correctional Sentencing Credits

(Sentencing Commission, Nevada Assembly and Senate Judiciary Committee)

*CLE Instructor* – Prison Math – The Application of Sentencing Credits

(Prosecutor's Conference, Clark County DA's Office, First Judicial District Bar Association)

*POST Instructor*

Crimes Against the Person, Crimes Against Property, Report Writing and Testifying, Intro to the Judicial System, Evolution of Criminal Proceedings, Intro to Civil Rights, 42 U.S.C. § 1983, and Personal Liability

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## Education

Juris Doctor 2013 - Florida Coastal School of Law

Class Rank: Top 6%

Dean's List

BS International Business 2010 - University of Nevada Las Vegas

Honors: Nevada Silver Scholar

Dean's List