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Hi Colleen,

I've talked to Chief Judge Hiljus about his preferences, and he stated:

*My preference as Chief Judge would be for the City to form a Committee consisting of part charter commission members, part city councilmembers, part city staff to review applications and make a recommendation to me as Chief Judge re who to appoint. They know their city and its needs much better than I do. My preference for a process like that may not apply to future Chief Judges and they may wish to consult with their City Attorney about any other considerations that need to go into the process. They are free to create some other process as well to ensure applicants are vetted fairly. Right now as Chief Judge I do not have the time and resources to conduct interviews of applicants so I am relegated to reviewing the applications submitted and doing my best based on what I see from the applicant.*

I hope this helps. If you have any other questions please feel free to let me know.

Best,

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Hello –

The City of Ramsey is in need of developing a policy for our Charter Commissioner application and recommendation process that leads up to the judge making the appointments. I've asked the City Clerk's group about their policies, but I haven't had any luck.

Do you, by chance, have access to any sample policies? Or, can you offer some guidance regarding the process?

Thank you very much.

Colleen

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