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From: andrea.wass@nm.com
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2021 4:45 PM
To: NominateJudges
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter of Support for Marty Lambert

To Whom it may Concern:

I am writing to you today to encourage your consideration in appointing Marty Lambert, Gallatin County Attorney for the new Gallatin County District Judge position.

Marty is a well-respected conservative with a proven record of being tough on crime, supporting law enforcement, and properly representing Gallatin County.

Marty also has a long history of his dedication to the people of Gallatin County as our County Attorney for 37 years. He respects the legislature and is experienced in all areas of the law, both civil and criminal.

Marty has conservative values that are in line with our Montana way of life...the values that Montanan's find important; faith, family, commitment, work ethic, loyalty, and focus.

Marty has raised a family in Bozeman, has longtime family roots in Gallatin County and a long history of personally giving back to our community through volunteerism; Past President of Bozeman Kiwanis Club, past board member of Hearts and Homes, past board member of Boys and Girls club, and currently the President of Montana Chamber Music Society.

Your appointment will help ensure that Gallatin County has an experienced and conservative judge to represent our county and will enforce the law of our constitution and NOT legislate from the bench.

I sincerely appreciate your time and consideration!

Sincerely,

Andrea Wass



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Response to solicitation of public comments on judicial judge applicants

12 November 2021

Dear Governor Gianforte,

I write to support the appointment of Marty Lambert to the Eighteenth Judicial District Judgeship (Gallatin County).

I got to know Marty during my tenure on the Gallatin County Planning Board (2004-2012). That included observing him speaking to the Commission and the Board and meeting with him in his office to discuss my role on the Board and the role of the Board in general (but never matters pending before the Board).

Since then I have kept in touch with him, discussing various public interest matters.

I have always found him thoughtful on subjects discussed and judicious in his comments expressed. His demeanor is judicial, his understanding of human nature appears sound and he possesses a traditional conservative understanding of the proper role of government, including the judiciary.

He would, in my opinion, be a credit to the bench, and I am happy to support his appointment.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "CB Dormire". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Respectfully,".



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November 11, 2021

Honorable Greg Gianforte
Governor of the State of Montana

electronic delivery only
nominatejudges@mt.gov

RE: Marty Lambert- 18th Judicial District
Court Judge – Support

Dear Governor Gianforte,

Please accept and consider this letter of support of Marty Lambert for the position of District Court Judge for the 18th Judicial District Court, Gallatin County Montana.

I first met Marty in 1988, when I was in law school defending a prison inmate. and Marty was a deputy county attorney. He took the time then to fully and fairly discuss the legal issues with a neophyte to the legal system. He did so in a fair, complete and professional manner. It has been my pleasure to have spent the last thirty-three (33) years having continued contact from which to provide this letter of support.

Marty remains committed to justice and has integrity to the law, which is without match. Marty will review the law and the facts and apply the law as written. He always has and always will. He will not legislate from the bench. Marty has shown over and over that he is willing to follow the law even when doing so is unpopular. The external pressure to do the popular or ignore a situation in light of pressure has increased exponentially with social media pressure and is great in the legal profession. You will read about Marty's "unpopular" following the law and pursuing cases that fell under the professional obligations of the county attorney in the letters of opposition. As chief attorney for one of Montana's fastest growing counties, Marty has proven that he does not succumb to such pressures. Rather he will rise up to meet his professional obligations regardless of popularity. Popularity should not be a goal of a district court judge. Having integrity, and the personal fortitude to not succumb to popular pressure, is a main characteristic of a good district court judge.

Having worked against Marty as an appointed criminal defense attorney and then later for Marty when he was Chief Deputy County Attorney and then County Attorney, I can attest that Marty is a hard worker. Being a hard worker in a busy district which has too few district court judges provides Marty with a personal and professional challenge that I have confidence Marty

will rise to meet. Marty will work hard to make decisions and deliver them in a timely manner.

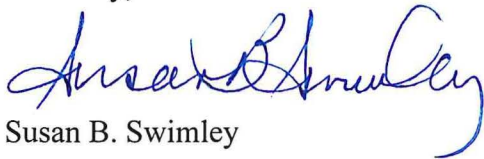
Over the years, while working for Marty and then in the private sector, I have not always agreed with Marty. I have found that he was always willing to listen to my position. Listening is a main characteristic of a good district court judge.

Marty is committed to his family and his community. That continued unwavering dedication speaks volumes to his personal character. Life experience colors all of us. Marty's commitment to family and community will serve the citizens of the Eighteenth Judicial District should you choose to appoint him.

Thank you for accepting my comments. I respectfully request you appoint Martin "Marty" Lambert to the bench to serve the Gallatin Valley and all of the citizens of the State of Montana.

Should you desire to contact me regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me. I would happy to speak with you or your staff.

Sincerely,



Susan B. Swimley

From: Dan Springer <dlspringer406@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 1:56 PM
To: NominateJudges
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Applicant Marty Lambert

The Honorable Greg Gianforte, Governor for the State of Montana
Helena, Montana
November 9, 2021

Dear Governor Gianforte,

I am writing in support of Marty Lambert for the position of 18th Judicial District Court Judge. Over the past 25 years, I have worn multiple hats with the Gallatin County Sheriff's Office and all of them have included working closely with Marty. As the Sheriff of Gallatin County, I believe his strong conviction, his absolute regard for the law and his ability to form a decision based upon facts presented is crucial to the position of District Court Judge.

Marty hasn't always made what would be considered the popular decision, but he has done what he believes the law required of him. He is guided by legal principles and not personal or public opinion. He has aggressively prosecuted criminals here in Gallatin County and has absolutely helped us in keeping the members of this community safe.

Marty has been willing to sit down and discuss cases, work through difficult scenarios, and assist Law Enforcement with coming to a decision that is best for the citizens of Gallatin County. Marty has a tough demeanor, is willing to make the tough decisions and take the harsh criticism that comes with making these difficult calls. It is this type of attitude that is absolutely needed in the position of District Court Judge. I believe we have three of the most capable Judges in the State of Montana and Marty Lambert would be a great addition to this group.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dan Springer
Gallatin County Sheriff

Slusser, Hannah

From: Chris Bakwin <bakwinranch@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 6:16 PM
To: NominateJudges
Subject: [EXTERNAL] New District Judge.

I'd like to put in a word as a Montana Citizen, business and property owner, for Marty Lambert for the new District Court Judge.

I knew Marty many years ago and have watched him here in Gallatin county over the years. He is a diligent worker and a very straight shooter. I think he has what it takes to make a great judge.

-Chris Bakwin
BakwinRanch@hotmail.com

From: Scott Killman <bigkilla6477@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2021 11:08 AM
To: NominateJudges; gov@mt.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Marty Lambert public comment

“A district court judge is subject to great public scrutiny”

This is from Martin Lambert’s application for District Judge for Gallatin County.

I was struck as a pedestrian earlier this spring by a citizen of Gallatin County while she was driving her car in our neighborhood. The woman had an expired Idaho DL and no valid auto insurance, she hit me with her vehicle and then proceeded to leave the scene of the accident when she saw me trying to record the incident. The Sheriff had a deputy respond and in the process of arresting her, she PUNCHED the deputy several times in an effort to resist arrest. She was released from jail the next day and Jaydan Johnson (Martin Lambert’s deputy county attorney) refused to charge her with even one of the 6 crimes she committed. When I was called by victim services and asked him why this was happening, Jaydan couldn’t give me an answer and HUNG UP ON ME. When I called Martin’s office, I left a message in his voicemail asking him to “please explain” and that message was never even returned. No apology offered, no justice given. I was forced to sue the woman in Gallatin Justice Court for the cost of my medical bills and lost wages AT MY OWN EXPENSE.

I have been charged with small traffic tickets in Gallatin County that the office has been unwilling to bend even the slightest on, and when the county is presented with a FELONY CRIMINAL ENDANGERMENT they balk, even when ONE OF THEIR OWN OFFICERS WAS ASSAULTED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

Why not defend your county deputies, Martin? You have served Gallatin County for 20 years, have we gotten too big for you? Why not return a simple phone call to the victim of a crime in your jurisdiction asking you for your help understanding? How does any of this promote confidence in the legal system after the previous year here in America? HOW DOES ONE IN POWER BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR LACK OF ACTION THAT HARMS OTHERS?

From: STEPHEN MAUREEN EXLEY <exleyfam@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2021 11:37 AM
To: NominateJudges
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Letter of support for Marty Lambert

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: STEPHEN MAUREEN EXLEY <exleyfam@msn.com>
Date: November 11, 2021 at 5:32:18 PM MST
To: brooke.stroyke@mt.gov
Subject: Letter of support for Marty Lambert

Dear Governor Gianforte,

Please accept this letter as an endorsement for Marty Lambert for District Court Judge.

I first met Marty in the Bozeman Symphony while he was concertmaster. I was a lowly 4th horn player. He was an excellent leader for the Symphony, and so incredibly kind to everyone he worked with, even this lowly 4th horn player. I had to leave the Symphony, and then realized his mom sat in front of me in church every Sunday. I can understand where Marty got his kindness and ability to lead after getting to know his wonderful mother. All this time, I had no idea Marty was the County Attorney, that's how humble he was during the whole time I knew him professionally, I honestly had no idea what he did for a living, other than he played the violin!

I then had the good fortune to have two of his children as students - of course both of them were excellent string players, and just delightful young people. He attended every one of their concerts, demonstrating to me what a great father he was. It wasn't until we joined Grace Bible Church and saw him on Sundays at worship - someone in church told me he was the County Attorney! I had no idea, he was just a very good father and a very humble man to me, who happened to go to the same church as we did. He is a good family man, who adores his wife, children and grandchildren. A quality I believe is important, especially in the legal world. Marty is definitely grounded in his family.

Fast forward, I found myself unexpectedly unemployed and at an age where I couldn't get a job. I then had the good fortune to be hired by Marty. I worked my way up to becoming a Victim/Witness Advocate and also as a trial assistant. From Homicides to Coroner's Inquest, we worked as a great team together. Even when I made dumb mistakes in court, Marty would calmly, quietly, without malice, lead me in the right direction-even in the middle of trial, in front of a jury. Again demonstrating his professional strengths in the courtroom.

What I came to realize firsthand during these times in court, was that Marty has a grasp and understanding of the law rarely seen. His knowledge of the law is unsurpassed. He has the ability to apply the law without prejudice for either side. He also has remarkable composure in front of a jury, even when being challenged. Not once have I seen Marty return nastiness to opposing counsel, even when faced with that himself. He always perfectly follows the law, even when it doesn't work in his favor. Marty has the rare ability to admit when he is wrong - not too many in the legal world can. His

manner when dealing with victims and families is unsurpassed. He also has the remarkable ability to help witnesses and victims remain calm while in court, even under duress, a quality that is definitely a qualification for a district court judge. I also have seen Marty work until 11:30 at night, through holidays and on weekends. He is probably the only boss I have ever had that has given more than he asks of the people that work for him. He is one of the hardest working people I have ever known. Another quality necessary for the judicial appointment.

The very fact that Marty can and does prosecute cases when they are not "politically correct" proves that he serves of ALL Gallatin County, not just a select few. Being fair and impartial is what is necessary to be a District Court Judge.

I believe Marty Lambert has the temperament, knowledge, and skills to be our next District Court Judge and sincerely hope he is your choice for Gallatin County.

Thank you,

Maureen C. Exley

Slusser, Hannah

From: karlseel@aol.com
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 5:20 PM
To: NominateJudges
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 18th Judicial District

Honorable Governor Greg Gianforte;

Gallatin County Attorney Martin Lambert is a hard worker.

In the 50 years that I have known Marty I have seen him in numerous roles and situations and every time he has worked hard to do his best and strive towards good and positive outcomes. As a native of Bozeman, he has deep roots in the community he serves and cares deeply about it.

Marty has worked as Gallatin County Attorney for many years and been elected by his fellow citizens an impressive **6** times.

Marty has nearly 40 years of experience with the law and local courts.

If appointed to the new Eighteenth Judicial District Court Judge position he would bring all of that needed experience to benefit of Gallatin County. He would be a hard working judge, bring a wealth of practical experience, have a working knowledge of the position, and represent and respect the conscious of the community.

Marty has the experience and attributes to make an excellent District Court Judge.

Karl P. Seel
Bozeman Municipal Court Judge



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November 11, 2021

Governor Greg Gianforte
State of Montana
P.O. Box 200801
Helena, MT 59620

Re: Martin Lambert, applicant for Montana Eighteenth Judicial District Court vacancy

Dear Governor Gianforte,

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support of Gallatin County Attorney Marty Lambert's application for the current judicial vacancy in the Montana Eighteenth Judicial District.

As the Yellowstone County Attorney, I have worked closely with Marty for the last 10 years. Often our work together originated as board members of the Montana County Attorney Association, but also through our roles as independent county attorneys routinely charged with making difficult decisions that impact our communities. To this day when I am able, I seek his practical and legal counsel when I face a challenging issue or decision. I have found Marty to be thoughtful, articulate, and fair. His legal knowledge is exceptionally broad covering both the relevant civil and criminal issues.

Regarding the legal knowledge that a judge must possess to be effective for their community, it is my opinion, after having personally appeared in front of judges countless times in my career and having had to execute judicial orders, a district judge must have command of civil and criminal procedure and the rules of evidence. Without this procedural foundation a district judge struggles to follow the rule of law and make legally sound decisions. Marty from his time as Gallatin County Attorney has this foundation. If selected by you I am confident that Marty would use this foundation and his experience to be a judge who fairly, consistently, and objectively applies the rule of law.

After having gotten to know Marty well I can tell you that he and I agree on most issues facing Montana. It is apparent instantly in talking with him that he cares a great deal about the residents of Gallatin County and the citizens of our state. He is the right person for the Eighteenth Judicial District Court vacancy. Marty has my full support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott Twito".

Scott Twito
Yellowstone County Attorney

November 10, 2021

Governor's Office and Judicial Appointment Committee

Sent to: nominatejudges@mt.gov

RE: Marty Lambert for District Court Judge

Governor Gianforte and Judicial Appointment Committee:

I write today to offer my strongest recommendation for Marty Lambert to be the next District Court Judge in the Eighteenth Judicial District Court, Gallatin County. Marty has been one of the experienced attorneys I have relied upon in the past seven years, as I learned the duties and responsibilities of a County Attorney. Each time I consult Marty, he reveals a well-reasoned and knowledgeable assessment of not only the law, but the wise and prudent practice of law. He has taught me and many other lawyers important lessons that he learned the hard way.

Marty has two essential attributes you should seek in a District Court Judge. The first is broad competence. As a County Attorney, Marty has a broader-based law practice than any other lawyer practicing in Court. He is an acknowledged expert in criminal law. He practically lives in the courtroom, and understands the rules of evidence and the efficient conduct of court hearings and trials. That sounds like a small detail, but it is not. Very few attorneys are prepared to handle the crushing workload of a District Court judge, or understand how to efficiently process cases and make decisions to keep the court docket flowing. Marty is fully prepared to run a courtroom.

County Attorneys handle so much more than criminal law. We represent local governments, and enforce Montana's unique rights to open government while safeguarding individual rights of privacy. We engage in complex civil litigation, land use planning, property law, administrative law, election law, public health, child abuse and neglect, mental health care, and so many other areas. Because Marty has experience in each of these areas, he is ready to immediately preside over cases in each of these subject matters. No other candidate can boast of this experience.

The second attribute that Marty possesses and which you seek in a District Court judge, is independence. By that, I mean Marty is governed by the law, not by his personal opinions or preferences. As you well know, this indicator of judicial integrity is one of the most important qualifications for any judge or candidate. Each judge who applies the law to a problem will inevitably reach conclusions contrary to his or her preference. A good judge will follow the law and decide against his or her own inclination. A bad judge will misread the facts or re-write the law to reach his or her pre-ordained outcome. Marty will surely be the former.

A recent example of this is Marty's representation of the Board of Health in his dealings with the Rocking R Bar. Marty was required to take an unpopular stand to represent his civil client, the Board of Health. While many conservatives criticized Marty for enforcing his client's authority under the local control statute in effect at that time, as well as his standing up to the Attorney General, Marty was in fact doing the right thing despite his own conservative viewpoint and political heat from the right.

Those who criticize Marty for this episode need to look beyond the personalities to the principles behind his actions. A lawyer must zealously represent his client, and Marty did so, even at the risk of offending his long-time friend and supporter (a Republican) who owned the bar. And a County Attorney representing his county client in a civil matter does not answer to the Attorney General. Marty understood these legal facts and stuck to his guns. Finally, he showed prudence in allowing the situation to resolve itself with a minimal amount of drama and impact upon the business community.

That's the kind of person who you should appoint as District Court Judge. If I'm trying a difficult case, that's the kind of Judge I want to preside over my case. I want him or her to understand the law, carefully analyze the facts, and make a ruling governed by the law and facts, rather than personal preference or friendship. "Let justice be done, though the heavens fall."
That's Marty Lambert.

Sincerely,



Cory J. Swanson
Broadwater County Attorney
Townsend, Montana

Slusser, Hannah

From: CenturyLink Customer <kitzmiller.se@q.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 7, 2021 9:10 PM
To: NominateJudges
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter of Support for Marty Lambert

The Honorable Greg Gianforte, Governor for the State of Montana

Helena, Montana

November 7, 2021

Dear Governor Gianforte,

My name is Eric Kitzmiller and I have worked as an attorney in the criminal justice system for the last twenty-three years. I have worked with Marty Lambert for the past twenty-one years at the Gallatin County Attorney's Office. I have observed Marty in a variety of situations, and I would like to express why I believe he is the best qualified candidate for the newly created district court judge position in Gallatin County.

Marty works extremely hard and spends many hours beyond the normal work week to familiarize himself with the law and facts of the criminal and civil cases he handles at the Gallatin County Attorney's Office. He is willing to listen to and consider the opinions of others, and he strives to exercise fairness when making decisions. I have no doubt that he will follow the law and protect the rights of all those who appear before him as a district court judge.

He was an instrumental part of the creation of the Gallatin County Treatment Court program. That program has been a significant benefit to people who have incurred criminal charges as a result of chemical dependency. He has also played a significant role in creating a program to help people who are suffering from mental illness and become caught up in the criminal justice system. Both programs provide a combination of supervision and treatment services to individuals while in the community to help them improve the quality of their lives and the lives of their families.

Marty offered his strong support for the creation of a new Gallatin County Detention center. He recognized the inadequacy of the prior detention center and the poor conditions in which individuals were being housed at the old facility.

He has also addressed the Montana Legislature regarding many bills that have been offered as new laws in Montana. Marty's research and testimony regarding these bills have helped educate many regarding the impact and consequences of proposed legislation on a variety of topics.

Marty's hard work demonstrates that he makes serving the public and protecting the rights of the people in Montana a priority. Marty's years of experience, knowledge, and dedication to following the law make him the most qualified candidate for the new district court judge position in Gallatin County.

Thank you for considering my input as you compare and evaluate the candidates for this important position.

Respectfully,

Eric Kitzmiller

Bozeman, Montana

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November 3, 2021

Governor's office
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Ladies and Gentlemen of the Advisory Council;

I am writing in support of appointment of Marty Lambert for the vacancy in the 18th Judicial District Court.

I met Marty through the Montana County Attorneys Association. I have been honored to serve with him on the Board of Directors of the MCAA for a number of years.

Marty has extensive experience as a county attorney. Over his many years he has litigated many difficult and high profile cases. Experience in this area is vital for a district judge to clearly understand the positions of the parties, as well as those affected collaterally, like victims of crime.

I know from working with Marty that he is extremely intelligent, and he is a natural leader. Quite often he freely volunteers to take the lead on difficult issues facing the prosecutors of the state.

Marty is relentless in his pursuit of justice, a skill that will surely serve him well as a district judge. While he is determined, he is also very conscientious of all involved, especially victims of crime.

Marty will be a fair judge, and he will serve the people of the state of Montana well. Please consider him for appointment as District Judge for the 18th Judicial District.

Sincerely,



Wyatt A. Glade
Custer County Attorney

October 22, 2021

Via email: nominatejudges@mt.gov

Governor Greg Gianforte
State of Montana
Helena, MT 59620

Re: Marty Lambert, reference for Eighteenth Judicial District Court vacancy

Dear Governor Gianforte:

I am honored and pleased to recommend Marty Lambert for the position of district court judge in the Eighteenth Judicial District.

I have known Mr. Lambert since 2003 when he was the County Attorney for Gallatin County and I was an Assistant United States Attorney. Our professional interaction increased in 2017 when Mr. Lambert served as a director and officer of the Montana County Attorneys' Association and served as U. S. Attorney for Montana.

Mr. Lambert has broad knowledge of and experience with much of the subject matter that will come before the district court. During his extensive 38 years of practice, he has represented Gallatin County in civil, criminal and abuse and neglect cases. He also has appellate experience, appearing before the Montana Supreme Court on behalf of Gallatin County and the Montana County Attorneys' Association. Few judges would assume the bench as prepared as him.

Mr. Lambert has the right temperament for this position. Judges often must make decisions that leave one, or sometimes more parties, and other stakeholders unhappy. In my experience, Mr. Lambert is patient and listens to all arguments, but then makes his decision based on the facts, regardless of pressure for a certain outcome. For example, "Justice Reinvestment" reforms were passed by a previous legislature, intended to reduce crime by incarcerating fewer defendants, incarcerating prisoners for shorter periods of time, and making it more difficult to revoke probation and parole status for violations, and then reinvesting the savings in community corrections and re-entry services. When the data began to show that the reforms were leading to higher crime rates and higher (not lower) costs of law enforcement, criminal justice and incarceration, Mr. Lambert was one of the first to publicly share those unpopular facts.

Mr. Lambert has the right judgement for this position. Arguably, there is no more important characteristic for a judge. His judgement as the Gallatin County attorney has helped contribute to Gallatin County having the lowest violent crime rate of the seven largest towns in Montana. His judgement is well-regarded. For example, the Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Task Force, made up of state and federal prosecutors and law enforcement in a three state area, recently requested and relied upon his opinion on an important Fourth Amendment issue with statewide impact.

If Mr. Lambert assumes the district court bench, I am confident that he will serve justice well in the Eighteenth Judicial District and will be a fine judge.

Sincerely,

Kurt Alme

Slusser, Hannah

From: will brooke <brookelawfirm@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 12:10 PM
To: NominateJudges
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Consideration of Martin Lambert for 18th Judicial District Judge

November 2, 2021

Dear Governor:

Please consider this recommendation for Mr. Martin ("Marty") Lambert who is applying for the newly created District Court Judge for the 18th Judicial District.

I have known Marty since I returned to Bozeman, Montana in 1990 to start my legal practice. In order to get experience in the courtroom and to provide people who could not afford an attorney legal representation, I signed up to take criminal cases in the first three years of my practice. Marty was a Deputy County Attorney at the time. I argued several motions, tried cases, and negotiated plea agreements with Marty. I can say without exception that Marty was always a well prepared tough prosecutor. While we may have had some disagreements about matters, he was never disagreeable but rather always professional.

As the years marched on, Marty became the Gallatin County Attorney and my practice evolved to mostly real estate law and civil litigation including matters of zoning and land use where Marty represented the County Commission. Marty continued to represent the county and state with the same commitment to preparedness and professionalism.

Marty would be an excellent District Court Judge for the reasons listed above but I am confident he would also be a good Judge for the following additional reasons. One of the biggest frustrations that lawyers and the people they represent have with the judicial system is delay. The old saying justice delayed is justice denied is not just a saying, it is a truism. I have practiced law in many courtrooms across Montana and found that some Judges do not seem to care how long a motion or case is pending on their docket. I know Marty to be an extremely hard working diligent attorney who would pay careful attention to his docket of cases to ensure that justice was not denied through delay.

I am also confident that Marty would not be an activist Judge making law from the bench but rather would apply the existing law to the facts and let the legislature make the laws. In addition, I believe Marty has high moral standards which he brings to the ethical practice of law and would certainly bring to the bench.

There are other characteristics that a qualified Judge should have that do not necessarily involve the law. In my opinion, a Judge should have long and deep ties to the community and be a decent and good person. Marty was raised in Bozeman and has spent his entire career here. He is a long time community leader and participant. I have personally observed Marty playing in the orchestra of the Bozeman Symphony (no small matter), volunteering time for various community efforts and events and otherwise being a solid contributing citizen in our city, county, and state.

I also know he married above his grade to a great woman and long time wife in Kathryn Lambert. Together they raised their family in the Gallatin Valley. For all of these reasons, I strongly recommend Marty Lambert for the position of District Court Judge.

Thank you for your consideration,

Will Brooke

Slusser, Hannah

From: sjappraiser123@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, November 3, 2021 2:04 PM
To: NominateJudges
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Marty Lambert

Dear Governor Gianforte,
Please do not saddle Gallatin County with Marty Lambert. His track record has proven he is not for justice. How he handled the Rockin' R Bar case is proof of his incompetence and lack of regard for the law.
Sincerely,
Shannon L Veltkamp

Sent from my iPhone

Slusser, Hannah

From: Ed Brandt <ebrandt@cardinaldistributing.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 31, 2021 10:31 AM
To: NominateJudges
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Marty Lambert

I understand Marty Lambert is under consideration to be a new judge in Gallatin County. Marty is more than qualified and I fully support his appointment.

I could spend a lot of time and space in support of Marty, but I am sure you have all the information.

Please understand my strong support for Marty Lambert.

Sincerely, Ed Brandt

Slusser, Hannah

From: Diane Hackett Carlton <dianehackett1@mac.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2021 6:11 PM
To: NominateJudges
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Marty Lambert

Please do not select this man to be Judge. He defied our attorney general and the business community in general. Appointed politicians are the most dangerous to our communities and we must select those who support a more democratic way of life vs the authoritarian perspective clearly demonstrated by this man.

With respect,
Diane Hackett Carlton

Sent from my iPad in the Rockies
Diane Hackett Carlton

Slusser, Hannah

From: Holly Hart <hdeeh5@protonmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 8:02 PM
To: NominateJudges
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Judge Lambert

Dear Governor Gianforte,

I am contacting you because I want to urge you to oppose any Judicial Appointment of Marty Lambert! This man has a proven track record of being unfair and is not impartial. He lacks the ability and fortitude to make tough decisions, such as putting criminals in jail where they belong and following the Constitution. He has shown time and time again that he is not for the people or our law enforcement agencies. Appointing him to any position would be a decision that would be detrimental to the safety and well-being of Montana's citizens. Please look into his track record and seek to appoint someone who strives to make righteous decisions for the citizens of Montana.

Sincerely,

Holly Hart

Slusser, Hannah

From: ROBIN AND CHAD SCHAUERS <cr6schauers@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 12:14 PM
To: NominateJudges
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No to Marty Lambert

To whom this may concern,

This is a plea to please consider reject Marty Lambert as a candidate for a judge position in Gallatin County. He has not served his constituents well or represented them in the past and therefore it is understood that he would not do so in the future.

Sincerely,

Robin Schauers
406-219-7320

Slusser, Hannah

From: Judy Doyle <spazzzz2001@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 7:41 PM
To: NominateJudges
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Not Lambert

Good evening. We are writing to not consider Marty Lambert for the District Court Judge.

Marty went out of his way to go after Mike Hope and The Rocking R Bar, this last spring. A person dared to stand up against the crushing of their business. Marty Lambert behaved like a bully. This is unacceptable behavior for a District Court Judge.

Please remove him from consideration for this position.

Blessings,

Judy L Doyle

1706 Drummond Blvd, Belgrade, MT 59714

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with God, all things are possible

Slusser, Hannah

From: Allen Frank <allenrfrank60@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 10:13 AM
To: NominateJudges
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Objection to nominating Marty Lambert for District Court Judge

Dear Hannah—

Marty Lambert, Gallatin County Attorney, is being considered as a District Judge appointment by Governor Greg Gianforte.

The reasons I strongly object include the following:

1-Marty Lambert stonewalled a legitimate Public Records Request made by a member of our Unmasked Group requesting ALL correspondence of former Health Department head, Matt Kelley; Kelly's staff and that of the County Health Board. This request was made over a year ago and to date, we have received no documents from the County. This is Unconscionable. The purpose of requesting these documents was to have transparency on the entire Covid process. Transparency that was totally lacking. On all fronts. For example, who was influencing Kelly and who was he corresponding with behind the scenes?

The Health Dept decisions were based on cherry picked science and master manipulated data and statistics. We wanted total transparency. That effort was denied by the County and Lambert.

Lives and livelihoods were destroyed in the darkness.

2-Treatment of Rocking R Bar when they demanded justification for the Health Dept shutting down bars at 10pm. The Rocking R fought this and were eventually sued by County Attorney Lambert costing Rocking R over \$100,000 in defense costs. For what?

Apparently Marty Lambert felt withholding public records and an abusive lawsuit were just "doing his job". I'm appalled and will ask Governor Gianforte to not appoint Marty Lambert as a District Judge.

Sincerely,

Allen R Frank
1050 Cobb Hill Rd
Bozeman, Mt 59718

Sent from my iPhone

Slusser, Hannah

From: Elise Lininger <elise.lininger@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 10:35 AM
To: NominateJudges
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Object to Marty Lambert

Dear Nomination Committee

The reasons I OBJECT to MARTY LAMBERT as appointee include the following:

1-Marty Lambert stonewalled a legitimate Public Records Request made by a member of our Unmasked Group requesting ALL correspondence of former Health Department head, Matt Kelley; Kelly's staff and that of the County Health Board. This request was made over a year ago and to date, we have received no documents from the County. This is Unconscionable. The purpose of requesting these documents was to have transparency on the entire Covid process. Transparency that was totally lacking. On all fronts. For example, who was influencing Kelly and who was he corresponding with behind the scenes?

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I'm firmly opposed to any appointee that does not uphold our constitutional rights.

Sincerely

Elise Lininger

Bozeman Resident

Slusser, Hannah

From: Sandy Shumaker <sandymt65@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 11:58 AM
To: NominateJudges
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No to Marty Lambert

Do not pick Marty Lambert for District Judge!

I live in Gallatin County and have seen him in action!

He is not fair and balanced and in my opinion, has not served the people of Gallatin County well.

It would be a disservice to have this man appointed. I'll be glad when we can vote him out as our county attorney!

Sincerely,

Sandra Shumaker,

a voter from Gallatin County

Slusser, Hannah

From: craigmontana@protonmail.com
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 1:02 PM
To: NominateJudges
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Lambert

NO to marty lambert! Absolutely NOT worthy of holding ANY public office due to his horrible record of trampling Montana values!

Sent from ProtonMail mobile

Slusser, Hannah

From: Jena Nash Reno <jena@jenareno.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 4:27 PM
To: NominateJudges
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 18th District Court Appointment

Dear Judicial Committee Members and Governor Greg Gianforte

I am writing in vehement opposition to any Judicial Appointment of Marty Lambert.

He has proven time and time again that he is anything but fair and impartial.

He is not for the people, and most of our law enforcement agencies in the Gallatin County have been greatly harmed by Marty's inept and Incompetent ability to put criminals behind bars and follow the law or the Constitution. He has shown that he caters to garner political favor, and curries to those that will benefit him down the road.

He would not have any righteous and faithful decisions and many would be harmed by his actions.

Appointing him to any position would be to further lock us down into unfair and illegal decisions, and put criminals and abusers back out on the streets to inflict further damage.

I respectfully ask the Governor and the voting committee to deny any application or approval of Marty Lambert.

Jena Nash Reno
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Bozeman, MT 59718
406-920-1517

Slusser, Hannah

From: Renee Westlake <renee.westlake@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 4:57 PM
To: NominateJudges
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter of Support for the 18th Judicial District Judgeship

This is a letter of support for District Attorney Martin Lambert.

First of all, we would like to state that we know, and have contact with, three of the four candidates, and think highly of all of them. There is one, however, who stands above the rest in terms of experience, ethics, and breadth & depth of knowledge.

Mr. Lambert has been a colleague, a classmate, a fellow board member, and a parent and son of people we have been connected with. Integrity and intelligence clearly marks Mr. Lambert's life in the 50+ years we have known him. This is who he is and who he continuously strives to be.

Our first experience with him was as a classmate who was active in both sports and music, consistently putting team and group above personal interest. Marty cares about people and also cares about the best interest of any institution with which he connects. This has carried through in his and his wife's raising of their children. They taught their children to be independent yet others-centered. As a person, Marty is the salt of the earth.

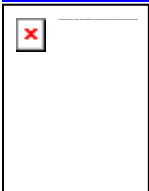
Secondly, serving on nonprofit boards with Marty has given board work a no-nonsense, common sense, and forward-thinking approach. He is a good leader, has strong stances, yet also listens and reflects on all sides of an issue. Marty's propensity toward doing things the right and ethical way, even behind closed doors, has added to the respect that we already had for him.

Finally, Mr. Lambert knows the law and brings a teaching style to the courtroom. There are decent attorneys, good attorneys, and exemplary attorneys. Mr. Lambert is the latter. His work as a professional of the law highlights what we have seen in him for all of the years we have known him: integrity and intelligence.

If we can elaborate on any aspect of our respect and admiration for Martin Lambert, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully,
Renée and Stuart Westlake
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Jim Drummond
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Bozeman, Mt. 59715

Governor Greg Gianforte
Attn: Hannah Slusser
P.O. Box 200801
Helena, Mt 59620

October 21, 2021

Dear Governor Gianforte:

This letter serves as an endorsement of Gallatin County Attorney, Marty Lambert, for the 18th District Court judicial vacancy.

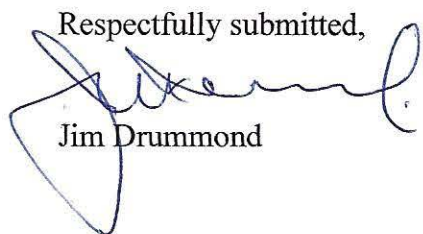
I have known Marty since we were both students at Bozeman High School. That was a long time ago, and I can confidently say that I have known Marty for at least 50 years. As a young adult, Marty was highly respected by his peers. He had an unwavering sense of honor and a stringent set of personal values that never faltered under peer pressure or classmate antics. In Marty's young world, right was right, and wrong was wrong.

After Marty's graduation from the University of Montana School of Law, our community was fortunate to have him return to his hometown to practice law. Marty has faithfully and effectively served Gallatin County, first as Deputy County Attorney beginning in 1983, then as County Attorney, a position that he has held for 24 years. Marty is known for his work ethic, boundless energy, legal competency, professionalism, and personal honor. You might not always agree with what Marty tells you, but you know that it is his honest answer. Marty has always sought justice for those who are in the right, and appropriate penalties for those who have done wrong. His ethics and personal values have never wavered in the 50 years that I have known him.

I will also point out that Marty has a broad range of legal experience. In his role as the chief county prosecutor, he has been responsible for pursuing major crimes, domestic crimes, financial chicanery, abuse complaints, and business fraud. His second role as county attorney is to advise and administer county land development and subdivision matters, human resource issues, financing, law enforcement, tax issues, and many more governmental and business matters of law. His extensive background and broad legal experience will allow him to knowledgeably adjudicate the varied types of actions that may be brought before a district court judge.

I strongly support the appointment of Marty Lambert to the 18th Judicial Court judge position.

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Drummond

Dear Governor Gianforte and the Selection Committee,

I am submitting this letter in support of Martin Lambert for the Judgeship appointment in the 18th Judicial District.

I am known Mr. Lambert for over 25 years. I had the distinct privilege of serving as a Gallatin County Commissioner (2007-2018), while he served as our County Attorney. As our County Attorney, Mr. Lambert's office had important responsibilities in many different types of cases. Under his direction there were cases involving both criminal and civil matters.

As a County Commissioner I worked with him primarily on civil issues/cases. There were many times where Mr. Lambert provided direct legal representation, rather than utilizing his other attorneys. Our office benefitted greatly from his years of experience.

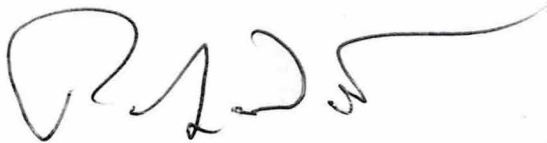
Many of the cases that we were involved in were complex and lengthy. I gained a great deal of appreciation and understanding of the legal system while working with Mr. Lambert and his staff. The court system is a very important component of our government, and certainly our community. Gallatin County was well represented by our County Attorney Lambert.

To become a judge requires a great deal of experience, not only in the legal field, but also with the public. For the many years that Mr. Lambert has been our County Attorney, he has been greatly engaged with the public. This includes a focus on public safety, victims (including victim rights), financial restitutions, criminal justice issues (including legislative testimony), and of course legal advice to county departments and elected officials. In a growing county as Gallatin County is, the County Attorney office is very busy. Mr. Lambert has done a great job in keeping up with the growth of our community.

I am gratified that our county will be adding a fourth court. The judge selected will need to be one who understands the judicial process and is ready to assume the office. It is critical that judicial decisions are fair and follow the rule of law. It is also important that the new judge is ready to work with the existing judges in the 18th District. A new judge in Gallatin County needs to have experience in a wide area of issues that are likely unique to our community. I firmly believe that Martin Lambert is the right person, and is well prepared for this important position.

Thank you for accepting my comments, and I respectfully request that you appoint Martin Lambert to the new Judgeship position for the 18th Judicial District.

Most Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Stephen White', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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October 15, 2021

(Via email: nominatejudges@mt.gov)

Governor Greg Gianforte
State of Montana
P.O. Box 200801
Helena, MT 59620

Re: Martin Lambert, professional reference (Montana Eighteenth Judicial District Court vacancy)

Dear Governor Gianforte:

I offer my support of Marty Lambert's application for appointment to the vacant District Judge position in the Montana Eighteenth Judicial District.

By way of introduction, I currently serve your administration as a member of the Montana Board of Pardons and Parole. I previously was Silver Bow County's chief prosecuting attorney from 1987 through 2006 and an elected district judge in Silver Bow County from January 2007 through July 2018. I also served two terms in the Montana Legislature in the early 2000s. In short, my professional career has been devoted to the core principles of fair treatment to all citizens and equal access to justice. I am proud to say that Marty Lambert is also committed to those same standards.

I have known Marty Lambert for nearly four decades. As prosecuting attorneys, we shared a common experience of representing the interests of Montana citizens in various courtrooms. During my legislative terms and thereafter, Marty often appeared as both an informational and supporting witness. In addition to fulfilling his role as Gallatin County's chief legal officer, Marty made time to assist state legislators enact measures to protect personal and property rights and to promote consistent application of the law. His experience will be invaluable on the bench, as Marty is particularly aware of the legislative role in enacting public policy and the judicial role in implementing such policy.

After I became a district judge, I had additional opportunities to observe Marty's courtroom work, albeit from the viewpoint of a neutral referee rather than as a colleague. More recently, I have observed Marty representing citizens and crime victims in several appearances before the parole board.

I can say with confidence that Marty Lambert has tried more cases than any other applicant for the open judicial position in the Eighteenth Judicial District. Marty's extensive trial experience provides him with solid understanding of the rules of evidence and procedure governing criminal cases. Moreover, in his role as Gallatin County's chief legal officer, Marty's experience also includes the wide range of civil cases that fall within the jurisdiction of the district court. His transition to the bench will be fast and

effective, facilitating the right of litigants to prompt resolution of their legal disputes.

Marty Lambert is an effective legal researcher and writer. He is a powerful oral communicator. Those abilities are essential to success on the district court bench. A judge's decisions must be clear if such orders are to be fully implemented and enforced.

I am confident that Marty will uphold the high ethical standards required of a district judge. A tough prosecutor and strong advocate for his clients, Marty has always recognized and practiced his obligation of fairness to opposing parties. Marty's professional balance and commitment will serve him well on the bench.

In addition to personal observations, my recommendation of Marty Lambert is based on my contact and communication with trial judges, prosecuting attorneys, defense attorneys, law enforcement authorities and victims. Marty is held in high esteem. Such respect is the direct result of his professionalism and integrity.

Marty Lambert has earned your strong consideration of his application for the vacant trial judge position.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about Marty's qualifications and my recommendation.

Sincerely,



Brad Newman, Member
Montana Board of Pardons and Parole

Slusser, Hannah

From: Rick Weaver <rvweaver@dailyinterlake.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2021 11:37 AM
To: NominateJudges
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Martin Lambert's Application for Eighteenth Judicial District Judgeship

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this note on behalf of Martin Lambert's application for judge in the Eighteen District (Gallatin County).

From 1998 to 2007 I was the publisher and president of Big Sky Publishing; which included the Bozeman Chronicle and Belgrade News. In that capacity I got to know Marty Lambert and to watch him professionally as the Gallatin County Attorney.

I believe Mr. Lambert did a good job as county attorney, keeping the county out of trouble on many occasions. I found him to be thoughtful and fair in his dealings with the public and other county officials. Don't get me wrong, I didn't agree with everything he did but that is one of the qualities that would make him a good judge. He made what he felt was the best decision based on the law and was strong enough to stick to it. That is a quality you want in a judge.

I believe Martin Lambert has the experience, knowledge, and composure to make a very fine judge in the Eighteenth District of Montana.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick V. Weaver

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