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Governor Gianforte Solicits Public Comment on Twentieth Judicial District Judge Applicants

HELENA, Mont. – Governor Greg Gianforte today announced he is seeking public comment on applicants to fill the vacancy in the Twentieth Judicial District (Lake County and Sanders County).

Members of the public can provide letters of support or other comments regarding the applicants through Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 5 p.m.

The governor has received an application from the following attorney, whose application may be found at nominatejudges.mt.gov:

- John A. Mercer
- Thane Patrick Johnson
- Katherine Lace Kuykendall
- Lacey Lorene Lincoln
- Kelly P. McDonald

Members of the public should submit letters or other comments by email to nominatejudges@mt.gov, by fax to (406) 444-4151, or by mail to Attn: Hannah Slusser, Governor's Office, PO Box 200801, Helena, Montana 59620.

Letters or other comments submitted will be publicly available and posted at nominatejudges.mt.gov. Applicants must receive at least three letters of support to be considered for appointment by the governor.

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