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City Council appoints Murphy Municipal Court judges

MURPHY (April 17, 2020) After almost a decade of service to the Murphy Municipal Court, Municipal Court Judge Natalie Banuelos resigned her position, requiring the Murphy City Council to name a replacement for the long-tenured jurist.

After an extensive search and interview process, the Council has named Cass Robert Callaway as Municipal Court Judge and Colette O. Sallas as Associate Municipal Court Judge. Both were officially appointed at the City Council meeting of April 7 and have been sworn-in to their respective positions.

Judge Callaway, a resident of Dallas, has experience in private practice and has served as city attorney, municipal prosecutor and municipal court judge for several cities in the Dallas area.

He is the Presiding Judge of the Hutchins Municipal Court, Westworth Village Municipal Court, Glenn Heights Municipal Court, and Westover Hills Municipal Court, and is an Alternate Judge for the Addison Municipal Court and Associate Judge for Burseson Municipal Court.

Judge Callaway also serves as city attorney and prosecuting attorney for the City of Godley and formerly served as prosecuting attorney for the City of Fort Worth. Previously, he served as a law clerk for the Child Support Division of the Texas Attorney General's Office, was a mediator in the UT Austin Conflict Resolution Center, and served a semester as a communications assistant in the office of Vice President George H.W. Bush.

He earned an undergraduate degree from UT Austin and a jurisprudence doctorate from Texas Tech University School of Law.

Judge Sallas, a resident of Denton, is the Municipal Judge for City of Highland Village, and is Associate Judge of the Town of Little Elm Municipal Court. As a private practitioner, Judge Sallas handles family law, child support, probate, guardianship and mental health defense. She previously served as Assistant Attorney General for the State of Texas in the Child Support Division and has served as staff attorney at several private law firms.

She earned an undergraduate degree from Louisiana State University and a jurisprudence doctorate from Texas Wesleyan University School of Law.

The Murphy Municipal Court is located in the Murphy Police Headquarters Building, 206 North Murphy Road. The staff includes Court Administrator Patti Towne, Juvenile Case Manager Heather Smith, Deputy Court Clerk Roberta Reyes, and Bailiff Brent Bartholomew.

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Note to editors: Two photos accompany this release.

ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 20,010, generally characterized as highly educated with a median household income well above the state average. With more than 80 percent of the land developed, the community is dominated by single-family residences. City planners strive to preserve a family-oriented community with a strong sense of place. Money Magazine has dubbed Murphy as the 27th Best Place to Live in America for small cities, and D Magazine placed Murphy as the fifth best suburb in the 2014 list, where it has consistently ranked in the top 10.