

Cook, Kevin

From: MT Supreme Court,
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2016 4:55 PM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Public Comment -- Weaver

From: Brian Rogers [<mailto:brianrogersrdc@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2016 4:58 PM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: David Weaver for District Judge

Dear Ms. Lois Menzies'

I am very pleased to write this letter of recommendation for David L. Weaver.

I have known Dave personally and professionally for more than 10 years. He is an extremely accomplished lawyer, a very bright individual, an attorney who was very cognizant of his legal fees, someone who possesses terrific analytical attributes, and has the impartial temperament required to become a member of the District Court.

In opinion success in life is driven by insight, curiosity, and perseverance. These are attributes which Dave possesses.

I would unhesitatingly recommend Dave for this appointment. He will make an outstanding contribution to the Court.

Sincerely,

Brian Rogers, M.D.

September 25, 2016

Judicial Nomination Commission
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Office of the Court Administrator
P.O. Box 203005
Helena, MT 59620-3005
Telephone (406) 841-2955
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RE: Appointment of David L. Weaver to Position of District Court Judge/Gallatin County,
Montana

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known David Weaver from a distance since he was perhaps 20 years old, more in having known him through his parents, Ken and Judy Weaver, both positive and involved community members. David appeared to be a steady goal-driven young man, passing directly through his academic training to marriage and practice, with his head down since. He is earnest, well-informed, and I note recently involved in volunteering as a spokesperson for the new Law and Justice Center Proposal, being reconsidered on the ballot this year.

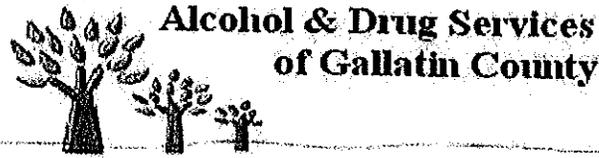
Thank you for this opportunity to respond to this application.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Hawks", written in a cursive style.

Robert L (Bob) Hawks

Former Optometrist, Bozeman Mayor, State Senator



September 28, 2016

RE: Appointment of David L. Weaver to position of
District Court Judge, Gallatin County

To The Judicial Nomination Commission:

I highly recommend David L. Weaver as a candidate for District Court Judge of Gallatin County. Dave has served on the Board of Directors for Alcohol & Drug Services of Gallatin County since March 2011. He reviews our mission and vision statement on a regular basis, making sure that we are meeting our goals and providing confidential and caring addiction focused services to the citizens of Gallatin County. Dave has always provided Alcohol & Drug Services with the moral and professional support needed to further the goals of the organization. Dave provides proper financial oversight working with the other board members, and ensures that proper financial controls are in place. Dave is adamant that we adhere to legal standards and ethical norms when dealing with the community, other agencies and the clients we serve.

I have served on several other committees with Dave i.e., the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, Advisory Committee, and the Gallatin County Detention Center Committee where he provided his knowledge of the legal system, prepared, organized and presented the recommendations of each group.

Dave can be best described as intelligent, sincere, active and having a great sense of humor. I know that he has the ability and desire to be a very capable in whatever he does in the legal system. I highly recommend Dave Weaver for the position of District Court Judge, Gallatin County

Respectfully,

Shelly Johnson, Director

Shelly Johnson, Director
Alcohol & Drug Services of
Gallatin County

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Cook, Kevin

From: MT Supreme Court,
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2016 2:59 PM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Public Comment -- Weaver

From: Doug Chandler [<mailto:doug@alliedengineering.com>]
Sent: Monday, October 03, 2016 11:34 AM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: FW: Endorsement of David Weaver for Position of District Court Judge in Gallatin County

To the Judicial Nomination Commission, c/o Lois Menzies,

Dear Lois and esteemed members of the Judicial Nomination Commission,

I am writing to express my support for Mr. David Weaver for the position of District Court Judge in Gallatin County. Having grown up and lived in Bozeman for 52 of my 57 years, I have had the privilege of knowing the Weaver family for about 40 years, including Dave Weaver, who was a few years behind me in school, and who I have interacted with on numerous professional assignments related to water rights, stream restoration, and other matters relating mostly to natural resource law. I have also got to know Dave by numerous chance meetings at the golf course and various social interactions. Through this long term, but fairly regular interaction, I have found Dave to be a thoughtful, restrained, and deliberate presence on all accounts. I am confident that he would make an honest, fair, and steady judge, and I heartily endorse him for that position. Please feel free to call, email, or write if you have any other questions of me related to Mr. Weavers temperament, intelligence, and any other factors that should be considered for this appointment.

Sincerely,

Doug Chandler, PhD, PE
President

Allied Engineering Services, Inc.

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October 1,2016

Judicial Nomination Commission
c/o Lois Menzies
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Helena, MT 59620-3005

RE: Appointment of David L. Weaver to Position of District Court Judge/
Gallatin County, Montana

To Whom It May Concern:

I am happy to see that David Weaver has tossed his hat in the ring as a candidate for District Court Judge in Gallatin County. It would be difficult to find a more competent person for the position.

His work ethic, organization and propensity for being well prepared are noteworthy, even when compared to the best attorneys with whom I have been associated. He consistently conducts his affairs in an orderly and timely fashion. I would imagine these qualities would make him particularly well suited for conducting the business of a busy court schedule.

Having dealt with David for many years in a variety of situations, I have always been impressed with his maturity and the ability to look at problems from an objective perspective, not unduly influenced by the views of advocacy groups. Of course, we have not always agreed, but he is always willing to listen and discuss his thoughts. Having been involved with him in emotional organizational issues, I have been seen his ability to make impartial decisions, even if that meant voting against his personal preferences. This is a quality that few people have.

Finally, I would comment on his honesty, integrity and moral character. I have seen David in a variety of situations and feel that I have learned by noticing the grace, compassion and integrity with which he handled them. He takes his personal responsibilities seriously and has a well developed sense of fairness.

In summary, I feel that David Weaver would be an outstanding District Court Judge. It is unlikely that a better candidate would be found.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Copeland
116 Gallatin Dr, Apt C
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Cook, Kevin

From: MT Supreme Court,
Sent: Friday, October 14, 2016 2:32 PM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Public Comment -- Weaver

From: Scully [<mailto:scully@tailfeatherranch.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2016 4:15 PM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: Judicial Appointment Gallatin Co.

Members of the nominating committee: I as a retired member of the State Bar, who practiced in Bozeman, am writing to encourage your selection of David L. Weaver to fill the vacancy in Gallatin Co. I have known Dave Weaver as a peer, as a client, and a member of the community. I have always found him to be a great listener with very measured and accurate legal response. His ethical standards are very high in his personal life and professional actions. He has had many broad based professional and business experiences. He has always displayed interest in the community and young adults which is not always the case in our profession. I have observed his empathy for others while managing difficult circumstances in a professional manner. He is not afraid to manage and make a difficult decision with well grounded rational thought. He is not without a sense of humor. I obviously believe that he would make a fine judge and I know the next judge will have to work very hard in order to measure up to the high standards set by Judge Salvagni. Thank you for your service and consideration. John P. Scully

Cook, Kevin

From: MT Supreme Court,
Sent: Friday, October 14, 2016 2:31 PM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Public Comment -- Weaver

From: Don&Judy Mathre [<mailto:Mathre@Q.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2016 5:06 PM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: Endorsement for David Weaver for District Court Judge in Gallatin County

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October 3, 2016

Judicial Nomination Commission
c/o Lois Menzies
Office of the Court Administrator
P.O. Box 20300
Helena, MT 59620-3005

Members of the Judicial Nomination Commission,

This letter is in regards to David Weaver's application for the position of District Court Judge in Gallatin County.

I have been acquainted with Dave's parents for many years and also with Dave on a limited basis until very recently. One of my concerns as a person interested in local government has been the effective performance of our local government entities. For 20 years I was employed by the Local Government Center at Montana State University which has and continues to improve the knowledge and performance of local government officials and employees by doing outreach training and education for local governments.

I was aware that Dave has been a member of an advisory committee to the Gallatin County Commission concerned with making recommendations to them regarding needed capital improvements. Their top priority has been the improvement of court and law enforcement facilities for the county. The City of Bozeman and Gallatin County have shared the current Law & Justice Center for a number of years. When both governments decided they could work together to place a bond issue on the ballot this November Dave and others realized that the cost (\$68.3 million) would be a deterrent for many voters. At this point he called a group of interested citizens together to begin to plan a campaign for a new Law & Justice Campus. I was one of those citizens and became better acquainted with Dave.

This group has been meeting on a regular basis for over a year. Dave has chaired the group. Since few in the group have had experience in running a campaign it has been an interesting process. With Dave's leadership we have raised money to finance the campaign, hire consultants to help and continue to develop support for the bond issue. Since I have served in local government I understand that sometimes governing bodies just muddle through to whatever best conclusion they can. That is what has occurred with this campaign. We do hope for a good outcome because it is very important for the community to have adequate law enforcement and court facilities.

So, my point is that despite not knowing exactly how to proceed, Dave has led us through the development of a strategy with the help and advice of community members and local government officials. It has been challenging and also enjoyable. Of course we don't yet know the outcome, but the participation in an important community project is rewarding in itself.

I believe Dave has the temperament required to serve as District Court Judge. He has exhibited many of the personal characteristics required for a Judge in serving as committee chair. He is smart, with common sense. He has worked well with others and is industrious in leading the committee. His commitment to the project has been important for the bond issue campaign. Success at the polls is critical for city and county public safety in the future.

I am very pleased to endorse his application for the position of District Court Judge.

Sincerely,

Judy Mathre

Cook, Kevin

From: MT Supreme Court,
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2016 5:48 PM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Public Comment -- Weaver

From: David Goldan [<mailto:dgbii@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2016 11:11 AM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Cc: David Weaver
Subject: Judicial appointment of David L. Weaver

To whom it may concern:

I was involved in a lawsuit (Farmers et al v. Goldan) from 6/2010 through 4/2015, (and subsequent Supreme Court appeal). For approximately 2 1/2 years of this time I could no longer afford an attorney and represented myself pro-se. I had to issue subpoena's, take depositions, write and respond to numerous discovery inquiries and motions and prepare a foundation for trial.

Mr. Weaver graciously offered assistance to me throughout the pro-se part of this litigation without charge. By my best estimate, he spent over 30 hours of his time helping me with legal research, educating me about the legal process, the rules of civil procedure, reviewing documents and proof reading my submissions to the opposing party and the court. It is not an understatement to say that without Mr. Weavers' pro-bono assistance I would not possibly have been able to take my case to trial, much less prevail in the case.

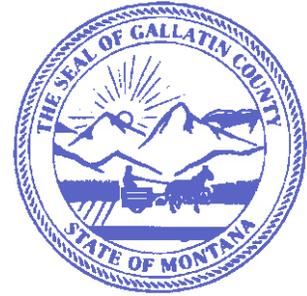
I cannot imagine a more honest, knowledgeable, intelligent or compassionate person to fill the position of District Court Judge than Mr. Weaver.

David Goldan
3465 Curtis Lane
Manhattan, MT 59741

State of Montana

County of Gallatin

Bozeman



October 21, 2016

Judicial Nomination Commission
c/o: Lois Menzies
Office of Court Administrator
PO Box 203005
Helena, MT 59620-3005

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the appointment of David L. Weaver to the position of District Court Judge in Gallatin County.

Prior to my election as Gallatin County Commissioner I have served with Dave for many years on the Gallatin County Capital Improvement Projects Committee. I have always found him to be a voice of reason and common sense. His ability to understand the underlying issues and to articulate complex concerns has made him invaluable to the process.

In my role as County Commissioner, Dave has also appeared before the Commission to advocate for his clients. I have been impressed by the strength of his arguments and his knowledge of the subject at hand. His work with AGAI (Association of Gallatin Agricultural Irrigators) has been invaluable in the effort to protect and advocate for the water users in Montana.

On a personal level, Dave was independent counsel for my special needs brother-in-law during guardianship proceedings. Dave showed compassion and character during a difficult time for my brother-in-law. For that I will always be grateful.

I whole-heartedly endorse David L Weaver to be appointed to the position of District Court Judge in the 18th Judicial District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Seifert", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Donald F. Seifert
Gallatin County Commissioner

Deborah McAtee
2785 Rusty Nail Road
Bozeman, MT 59715
October 19, 2016

Judicial Nomination Commission
c/o Lois Menzies
Office of the Court Administrator
P.O. Box 203005
Helena, MT 59620-3005

Dear Members of the Judicial Nomination Commission,

I am writing to support David Weaver's appointment to the District Court in Gallatin County. I have known Dave for several decades and feel that he has the temperament to make an exceptionally thoughtful and compassionate judge.

I first met Dave when he joined the board of the Gallatin Valley Literacy Council in the 1990s. We were struggling with an executive director who was very good at running the programs but lacked executive skills. While Dave was president of the board, he oversaw folding the program into Career Transitions, which had a strong executive and was prepared to house the program. What could have been a very difficult transition went smoothly, thanks to Dave's ability to work with others, see the big picture, look at what was best for everyone, and explain his reasoning to all stakeholders.

Over the years since, I have worked with Dave in his capacity as a lawyer and have always found him to be thoughtful in looking out for his client's best interests. His common sense leads him to find the best solution that creates the most benefit for everyone and his balanced perspective allows him to think about how to approach the interests of other parties in a way that lets everyone meet their needs. He has given thoughtful advice, sometimes more reasonable than I really wanted to hear at that moment, and helped me be objective about my side of the deal. His agreements were well written (which is important to me, since I am a professional writer), fair, and conveyed a clear understanding of what both sides had agreed to.

In my experience, Dave is a thoughtful, compassionate individual with a strong belief in the rule of law and the necessity of ensuring that justice is available to everyone, not just those with deep pockets. His thought process is careful, even meticulous, balanced, and eminently practical. He is someone I consult when I need stability and common sense on my side. He would make an exceptional District Court judge.

Sincerely,

Deborah McAtee

October 12, 2016

Judicial Nomination Commission
Office of Court Administration
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To Whom it May Concern:

Please accept this letter as a personal reference and endorsement of David L. Weaver for the District Court Judge in Gallatin County, Montana.

I have known and worked with David in professional, civic and social arenas for the greater part of 15 years. These personal experiences range from professional projects related to water rights, property disputes, construction projects, membership on county boards (CIP), founding members of political action committees (Friends of Law & Justice), and numerous other social engagements.

I have found David to be an effective leader, reasonable, organized and willing to bring his intelligence to bear on problems, both small and great, with humility and consistency. I have witnessed David deal with tense legal and professional issues at one extreme and out in a farmers field discussing solutions to property or water rights issues with equal respect and discernment.

All of the above are traits that many professionals have or have developed in the course of their careers; however, the most important character traits that I can lend to Davids appointment as a District Court Judge is his sense of fairness and his genuine concern for people. He is willing to hear all sides and come to a decision that is fair to all sides regardless of their status, beliefs or education – even when the final outcome it is not in his best interest.

As a professional engineer and civic participant in many local issues, I cannot speak to the legal requirements important to a District Court Judge position, but as a citizen I would trust that a person in that position would have a humble sense of fairness and a genuine 'like' of people. David Weaver has these traits.

Thank you for your consideration.



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October 18, 2016

Judicial Nomination Commission
c/o Lois Menzies
Office of Court Administrator
P.O. Box 203005
Helena, MT 59620-3005

RE: David L. Weaver

Dear Judicial Nomination Commission:

This letter is to recommend David L. Weaver for appointment to the vacancy for the Eighteenth Judicial District Court.

I have practiced civil law in Bozeman for 27 years and have had an opportunity to know Dave for most, if not all, of that time.

Over the years I have had a number of cases with Dave and always have found him to be a capable lawyer and a very pleasant individual to deal with. He is well respected in the community for his honesty and integrity.

One particular example of Dave's dedication to our community is his tireless work in connection with the upcoming bond initiative here in Bozeman for the construction of a new Law and Justice Center facility. Dave has spearheaded this effort to modernize our law enforcement and courtroom facilities for many, many years. He was recently recognized by our local Bar Association for his significant efforts and accomplishments in this area. Dave is the acknowledged leader and number one proponent of this project and if the bond passes, the entire community will have Dave to thank for his efforts in this regard.

Dave has all of the qualities to become our next successful district court judge. He is patient, kind, and humble. I know that he will work hard to serve the citizens of our community as he has in the past on many projects including the new Law and Justice Center which I mentioned above.

Please accept this letter as my enthusiastic recommendation for Dave Weaver for the position of District Court Judge here in the Eighteenth Judicial District.

Cordially,

John H. Tarlow

JHT/jdw
CC: Dave Weaver

October 21, 2016

Judicial Nomination Committee
c/o Lois Menzies
Office of the Court Administrator
P.O. Box 20300
Helena, MT 59620-3005

Members of the Judicial Nomination Committee,

I am pleased to write to you and offer my recommendation and support for Mr. David Weaver for the position of District Court Judge in Gallatin County. I am currently 56 years old and have known Dave for 36 of those years. He has been a major player in the course of my life and through that experience; I cannot imagine a more qualified and thoughtful individual to hold such a position as District Court Judge.

In all of the time I have known him, I have noted an extremely even keeled personality and demeanor. Never have I seen him persuaded or take any part in any action that would jeopardize his ethical or moral positions. As a generally mischievous person in my youth, you can believe that through the years, I have tried. Hard. It is one of the qualities that I most admire about him.

I have leaned on Dave on many occasions and never been disappointed. The council given to me has not always been what I wanted to hear, but has never in the long run, failed me.

I am not necessarily privy to Dave's success as an attorney regarding his other clients, as he has never discussed his cases or gloated about his accomplishments in my presence. In my opinion, this has also demonstrated the parameters of his ethical and moral position.

I am aware of the work that Dave has performed with some of the Volunteer Fire Companies in Gallatin County through my association in the Fire Protection profession. I know that it has been appreciated by those he has assisted.

I have the privilege to write this as a personal friend and satisfied client, as I have no affiliation with any part of Montana's judicial system. As such, I can attest that you will not find a more intelligent, honest, fair, analytical and caring person. From the position of a citizen of the State of Montana and knowing Dave, I highly recommend and heartily endorse Dave Weaver for the position of District Court Judge in Gallatin County.

Sincerely,



Kelly J. Tuck
Assistant Fire Chief/Operations
City of Helena Fire Department
Helena, Montana

Cook, Kevin

From: MT Supreme Court,
Sent: Sunday, October 23, 2016 7:07 PM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Public Comment -- Weaver

From: Bruce and Christie Copeland [<mailto:bccopeland1@mtopticom.net>]
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2016 10:35 AM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Subject: Recommendation for David Weaver

Judicial Nominations Commission
c/o Lois Menzies

I am pleased to offer my enthusiastic endorsement for the candidacy of David Weaver for District Court Judge in Gallatin County. I have known Mr. Weaver for 25 years in both a personal and professional capacity. I have always felt, even before he considered applying for this position, that he had the ideal set of personal and professional traits to make an outstanding judge. Let me elaborate.

First, Mr. Weaver has always demonstrated outstanding honesty and integrity. This, coupled with inherent humility, insures that he will always be an honest broker on the bench. This is not the type of individual with a big ego who will let any of his personal views or experiences color how he rules. He is one of those people who can listen dispassionately and let the facts and reason guide him. I have appeared before many, many judges over my career as a forensic psychologist and have a good sense of what constitutes the optimal judicial temperament. I always felt that Mr. Weaver would absolutely be at the top of my list for a District Court Judge.

Another trait which will serve the people of Montana is Mr. Weaver's basic compassion for others. I know he has long provided his time and effort for local non profits around Bozeman. I have been on the Board for The Help Center, a wonderful organization which provides a Suicide Hotline and other suicide prevention services for the state. This organization provides free services and is chronically short of funds. When we needed legal consultation, we were justifiably nervous about our ability to afford such services. As the lawyer on the Board, I was charged with finding an attorney. I didn't hesitate as to whom I would contact. Mr. Weaver met with us immediately and wouldn't even consider any remuneration. He did the work, including several meetings, and obtained a wonderful outcome with the City Commission and never took a penny. He has a big heart and it is always in the right place. Not only that, he kept following up to make sure the Commission followed through.

He has provided other legal services to me personally over the years. I have always been extremely impressed with his competency. He is not the sort of person who makes a big show of things but he is always objective in his advice. You don't get the advice you want to hear from Mr. Weaver, you get a reasoned opinion. He is not afraid to tell you when your expectations are unreasonable, legally.

Therefore, it is with great pleasure that I offer the strongest support for Mr. Weaver's candidacy. Gallatin County will be fortunate to have him as a District Court Judge.

Sincerely,
Bruce A. Copeland Ph.D., J.D.

Sent from my iPad

Dave Harris
4497 Speed Horse Drive
Helena, MT 59602
October 21, 2016

Judicial Nomination Commission
c/o Lois Menzies
Office of the Court Administrator
P.O. Box 203005
Helena, MT 59602-3005

Dear Judicial Nomination Commission
c/o Lois Menzies
Office of the Court Administrator:

I am writing this on behalf of David L. Weaver whom I have been fortunate and privileged enough to have called a friend for 35 years.

Dave has taken the educational steps necessary to prepare for and complete his undergraduate degree from Montana State University. He studied hard and diligently to achieve this goal. That same preparation and diligence prepared him for being accepted and graduating from Gonzaga School of Law. I admire his seriousness and diligence to achieve personal and professional goals. After graduating he has gone on to practice law successfully for over 20 years.

Dave has been a family man the entire time I have known him. He has successfully raised his children in a positive, loving and constructive way. He has instilled strong family values and work ethics to his children and they reflect this success. We have raised our families together in an air of activity, fun and seriousness that have prepared them emotionally, physically and professionally for their futures. As they blossom into their own, they reflect all of these values in their own ways and are all on the road to success.

I have always known Dave to be reasonable and even handed in his dealings with everyone around him. He is honest and fair. I trust and have asked for his honest judgment and advice on many issues over the years and have relied on his intelligent insightful advice over and over. As his friend I rely on Dave's opinion to help make the correct personal decisions. Dave can be serious and at the same time compassionate and mature when working with others around him. He takes pride in his professional career and personal life and has successfully balanced the two for as long as I have known him.

Judicial Nomination Commission
c/o Lois Menzies
Office of the Court Administrator
[Date]
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Based on Dave's 20+ years practicing law, his character and flawless integrity, I firmly believe he is the best choice and a perfect fit for appointment to the Position of District Court Judge/Gallatin County, Montana.

Sincerely,

Dave Harris

Cook, Kevin

From: MT Supreme Court,
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2016 8:38 PM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Public Comment -- Weaver

From: Shawn Moran [<mailto:shawn@shawnmoran.com>]
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2016 1:26 PM
To: MT Supreme Court,
Cc: Shawn Moran
Subject: District Court Appointment

To Whom it may concern:

It has been my pleasure over the past six or seven years to know David Weaver. I have worked with Mr. Weaver in a professional setting as well as on a personal level. He is a man of sound judgement and integrity. In my opinion Mr. Weaver exhibits the qualities and temperament to effectively rule from the bench. As the son of a former District Judge I understand to a small degree the amount of pressure and, at times the seemingly overwhelming situations that may arise in this position. I believe my father would approve of this recommendation and would issue his own in favor of Mr. Weaver. David Weaver has been an credit to his profession and is well liked and highly thought of in his community. I believe he will give back to his profession and work hard to represent the court with dignity and grace. I believe that Mr. Weaver has the character, the conscience, and the fortitude to make the difficult decisions this position requires. David Weaver is a gentleman and a fine representative of the legal profession. I believe he would be a very good representative of the court.

Shawn Moran
(406) 539-3188

Cook, Kevin

From: MT Supreme Court,
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2016 8:37 PM
To: Cook, Kevin
Subject: Public Comment -- Weaver

From: snzimmer44@gmail.com [<mailto:snzimmer44@gmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, October 24, 2016 1:19 PM

To: MT Supreme Court,

Subject: Dave Weaver applicarion

I practiced law with David Weaver for more than 10 years. I found Dave to be respectful to his clients, to our staff, to other attorneys and to me. He has always been reliable, sincere and conscientious. Dave has good insight into the law and how to interpret it. I appreciated his ability to take a "common sense" approach to issues. Dave has high regard and respect for the dignity of the Court, and is well-versed in courtroom procedures and the preparation of legal documents. Dave has contributed his time, skills and efforts to numerous civic causes and organizations. These include but are not limited to serving on the Drug and alcohol services of Gallatin County, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, County Capital Improvement Community, past president of the local Bar Association, County revolving loan fund board, Kiwanis Club, Literacy Council, Little league baseball, and Bozeman youth hockey, He has recently been appointed to the board of directors of our local Bridger Bowl Ski Association.

My observation of Dave's character is that of high morality, steeple mental and physical well-being, and unquestioned honesty and integrity.

I do not hesitate to fully endorse his application for the position of District Judge.

Sincerely,

Sarah Zimmer

Sent from my iPhone



Laura Ziemer
Senior Counsel and Water Policy Advisor

October 24, 2016

Judicial Nomination Commission
c/o Lois Menzies
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P.O. Box 203005
Helena, Montana 59620-3005
Via email: mtsupremecourt@mt.gov

Re: Letter in Support of Application of David Weaver for Gallatin County District Court Judge

Dear Judicial Nomination Commission:

I have worked in Montana as legal counsel for Trout Unlimited (TU) on water law matters since 1998. During this time, the breadth and reach of TU's involvement in water, drought, and sustainable agriculture issues at the state, regional and national levels has grown. I now serve as TU's *Senior Counsel and Water Policy Advisor*, based in Bozeman, Montana. I have worked closely with David Weaver on water law issues during these past 18 years, and I respectfully submit this public comment on those qualities that would serve Mr. Weaver well if he were to serve in the capacity of district court judge in Gallatin County.

David Weaver is knowledgeable and respected in the area of water law, and he has served Gallatin Valley's agricultural community well for many years in this capacity. We have partnered on a number of precedent-setting cases where there was a common interest across agricultural and conservation interests in integrating Montana's ground and surface water management. David Weaver has been a thoughtful and well-spoken co-counsel in these matters, and I have particularly valued his common sense and practical outlook on complex issues that keeps abstract legal discussions well-grounded in reality. Of particular note is David Weaver's ability to be effective in a settlement context, where his ability to see both sides of an issue with objectivity has helped reach reasonable and fair results. I have been personally impressed by David's generous contributions of his own time to further important community-building among agricultural irrigators in the Gallatin Valley. It is not an exaggeration to say that David Weaver is universally regarded with respect for his ability to work with others.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at lziemer@tu.org or (406) 522-7695 if I can answer any questions or otherwise help in your review of David Weaver's application for district court judge.

Yours truly,

Laura Ziemer

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Judicial Nomination Commission
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RE: David L. Weaver
Montana 18th Judicial Court District Judge Position

Dear Commission:

I have known David Weaver for more than twenty (20) years. In 1996 Dave handled the probate for my grandmothers estate while I was still practicing in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Over the years I have worked opposite Dave in civil matters, and most recently had the privilege of serving with him as co-counsel in a reasonably complicated construction related matter. I find Dave to apply a very common sense approach to legal issues and never fails to recognize the client's interest as the paramount objective. Dave has a broad background in real estate law, probate administration, civil litigation and in dealing with county commissions, regulatory boards and state government.

Dave is practical and never loses sight of his function within the legal system. He is a good listener, and is thoughtful about the legal and practical outcomes of actions taken on behalf of his clients. Perhaps most importantly, Dave possesses the strength of personality, demeanor and objectivity to serve as a fair and impartial district court judge. Dave has demonstrated his desire to serve the public through a number of volunteer positions including serving as chair for the committee supporting the effort to build a new judicial complex in Gallatin County. Dave's public service is a hallmark of his service to the legal community.

There are a number of applicants for the current judicial positions of varying strengths and weaknesses. David L. Weaver has the background, knowledge, common

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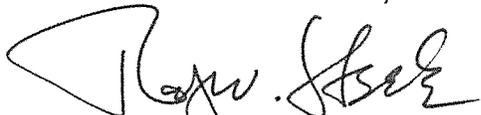
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sense and balanced personality to serve the community as district court judge. I recommend that the commission place David L. Weaver on the list for consideration by the governor for consideration as the next Eighteenth Judicial Court judge.

Yours very truly,

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