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Dear Ms. Paniagua:

The Mayor's Advisory Committee on the Judiciary is required to make recommendations to the Mayor concerning the qualifications of incumbent judges for reappointment to the Criminal, Family and Interim Civil Court. Family Court Judge Catherine DiDomenico's term will expire on January 31, 2017.

In preparing its recommendation, this Committee would very much appreciate your assistance in polling all of your members non-selectively and requesting that they individually inform this Committee of their personal experience, if any, regarding the judicial temperament, treatment of attorneys, litigants and court personnel, fairness, ethics, legal ability, industriousness, case management skills, knowledge of current substantive and procedural law, punctuality/leaving the bench early, and any other relevant observations concerning the qualifications of Judge DiDomenico.

In keeping with this Committee's standards for accuracy and fairness, if any materially adverse information is presented, we are requesting all available minutes of court proceedings demonstrating the facts in question. If minutes are unavailable, please state the captions of cases, docket numbers, dates of court proceedings, and a brief explanation of the issues deemed relevant to this Committee's evaluation. Only information that is specific and, in some manner, verifiable will be useful.

Because time is of the essence in completing our evaluation, we urge your members to forward this information directly to this Committee as soon as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

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Dear Ms. Paniagua:

The Mayor's Advisory Committee on the Judiciary is required to make recommendations to the Mayor concerning the qualifications of incumbent judges for reappointment to the Criminal, Family and Interim Civil Court. Attached is a list of Interim Civil Court Judges whose terms will expire on December 31, 2016.

In preparing its recommendation, this Committee would very much appreciate your assistance in polling all of your members non-selectively and requesting that they individually inform this Committee of their personal experience, if any, regarding the judicial temperament, treatment of attorneys, litigants and court personnel, fairness, ethics, legal ability, industriousness, case management skills, knowledge of current substantive and procedural law, punctuality/leaving the bench early, and any other relevant observations concerning the qualifications of these judges.

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Attachment

INTERIM CIVIL COURT JUDGES

(Terms expire December 31, 2016)

Judith D. Waksberg
(Family Court, Kings County)

Ben Darvil, Jr.
(Family Court, Kings County)

Mildred T. Negron
(Family Court, Queens County)

Charlotte E. Davidson
(Criminal Court, New York County)

Eugene M. Guarino
(Criminal Court, New York County)

Toni M. Cimino
(Criminal Court, Bronx County)

David J. Kirschner
(Criminal Court, Bronx County)

Bahaati E.T. Pitt
(Criminal Court, Bronx County)