



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.  
**C-3**

For the meeting of: March 8, 2016

Date: March 1, 2016  
To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Supervisor Mark Lovelace  
Subject: Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Appointment

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors approve the updated roster and appointment to the Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: Passage of SB 1760 created the opportunity for Humboldt County to participate in the application for funding within the newly created Juvenile Offender Accountability Challenge Grant Program. Pursuant to Welfare and Institution Code Section 749.2-749.27, to be eligible for this grant funding, each county was required to establish a Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council that developed and implemented a continuum of county-based responses to juvenile crime.

The Coordinating Council's membership needed to include, at a minimum, the Chief Probation Officer, as Chair, one representative each from the District Attorney's Office, the Public Defender's Office, the Sheriff's Department, the Board of Supervisors, the Department of Social Services, the Department of Mental Health, a Community-based Drug and Alcohol Program, a City Police Department, the County Office of Education or School District, and an At-Large community representative.

As the appointing authority for the Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, the Board of Supervisors is being asked to approve the appointment of Jessica Watson as District Attorney Representative (replacing Jason Sheets) and the attached updated roster to the Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council. The vacancies for the DHSS and the Mental Health/Medical representatives will be appointed under a separate and upcoming agenda item.

Prepared by Tracy Damico

Signature 

REVIEW: Auditor \_\_\_\_\_ County Counsel \_\_\_\_\_ Personnel \_\_\_\_\_ Risk Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

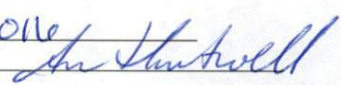
TYPE OF ITEM:  
 Consent  
 Departmental  
 Public Hearing  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**  
Upon motion of Supervisor Fennell Seconded by Supervisor Bass  
Ayes Sundberg, Fennell, Lovelace, Bohn, Bass  
Nays \_\_\_\_\_  
Abstain \_\_\_\_\_  
Absent \_\_\_\_\_

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Meeting of: \_\_\_\_\_

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: March 8, 2016  
By:   
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Updated Roster and Jessica Watson's resume.

**(MULTI-AGENCY) JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATION COUNCIL**

**AUTHORITY:** Senate Bill 1760, Chapter 133; and Board Order No. D-21 from the Board of Supervisors meeting of December 17, 1996; and Board Order No. C-23 from the Board of Supervisors meeting of December 9, 1997.

**APPOINTING POWER:** Board of Supervisors

**MEMBERS:** Various Specific-Agency and Community Representatives

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Various

**TERM:** Indefinite

**FUNCTION:** SB 1760 requires a committee to help put the Local Action Plan (LAP) together. The LAP will become the vehicle for requesting funds from the Juvenile Offender Accountability Challenge Grant Program.

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**Sheriff Mike Downey**

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**Criminal Justice – District Attorney**

**Jessica Watson, Deputy DA**

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**Vacant**

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**Vacant**

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**Community / Parent Member**

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**Vacant**

**Latino Community Representative**

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**Contact: William Damiano, Chief Probation Officer; 268-3308**

**The Chief Probation Officer is required to be the Chair of the Council per Senate Bill 1760, Chapter 133.**



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## COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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APPLICATION TO SERVE ON THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY

### Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council

APPLICANT NAME: Jessica Watson

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OCCUPATION: Deputy District Attorney

PERSONAL REFERENCES:

(1) Brie Bennett PHONE: (707) 445-7411

(2) Adrian Kamada PHONE: (707) 445-7411

PRIOR ADVISORY BOARD OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXPERIENCE?  NO  YES

PLEASE WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT DESCRIBING WHY YOU'RE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE **MULTI AGENCY JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL**

I am interested on serving on the Multi Agency Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council. As the assigned Deputy District Attorney that prosecutes criminal acts committed by juvenile offenders, I am directly involved in, and have a great interest in, the adjudication of juvenile criminal cases. I am committed to improving the juvenile criminal justice system in order to reduce recidivism rates among the Humboldt County youth. While I think it is important to not only make sure the youth offender is held accountable for his or her criminal actions, it is also equally important to figure out why the youth is offending as a way to determine what services could be provided to the youth in order to stop such criminal behavior.

PLEASE ATTACH A CURRENT RESUME.

DATE: 11/20/15

SIGNATURE: Jessica Watson

**SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION TO:**

HUMBOLDT COUNTY **MULTI AGENCY JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL**, Clerk of the Board, 825 Fifth Street, Suite 111, Eureka, CA 95501-1153.

DATE TO SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_ DATE APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ NOT APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

# Jessica M. Watson

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## EDUCATION

**University of San Francisco School of Law** San Francisco, California  
Doctorate of Jurisprudence December 2011  
USF Intensive Advocacy Program - A Trial Skills Workshop  
International Organization and Transnational Trade Law Seminar with Moot Court Competition (2<sup>nd</sup> Place)  
USF Semester Abroad - Bilbao, Spain and USF Summer Abroad - Prague, Czech Republic (Fall and Summer 2011)  
Volunteer Legal Services Legal Referral Clinic and Project Homeless Connect San Francisco

**Humboldt State University** Arcata, California  
Bachelor of Arts, Psychology May 2007  
Humboldt State University Ambassador and English and math tutor

## EXPERIENCE

**Humboldt County District Attorney's Office** Eureka, California  
*Deputy District Attorney* April 2014 - Present  
Review law enforcement reports, decide what and who to charge with criminal offenses. Prosecute juvenile delinquency cases. Prosecute auto insurance fraud cases. Prepare and argue motions and other legal documents. Prepare case for prosecution. Speak to law enforcement officers, witnesses and victims of crimes. Try cases that are set for trial.

**Humboldt Center for Constitutional Rights** Arcata, California  
*Attorney at Law in Association with the Law Office of Jeffrey Schwartz* January 2013 - April 2014  
Not only worked with criminal defendants accused of criminal offenses to ensure that their rights were not violated. Worked with victims of civil rights offenses at the hands of both law enforcement and city, county and state agencies, writing memorandum of law, sitting in depositions, and represent the criminal defendant through civil proceedings.

**Law Office of Jeffrey D. Schwartz** Arcata, California  
*Associate along with The Law Office Of Jessica M. Watson* July 2012 - November 2013  
Made numerous court appearances on behalf of clients charged with felonies, including assisting in an arraignment and bail hearing in federal court based on an out of state felony warrant. Argued in court in opposition to a modification of probation terms. Contacted potential clients and conducted case review and management of those cases while supervising two employees.

**Humboldt County District Attorney's Office** Eureka, California  
*Intern* July 2010 - August 2010  
Researched and wrote a memorandum of opposition to a motion in limine concerning pretextual traffic stop. Organized and prepared two murder case files. Prepared and organized many felony cases for trial along with exhibits. Prepared felony evaluations and assisted Deputy District Attorneys in trial preparation.

**USF School of Law Zief Law Library** San Francisco, California  
*Circulation Desk Assistant* May 2010 - July 2011  
Provided assistance to law students regarding research for course work and writing assignments. Maintained and updated law library periodicals. Managed the dissemination and retrieval of periodicals to law library members. Managed the operation of the law library.

**Humboldt County District Attorney's Office** Eureka, California  
*Office Assistant* November 2007 - August 2008  
Acted as liaison between the office and the public and independent agencies. Distributed agency documentation to office staff. Drafted criminal complaints and prepared witness lists for criminal trials.