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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

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**IN RE:** ) **GENERAL ORDER NO. 578**  
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**APPOINTMENT OF A MERIT** )  
**SELECTION PANEL** )  
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Pursuant to 28 U.S.C, §631(b)(5) and the Regulations of the Judicial Conference of the United States Establishing Standards and Procedures for the Appointment and Reappointment of United States Magistrate Judges (Regulations), the Court must appoint a Merit Selection Panel to assist the Court with the appointment and reappointment of magistrate judges. All Panel members have been advised in writing of the restriction on applying for a magistrate judge position set forth in § 420.30.20(d) of the Regulations.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the following individuals be, and hereby are, appointed as a standing Merit Selection Panel for a seven-month term beginning April 17, 2017 and ending November 17, 2017.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Merit Selection Panel shall proceed as specified under the Regulations, Guide to Judiciary Policy, Vol. 3, § 420.10-70, to make recommendations to the court pursuant to this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Merit Selection Panel whose full membership is set forth below is hereby appointed to recommend candidates to fill all magistrate judge vacancies expected to occur in the Court’s Fresno, Bakersfield, and Yosemite National Park duty stations by April 30, 2018.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Merit Selection Panel whose full membership is set forth below is hereby appointed also to recommend the reappointment of magistrate judges whose terms will expire in the Court's Fresno, Bakersfield, and Yosemite National Park duty stations by April 30, 2018.

1. Kirk Sherriff, Assistant United States Attorney, Chair
2. Charles Lee, Assistant Federal Defender
3. Brande Gustafson, Attorney at Law
4. Todd Eglund, Attorney at Law
5. Carol Moses, Attorney at Law
6. Douglas Cords, Ph.D., non-lawyer
7. David Huerta, CSU Fresno Chief of Police, non-lawyer

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Merit Selection Panel will provide reports to the Court in confidence on filling vacancies and reappointments respectively, as provided in the Regulations, within ninety (90) days of receiving notice of each vacancy or reappointment from the court, unless otherwise directed by the Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

April 17, 2017

FOR THE COURT:

  
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Lawrence J. O'Neill  
Chief United States District Judge