Request for City Council Committee Action from the City Attorney's Office

Date: January 26, 2015
To: Council Member John Quincy, Chair of Ways and Means
Referral to: None

Subject: Execute agreement with State of Minnesota for Minnesota Court Data Services.

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the appropriate city officials to execute an agreement with State of Minnesota for Minnesota court data services.

Previous Directives: November 16, 2012, Council authorized participation in a pilot program for the eCourtMN initiative and recommended execution of an agreement with the State of Minnesota for Minnesota Court Data Services.

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Financial Impact

No financial impact – presently no cost to the City

Community Impact

- City Goal(s): A Safe Place to Call Home

Supporting Information

The Minnesota Judicial Branch ("MJB") is offering New Minnesota Government Access ("MGA") accounts to government agencies. New MGA accounts allow government agencies to view appropriate electronic Minnesota court records and documents stored in the Minnesota Court Information System for all cases in Minnesota district courts. The court records and documents available for government agencies are outlined in the New MGA Subscriber Access Overview (PDF). MGA is an internet browser-based application that requires no installation. Agency users access court records and documents through individual MGA login accounts. This new program will eventually replace Odyssey Assistant (MNCIS), which is what we are currently using. On November 16, 2012, Council authorized

participation in a pilot program for the eCourtMN initiative and recommended execution of an agreement with the State of Minnesota for Minnesota court data services.