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Ellis Steps Down as Municipal Judge

Municipal Judge Janet Ellis has resigned from her position due to continued health concerns, Carlsbad Mayor Dale Janway stated.

In January, Judge Ellis announced that she was taking a leave of absence to focus on her health. Carlsbad City Council approved of Mayor Dale Janway's recommendation of Janell Whitlock to serve as Interim Municipal Judge. Whitlock then stepped down from her position with Carlsbad City Council.

"On Thursday afternoon, Judge Ellis informed us of her decision to advance her leave of absence into a resignation," Carlsbad Mayor Dale Janway stated. "She informed us that this decision was made after multiple lengthy discussions with her loved ones and deep prayer. We're deeply saddened to see her go, but recognize and respect her continued desire to focus on her healing process."

Ellis, previously a Carlsbad attorney and prosecutor with the District Attorney's Office, was elected to Carlsbad Municipal Court in March of 2016.

"We just want to thank Judge Ellis for her public service to the citizens of Carlsbad," he concluded. "Running for office and taking on the difficult responsibilities of municipal judge is an act of courage, and we believe that, health issues aside, Judge Ellis would have continued to do an excellent job for many years to come."

Carlsbad Municipal Court is located at the Carlsbad City Hall Annex, 114 S. Halagueno St.