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Notice of Comment Period on the Reappointment of U.S. Magistrate Judge Steven E. Rau

Date: March 2, 2018
Contact: Tricia Pepin
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United States Magistrate Judge Steven E. Rau's current term of office is set to expire on January 13, 2019. The United States District Court, District of Minnesota invites comments from members of the bar and public as to whether incumbent Magistrate Judge Steven E. Rau should be recommended for reappointment. Comments should be received by **5:00 p.m. (CST) on Friday, April 6, 2018**, and may be directed to:

U.S. District Court Clerk's Office
ATTN: Tricia Pepin, Chief Deputy Clerk
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Please note that all comments received will remain confidential; no comments will be shared with the incumbent magistrate judge.

As required by law, the United States District Court, District of Minnesota will establish a Merit Selection Panel of citizens to consider the reappointment of Magistrate Judge Steven E. Rau to a new eight-year term. The Court will publicly announce the Merit Selection Panel members at a later date.

The duties of the position include presiding over initial proceedings in criminal cases; trials of misdemeanor cases, including petty offenses; pretrial matters and other proceedings in civil and criminal cases; conducting civil settlement conferences; and disposition of civil cases with the consent of the parties. The basic authority of a United States Magistrate Judge is specified in 28 U.S.C. § 636 and Local Rule 72.1. Magistrate Judges are appointed by the United States District Court for eight-year terms and may be reappointed to successive terms.