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**CENSURE ISSUED AGAINST  
FORMER YUMA COUNTY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE**

PHOENIX. The Commission on Judicial Conduct announced today that on March 15, 2024, the Supreme Court of Arizona issued a public censure against Juan M. Guerrero, Justice of the Peace, Yuma County Justice Court, Precinct 2.

The Commission on Judicial Conduct previously accepted a stipulated resolution between the Commission's Disciplinary Counsel and Judge Guerrero. The stipulated resolution concluded formal charges of misconduct filed against Judge Guerrero on January 16, 2024, in two separate complaints. The first complaint (CJC Case No. 23-181) was initiated by the Commission on May 8, 2023, following Judge Guerrero's arrest and citation for driving while under the influence on April 4, 2023. Judge Guerrero was later convicted of misdemeanor driving under the influence on November 29, 2023. The second complaint (CJC Case No. 23-474) was initiated by Presiding Yuma County Superior Court Judge David Haws on December 4, 2023. The second complaint also alleged misconduct relating to the arrest and conviction for misdemeanor driving under the influence, and further alleged misuse of government resources and acceptance of payment for wedding ceremonies performed during court hours.

Under the stipulated resolution, Judge Guerrero agreed to resign his position as a justice of the peace and agreed that he will not to serve as a judicial officer in any capacity in the State of Arizona. Judge Guerrero further agreed to accept a public censure.

A copy of the order of public censure, order approving the stipulated resolution and the stipulated resolution are attached to this press release. The public record in each case is posted to the Commission's website – [Commission on Judicial Conduct > Public Decisions > 2023 \(azcourts.gov\)](https://www.azcourts.gov/public-decisions/2023).

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