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Bullock Appoints Missoula Mayor to Gambling Council

Reappoints three members

HELENA – Attorney General Steve Bullock has appointed Missoula Mayor John Engen to a three-year term on the Gaming Advisory Council.

“As he’s shown in Missoula, John is an energetic and capable local government leader,” Bullock said. “He knows how to get things done by bringing people together, and that’s a skill I’m sure he’ll put to good use on the Gaming Advisory Council.”

Engen, who will represent local government on the council, replaces Pam Kennedy of Kalispell.

“I really appreciate the opportunity to be of service to Attorney General Bullock and his staff and look forward to learning more about the gaming industry and its relationship to government,” Mayor Engen said. “My role is to represent the perspective of local government, and I’ll take that role seriously.”

Bullock also announced the reappointment of Tim Carson and Mark Kennedy of Billings, and Bob McAnally of Poplar.

The Gaming Advisory Council was created in 1989 to study all aspects of gambling in Montana, to review and comment on administrative rules proposed by the Department of Justice's Gambling Control Division, and to make recommendations to the department and the Legislature on gambling-related matters.

Under state law, the council is made up of nine members: one each from the Senate and the House of Representatives, one public member, two local government representatives, one Native American representative and three gaming industry representatives. The legislative members are selected by legislative leaders, and the attorney general appoints the remaining members.

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