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**Arizona House of Representatives**

**Representative Shawnna LM Bolick (R-20)**

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## **Governor Ducey Appoints Representative Bolick to the Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission**

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – It was announced today that State Representative Shawnna LM Bolick (R-20) was appointed by Governor Doug Ducey to serve on the Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission (AJJC).

**“We need to restore our youth and safeguard Arizona’s future,”** said Representative Bolick. **“Success begins with an emphasis and steadfast focus on reducing the recidivism of juveniles who have offended.”**

AJJC members work to develop effective initiatives that reduce juvenile delinquency and promote public safety. Commission members are also responsible for supervising the state’s compliance with the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act and serves as the State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision as required by ARS § 8-361.

**“I passionately believe in harnessing the power of effective partnerships and programming to help prevent delinquency and improve public safety in the juvenile justice system,”** Bolick stated. **“Education and early intervention are essential in guiding our kids in a positive life direction and reducing recidivism.”**

Over the years, Bolick has maintained a keen focus on improving the criminal justice system and reforms that would help keep juveniles on a path toward success. In the Arizona House of Representatives, Bolick currently serves as Vice Chair of the Committee on Criminal Justice Reform and has toured public correctional facilities to see firsthand the array of programming taking place in our public prisons and reentry centers.

In 2019, Governor Ducey appointed Representative Bolick to serve on the Justice for Victims of Child Sexual Abuse Task Force. In 2015, she was appointed to Arizona’s Early Childhood Education and Health Board (First Things First).

Additionally, Bolick has proudly served in many non-profit advisory roles over the years, including as a current board member to her children’s elementary school, Benchmark School; a past school board member for BASIS Scottsdale’s advisory board; and as a former Director to BASIS Texas Schools, Inc. Governing Board. With her strong interest in our state’s academic standards, she is also a past member to the Arizona State Board of Education’s Academic Standards Development Committee as a public high school parent.

Bolick will attend AJJC's next meeting, which will take place on Thursday, May 6, 2021.

*Shawnna LM Bolick is a Republican member of the Arizona House of Representatives serving Legislative District 20 in Maricopa County.*

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