

## NEWS RELEASE

### **Majority caucus members issue statements in response to County Executive Coulter's State of the County address**

**February 12, 2020, OAKLAND COUNTY, MI.** – Members of the Democratic Caucus have issued the following statements in response to County Executive David Coulter's State of the County address:

**Commissioner Kristen Nelson** – District #5 (Keego Harbor, Orchard Lake Village, Sylvan Lake, Waterford Township, West Bloomfield Township):

"David Coulter's message of 'Oakland Together' is absolutely right," Nelson said. "Let's set aside the needless partisan bickering and get to work solving problems that are impacting real people."

**Commissioner Gwen Markham** – District #9 (Northville, Novi, Novi Township):

"Our oak tree program is a great way for all residents to celebrate our county's birthday while investing in our future," Markham said. "Each oak tree planted will remove four tons of carbon over its lifetime. Dave Coulter and the Commission are working together to build a new clean energy agenda for Oakland County."

**Commissioner Angela Powell** – District #10 (Pontiac):

"It is great to hear our Executive is making Pontiac a priority by moving county staff to the city and making investments in facilities," Powell said. "Our residents will benefit from increased access to county services, and our city government will be receiving much needed new tax revenue."

**Commissioner William Miller** – District #14 (Farmington, Farmington Hills, Southfield Township, Beverley Hills, Bingham Farms, Franklin):

“I am excited with the direction the county is moving,” Miller said. “With job creation, equality and our welcoming initiative, the county is truly shaping into a place where all can live, work and play.”

**Commissioner Penny Luebs** – District #16 (Clawson, Troy, Royal Oak):

“Our law enforcement and many other county staff often put themselves in harm’s way to make sure we are safe,” Luebs said. “The Eric Overall Benefit is an appropriate measure to provide financial support to families in the event one of these individuals falls in the line of duty. We owe them no less.”

**Commissioner Nancy Quarles** – District #17 (Lathrup Village, Oak Park, Southfield):

“This administration continues to show that its leadership is people-centric and that it wants to make sure all residents in Oakland County have access to healthcare,” Quarles said. “I applaud the decision to expand healthcare services and programs in the south healthcare facility. Now, residents on the south end of Oakland County will have more access to information about healthcare and education on preventative services. All of this leads to a healthier lifestyle for our citizens.”

**Commissioner Helaine Zack** – District #18 (Ferndale, Hazel Park, Huntington Woods, Oak Park, Royal Oak Township):

“The leadership of Oakland County is committed to serving all residents with transformative, innovative ideas and programs that are fiscally responsible,” Zack said. “Under County Executive Dave Coulter and his team, Oakland County will continue excellent fiscal management now and into the next decade.”

**Commissioner Janet Jackson** – District #21 (Farmington Hills, Southfield):

“‘Oakland Together’ describes the fact that the county is transforming into an entity that wants to ensure opportunities for all of its citizens, throughout the entire county,” Jackson said. “The hiring of a Diversity and Inclusion Officer is a big step toward reaching residents and employees who may have felt previously disenfranchised. The changes coming will make the county a much fairer place to live, work and play for everyone.”

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