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Republican Caucus: Democrats stack Board of Commissioners committees to dominate Board actions

April 30, 2020, OAKLAND COUNTY, MI. – During the April 29th Board of Commissioners (BOC) meeting, the Democrat majority voted to give themselves membership advantage in nearly all new Board operating committees, despite the fact that they only have a one (1) seat majority on the Board.

Currently, there are 11 Democrats and ten (10) Republicans serving on the 21-member Oakland County BOC. That proportionality was ignored by the Democrat majority as they seek to dominate the activity within the Board's standing committees.

The new committees and their composition are as follows:

- **Pandemic Response and Economic Recovery Committee:** Seven (7) members of the majority party and four (4) members of the minority party
- **Finance and Infrastructure Committee:** Six (6) members of the majority party and three (3) members of the minority party
- **Health, Safety and Human Services Committee:** Six (6) members of the majority party and three (3) members of the minority party

“It is extremely disappointing that the Democrat majority would take the partisan action to stack the standing committees of the Board of Commissioners in order to dominate the activity of the Board and to stifle voices that do not agree with them,” Republican Caucus Chairman **Michael J. Gingell** (R-Lake Orion) said. “Although we attempted to amend the member participation ratios of the committees, the Democrat majority had no interest in discussing it with us.”

This comes after the Democrat majority met on their own to discuss the details of the committees, including committee structure and meeting dates and times with no input from the Republican Caucus.

“Unfortunately, the Board is becoming highly partisan. It appears that the Democrat majority has forgotten that our form of government is supposed to be a Democracy and not a Dictatorship,” Gingell said.

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