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**Wayne County Commission unanimously approves Richard Kaufman as Deputy Chief Executive Officer to County Executive Warren Evans**

**Detroit, MI** – Today, the Wayne County Commission unanimously approved Richard Kaufman as Wayne County Deputy Chief Executive Officer (DCEO). Appointed as Deputy to Wayne County Executive Warren Evans, Kaufman will begin his duties April 1, 2015.

“As second-in-command, Mr. Kaufman is a key addition to my administration and I am confident that his wealth of knowledge and experience is vital as we face the County’s financial crisis,” said Wayne County Executive Warren Evans.

Kaufman is a former Wayne County Circuit Court Chief Judge and partner in Farmington Hills based law firm of Zausmer, Kaufman, August and Caldwell. Interested in challenges that also allowed him to serve the community; he previously served as General Manager/General Counsel of Metro Detroit’s SMART Transportation system.

Kaufman graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Michigan – Ann Arbor in 1973 and from the Wayne State University School of Law in 1977.

Kaufman’s accomplishments have been recognized in several publications, including local news and various legal and business trade journals. **“Wayne County judge leaves top post after making court ‘best in country,’”** one of many headlines in local newspapers commending Kaufman’s improvements made in one of the country’s busiest courts.

Deputy Chief Executive Officer, a Charter position in the executive branch of Wayne County government, succeeds the Chief Executive Officer. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the County Executive, the DCEO will temporarily assume the role of leadership.

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