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## **MEGHAN WILLIAMS ANNOUNCES HER CAMPAIGN FOR THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Republican Meghan Williams announced her candidacy for the Livingston County Board of Commissioners Fourth District on Monday, April 22, 2024. Williams is a Livingston County native and a proud graduate of Howell High School. Williams also attended Michigan State University and Michigan Technological University, where she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology. She has been an active community volunteer for many years and has supported Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Right to Life, 4-H, the American Red Cross, Few Steps From Home animal rescue, and the Four Wheelers of Michigan Tech. She works full-time as an engineer for a high-performance vehicle engineering and product development company. Williams has also worked in the tourism and agriculture industries.

Williams's entry into the political realm comes at just the right time. "I'm not a career politician and I won't use this position to check a box to run for higher office. I just want to continue service to my county in a new role."

"The Livingston County Board of Commissioners has degraded from a functional government body to one that fights among themselves and their constituents" she says, "I believe that my election will help move the focus back on results rather than political gamesmanship. I am a problem solver who works well with people."

As a Livingston County native and homeowner, Williams has interacted a lot with various county departments. The only time she lived outside the county has been while accompanying her father on Army assignments in Europe and at the Pentagon, and while attending MSU and MTU. "I have met some very smart and energetic county employees," she says, "Unfortunately my opponent's constant attacks have resulted in many of them retiring early or leaving for other jobs. That brain drain is a significant loss to county taxpayers, especially in this tight labor market."

Williams feels that Board of Commissioners infighting costs Livingston County taxpayers in other ways as well. "State and federal transportation funds are vetted through the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments," she points out. "If the Livingston County Board doesn't work cooperatively with other units of government, we simply won't get the road funding dollars we deserve."

The Septage Receiving Station on Runyan Lake Road is the largest county facility located with District 4 and Williams recognizes that the relationship between the Hartland Township Board of Trustees and the county Board of Public Works has not always been smooth. She believes that her practical engineering experience would help resolve those issues. "County Commissioners should not be constantly fighting with township, city and village officials," she says.

Williams does not believe in employment quotas, but the current Board is all male with an average age of 56.6. That means ~70% of county residents are underrepresented by age and ~50% have no representation by gender. Her election to the Board of Commissioners would address both problems.