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## WAYNE COUNTY ANNOUNCES TWO LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS

*Hughey Newsome named Chief Financial Officer and Lisa Whitmore Davis leading Senior Services Department*

DETROIT – Wayne County Executive **Warren C. Evans** announced the appointment of two key positions within administration with Hughey Newsome as Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and Lisa Whitmore Davis as the new Director of Senior Services for Wayne County.

Newsome is an experienced finance executive in both private sector and local governments specializing in establishing frameworks and methodologies to improve municipal finance operations. Prior to accepting this role, Newsome served as the interim Chief Financial Officer for the City of Pontiac. During his tenure, he created a financial framework to support the city's recovery plan. Newsome also previously served as the Chief Financial Officer for the City of Flint under former Mayor Karen Weaver modernizing organizational reporting and designing grant accounting framework for \$167M of water-crisis related grants.

"We've put Wayne County on strong financial footing, but with Michigan's broken municipal finance system, we are being pushed to do more with less," said Executive Evans. "Hughey's expertise is perfectly suited to that challenge He is bright, eager and improvement focused and will help modernize and optimize our efforts to best serve the residents of Wayne County."

Wayne County is in its fifth year of balanced budgets. Newsome's professional career also includes experience with management consulting firms and automotive giants such as MorganFrankin Consulting, CGN & Associates, Incorporated, and Chrysler Financial. His private sector experiences in business process improvement and passion for problem solving make him a great fit for municipal government. Newsome holds a Masters of Business Administration from Harvard Business School, Masters of Science in Electrical Engineering from Stanford University and Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from University of Arkansas.

"I look forward to building upon this administration's success re-establishing Wayne County's solid financial foundation," said Newsome. "I'm excited for the opportunity to use my experience, in both the private sector and government, to help Wayne County improve operations and continue the positive momentum."



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Newsome began as Chief Financial Officer on January 21, 2020.

**New Seniors Director Focused on Improving Services as Boomers Age**

Lisa Whitmore Davis has been appointed by Executive Evans to serve a six-year term as the new Director of Senior Services for Wayne County. Whitmore Davis began her duties in late 2019. Prior to accepting this role, Whitmore Davis served the older adult community at AARP Michigan as the Associate State Director of Multicultural Outreach and Community Engagement for over 9 years.

“I’m pleased to welcome Lisa Whitmore Davis to the team. Her extensive background, experience and accomplishments bring a lot to the table to continue to improve our level of service to Wayne County seniors,” said Executive Evans. “As our population continues to age and Baby Boomers look to maintain their independence, Lisa will serve as an important voice on keeping Michigan an age-friendly state and meeting the needs of residents of all ages.”

During her tenure at AARP she served on numerous national and regional staff training conference planning committees, a national trainer and workshop presenter and a trusted enterprise resource on multicultural and community outreach issues. Whitmore Davis served on the American Society on Aging (ASA) Network of Multicultural Aging Council 2014-2018 and featured presenter at the 2019 ASA Diversity Summit.

Her professional career includes experience in government, higher education and non-profits such as Wayne State University, the Wayne County Clerk’s office, Focus: HOPE, and the Michigan Senate. Whitmore Davis holds a Masters of Public Administration from Central Michigan University and Bachelor of Arts in Human Resources and Community Relations from Michigan State University. Whitmore Davis graduated from the non-profit sector management post baccalaureate program at Wayne State University and engaged in doctoral coursework in urban studies at Eastern Michigan University.

“I’m excited to bring my experience at the AARP to improve the level of service to our seniors,” Whitmore Davis said. “Wayne County is Michigan’s most populous county and as demographics continue to shift, it’s critical we work to ensure seniors have access to health care, housing and transportation options as they age.”

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