



Our Friday Speaker

August 7, 2020 - 10:30 a.m. - Zoom Meeting

David Coulter

County Executive

Oakland County



“The Future of Oakland Together”

David Coulter outlined his “Oakland Together” vision and 10-year strategic plan for economic growth in his State of the County message last February. It sets an ambitious agenda, with priorities including diversity, equity, inclusion, condemning hate speech, making Oakland County welcoming to new Americans, and raising the minimum wage for county employees to \$15 an hour.

Key initiatives include:

Economic Development: A 10-year strategy to ensure opportunity for all. Oakland County is Michigan’s economic leader, producing nearly 30 percent of the state’s jobs.

Oakland Health 360: To close gaps in the county health system, with services including general primary care, family planning services and dental care, and vital services and keep the public and employees safe during the coronavirus pandemic.

Oakland 80: Ensuring that 80 percent of our adults have a post-secondary degree or industry credential by 2030.

Regional Transportation: To create flexible mobility options for workers, seniors and the disabled, and make the region more competitive economically and attractive to younger people.

Appointed to head the executive branch of Oakland County’s government in August, 2019, after the death of L. Brooks Patterson, David Coulter had been mayor of Ferndale since 2011.

For Ferndale, he improved the city’s credit rating, lowered city taxes, reduced the industrial vacancy rate, and invested in roads, parks and downtown parking.

Coulter served on the county’s Board of Commissioners from 2002 to 2010. He was a member of the Finance committee which started a program to provide health insurance to over 5,000 residents.

He has also served as the Director of External Relations for the Children’s Foundation of Michigan. Early in his career he was a Senior Public Affairs Officer for Michigan Consolidated Gas Company, a school teacher, and a senior engineering draftsman.

Coulter was raised in St. Clair Shores and attended St. Joan of Arc school and Bishop Gallagher High School. He earned a bachelor’s degree from Michigan State University and an Executive Education Certificate from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

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