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OFFICE OF THE WAYNE COUNTY CLERK CATHY M. GARRETT

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Clerk Cathy M. Garrett Welcomes Transparency in the Electoral Process Through New Cutting-Edge Online Campaign Finance System

(Wayne County, MI) – In an effort spearheaded by Wayne County Clerk Cathy M. Garrett, Wayne County will be implementing a brand new, state-of-the-art campaign finance system. Because Clerk Garrett serves as the Chief Elections Official for the largest county in Michigan, she is directly responsible for the oversight and enforcement of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act, which entails processing nearly 3,000 filers who run for elected office at both the citywide and countywide levels.

In order to properly unveil this new system, Clerk Garrett will be hosting a series of training events with the product vendor present during the week of August 22, 2011. All local elected officials, as well as the general public, are invited to attend, and your presence is imperative.

Not only will this new system provide increased transparency to the public when it comes to campaign finance, it leapfrogs all other systems in Michigan. While other counties have online systems that require at least one in-person visit from a user, this system is wholly digitalized. System-users can both access and file records with a simple click of the mouse, while innovative Web-based data calculation will maintain timely and accurate filings.

“This new system will allow anyone and everyone to easily access the campaign finance information they are looking for,” said Clerk Garrett. “It will also provide candidates with an easy method for filing their reports. We are very excited about sharing this online system with the community through these upcoming training sessions.”

Since taking office, the implementation of this state-of-art system has been a key initiative for Clerk Garrett. Through a diligent and competitive bidding process with PCC Technology Group, Clerk Garrett has been able to ensure that Wayne County residents receive the best version of this system out there.

“We are very proud of the fact that we will now have the most cutting-edge online campaign finance system around,” said Clerk Garrett. “This system will streamline the campaign finance process, and eliminate the inconvenience associated with the previous paper-filing method.”

Attached you will find a listing of the training dates and locations, as you are welcome to attend whichever one best suits your schedule.



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CLERK GARRETT IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE UNVEILING OF A STATE-OF-THE-ART ONLINE CAMPAIGN FINANCE SYSTEM; FREE TRAININGS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND TREASURERS WILL BE OFFERED AS FOLLOWS:

- City and Township Clerks
- Monday, August 22, 2011
 - 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 - Charter Township of Northville
 - 44405 Six Mile Road; Northville, Michigan 48168
 - (248)-348-5800

- Mayors and Supervisors
- Tuesday, August 23, 2011
 - Morning Session - 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 - Afternoon Session – 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 - City of Dearborn
 - 13615 Michigan Avenue; Dearborn, Michigan 48126
 - (313)-943-2000

- Countywide Elected Officials
- Wednesday, August 24, 2011
 - 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 - Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, Room 728
 - 2 Woodward Avenue; Detroit, Michigan 48226
 - (313)-224-5525

- City Councils and Township Board of Trustees
- Thursday, August 25, 2011
 - Morning Session - 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 - Afternoon Session – 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 - Charter Township of Canton Township – Summit on the Park
 - 46000 Summit Parkway; Canton, Michigan 48188
 - (734)-394-5100

- Local School Districts and Community College Board of Trustees
- Friday, August 26, 2011
 - Afternoon Session – 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 - Evening Session – 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
 - Charter Township of Brownstown – Community Center
 - 21311 Telegraph Road; Brownstown, Michigan 48183
 - (734)-675-0910

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