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Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and will not seek re-election in 2020

Bloomfield Hills, Mich. -Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson announced he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer last week. After revealing the news, Patterson announced that he will not be seeking re-election in 2020. However, he said he has "every intention" of finishing his term.

"L. Brooks Patterson's service to our county, our state and the impact he's had on our lives cannot be understated. Under his leadership, Oakland County has become a destination of technological innovation and a case study in financial stewardship from which many around our nation can learn. It's not often you can watch someone continually work to keep taxes low and economic development high at the same time. But, he's done it. As residents of Oakland County, we are profoundly fortunate to have been residents on his watch. He's made Oakland County a better place to live, work and raise a family and we thank him for his service," said Oakland County Chairman, Rocky Raczkowski.

Under L. Brooks Patterson' 26 years of leadership, Oakland County continues to retain its coveted AAA bond rating. Investment ratings firms recognize Brooks' administration as the best among counties in the United States because of its multi-year budget - which is balanced through 2021 - and innovation in transitioning employees from a defined benefit to a defined contribution retirement saving taxpayers well over \$100 million.

Due to Brooks' successful job growth and retention strategies, Oakland County has reached full employment with an under five percent unemployment rate.

L. Brooks Patterson was first elected County Executive in 1992. Before then, he served as Oakland County Prosecutor for 16 years. Brooks also served as the Chairman of the Oakland County Republican Party from 2001 to 2002.

"With respect to our Executive, L. Brooks Patterson has informed the County, and the State, that he has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer," Chairman Rocky Raczkowski said. "We all wish him well and begin planning for the future as we continue our county on the path Brooks has created for all of us!

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The OCRP works with other Republican organization to share the conservative message and benefit the welfare of the citizens of Oakland County. OCRP also works to elect Republican candidates in Oakland County.

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