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Dear Colleagues,

As you are aware, Bill McFarlane has retired as Supervisor of Superior Twp. His replacement is scheduled to be appointed by the Board of Trustees at their meeting on Monday, September 16th. It is my understanding that one of the likely candidates for the position is former Commissioner and current Road Commissioner Ken Schwartz.

Should Commissioner Schwartz be appointed as Supervisor, there will be a vacancy on the Washtenaw County Road Commission. As you all know, process is a top priority of mine in making a recommendation to you for confirmation. I have asked that Peter Simms prepare a posting for the Road Commission seat and prepare to post it on Tuesday, September 17th should a vacancy occur. The posting will appear at that time on the County Website and other areas where we typically post a position opening. On Thursday, September 19th the posting will run in the print version of annarbor.com (by that time it will be re-branded as The Ann Arbor News). The deadline for submitting an application will be Wednesday, September 25th giving the BoC one full week to review the resumes. My goal is that we make an appointment at our October 2nd meeting. If needed, we can schedule an Appointments Caucus before the meeting on October 2nd.

In the spirit of collaboration, I welcome comments, questions or concerns on this process as outlined. Moving forward, we must continue to work collaboratively to ensure that we appoint the best candidate to the Road Commission. Recognizing that we may not all agree on the right candidate for the job, I hope that we will engage in a productive and cooperative dialogue.

Because of the potential that Ken Schwartz will vacate his current position, various members of the community have already expressed interest in the position to me and others. I have heard back from many of you already and have appreciated the feedback. Today I was sent a formal letter of interest and resume from one of the candidates that has already emerged. In the interest of information sharing I will forward this and any future letters that I receive to the Board. However, keep in mind that the application will be open until Wednesday, September 25th and so many other applicants may also be in the final resume book that you receive. I urge you to keep an open mind and give each qualified candidate that applies full consideration.

Thank you all for the great work that you do!

Yousef Rabhi

Chair of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners