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**Brabec Announces Candidacy for Washtenaw County
Commission's 7th District**

December 6, 2011 - Pittsfield Township, MI- Felicia Brabec has filed papers with the Washtenaw County Clerk's Office to have her name placed on the February 28 primary ballot. Brabec is a Democrat who will be running in a special election after being appointed to the board in October. She currently holds the seat left vacant by Commissioner Kristin Judge's resignation.

Although a newcomer to public office, Brabec has spent her first month and a half educating herself by visiting and holding meetings with residents and officials of Pittsfield Township, county departments, and a number of area non-profit organizations. A major focus of these visits and meetings was an effort to understand the impact of the proposed budget cuts to not only each of the entities but also the individuals that would be impacted. "It is important to me to understand the lived impact of these proposed cuts and not just see the numbers on paper. The most comprehensive way for me to do this is to visit departments and various agencies to talk with stake holders and those effected," Brabec stated.

If elected, Brabec plans to spend the remainder of the term actively reaching out to constituents in order to learn their concerns first hand. It is her hope that by being well versed in residents' perspectives, she will be able to advocate and vote accordingly.

Brabec has the support of her predecessor. Former County Commissioner Kristin Judge stated, "I am proud to be supporting Commissioner Brabec because she has the traits of a true public servant: integrity, tireless work ethic, and the desire to put constituent needs first."

"It would be an honor to continue to serve the people of Washtenaw County. I am dedicated to understanding the concerns of the residents of Washtenaw County and particularly those in Pittsfield Township. After all, we are elected

to ensure that the voice of the people is not only heard but also represented as a integral part of discussions that happen at the board table,” Brabec stated.

Due to the special circumstances of her appointment, Brabec will run in a special primary in February and a special general election in May. She will, again, have to run in a primary in August and a general election in November.
