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## **Parma Mayor-elect Tim DeGeeter Announces Incoming Administration**

**PARMA** – Parma Mayor-elect Tim DeGeeter today announced his incoming administration as he prepares for the beginning of his mayoral term. DeGeeter is currently serving as the area's state representative and will leave office at the end of the year to start in his new role.

"I've worked closely with Mayor (Dean) DePiero to make this transition as smooth as possible, and those efforts will continue in the new administration as we assess City Hall operations," DeGeeter said. "I wanted to have a team in place during this transition period to help ensure that my incoming administration provides the best service possible to the residents of Parma."

Michael Culp will join DeGeeter's administration as Chief of Staff. Culp, a former newspaper reporter, has extensive government experience. In 2007, he joined Gov. Ted Strickland's administration as Deputy Legislative Director, and then, in 2009, he served for a year as Chief of Staff for former Ohio Treasurer Kevin Boyce. Most recently, he comes from Resolute Consulting, a Chicago-based public affairs firm, where, as vice president, he managed the company's Ohio office in Columbus.

"I'm pleased to join Mayor-elect Tim DeGeeter's new administration," Culp said. "I look forward to helping him carry out his vision for making Parma an even better place to live, work, and raise a family."

Tom Weinreich has been named as DeGeeter's Director of Purchasing & Personnel. Weinreich, a lifelong resident of Parma, brings more than 25 years experience in various governmental positions, among them 12 years as a Parma Assistant City Prosecutor, eight years as Parma Tax Commissioner and two years as Parma Director of Purchasing & Personnel.

"I truly enjoy service at the municipal level," Weinreich said. "I believe that my experience, education and skills will be an asset to the City of Parma."

Culp and Weinreich join Jeannie Roberts, previously announced as the city's new Communications Director, as new hires in DeGeeter's administration. Roberts comes to Parma from the same position at the Ohio Lottery and brings 30-plus years of communications experience.

DeGeeter's cabinet will include seven directors already in place. They are: Service Director Brian Higgins, Safety Director Greg Baeppler, Director of Parks and Recreation Mickey Vittardi, Community Service & Economic Development Director Erik Tollerup, Building Commissioner/City Engineer Paul Deichmann, Housing Director Lev Kulchytsky, and Jo Ann Mason, Director of Donna Smallwood Activities Center.

DeGeeter and other city officials will be publicly sworn in during an Oath of Office ceremony at Parma City Hall on Jan. 2 at 2 p.m. The ceremony will be followed by an Open House at City Hall, during which Parma families and children are encouraged to tour the building, see the Mayor's office and meet city officials. The afternoon will include activities for children and light refreshments.