

McKim, Munson, and Deckard seek at-large County Council seats in 2020

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MONROE COUNTY, IN -- At-large Councilors Geoff McKim, Cheryl Munson, and Trent Deckard have announced their candidacy for the Monroe County Council in 2020. The veteran leaders seek the Democratic nomination to the county's fiscal body during Indiana's primary in May. The council is made up of three at-large members and four from individual districts in the county (whose election was in 2018).

"As we celebrate this holiday season, we want to take a moment to announce our intention to seek a new term on the county council. We humbly ask our neighbors, friends, and fellow community members for their consideration and support. While we are three individual candidates with different backgrounds, experiences, and our own opinions, we pledge to collaborate, work hard, and continue to listen to constituents in the city, towns, suburbs, and rural areas of the county."

McKim, Munson, and Deckard share a mutual commitment to the following issues, among others:

- Ensuring fiscally responsible, responsive, and sustainable county budgets;
- Strengthening workforce development and economic opportunities for all;
- Embracing solutions that combat climate change and protect natural resources;
- Supporting housing solutions that provide more affordable access;
- Empowering boards and commissions, ensuring that citizen appointments are diverse and inclusive and that their work is valued;
- Continuing to reform our criminal justice system, utilizing our upcoming criminal justice study to explore alternatives to incarceration and to help break the cycle of recidivism;
- Maintaining a positive and collaborative approach to working with other units of government, including the City of Bloomington, towns and townships, and fire departments;
- Increasing compensation for county employees, in order to retain quality employees;
- Prioritizing investment in our communities, including roads, trails, public transit, and broadband;
- Caring for our veteran population and their needs;
- Protecting Lake Monroe and ensuring its environmental resiliency;

- Maintaining our commitment to combating the negative effects of substance abuse disorders; and
- Promoting free and fair elections and ballot access in every part of the county.

“We look forward to sharing details of many initiatives that address these issues over the upcoming months.”

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