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District 5 Councilman Cazzell Smith to Resign April 18

District 5 Councilman, Cazzell Smith, Sr. has announced his resignation from the Summit County Council, effective Monday, April 18. Smith, who's served on County Council representing District 5 (West Akron, Fairlawn and Copley Township) since 1991, recently accepted a position as the Assistant Director of Administrative Services with the Summit County Executive's Office that would pose a conflict as an elected official.

In a prepared statement, Smith stated, "It's been a pleasure to be a public servant to the citizens of Summit County. During my time on Council, we have excelled in bringing good government to the people. I thank my colleagues and the many, many citizens, business people and elected officials at the local, state and national levels that I've had the opportunity to work with over the years."

Smith most recently served as the Chair of the Abandoned and Vacant Property (AVP) Task Force and its subsequent AVP Planning Committee. He noted past achievements on Council including: his involvement in the elimination of a \$10 million deficit owed to Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and his work with a team on the crafting of Council districts to be of greater service to constituents in Summit County. Smith also served as President of County Council in 1996 and currently serves as the Chair of the Council's Personnel Committee and Vice Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee.

"I've enjoyed my time as a legislator, working to make a positive difference for individuals and families in this community and I look forward to this new chapter in my career," he concluded.

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