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Councilman at Large Jon Poda to Resign February 14

Councilman at Large, Jon Poda has announced his resignation from the Summit County Council, effective Monday, February 14. Poda was re-elected to serve his second term in November, 2010, but has recently accepted a position with the Summit County Fiscal Office that would pose a conflict as an elected official.

In a prepared statement, Poda states, "During my time on Summit County Council I have had the opportunity to work with many good people who have had Summit County's best interest at heart-including my colleagues, county, city, village and state elected officials and staffs, as well as various board members, business people, professionals, union members, volunteers, and citizens from all walks of life.

I am proud to have been a supporter of the Summit County Veterans' Services Commission Center, the new Animal Control Facility, the Bridgestone/Firestone and Goodyear Projects, and the Austen Bioinnovation Institute, to mention a few of the many issues we have addressed.

Many of you know of, and have worked with me on my passion and efforts for consumer protection, which resulted in the Methamphetamine Property Awareness Task Force and Website, and Summit County being the first county in Ohio to pass legislation banning texting while driving.

I am excited to announce that I have accepted a position with Summit County Fiscal Officer John Donofrio, as the Deputy Fiscal Officer of Weights and Measures, which will allow me to continue work on consumer related issues.

It has been an honor to serve the citizens of Summit County, and I look forward to continuing to serve in this new capacity," he concluded.

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