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WILLIAMS CAMPAIGNS FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

Former Livingston County Commissioner Steve Williams has kicked off his election campaign for a seat on the Board of Commissioners with a focused intent: to fix what many residents say is wrong with the current state of county government. The Republican is a Marion Township native, a decorated Army veteran, and like his siblings and children, an accomplished graduate of the Pinckney Community Schools.

Williams has been talking with many county residents, some of them very unhappy with the direction the Board of Commissioners has been headed, so he decided to act.

Williams believes the main issues of this race include local government serving the public, filling open positions with the most qualified people, a friendlier county court system, use of frugal and appropriate purchasing policies, and Commissioners willing to meet with the public and hear their concerns.

In his own words, Steve says "I firmly believe that government should be respectful and responsive. No citizen should have to fear being humiliated and called a liar at a public meeting simply because they disagree with their representative. Politicians work for the taxpayers, not the other way around.

"I think it's wrong for elected officials to give government jobs to their relatives. Nepotism is synonymous with corruption, and Livingston County residents deserve better from their representatives. I believe that the conflict of interest law that governs school board members should apply to all elected officials. Recent events have demonstrated that we need stronger enforcement of ethics rules governing county elected officials, and I am prepared to lead that effort.

"I believe that if participants in Livingston County Court hearings were still able to purchase video recordings of their court proceedings the way other Michigan residents can, we would not have the mess we are currently suffering through with the 53rd District Court. I believe in transparency in government and if elected I will continue to push hard for residents to once again be able to purchase recordings of their own trials and hearings.

"I think it's wrong for elected officials to ignore county competitive purchasing policies and instead award contracts to their friends, driving up costs for taxpayers in the process.

"I think it is wrong for public officials to skip meetings just because they don't want to hear residents and other officials criticize their actions. If someone is being paid by the taxpayers to do a job, they need to do the whole, job, not just the parts they like. That kind of behavior would never be accepted in the private sector and it should not be accepted in government. Livingston County residents deserve better."

For more details about Williams' experience and policy positions, visit his Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/CommissionerSteveWilliams/> or website <https://www.williams4michigan.com/>