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Patterson seeks public's help to select "Elite 40 Under 40" winner

Pontiac, MI, January 24, 2012 – Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson is asking the public to determine the winner of his "Elite 40 Under 40" contest in an online vote. The top vote recipient will introduce Patterson at his 2012 State of the County address on Feb. 8 at the Centerpoint Marriott in Pontiac.

The three finalists are:

- Kerrie Binno, 39, of Birmingham; senior medical imaging specialist at Lantheus Medical Imaging
- Hajj Flemings, 39, of Birmingham; CEO/founder of Brand Camp University
- Lena Epstein Koretzky, 30, of Bloomfield Hills; co-owner/general manager of Vesco Oil Corp.

To read their bios and vote for one of the finalists, go to LBrooksPatterson.com. Voting will begin at 12:01AM, January 25 and conclude at 11:59PM February 1.

"With nearly 400 nominations, my 'Elite 40 Under 40' committee had quite the task to narrow down the list to the top 40," said Patterson. "The three finalists are such outstanding individuals, selecting a winner proved nearly impossible for the committee. So we are turning to the public.

"The 'Elite 40' represent my vision for Oakland County: Individuals who are excelling in their fields and are working to improve the quality of life in their communities by giving back," added Patterson.

All of the "Elite 40" will be honored at the State of the County, will be featured on LBrooksPatterson.com, and will become members of Patterson's Executive Club. They will be contacted January 24, but the names will be made public on February 8 at the State of the County, on Patterson's website and through his social media networks, including Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter.

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In addition to introducing Patterson at his State of the County speech, the first place winner will receive a year-long pass to all of Patterson's amazing 2012 networking opportunities. The second place winner will receive passes to Patterson's 2012 St. Patrick's Day event, 2012 County Executive Golf Outing and 2013 Black Tie Birthday Celebration. Third place will also attend Patterson's 2013 Black Tie Birthday Celebration.

Nominations were open from Sept. 1 until Nov. 2, 2011 online at brookspatterson.com. Judging began Nov. 3, 2011 and concluded Jan. 18, 2012. There were more than five judging sessions to narrow down the very impressive list of nominees. The "Elite 40 Under 40" committee included Patterson; Deputy County Executive/CIO Phil Bertolini; 52-3 District Court Judge Julie Nicholson; Dr. Cindy Grines, cardiologist at the Detroit Medical Center; and Hilmer Kenty from Strategic Solutions and former Lightweight Boxing Champion of the World.

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