County commissioners chosen to lead state group

Recognized by county elected officials from around the state, three Oakland County Commissioners have been selected to lead the Michigan Association of Counties in the coming year.

Unanimously elected to the Association's Board of Directors, John P. McCullech (R-Royal Oak), chairperson of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, was named the first vice president of the organization.

Through my serving as first vice president, and with the assistance of Oakland County Commissioners Fran Ames and John Garfield, who were appointed to chair the Economic Development Committee, Oakland County is in a unique position to guide and direct public policy through the legislative particles throughout the interests of counties and their critizes throughout the indicate their policy through the legislative particles throughout the indicate their critizes throughout the indicate their critizes throughout the indicate their critices throughout the indicate their critical through the indicate the indicate

state legislature toward developing solutions. Commissioner Fran Amos (R-Waterford), chair-person of MAC's Economic Development Committee, said, "The importance of balancing the need to encourage conomic development with establishing sound land use policies is a critical issue faced by communities around our state and look foreward to pushing for reasonable policies to retain an art..."

It is incumbent upon elected officials to closely examine how the State and the counties can

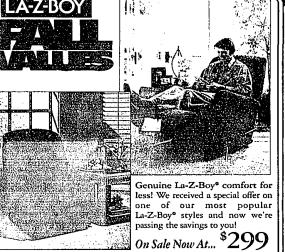
meet the needs of Michigan motorists in a cost-effective and efficient way," stated Commissioner John P. Garfield (R. Rochester Hills), chairperson of MAC's Transportation Committee. MAC's Transportation Platform for 1999/2000 includes ensuring an equitable and comprehensive plan for all of Michigan's countles, including a requirement which clarifies and strengtiens the role of local officials in the planning and implementation process of transportation process of transportation process.

MAC advances legislative ini-

tintives and acts as an advocate on behalf of the 83 member counties in the State of Michigan in the areas of; economic development and labor, environmental fifthirs, human services, judiciarly, toxation and transportation. The strategic importance of the counties working tegether to find solutions on common issues is a major contributing factor in MAC being able to successfully get key items on the State's legislative agenda, "said Commissioner Michelle Friedman Appel (D-Huntington Woods, Oak Park).



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