

County residents applaud mayor's decision

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The decision by Coleman Young to step down as mayor of Detroit could mean a new beginning for Oakland County communities seeking better relations with the Motor City.

"A new mayor will enable old hurts (real or imagined) to heal and be forgotten," said Aldo Vagnozzi, a Farmington Hills councilman. "A new mayor will mean a fresh start."

Vagnozzi is one of many Oakland County residents who reacted to Tuesday's decision by Young to not seek re-election. Young chose to end his 20-year reign as the Motor City's chief executive.

But the end of one reign generally marks the beginning of another, according to Vagnozzi and others who acknowledge mixed reactions. They expressed begrudging respect for the Coleman Young who overcame great obstacles to become, at one time, one of the most powerful black officials in the country.

But they were glad to see him go.

In their eyes Young had, correctly or otherwise, become an obstacle . . . he himself is seen as a barrier between Detroit and suburban areas, most of whom still have an affinity for the city, even though they no longer live there.

New era

"It's a new era," said Matthew Wirgau, a Troy resident who is chairman of the board of directors of SMART (Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation).

"A new mayor will give us the chance to put our biases aside and work together," according to Wirgau, who said he understands some of Young's views, although he strongly disagrees with them.

"Coleman Young did what he thought was the right thing," said Birmingham city manager Thomas Markus, who noted Detroit experienced devastating shifts during Young's administration.

But many of Young's policies were rejected by neighboring communities who viewed them as detrimental to suburban interests, said Markus.

City vs. suburban conflicts will continue to exist, he said. But with a new mayor in Detroit, more cooperative relations are possible. "Birmingham and other communities want Detroit to be strong and vibrant," he said. "That's more likely with a new mayor."

Rochester Hills Mayor Billie Ireland expressed her expectations this way: "Some doors are being opened. With a new mayor, there could be more opportunity for regional approaches to regional problems."

"None of the suburban communities are islands. They're all better off if they work with Detroit."

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson agreed.

"A new leader in Detroit will mean new opportunities," said Patterson, who has sometimes been regarded as the arch-conservative mirror image of the ultra-liberal Coleman Young.

"A new leader will have new policies, new programs and a new direction," said Patterson. "He or

she opens the door for joint ventures, new initiatives . . . that will benefit both sides of Eight Mile Road."

Patterson Wednesday said he respects Young's decision not to seek re-election. But he's not sorry he reached it.

Less friction

The absence of Young removes an important point of friction between the suburbs and an agency the Detroit mayor controls, according to West Bloomfield trustee Raymond Holland, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.



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