



Chairman's Corner

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Happy New Year!

Happy New Year! The New Year is the time of unfolding perspectives and the recognition of dreams to allow you to rejoice in the simple pleasures that life has to offer and put a courageous front for all the challenges and opportunities that may come your way. This year I will embark upon a new chapter in my life and with 40 years in the healthcare industry of which 31 years were related to management, leadership, budget, policy, strategic planning and master facility planning, I am very excited about serving Douglas County. Service is in my DNA; I've served in the military, worked in State and Federal government, and now I'm with County government.

Today, I feel honored and blessed to serve as the first African-American Commission Chairman in the history of our great County. I would like to personally thank all of the citizens who voted for me, and for the citizens who did not, I promise to work hard to earn your respect.

Therefore, my commitment is to serve in the coming term with common sense principles and creativity to pursue our greatest aspirations with resolute determination. Together we stand on the footprint of rich history while pressing forward to shape our future. We are humble, yet resilient and recognized for our ability to overcome obstacles. Unification is our narrative for upholding the standards of diversity and inclusion and we shall work collectively to bridge the gap. Yet, when others see problems, we will see potential to embrace optimism and discourage negativity.

A new year is a fresh start to reaffirm our destiny and leave a legacy. I vow to lead our County with conservative core values while going far beyond the ordinary to promote accountability, transparency and deep-rooted communication at all levels of County government. We will do it better; and we will do it smarter with checks and balances as we compete to attain best practice innovation and technology pertaining to economic development, transportation infrastructure and public health compliance. I look forward to joining the "Dream Team" in Douglas County government. These men and women work hard individually and in concert to serve the needs of all Douglas County citizens. Furthermore, I look forward to working with my fellow Commissioners as good stewards of Douglas County resources while standing for what is right and doing what is right on behalf of all Douglas County citizens. Moreover, I look forward to partnering, collaborating and building bi-partisan relationships with local, municipal, State and Federal officials to attain win-win solutions. Most importantly, I look forward to championing the needs of all citizens in Douglas County and wish you a prosperous, productive, healthy and peaceful New Year!

Kindest regards,

Romona