

David Coulter is honored to serve as Oakland County's third County Executive. At this important juncture for our County, his inclusive style seeks to leverage the strength of county government and tap the broad diversity of our residents to open a new doorway for future progress.

Dave brings a wealth of local government and executive experience. He represented Southeast Oakland County on the Board of Commissioners from 2002-2010 where he was well-respected by colleagues on both sides of the aisle. While on the board, he was a member of the Finance committee which oversaw Oakland County's balanced three-year budget and started an innovative program that provided health insurance to over 5,000 residents.

He brought that experience with him to his service as Mayor of Ferndale. At his first meeting, Dave directed City staff to begin implementing multi-year budgeting. He also formed the Mayor's Business Council in order to be more responsive to industrial and large businesses. During his tenure, Ferndale improved their credit rating twice, lowered city taxes, reduced the industrial vacancy rate, invested in local roads, parks and parking accessibility in their thriving downtown.

At the same time, Dave served as the Director of External Relations for the Children's Foundation of Michigan, formerly the Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation. Here he was able to focus on public policy and local efforts to improve the health of children and families through our region and state. Under his leadership the Foundation invested in abuse and neglect, nutritional wellness and cancer research.

Dave also served as the Executive Director of the Michigan AIDS Fund which funded HIV prevention programs. Early in his career he was a Senior Public Affairs Officer for Michigan Consolidated Gas Company, a school teacher and a senior engineering draftsman.

Mr. Coulter was raised in St. Clair Shores, Michigan where he attended St. Joan of Arc School. He graduated from Bishop Gallagher High School in Harper Woods, Michigan. He then earned a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and an Executive Education Certificate from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.