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# News

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### **Macomb County Planning and Economic Development welcomes new executive director**

Macomb County Executive Mark A. Hackel's nomination of John Paul Rea to serve as the county's new executive director of Planning and Economic Development was unanimously approved on Dec. 17. As the executive director, Rea will oversee all planning and economic development services available at the county level.

Rea, 31 and a lifelong resident of Macomb County, had previously served in the county's Planning and Economic Development Department for over nine years. At that time, he held the position of senior planner, orchestrating municipal planning services, developing quality-of-life initiatives and supporting the County Executive office in pursuing major community and economic development opportunities. Most recently, he was appointed as assistant county executive in April 2015 where he oversaw all strategic communications and outreach for Macomb County.

"John Paul has a great deal of experience in all matters related to planning and economic development, a key component of our vitality here in Macomb County," said Executive Hackel. "I am confident that he, along with the economic and development team, will continue to build on Macomb County's positive momentum toward enhancing quality of life here."

Rea, is replacing Stephen Cassin, the current Macomb County Planning and Economic Development executive director who has decided to retire after 14 years of service.

"I want to thank Executive Hackel and the Board of Commissioners for entrusting me with this great responsibility," said Rea. "I am extremely passionate about the fields of planning and economic development, and, working alongside the dedicated professionals of the department, we can continue to raise the profile of Macomb County."



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