

# News Release



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## **Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro and Summit County Council Support Akron Safety and Infrastructure Levy**

On Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, County Executive Shapiro and County Council passed legislation supporting County Issue 4, which would approve a ¼ percent income levy in the City of Akron to support the Akron Police Department, the Akron Fire Department, emergency services, and City roadway and street improvements.

Over the past number of years, the City of Akron has suffered significant financial losses due to cuts from the State and Federal governments which has reduced the local government fund, funding for federal programs, and the elimination of the estate tax. Due to these losses, the City of Akron will submit to voters County Issue 4, a ¼ percent income levy that will support public safety and roadway improvements within the City of Akron.

“County Issue 4 is critical to properly funding safety forces and roadway infrastructure in the City of Akron,” said Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro. “Years of state and federal cuts have impacted public safety and infrastructure budgets. In order for public safety and public works personnel to be better equipped to deal with the issues and challenges they face throughout the community on a daily basis and the work they do to keep Akron safer and more secure, Issue 4 is monumentally important.”

County Issue 4 will be submitted to voters on the November 7<sup>th</sup> 2017 general election. Based upon earned income tax, the 1/4% levy will average a weekly cost of approximately \$1.68 for Akron residents in the workforce. Local companies and non-residents who work in the City of Akron will also pay the 1/4 %. The tax will be used entirely for emergency services, fire, police, and roadway repairs.

“This levy is crucial in continuing and strengthening services for thousands of Summit residents who live and work in the City of Akron,” said Council President John Schmidt. “County Issue 4 will support public safety, and public improvement services that are imperative for the daily well-being of the residents in our county.”

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