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## **Township, EDAC host inaugural Shelby Township Business Reception**

The Charter Township of Shelby and the Shelby Township Economic Development Advisory Council signaled to property owners that Shelby Township is open for business Feb. 4 at the first Shelby Township Business Reception.

The event, which was hosted by the Economic Development Advisory Committee, served as a showcase for some of the exciting commercial development opportunities within the Township, as well as a chance for local real estate brokers, developers and business leaders to network with each other and local officials from Shelby Township and Macomb County.

“I am very grateful to all of the individuals who took time out of their schedules and braved the winter weather to join us at the reception,” Shelby Township Trustee Paula Filar said. “It was a great team effort from everyone on the Economic Development Advisory Committee to put this together, and I could not have been more pleased with the event.”

The Economic Development Advisory Committee is chaired by Filar, who is joined on the committee by Township Supervisor Rick Stathakis and Township Treasurer Michael Flynn, as well as Planning Director Glenn Wynn.

The committee is also made up of Macomb County Planning and Economic Development Director Stephen Cassin, Thomas Guastello of Center Management, Phillip Ruggeri of Phillip P. Ruggeri and Associates, P.C., and Daniel Stern of the Lormax Stern Development Company.

This group has served to help the Township assess its overall level of service in the arenas of economic development and work on areas where Shelby Township can make itself a better community for business and development.

“I’m grateful that I am part of a Board of Trustee that truly understands the role government plays in economic growth,” Stathakis said. “Our Board understands it’s the private sector that creates profits and jobs, which ultimately grows an economy. Our job is to facilitate an environment that allows that to flourish.”

The Shelby Township Business Reception is part of a growing partnership between Shelby Township, the Macomb County Department of Planning and Economic Development and local private sector leaders to bolster the Township’s commercial development.

For the past three years, “implement economic development initiatives” has been one of the top 10 priorities set for the Township by its Board, employees and residents.

EDAC is hopeful that events like the Shelby Township Business Reception will be another step forward in addressing this priority and allow property owners and developers to help expedite the process of development, as well as promote real estate, throughout Shelby Township.

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