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### **GREAT LAKES WATER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTS NEW OFFICERS FOR 2020**

*Wayne County Board Representative Abe Munfakh to Serve as Chairman*

**DETROIT** – The Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) Board of Directors has elected new officers: Abe Munfakh, P.E., the board representative for Wayne County, will serve as chair, Dr. Beverly Walker-Griffea, board representative for the state of Michigan, will serve as vice chair, and Jaye Quadrozzi, board representative for Oakland County, will serve as secretary. The new officers will each serve a one-year term effective January 1, 2020.

“I want to sincerely thank Brian Baker for his service as chairman of the GLWA Board during 2019. His commitment and hard work on behalf of GLWA and its member partners is very much appreciated. Working alongside him as vice chairman over the last year has been an honor,” said Munfakh. “I look forward to my year as chair and to making a positive impact using my unique knowledge as an engineer. I also am committed to the spirit of regional collaboration which has guided this board over the last four years.”

Munfakh initially joined GLWA’s Board of Directors as the Wayne County representative in 2017, bringing more than 30 years of experience in civil engineering and planning. He is the current president and CEO of Munfakh & Associates, LLC, and is heavily involved in organizations throughout the community, including having served on the Plymouth Township Planning Commission and the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees, Northville Chamber of Commerce, Schoolcraft College Foundation Board, the Henry Ford College Foundation and the Arab American and Chaldean Council, among many others.

Dr. Walker-Griffea, GLWA’s 2020 vice chair, joined the Authority as the state of Michigan representative in September 2019. She brings more than 30 years of experience in higher education and is the current president of Mott Community College. Walker-Griffea is very active in the Flint community, with various organizational involvements such as the Greater Flint Health Coalition Board of Directors, Metro Community Development Board of Directors, and the Flint Branch of the NAACP. She also previously served as a member of the Flint City Water Response Team.

Quadrozzi, appointed as GLWA’s Oakland County representative in October, brings 15 years in complex commercial litigation for both federal and state courts to her new role as

secretary. Additionally, she is a member of the state bars of Michigan, Illinois and California, and has served as the Oakland County representative on the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority Board of Commissioners.

The full 2020 GLWA Board of Directors is comprised of the following members:

- Abe Munfakh, P.E., chair
- Dr. Beverly Walker-Griffea, vice chair
- Jaye Quadrozzi, secretary
- Freman Hendrix, representative for the city of Detroit
- Brian Baker, representative for Macomb County
- Gary A. Brown, representative for the city of Detroit

For more information on GLWA, please visit [www.glwater.org](http://www.glwater.org).

### **About the Great Lakes Water Authority**

The Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) is the provider-of-choice for drinking water services to nearly 40 percent of Michigan’s population and efficient and effective wastewater services to nearly 30 percent. With the Great Lakes as source water, GLWA is uniquely positioned to provide those it serves with water of unquestionable quality. GLWA also has the capacity to extend its services beyond its 88 member partner communities. As part of its commitment to water affordability, the Authority offers a Water Residential Assistance Program to assist low-income households in participating member communities throughout the system. GLWA’s board includes one representative each from Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties, two representatives from the city of Detroit and one appointed by the Michigan governor to represent customer communities outside of the tri-county area.