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Kent County Clerk Announces New Elections Director

GRAND RAPIDS, MI - Lisa Posthumus Lyons, Kent County Clerk / Register of Deeds, today named **Gerrid Uzarski** as the county's new Elections Director. Uzarski most recently served as a Regional Representative for ElectionSource, an elections products and services provider based in Grand Rapids.

"After an extensive search and interviews with several very well-qualified individuals, Gerrid's expert knowledge of our new voting equipment, reputation for top-notch customer service to county and local clerks, and professional approach was of great value to me in making this decision," said Lyons. "My focus is on ensuring and improving upon elections that are secure, efficient, and transparent, and Gerrid brings the right combination of knowledge, experience, and can-do attitude to accomplish this job."

A native of Kent County, Uzarski graduated from Lowell High School and Western Michigan University. In his role at ElectionSource, Uzarski was charged with implementing stringent accuracy and reliability testing of the company's serviced voting systems; developing and implementing Election Day training programs for poll workers; and maintaining and promoting strong lines of communication between election administrators and equipment vendors.

"I couldn't be more excited to continue my work in elections with Kent County, and I look forward to serving the voters by maintaining elections to a standard of integrity set by the professionals before me," said Uzarski, "I will work to further the goals of Clerk Lyons by ensuring timeliness, transparency, and accuracy in our elections. This is the perfect opportunity for me to utilize my 10 years of experience and passion in managing elections for the county that I am so proud to call my home." he concluded.

Uzarski will fill the position held by Susan deSteiguer who's retirement comes after 16 years of service to Kent County. "Through three county clerks and 16 years, Sue deSteiguer has led the county, and local clerks, through many elections and numerous transitions. She leaves very big shoes to fill, and we're so thankful for her service. We wish her the best throughout her retirement." concluded Lyons.

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