

## **THE WAYNE COUNTY RETIREES ASSOCIATION WEB SITE IS UP AND RUNNING AND IS OPEN TO ALL WAYNE COUNTY RETIREES**

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The Wayne County Retirees Association (WCRA) is now officially incorporated in the State of Michigan. The WCRA is open to all retirees of Wayne County, who wish to participate in stopping Warren Evans from removing one of your two retiree trustees from the Wayne County Employees Retirement System Retirement Board.

On January 22, 2016 Evans sent a letter to the Wayne County Commission, ordering the Commission to implement his changes as to the makeup of our Retirement Board of Trustees; two of the Wayne County Retirement System Trustees are selected by retirees. Under Evan's plan, active employees will lose one of the four voted in members; retirees will no longer be able to vote for two retiree's representatives, but instead will be allowed only one retiree representative.

We have previously emailed out to all retirees, who are affiliated with AFSCME Council 38, the Wayne County Employees Retirement Club, the Wayne County Sheriffs and Airport Police Retirees Association, in addition to other interested individuals, a letter detailing the "Draconian" changes Evans will make to your medical / prescription insurance benefits, as of March 1, 2016.

It is the WCRA's intentions to file a lawsuit in Federal Court, within the next ten days, attempting to block Evans from changing the composition of the retirement board, which would affect all retirees. The goal of which is to obtain an injunction, stopping Evans from increasing retirees medical co-pays up to \$2,600.00 per family and requiring retirees to pay 25% of the medical insurance premiums; your medical insurance will not kick in until you pay \$2,600.00 out of pocket for the family plan.

All four retiree groups (AFSCME Sub-Council 38, Wayne County Retirees Club, Wayne County Sheriffs and Airport Police Retirees Association and the WCRA) are united in our desire to fight these changes which will mean bankruptcy for many of our members.

In order for the Wayne County Retirees Association to file the stated litigation, it is important to show the Court that we represent a significant number of Wayne County Retirees. This can be accomplished by each of you going to our website at [www.waynecoutyretireesassociation.com](http://www.waynecoutyretireesassociation.com). The website allows you the opportunity to fill out an online profile which will serve as your membership application. Payment of your dues directly with the treasurer of the Wayne County Retirees Association will activate your participation in both the website and the lawsuit. Annual membership dues are \$100.00 payable quarterly. (Please review yesterday's communication or visit the website for more information).

The litigation is supported by the leadership of all four retiree organizations, and they have

expressed their strong desire that each and every one of its members participate in this do or die cause.

Time is of the essence! Please take immediate action to fill out the membership application form, send the completed application back the WCRA by clicking the send button; our treasurer is entrusted with keeping your personal information private and not releasing it to anyone; including the officers of the WCRA.

United We Stand,

Eugene Wright, President WCRA

Hugh S. Macdonald, Treasurer AFSCME Chapter 38

William Dunbar, President Wayne County Sheriffs and Airport Police Retiree Association

James Sokolosky, President for the Wayne County Retirees Club