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## **Governor Appoints Tyrone K. Yates to Hamilton County Municipal Court**

**Columbus, Ohio** – Ohio Governor Ted Strickland today announced the appointment of State Rep. Tyrone K. Yates to the Hamilton County Municipal Court.

Tyrone K. Yates, 55, of Cincinnati, fills the seat vacated by the appointment of Judge Nadine Allen to the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas.

“I have seen first-hand Tyrone’s dedication to serving the people of Hamilton County,” Strickland said. “I’ve worked closely with him on important legislative initiatives. I’ve always admired Tyrone for his deep knowledge of Ohio’s justice system and his commitment to tough but fair justice.”

Yates will take the bench on January 29. To retain the seat, he must run in the November 2011 municipal election.

Yates has served as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives since 2003. He is the chair of the Committee on Criminal Justice and the Correctional Institutions Inspection Committee. He also serves on the Civil and Commercial Law and Finance and Appropriations committees.

He previously served as a trial counsel for the Hamilton County Public Defenders’ Office from 2000-2003 and as the vice mayor of the City Cincinnati from 1993-1997. Yates also served as a council member for the City of Cincinnati from 1990-1999.

Yates is an active member of his community. He currently serves as the honorary co-chair of the Association for the Study of African-American Life and History’s 94th Annual National Convention and as a board member for the Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education. He also serves as a silver life member for NAACP and as a life member for Navy League of the United States.

“I’m humbled by Governor Strickland’s appointment and look forward to serving the Hamilton County Municipal Court with a deep commitment to fairness” Yates said.

Yates received a bachelor's degree from the University of Cincinnati in 1978 and a law degree from the University of Toledo in 1981.