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**County Council Member Ilene Shapiro Named CCAO Vice Chair
Metro Counties and Regional Affairs Committee**

Summit County At-Large Council member Ilene Shapiro was recently named Vice Chair of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) Metropolitan Counties and Regional Affairs Committee. The purpose of the committee is to review issues of critical importance to metropolitan counties and to deal with issues relating to regionalism. The Committee is made up of members representing Butler, Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, Lake, Lorain, Lucas, Mahoning, Montgomery, Stark, Summit, Trumbull and Warren Counties.

Locally, Shapiro serves as secretary of the Summit County Planning Commission and Chairs the Economic Development Committee for Summit County Council. She was elected to Council in November of 2006.

“CCAO is an important resource for all of the counties throughout Ohio and I’m excited about the possibilities in working with this committee,” said Shapiro. “We’re in a critical time right now and there are opportunities to make some positive things happen throughout the state.”

Shapiro currently serves as Vice President of Sales, Marketing & Strategic Business Development with Summa Enterprise Group, a subsidiary of Summa Health System. In September, 2008, she received the Athena Award in recognition of her professional excellence, community service and active role in assisting others in their attainment of professional excellence and leadership skills.

CCAO represents Ohio's 87 Boards of County Commissioners and the Summit County Executive and Council. CCAO promotes best practices in county government administration and management; advocates on behalf of counties at the State and Federal levels; provides training and technical assistance programs; and provides cost saving service programs for Ohio counties.

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