

# DRAFT Phil LeVOTA

For JACKSON COUNTY EXECUTIVE

When Frank White was recalled, Phil LeVota accepted the position of Jackson County Executive. When approached, LeVota adamantly said he only wanted to serve the remainder of the term until January 1, 2027. It was after LeVota stated that position, the Legislature asked applicants being considered for the position to state they would not run for the full term. LeVota has not changed his position to not run. But there has been no question that LeVota has been a stabilizing force in Jackson County government and continues to bring positive change and leadership to a county government riddled with a past of corruption and incompetency.

However, a cursory review of potential contenders vying for the County Executive (especially without LeVota running), the county is going to easily fall right back into the same problems. The possible candidates just do not have the professionalism, experience, and leadership that LeVota has and that LeVota has demonstrated.

We cannot allow Jackson County to fall back into bad leadership, so it is up to us as citizens of Jackson County to convince, encourage, and persuade LeVota to change his mind and consider running for the full term. He may not want to run for the term but Jackson County needs him to do it.

From one citizen: *In my opinion, if Phil LeVota got into the County Exec position with the intention of NOT running for office, but once in he saw the inefficiencies and corruption - it would make sense to me if he changed his mind. I don't think people really care if someone changes their mind. As long as that someone continues to work FOR the people and not themselves or lobbyists.*

*Up to this point, Phil LeVota stepped in and in a matter of days made decisions that have directly reflected the desires of the majority of the constituents of Jackson County. If that's how he continues to lead...he would get my vote if he decided to run.*

Filing for the election for Jackson County Executive begins on Tuesday, February 24, 2026 and closes on Tuesday, March 31, 2026. The primary election is August 4th and the general election is November 3, 2026.

We need people, voters, businesses, leaders, and neighborhoods to go to [www.change.org](http://www.change.org) (<https://c.org/dyPZr8VNyZ>) and sign the petition to encourage LeVota to change his mind. The condition not to run made way back in October is not one that should hold the most qualified person from running for the office and there is no legal prohibition from LeVota running.

**After Frank White's debacle, we finally have stability and integrity in Jackson County government with LeVota. We need to keep that going as we restore confidence in the county and as the county is working on bold new ideas while improving on relationships with Jackson County citizens and businesses.**

**SIGN THE PETITION TO ENCOURAGE  
LEVOTA TO RECONSIDER RUNNING FOR  
THE FULL FOUR YEAR TERM!  
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