

# Chris Barnett

Supervisor  
Orion, Michigan

Chris Barnett was elected Supervisor of Orion Township for the first time in 2012 and is currently serving in his third term in Michigan's 17th largest township (out of a total of 1,240), overseeing a \$27 million operating budget and 115 employees. He is proud of his efforts in collaborating with surrounding communities on many cost-saving initiatives, most notably the formation of the North Oakland County Water Authority. Having been elected First Vice Chairperson of SEMCOG in March of 2021, Barnett ascended to the role of chairperson in January 2022 following the retirement of Detroit City Council President Brenda Jones. He is the Co-Chair of the United States Conference of Mayor's Small Cities Forum, President of the Oakland County Association of Township Supervisors, and serves as the Michigan/Ohio elected representative on the Board of the National Association of Regional Councils.

He was awarded a Taubman Company Fellowship for Executive Excellence through SEMCOG in 2017 and attended the program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government at the Kennedy School of Harvard University. In 2021, Chris was honored by the Michigan Municipal League with the Michael A. Guido Leadership and Public Service Award, an honor for the chief elected official in Michigan who embodies professionalism and leadership and is dedicated to the citizenry of his community and to the advocacy efforts on their community's behalf in Lansing and Washington, D.C. Chris was also recognized as one of Oakland County's Elite 40 Under 40. Chris attended Oakland University and had a successful career in the private sector construction industry prior to seeking public office.

Chris has three adult daughters: Rachel, Sydney, and Addison. He is also active in volunteer work in and around his community through several non-profit organizations. He serves as Board Chair of Dutton Farm, Inc., a non-profit organization that exists to empower and support adults with disabilities to live a life of purpose, inclusion, and dignity. When not in the office or volunteering in the community, you can find him on an adventure with his girls or floating on his pontoon on Lake Orion.

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