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## **Commissioner Steve Weems Joins Distinguished List of Calvert County Professionals Chosen for Leadership Maryland**

**PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – Feb. 25, 2016** –Calvert County Commissioner Steve Weems has been chosen to participate in the professional development program dedicated to building a stronger Maryland by educating, cultivating and connecting our state’s brightest leaders. Weems is one of 52 Maryland business and community leaders chosen for Leadership Maryland’s 24<sup>th</sup> class – the Class of 2016, who will complete the eight-month, hands-on learning program focused on the state’s most vital social, economic and environmental issues.

“The selection process for the Class of 2016 was very competitive this year, as we had an extraordinary pool of diverse and experienced applicants to choose from,” said Renée M. Winsky, president and Chief Executive Officer, Leadership Maryland. “The 52 selected participants represent a diverse and broad spectrum of highly-qualified executives from across the state, and we are confident that their Leadership Maryland experience will help them play an even greater role in our unified effort to shape the future of our state.”

Weems was born in Maryland and attended Calvert High School and Frostburg State University. He is the owner and general manager of Wemyss Liquors in St. Leonard and was elected to the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) in 2010. Since his election, he has served as vice-president, December 2011 to December 2014; at large member since 2014 and as president 2014 to 2015.

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He has served on the Calvert County Economic Development Commission; the Calvert County Board of Health and the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. He currently serves as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland where he has also served in the positions of member, executive board member and chairperson since 2010.

The Leadership Maryland participants will attend a two-day opening retreat followed by five, two-day intense sessions traversing the state focusing on Maryland's economic development, education, health and human services, criminal justice, the environment, and multi-culturalism/diversity. These sessions will be followed by a one-day closing retreat in November and a graduation celebration in December. More than 100 experts representing business, government, education and the non-profit community will serve as panelists and guest speakers.

Upon completion, Weems will join 26 other Leadership Maryland graduates from Calvert County including: C. Rick Bailey, Jr. '99; Danita M Boonchaisri '08; Stewart Cumbo '06; Gerald W. Donovan '98; Michael D. Frederick '05; Sonia D. Hinds '05; Dr. Cheryl R. Johnson '01; Robert Brooke Kaine '06; Mary M. Krug '98; Phyllis Lester '99; Maurice T. Lusby III '03; Marvin E. Oursler '04; Dr. James L. Parent '13; Wilson H. Parran '99; Donald M. Parsons, Jr. '00; Christopher J. Reynolds '04; Terry L. Shannon '13; John A. Simpson, Jr. '00; Lauren A. Simpson '11; Guffrie M. Smith, Jr. '97; Henry S. Trentman '03; Linda S. Vassallo '07; Bruce A. Wahl '03; J. Marcus Willis '14; James J. Xinis '99; and Harriet S. Yaffe '01.

Leadership Maryland is open to senior-level executives with significant achievements in either their careers and/or their communities. For more information about Leadership Maryland, please visit [www.LeadershipMD.org](http://www.LeadershipMD.org), call 410-841-2101 or email [Info@LeadershipMD.org](mailto:Info@LeadershipMD.org).

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