

As West Bloomfield Township Supervisor I am pleased to report that in President Obama's first speech in Michigan, since the 2008 election, at Macomb Community College on July 14, 2009, he mentioned West Bloomfield in two references to the Henry Ford Hospital West Bloomfield employee that introduced him. This Henry Ford Hospital West Bloomfield employee is a displaced auto worker that went back to college in pursuit of a new career.

The President's message to prepare ourselves for the jobs of tomorrow is one that I delivered more than a year ago to Orchard Lake Middle School students at a career day and provided the students with the "Top Ten Emerging Sectors" report from Oakland County (which can be found at www.oakgov.com).

The President's vision to attract and create more high technology businesses and jobs is one that is shared by the township, as we are restructuring to place a greater emphasis on economic development. The President spoke vehemently in support of environmental protection, wind turbines and solar. The Township has recently applied for \$571,000 in energy efficiency stimulus funds and has met with a local, West Bloomfield Township business, Ramsond, that is known globally for the Davinci Wind Turbine and their solar technology.

I am also pleased to report that when I had the opportunity to shake hands with the President, I did not introduce myself as Michele Economou Ureste, rather, as the West Bloomfield Township Supervisor.