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## Miller elected South Euclid council president

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**SOUTH EUCLID** — City Council has a new president and he is Councilman at-large David Miller.

Miller, a four-year council member who was initially appointed to the representative body before winning an election campaign two years ago, succeeds Ward 2 Councilman Moe Romeo as council's leader.

Romeo nominated Miller for the position at a special council meeting held Jan. 4. No other council members were nominated for council president, and Miller went on to receive unanimous approval from his council colleagues.

Miller is an associate professor at the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University. He is married to wife, Alice, and is the father of a daughter and son — Natasha, 25, and David, 12.

"I look at this as an opportunity to work with my colleagues and to put forth an agenda that includes public safety, quality of life, and youth development," Miller said.

Miller has already worked with youth in the past, having recently started a program with the South Euclid-Lyndhurst Library in which teens



David Miller

will take on projects for the benefit of the community.

Miller said he has a desire to "get youth more involved" in their city and its workings.

"I want them to have a stake in the city, skin in the game," said the North Carolina native.

Of his job as council president, Miller said, "I really want to take what's a jewel of a city and polish it."

Miller said he is aware the job will come with some tough decisions to make. Such decisions, he said, are likely to in-

volve the city's budget, upon which council will soon begin working.

Upon speaking to council colleagues while accepting the position, Miller read the Athenian Pledge, a one-time Greek pledge of citizenship. In it, Miller pledged to fight for ideals and sacred things, revere and obey city laws, and do his best to "incite a like respect and reverence to others."

These ideals are stated, the pledge sums, that "in all these ways, we may transmit this city, greater, better, and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us."

Also, at the same meeting, 20-year Ward 3 Councilman Ed Icove was elected president pro tem. The pro tem position leads council when the council president is not able to carry out those duties.

Sworn into office at the meeting were Romeo, Ward 1 Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Icove, and Ward 4 Councilwoman Jane Goodman.

New Councilman at-large Tony Caroscio also took the oath of office.

"It is an honor to represent the citizens of South Euclid," Caroscio said. "It's been two months (since Election Day), so I am excited to get started."

Caroscio echoed Miller when he said his first challenge would be working on the budget. The newest councilman also said he will walk door to door to meet constituents in the spring.

Finally, the Jan. 4 meeting included the addition to the city's planning commission of Ron Sabransky and Dennis Fiorelli. Fiorelli opposed Goodman in the fall for the Ward 4 council seat.