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Cobo deal displays collaboration at its best

The recent developments regarding Cobo Center show that we have made great progress as a region, but that we still have far to go. One D commends the representatives of Detroit, the state, and Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties who developed a Cobo plan that will create an economic synergy to benefit the entire region.

We applaud this collaborative and cooperative initiative and the leaders who have made it a reality. We need to continue to work together in this fashion.

At the same time, the ensuing debate places in bold relief the importance of reaching across county and community lines and racial divides to achieve solutions that unite us. We cannot allow collaborative efforts that we so urgently need to be sidetracked by contentious and divisive dialogue around race and territorialism.

Elected officials, companies and nonprofits throughout Southeast Michigan are working every day to support the progress of our region in the equally critical areas of economic growth and race relations. We need to support and uphold these collaborations for the good of the region.

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