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## Engler Appoints Yaldoo as New State Drug Czar

Governor John Engler today announced the appointment of Craig Yaldoo as director of the state's Office of Drug Control Policy, effective April 23. Yaldoo replaces Darnell Jackson, whom the Governor appointed to the 70<sup>th</sup> District Court in December.

"With an extensive background in criminal prosecution and community outreach activities, Craig Yaldoo has the qualities needed to serve with distinction as Michigan's new drug czar," said Governor Engler. "He knows firsthand the damage drugs inflict on the user and on society, and he will take a tough approach in dealing with this scourge."

"Craig brings a wealth of experience and leadership to this important position," added Michigan Department of Community Health Director James K. Haveman, Jr. "He has an impressive understanding of the balance that is needed between education, prevention, treatment and law enforcement in fighting the dangers of drug abuse."

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Yaldoo, of Grosse Pointe Farms, is a lawyer in private practice. He previously served as the principal prosecuting attorney and director of community outreach and special programs in the Wayne County prosecutor's office, where he worked from 1994 to 2000. He was recognized for his superior performance while serving in the homicide unit, with both an "outstanding employee" and "meritorious service" award.

Yaldoo earned a bachelor's degree in English and political science from Wayne State University in 1988. He earned his juris doctor degree from the Detroit College of Law in 1994. Active in the community, Yaldoo is the chairman of the Board of the Alliance for a Safer, Greater Detroit and is the secretary of the Detroit Urban League. He also serves on the Republican 15<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Executive Committee.

Yaldoo is a member of the State Bar of Michigan and the Federalist Society.

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