

Michigan Chamber of Commerce Announces Endorsements for State House Candidates in Open Seats and Competitive Races

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The Michigan Chamber of Commerce today announced campaign endorsements for State House candidates in open seats and competitive races.

"We are pleased to announce the Michigan Chamber's endorsement of 32 outstanding individuals for the State House (28 Republicans and four Democrats)," said Michigan Chamber President & CEO Rich Studley.

"Michigan Chamber campaign endorsements for open seats are based upon candidate questionnaires, personal interviews and member input from the Chamber's Political Action Committee (PAC) Board of Directors," explained Bob LaBrant, the Michigan Chamber's Senior Vice President of Political Affairs.

"The Michigan Chamber will be making additional endorsements following the August 5th Primary," added LaBrant. "In some primary contests, we found the field of candidates to have positions favorable toward job creation and economic development in Michigan. Rather than make multiple endorsements, we have chosen to let the primary process work itself out."

Following are the Michigan Chamber's endorsements for the open seats and competitive races in the State House:

OPEN SEATS - 27

District	Candidate	Home
11	Anthony Bradford	Detroit
13	Andrew Kandrevas	Southgate
19	John Walsh	Livonia
21	Todd LaJoy	Canton Township
23	Burl Adkins	Grosse Ile
24	Bryan Brandenburg	St. Claire Shores
32	John Accavitti	Armada
36	Pete Lund	Shelby Township
37	Paul Welday	Farmington Hills
38	Hugh Crawford	Novi
39	Amy Peterman	West Bloomfield
43	Gail Haines	Lake Angelus
44	Eileen Kowall	White Lake
51	Vince Lorraine	Fenton
58	Don Shemel	Coldwater
59	Matt Lori	Constantine
63	Jase Bolger	Marshall
66	Bill Rogers	Brighton
72	Linda Steil	Grand Rapids
76	Roy Schmidt	Grand Rapids
88	Shelly Edgerton	Plainwell
90	Joe Haveman	Holland
98	Jim Stamas	Midland
101	Mike McManus	Lake Leelanau
104	Wayne Schmidt	Traverse City
106	Peter Pettalia	Presque Isle
108	Mike Falcon	Gladstone

COMPETITIVE RACES - 5

District	Candidate	Home
20	Jerry Vorva	Northville
65	Ray Snell	Blackman Township
75	Dan Tietema	Grand Rapids
84	Anna Kabot	Bad Axe
91	Holly Hughes	White River Township

The Michigan Chamber will be releasing its 2007-2008 Legislative Voting Record - A Competitiveness Scorecard for Michigan, which includes earned endorsements for candidates seeking re-election to the State House, later this month.

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce is a statewide business advocacy organization representing over 7,100 employers of every type and size in all 83 counties in Michigan. The Michigan Chamber was established in 1959 to be an advocate for Michigan's job providers in the legislative, political and legal process.

The Michigan Chamber PAC ranks 26th among Michigan's top 150 political action committees, according to an April report by the non-partisan Michigan Campaign Finance Network. The report lists the PAC at \$180,606, up 20.7 percent from the 2006 election cycle.

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