

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

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

"We are pleased to announce the Michigan Chamber's endorsement of 28 outstanding individuals for the State House," 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 3rd 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 challenger races in the State House:

## OPEN SEATS - 25

| District | Candidate        | Home             |
|----------|------------------|------------------|
| -----    | -----            | ----             |
| 15th     | Suzanne Sareini  | Dearborn         |
| 20th     | Kurt Heise       | Plymouth         |
| 26th     | Ken Rosen        | Royal Oak        |
| 33rd     | Pete Vitale      | Clinton Township |
| 46th     | Brad Jacobsen    | Oxford           |
| 52nd     | Mark Ouimet      | Ann Arbor        |
| 55th     | Mary Kay Thayer  | Lambertville     |
| 57th     | Jim Van Doren    | Tipton           |
| 61st     | Margaret O'Brien | Portage          |
| 65th     | Mike Shirkey     | Clark Lake       |
| 73rd     | Peter MacGregor  | Rockford         |
| 75th     | Bing Goei        | Grand Rapids     |
| 79th     | Al Pscholka      | Stevensville     |
| 80th     | Aric Nesbitt     | Lawton           |
| 81st     | Jud Gilbert      | Lansing          |
| 83rd     | Paul Muxlow      | Brown City       |
| 87th     | Michael Callton  | Nashville        |
| 89th     | Amanda Price     | Holland          |
| 91st     | Holly Hughes     | Montague         |
| 97th     | Joel Johnson     | Clare            |
| 99th     | Christine Alwood | Mt. Pleasant     |
| 100th    | Marc Libants     | Newaygo          |
| 105th    | Greg MacMaster   | Kewadin          |
| 106th    | Peter Pettalia   | Presque Isle     |
| 107th    | Frank Foster     | Pellston         |

## CHALLENGER RACES - 3

| District | Candidate   | Home    |
|----------|-------------|---------|
| -----    | -----       | ----    |
| 56th     | Dale Zorn   | Ida     |
| 64th     | Jane Grover | Jackson |
| 101st    | Ray Franz   | Onkama  |

The Michigan Chamber will be releasing its 2009-2010 Legislative Voting Record - A Competitiveness Scorecard for Michigan, which includes earned endorsements for candidates seeking re-election to either the State House or Michigan Senate, in July.

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce is a statewide business advocacy organization representing approximately 6,800 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 18th among Michigan's top 150 political action committees, according to an April report by

the Michigan Campaign Finance Network.

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