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

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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	
106th	Peter Pettalia	Presque Isle
107th	Frank Foster	Pellston
CHALLENGER RACES - 3		
District	Candidate	Home
56th	Dale Zorn	lda
64th	Jane Grover	Jackson
101st	Ray Franz	Onekama

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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