

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

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

"We are pleased to announce the Michigan Chamber's endorsement of 18 outstanding individuals for the State Senate," 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 growth 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 Senate:

OPEN SEATS - 17

District	Candidate	Home
12th	Jim Marleau	Lake Orion
15th	Mike Kowall	White Lake
16th	Bruce Caswell	Hillsdale
20th	Tonya Schuitmaker	Portage
21st	John Proos	St. Joseph
22nd	Joe Hune	Hamburg
24th	Rick Jones	Grand Ledge
25th	Phil Pavlov	St. Clair
26th	Dave Robertson	Grand Blanc
29th	Dave Hildenbrand	Grand Rapids
30th	Arlan Meekhof	West Olive
33rd	Brian Calley	Portland
34th	Goeff Hansen	Hart
35th	Darwin Booher	Ewart
36th	John Moolenaar	Midland
37th	Howard Walker	Traverse City
38th	Tom Casperson	Escanaba

CHALLENGER RACES - 1

District	Candidate	Home
6th	John Pastor	Livonia

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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