



## Michigan National Organization for Women

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### Michigan NOW Announces Endorsements for the November 6, 2012 General Election

The Michigan NOW Political Action Committee and the Michigan NOW State Coordinating Council announce 95 endorsements for the November 6, 2012 general election. These include 23 additional candidates since the August 7 primary and two changes from Support to Endorse in the House 68<sup>th</sup> and 69<sup>th</sup> District races.

Additionally, Michigan NOW urges voters to vote NO on Proposals 1, 5, and 6 and YES on Proposals 2, 3, and 4.

“We urge all voters to consider women’s rights issues and Michigan NOW’s endorsed candidates and ballot proposals when they cast their votes in the general election,” said Bobbie Walton, president of the Michigan National Organization for Women. “In this election, the fundamental right of a woman to decide reproductive matters for herself is on the line. The candidates we have endorsed are respectful of women’s rights and deserve every voter’s support.”

In accordance with Michigan NOW’s Endorsement Guidelines, incumbent candidates’ voting record, answers to the candidate questionnaires, and personal knowledge of the candidates were considered in making endorsement or support decisions. Those candidates answering all questions correctly were eligible for a designation of “Endorse” and may receive a donation from the PAC. Those who answered all or most questions correctly were eligible to receive a designation of “Support.” In the table attached, E stands for Endorse and S stands for Support. Newly endorsed or supported candidates are designated in **bold**. Federal candidates are endorsed by NOW PAC, the federal PAC run by the national office of NOW.

The state and local government candidate questionnaire forms are available at [www.michnow.org/pac](http://www.michnow.org/pac).

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*NOW’s purpose is to take action to bring women into full participation in the mainstream of American society now, exercising all privileges and responsibilities thereof in truly equal partnership with men.*

# Michigan NOW Endorsements As Of September 22, 2012 for General Election

E = Endorse; S= Support

Federal Offices			
U.S. President/Vice President – Barak Obama/Joe Biden		U.S. Senator – Debbie Stabenow	
U.S. Congress –District 5 – Dan Kildee		U.S. Congress – District 11 - Syed Taj, M.D.	
U. S. Congress – District 8 – Lance Enderle		U.S. Congress – District 13 – John Conyers	
Michigan Supreme Court			
Sheila Johnson			E
Connie Marie Kelley			E
Bridget Mary McCormack			E
Boards of Education			
State Board of Education		Michelle Facteau	
University of Michigan		Mark Bernstein	
Wayne State University		Kim Trent	
Statewide Ballot Proposals			
Proposal 1 – Emergency Manager Law		No	Proposal 4 – Quality Home Care Council
Proposal 2 – Right to Collective Bargaining		Yes	Proposal 5 – Required 2/3 for Tax Increase
Proposal 3 – 25% Renewable Energy		Yes	Proposal 6 – Required Vote for Bridges
Michigan House of Representatives			
District	Candidate	City	
2	Alberta Tinsley Talabi	Detroit	E
5	Fred Durhal	Detroit	E
6	Rashida Tlaib	Detroit	E
10	Phil Cavanaugh	Redford	S
<b>11</b>	<b>David Knezek</b>	<b>Dearborn Heights</b>	<b>E</b>
18	Sarah Roberts	St. Clair Shores	E
21	Dian Slavens	Canton	E
22	Harold Haugh	Roseville	E
23	Tom Boritzki	Trenton	E
25	Henry Yanez	Sterling Heights	E
26	Jim Townsend	Royal Oak	E
27	Ellen Cogen Lipton	Huntingdon Woods	E
28	Jon Switalski	Warren	E
<b>32</b>	<b>Sheri Smith</b>	<b>Columbus</b>	<b>E</b>
39	Pam Jackson	Commerce Twnshp	E
40	Dorian Coston	West Bloomfield	E
42	Shanda Willis	Brighton	E
<b>43</b>	<b>Neil Billington</b>	<b>Waterford</b>	<b>E</b>
45	Joanna VanRaaphorst	Rochester	E
48	Pam Faris	Clio	E
49	Jim Ananich	Flint	E
50	Charles Smiley	Burton	E
52	Gretchen Driskell	Saline	E

53	Jeff Irwin	Ann Arbor	E
55	Adam Zemke	Ann Arbor	E
57	Jim Berryman	Adrian	E
59	Mike Moroz	Dowagiac	E
60	Sean McCann	Kalamazoo	E
61	Michael Martin	Portage	E
62	Kate Segal	Battle Creek	E
<b>64</b>	<b>Barbara Shelton</b>	<b>Jackson</b>	<b>S</b>
68	Andy Shor	Lansing	<b>E</b>
69	Sam Singh	East Lansing	<b>E</b>
71	Theresa Abed	Grand Ledge	E
74	Richard Edman	Grandville	E
76	Winnie Brinks	Grand Rapids	E
<b>81</b>	<b>Patrick Phelan</b>	<b>Marine City</b>	<b>E</b>
83	Carol Campbell	Lexington	S
85	Paul Ray	Owosso	E
<b>89</b>	<b>Don Bergman</b>	<b>Holland</b>	<b>E</b>
91	Collene Lamonte	Montague	E
92	Marcia Hovey-Wright	Muskegon	E
94	Judith Lincoln	Saginaw	E
95	Stacy Erwin Oakes	Saginaw	E
98	Joan Brausch	Midland	E
<b>99</b>	<b>Adam Lawrence</b>	<b>Mount Pleasant</b>	<b>E</b>
107	Suzanne Shumway	Petoskey	E
109	Tony Retaskie	Marquette	E
110	Scott Dianda	Calumet	E
<b>County Races</b>			
<b>County Clerk and Register of Deeds</b>	<b>John Anthony La Pietra (Green)</b>	<b>Calhoun</b>	<b>E</b>
9	Pegge Adams	Genesee	E
<b>Register of Deeds</b>	<b>Curtis Hertel</b>	<b>Ingham</b>	<b>E</b>
2	Rebecca Bahar-Cook	Ingham	E
3	Sarah Anthony	Ingham	E
4	Debbie DeLeon	Ingham	E
6	Jim Dravenstatt-Moceri	Ingham	E
7	<b>Kara Hope</b>	<b>Ingham</b>	<b>E</b>
8	Penelope Tsernoglou	Ingham	E
9	Carol Koenig	Ingham	E
10	Brian McGrain	Ingham	E
12	Deb Nolan	Ingham	E
Clerk	Manda Miteer	Muskegon	E
<b>County Executive</b>	<b>Kevin Howley</b>	<b>Oakland</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>Clerk</b>	<b>Lisa Brown</b>	<b>Oakland</b>	<b>E</b>
Prosecutor	Jessica Cooper	Oakland	E

Treasurer	Andy Meisner	Oakland	E
9	Gwen Markham	Oakland	E
18	Helene Zack	Oakland	E
2	Jewel Ware	Wayne	E
3	Martha G. Scott	Wayne	E
<b>Local Government</b>			
Trustee	Travis Radina	Delta Township –Ingham County	E
<b>Trustee</b>	<b>Angela Wilson</b>	<b>Meridian Township – Ingham County</b>	<b>E</b>
Trustee	Mark Gorney	Saginaw Township – Saginaw County	S
Trustee	Steven Kaplan	West Bloomfield Township – Oakland County	E
<b>Judicial</b>			
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Non-Incumbent Race</b>	<b>Kelly Ann Ramsey</b>	<b>Circuit Court – Wayne Co.</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Non-Incumbent Race</b>	<b>Brian L. Morrow</b>	<b>Circuit Court – Wayne Co.</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Incumbent Race</b>	<b>Deborah Thomas</b>	<b>Circuit Court – Wayne Co.</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Incumbent Partial-Term</b>	<b>Lawrence Talon</b>	<b>Circuit Court – Wayne Co.</b>	<b>E</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> Non-Incumbent Race	Carol Kuhnke	Circuit Court – Washtenaw Co.	E
54B Non-Incumbent Race	Mark Meadows	District Court – Ingham Co.	E
<b>46<sup>th</sup> Non-Incumbent Race</b>	<b>William (Bill) Seikaly</b>	<b>District Court – Wayne Co.,</b>	<b>E</b>
68th Incumbent Race	Herman Marable	District Court – Genesee Co.	E