

Michigan National Organization for Women

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MICHIGAN NOW ANNOUNCES FIRST ROUND OF ENDORSEMENTS FOR AUGUST 5, 2014 PRIMARY

- **65 Well Qualified Candidates Endorsed or Supported Including 39 Women Running for Office**
- **NO on Proposal 1, the Personal Property Tax Phase Out**

The Michigan NOW Political Action Committee and the Michigan NOW State Coordinating Council announce the first set of endorsements in advance of the August 5, 2014 primary.

“We reviewed over 100 requests for endorsement and urge voters to consider casting their ballots for the 65 candidates we recommend” stated Danielle Troia, President of Michigan NOW. “We had to make some tough choices because there

are many good candidates. **We are especially pleased to endorse 39 women who are running for office, more than ever. It is important for Michigan women's voices to be heard in Congress, the Michigan Legislature and the Michigan Judiciary**".

In accordance with Michigan NOW's Endorsement Guidelines, incumbent candidates' voting records, answers to the candidate questionnaires, and personal knowledge of the candidates were considered in making endorsement or support decisions. Those candidates meeting all criteria were eligible for a designation of "Endorse" and may receive a donation from the PAC. Those who met most of the criteria were eligible to receive a designation of "Support". In the table attached, E stands for Endorsed and S stands for Support.

"All 65 candidates are worthy of a vote from those who support women's rights issues. We continue to be concerned about what is happening at the federal, state and judicial levels to women and our ability to make personal decisions," Troia continued.

Michigan NOW has also taken a NO position on Proposal 1, the Personal Property Tax (PPT) phase out. Proposal 1 would shift a business tax on certain equipment and machinery that funds many local government services, to require Michigan state taxpayers to cover a \$100 million shortfall to replace the PPT the first year, increasing over time to over \$500 million as the PPT is phased out. Michigan NOW urges a NO vote on Proposal 1 because it will reduce state revenues and state services most of which serve women and families.

Candidates who are interested in being considered for Michigan NOW's endorsement must complete a questionnaire which is available at www.michnow.org and click on the political action committee tab at the top of the page.

Candidate requests submitted after July 7th are being considered and will be announced at a later date.

Michigan National Organization for Women 2014 Primary Endorsements

Governor/Lt. Governor		Mark Schauer/Lisa Brown	
U.S. Senator		Gary Peters	
U.S. Congress from Michigan		E#	
Dist	Candidate	City	E#
5	Dan Kildee	Flint	E#
7	Pam Byrnes	Dexter	E#
8	Susan Grettenberger	Lansing	E*
12	Debbie Dingell	Dearborn	E*
14	Brenda Lawrence	Southfield	E*
Michigan State Senate			
2	Bert Johnson	Highland Park	E
4	Rashida Tlaib	Detroit	E
7	Dian Slavens	Canton	E
11	Vicki Barnett	Farmington Hills	E
11	Ellen Lipton	Southfield	E
13	Cyndi Peltonen	Clawson	E
14	Bobbie Walton	Davidson	E
15	Michael D. Smith	White Lake	E
18	Rebekah Warren	Ann Arbor	E
20	Sean McCann	Kalamazoo	E
22	Shari Pollesch	Brighton	E
23	Curtis Hertel Jr.	East Lansing	E
24	Dawn Levey	Elsie	E
26	Jim Walters	Lawton	E
32	Garnet Lewis	Freeland	E
34	Cathy Forbes	Hesperia	E
37	Phil Bellfy	Sault Ste. Marie	E
Michigan State House			
1	Rebecca Thompson	Detroit	E
3	Clarence Gayles	Detroit	E
5	Cynthia Johnson	Detroit	E
6	Stephanie Chang	Detroit	E
6	Elena Herrada	Detroit	E
8	Stacy Pugh	Detroit	E
9	Harvey Santana	Detroit	E
10	Leslie Love	Detroit	E
12	Erika Geiss	Taylor	E
13	Tony Trujiano	Dearborn Heights	E

Dist	Candidate	City	E#
19	Stacey Dogonski	Livonia	E
21	Natalie Mosher	Canton	E
22	John Chirken	Roseville	E
23	David Haener	New Boston	E
25	Henry Yanez	Sterling Heights	E
27	Rudy Serra	Ferndale	E
31	Marilyn Lane	Fraser	S
32	Pamela Kraft	Chesterfield Twp.	E
35	Nicole Brown	Lathrup Village	E
37	Theresa Rich	Farmington Hills	E
40	Mary Belden	West Bloomfield	E
42	Timothy Johnson	Brighton	E
43	Robin McGregor	Waterford	E
45	Joanna VanRaaphorst	Rochester	E
48	Pam Faris	Clio	E
49	Phil Phelps	Flint	E
50	Charles Smiley	Grand Blanc	E
59	Mike Moroz	Dowagiac	E
60	Pamela Brown Goodacre	Kalamazoo	E
61	John Fisher	Portage	E
62	Andy Helmboldt	Battle Creek	E
65	Ed Peterson	Grass Lake	E
69	Sam Singh	East Lansing	E
76	Winnie Brinks	Grand Rapids	E
77	Jessica Hanselman	Wyoming	E
83	Marcus Middleton	Port Huron	E
91	Collene Lamonte	Montague	E
98	Joan Brausch	Midland	E
Michigan Judicial			
Probate Court- Monroe		Cheryl Lohmeyer	E
65A District Court-Calhoun		Michael Clarizio	E
34 District Court- Macomb		David Parrott	E
45A District Court- Oakland		Jamie Wittenberg	E
22 Circuit Court- Washtenaw		Veronique Liem	E

Endorsed by national NOW's federal PAC

* Recommended for national NOW endorsement

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