

2016 Voter's Guide



MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2016 is a big year for Associated Builders & Contractors of Michigan and its members. Voters statewide have the opportunity to ensure the House of Representatives remains Merit Shop friendly and the many strides we have made can continue in years to come. Currently, Republicans hold a majority with 63 of the 110 seats.

All 110 seats in the House are up for reelection. The ABC of Michigan Political Action Committee (ABC MI PAC) endorsed incumbents 35 of the 110 seats. Also, 32 others are hoping to be elected to their first term and have received an endorsement from the ABC MI PAC. (The ABC of MI questionnaire was sent to all candidates. Only those who returned the survey and committed to being a friend of the Merit Shop were endorsed.)

DIST.	PARTY	CANDIDATE						
1	R	William Broman	52	R	Randy Clark	83	R	Shane Hernandez
14	R	Darrell Stasik	57	R	Bronna Kahle	84	R	Edward Canfield (i)
15	R	Terrance Guido Gerin	58	R	Eric Leutheuser (i)	85	R	Ben Frederick
17	R	Joe Bellino	59	R	Aaron Miller (i)	86	R	Thomas Albert
19	R	Laura Cox (i)	61	R	Brandt Iden (i)	87	R	Julie Calley
20	R	Jeff Noble	62	R	John Bizon (i)	88	R	Roger Victory (i)
23	R	Bob Howey	63	R	David Maturen (i)	89	R	Jim Lilly
24	R	Steve Marino	64	R	Julie Alexander	90	R	Daniela Garcia (i)
25	R	Steve Naumovski	65	R	Brett Roberts (i)	91	R	Holly Hughes (i)
26	R	Randy LaFasseur	66	R	Beth Griffin	93	R	Tom Leonard (i)
30	R	Diana Farrington	67	R	Leon Clark	94	R	Tim Kelly (i)
32	R	Pamela Hornberger	70	R	James Lower	97	R	Jason Wentworth
36	R	Peter Lucido (i)	71	R	Tom Barrett (i)	98	R	Gary Glenn (i)
37	R	Mitch Swoboda	72	R	Steve Johnson	99	R	Roger Hauck
38	R	Kathy Crawford (i)	73	R	Chris Afendoulis (i)	100	R	Scott VanSingel
39	R	Klint Kesto (i)	74	R	Rob VerHeulen (i)	101	R	Curt VanderWall
40	R	Michael McCready (i)	76	R	Casey O'Neill	102	R	Michele Hoitenga
41	R	Martin Howrylak (i)	77	R	Tommy Brann	103	R	Daire Rendon
42	R	Lana Theis (i)	78	R	Dave Pagel (i)	104	R	Larry Inman (i)
43	R	Jim Tedder (i)	79	R	Kim LaSata	105	R	Triston Cole (i)
44	R	Jim Runestad (i)	80	R	Mary Whiteford (i)	106	R	Sue Allor
45	R	Michael Webber (i)	81	R	Dan Lauwers (i)	107	R	Lee Chatfield (i)
47	R	Henry Vaupel (i)	82	R	Gary Howell (i)	108	R	Beau LaFave
51	R	Joseph Graves (i)						

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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The 115th Congress will take office in January 2017, and Michigan will see a couple of significant changes. Congressman Dan Benishek (R-MI-01) and Congresswoman Candice Miller (R-MI-10) have announced they will not be seeking reelection, so we will see two new candidates in those seats. Many incumbents will be seeking re-election, meaning ABC members need to come out and vote for candidates who will fight for ABC issues. The candidates endorsed by ABC of MI PAC are listed to the right.

DIST.	PARTY	CANDIDATE
1	R	Jack Bergman
2	R	Bill Huizenga (i)
3	R	Justin Amash (i)
4	R	John Moolenaar (i)
5	R	Al Hardwick
6	R	Fred Upton (i)
7	R	Tim Walberg (i)
8	R	Mike Bishop (i)
9	R	Christopher R. Morse
10	R	Paul Mitchell
11	R	David Trott (i)
12	R	Jeff Jones
13	R	Jeff Gorman
14	R	Howard Klausner

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Michigan State Board of Education provides critical policy guidance and direction for the state's educational system. ABC endorses the candidates below.

DIST.	PARTY	CANDIDATE
State Board of Education	R	Tom McMillin
State Board of Education	R	Nikki Snyder

UNIVERSITY BOARDS

DIST.	PARTY	CANDIDATE
Michigan State University Trustee	R	William Deary
Michigan State University Trustee	R	Dan Kelly
University of Michigan Regent	R	Carl Meyers
University of Michigan Regent	R	Ron Weiser
Wayne State University Board	R	Michael J. Busuito
Wayne State University Board	R	Kimberly Shmina

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MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT

The Michigan Supreme Court primarily reviews decisions by the Michigan Court of Appeals, granting review to cases with importance to the general public.

PARTY	CANDIDATE
R	David Viviano
R	Joan Larsen

Two of the seven seats are up for election this year. ABC has endorsed two rule of law judges (whose judicial philosophy is to interpret what the law is, not to decide what it should be); these individuals will protect the integrity of our political system within its mandated role.

ABC endorses Justice David Viviano for a full term and Justice Joan Larsen for a partial term. Justice Viviano was first appointed by Governor Rick Snyder in 2013 after Justice Diana Hathaway resigned. He is running for reelection now for his first full eight-year term.

Justice Larson was appointed by Gov. Snyder in September 2015 and must run for reelection to complete the unfinished term of her predecessor, retired Justice Mary Beth Kelly. If elected, she will serve the remainder of Kelly's term, which expires in 2019. She will then have the opportunity to run for reelection for a full eight-year term.