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## Michigan Townships Association Announces Candidate Endorsements for State House Primary

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**Delta Charter Township, MI** — The Michigan Townships Association Political Action Committee (MTA-PAC) announced its August primary candidate endorsement list.

MTA-PAC's endorsement was based primarily on electability, understanding of township issues in the Michigan Legislature and input from township officials in individual House Districts. With more than half of Michigan's citizens residing in townships, the Michigan Townships Association (MTA) believes residents will benefit from the efforts of state legislators who understand how local communities are impacted by legislation.

"There are a number of quality candidates running across the state," said Colleen Schwartz, chair of MTA-PAC. "Despite the crowded field of candidates, there were many who rose to the top in their understanding and willingness to support issues important to townships."

The MTA-PAC is a vital tool used by the Association to help support its efforts to battle on behalf of critical issues facing township government. The MTA-PAC only endorses candidates running for the state House and Senate and not other statewide offices, federal candidates or local candidates. Township officials provide vital information to MTA regarding candidate endorsements.

"Township officials are encouraged, on their own time, to do as much as they can to help the candidates selected in their bids for office," said Tom Frazier, MTA liaison to the MTA-PAC. "We look forward to working with many of these candidates after they take the oath of office."

The MTA Board of Directors established the MTA-PAC in 1982 to participate in elections for the Michigan House and Senate. The committee represents more than 99 percent of Michigan's 1,242 townships and 6,500 elected township officials.

Attached is a list of the endorsed candidates. For more information, visit MTA online at [www.michigantownships.org](http://www.michigantownships.org).

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The following candidates are endorsed by the MTA-PAC for the Aug. 5, 2008, primary election. Following the primary election, the PAC will meet to determine endorsements for the general election. If a district is not listed below it is because no endorsement was offered in that seat.

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| 001 R-Mary Tredar Lang and<br>D- Kenneth A. Poynter | 043 R-Gail Haines                          | 080 R-Tonya L. Schuitmaker                    |
| 002 D-LaMar Lemmons Jr.                             | 044 R-Eileen Kowall                        | 081 R-Phil Pavlov                             |
| 003 D-Bettie Cook Scott                             | 045 R-Copper S. Rizzo                      | 082 R-Kevin Daley                             |
| 004 D-Coleman A. Young                              | 046 R-James Marleau                        | 083 D-John Espinoza                           |
| 005 D-Bert Johnson                                  | 047 R-Cindy Denby                          | 084 R-Terry L. Brown                          |
| 008 D-George Cushingberry Jr.                       | 048 D-Richard E. Hammel                    | 085 R-Richard J. Ball                         |
| 009 D-Shanelle Jackson                              | 049 D-Lee Gonzales                         | 086 R-Dave Hildenbrand                        |
| 010 D-Gabe Leland                                   | 050 D-Ted Hammon                           | 087 R-Brian N. Calley                         |
| 011 D-Gary Pollard                                  | 051 R-Paul Scott and<br>D-Michael J. Thorp | 088 R-Shelly Edgerton                         |
| 012 D-Rashida Tlaib                                 | 052 D-Pam Byrnes                           | 089 R-Arlan B. Meekhof                        |
| 014 D-Ed Clemente                                   | 053 D-Rebekah Warren                       | 090 R-Joseph Haveman                          |
| 015 D-Gino H. Polidori                              | 054 D-Alma Wheeler Smith                   | 091 D-Mary Valentine                          |
| 016 D-Bob Constan                                   | 055 D-Kathy Angerer                        | 092 D-Doug Bennett                            |
| 017 D-Andy Dillon                                   | 056 D-Kate Ebli                            | 093 R-Paul E. Opsommer                        |
| 018 D-Richard LeBlanc                               | 057 D-Dudley Spade                         | 094 R-Kenneth B. Horn                         |
| 019 R-John J. Walsh                                 | 058 R-Kenneth Kurtz                        | 095 D-Andy Coulouris                          |
| 020 D-Marc R. Corriveau                             | 059 R-Matt Lori                            | 096 D-Jeff Mayes                              |
| 021 R-Todd LaJoy                                    | 060 D-Robert B. Jones                      | 097 R-Tim Moore                               |
| 023 D-Deb Kennedy                                   | 061 R-Margaret E. O'Brien                  | 098 R-Jim Stamas                              |
| 024 R-Bryan Brandenburg and<br>D-Sarah Roberts      | 063 R-James Bolger                         | 099 R-Bill Caul                               |
| 025 D-Jon M. Switalski                              | 064 D-Martin J. Griffin                    | 100 R-Goeff Hansen                            |
| 026 D-Marie Donigan                                 | 065 D-Mike Simpson                         | 102 R-Darwin L. Booher                        |
| 027 D-Ellen Cogen Lipton                            | 066 R-Bill Rogers                          | 103 D-Joel A. Sheltrown                       |
| 029 D-Tim Melton                                    | 067 D-Barb Byrum                           | 104 R-Wayne A. Schmidt                        |
| 030 R-Tory Rocca                                    | 068 D-Joan Bauer                           | 105 R-Kevin A. Elsenheimer                    |
| 031 D-Fred Miller                                   | 069 D-Mark S. Meadows                      | 106 D-Andy Neumann and<br>R-Peter A. Pettalia |
| 033 R-Kim Meltzer                                   | 070 R-Tom Humphreys                        | 107 D-Gary McDowell                           |
| 035 D-Vincent Gregory                               | 071 R-Rick Jones                           | 108 R-Mike Falcon and<br>D-Janis Burgess      |
| 036 R-Pete Lund                                     | 072 R-Linda Steil                          | 109 D-Steven W. Lindberg                      |
| 037 D-Vicki Barnett                                 | 073 R-Tom Pearce                           | 110 D-Michael A. Lahti                        |
| 038 R-Hugh D. Crawford                              | 074 R-Dave Agema                           |   |
| 039 R-Amy Peterman and<br>D-Lisa Brown              | 075 R-Robert Dean                          |   |
| 040 R-Chuck Moss                                    | 076 D-Roy Schmidt                          |   |
| 041 R-Marty Knollenberg                             | 077 R-Kevin J. Green                       |   |
| 042 D-Harold L. Haugh                               | 078 R-Sharon Tyler                         |   |
|   | 079 R-John Proos                           |   |