



A Pre-Primary Update - July 29, 2008 BE INFORMED - BE INVOLVED

On Tuesday, August 5, 2008 registered voters will go to their precincts to vote for candidates running for elected office. Friends of Housing has endorsed some candidates/legislators running for State Representative. These candidates/legislators have been endorsed either because they have been supportive of the Michigan Association of Home Builders legislatively or as a candidate have had positions in support of housing.

In 2009 there will be a minimum of 45 out of 110 state representatives, either due to term limits (44) or the decision to run for a different office (1). You have the ability to change the face of Lansing by supporting those candidates and or legislators who have been endorsed by Friends of Housing.

A state representative running for re-election who had a 100% voting record with the Michigan Association of Home Builders received an automatic endorsement. Two legislators were endorsed by Friends of Housing based on a 75% vote record (their FOH Advisor recommended them) and three legislators were endorsed based on their legislative help so far this session.

The MAHB is expecting a busy fall agenda and for that reason did not automatically endorse legislators with a 75% voting record. You can find the update on our Foundation for Recovery under the members' only section at www.buildingmichigan.org.

On the following pages you will find a list of the candidates/legislators who have been endorsed and the local home building associations they represent. You will also see if they had a 100% vote record or if they fell into the other endorsement categories. Should you have any question on any of the endorsements, please do not hesitate to contact Dawn Crandall, MAHB Political Affairs Director at 1.800.748.0432.

You will also find an update on how our Friends of Housing Dunk Tank did at the MAHB Summer Conference. These updates will be provided as the election year progresses. Again, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dawn.

Friends of Housing Endorsements

The following legislators received an automatic endorsement from Friends of Housing for having a 100% vote record with the Michigan Association of Home Builders.

What you will find is the legislators name and in () whether they are a Republican (R) or Democrat (D), the house district they represent and the local association(s) they represent.



Legislators with 100%

James Marleau (R-46) - BIASM
Tom Pierce (R-73) - Home & BA of GGR
John Proos (R-79) - Southwestern MI HBA
Arlan Meekhof (R-89) - Home & BA of GGR,
HBA of Holland Area & Shoreline BA
Paul Opsommer (R-93) - Greater Lansing HBA &
HBA of Central MI
Tim Moore (R-97) - HBA of Central MI &
Mid-Eastern MI HBA
Bill Caul (R-99) - HBA of Central MI &
HBA of Midland
Goeff Hansen (R-100) - HBA of Mecosta County
& HBA of West MI

Endorsed Legislators who have been helpful to the MAHB's legislative agenda

Andy Dillon (D-17) - BIASM
Kathy Angerer (D-55) - HBA of Monroe County
& HBA of Washtenaw County
Fred Miller (D-31) - BIASM

Legislators endorsed based on recommendation of their FOH Advisor

Chuck Moss (R-40) - BIASM
Marty Knollenberg (R-41) - BIASM

Candidates endorsed by FOH

John Walsh (R-19) - BIASM
Paul Welday (R-37) - BIASM
Eileen Kowall (R-44) - BIASM
Tom McMillin (R-45) - BIASM
Cindy Denby (R-47) - HBA of Livingston County
Greg Moore (R-62) - Battle Creek AHB
Jase Bolger (R-63) - Battle Creek AHB & HBA of
Kalamazoo
Bill Rogers (R-66) - HBA of Livingston County &
BIASM
Joe Haveman (R-90) - HBA of Holland Area, &
Home & BA of GGR and Shoreline BA
Jim Stamas (R-98) - HBA of Midland & HBA of
Saginaw

Supreme Court Candidate

Justice Cliff Taylor

Friends of Housing Made a SPLASH at the MAHB Summer Conference!

Many thanks go out to the following dunkees who took part in raising much needed funds for Friends of Housing:

Greg Powell - MAHB President
John Diefenbacher - MAHB Vice President
Tom Barber - MAHB Treasurer
Bill Dykhuis - MAHB Immediate Past Pres.
Bernie Mein - MAHB Past President
Rosie Powell - Greg Powell's Daughter
Bob Filka - MAHB CEO
Lee Schwartz - EVP of Government Relations
Dawn Crandall - Political Affairs Director

Special recognition goes to Nu Wool and WaterFurnace for continuing to be a fabulous sponsor of Friends of Housing.
The event raised close to \$1,200.00 for FOH.

A big thank you goes out to all of you "pitching" members who took a turn at water logging the dunkees. A great time was had by all.

Friends of Housing is still in need of funds to help candidates be successful in their bid for elected office. The face of Lansing is changing in 2009; let's make sure it is a face that will support working together in a bipartisan manner to turn Michigan's economy around.

Personal checks can be made out to Friends of Housing and sent to Friends of Housing, 1627 S. Creyts Road, Lansing, MI 48917.

No amount is too small. Times are tough and every dollar contributed is greatly appreciated. Please give what you can to help us elect a pro business, pro housing legislature.

