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WHY THE SIERRA CLUB IS INVOLVED IN POLITICS

by Anne Woiwode, Chapter Director and Tim Killeen, Political Committee Chair

When John Muir, Sierra Club's founder, took Teddy Roosevelt into the mountains of California to urge the President to protect those wild places, he established a tradition of direct lobbying of elected officials on behalf of the environment. Before Muir and the Sierra Club, most conservationists stayed out of the political arena, choosing instead simply the study and enjoyment of the outdoors. But Muir's vision of political activism set the tone for Sierra Club throughout our 110 year history, with examples from Yosemite National Park to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore as testaments to the effectiveness of his approach.

As a grassroots organization Sierra Club brought the voice of the public to those who set our nation's environmental and conservation policies. Throughout our history, Sierra Club members have effectively advocated for protection of forests, mountains, clean water, clean air and healthy communities by putting our concerns before the elected officials who could make the decisions, and urging them to take action.

But by the 1980's, Sierra Club visionaries understood that even the most organized and effective lobbying efforts could only go so far if the elected officials themselves were not interested in protecting the environment, or, worse yet, were beholden to special interests who opposed protection. While polluters were helping candidates fill their coffers and worked to elect their favorite candidates, environmentalists had stayed on the sidelines, assuming that the public's commitment to the environment would tri-

umph over the interests of polluters. At the beginning of the Reagan presidency, it became clear that we could not sit back during elections and expect our concerns to be heard when the newly elected officials took their seats. And so twenty years ago, Sierra Club leaders added another tool to the collection begun by John Muir: involvement in the election of environmental candidates.

As a decidedly non-partisan organization, Sierra Club members have engaged in the electoral arena with just one purpose in mind: to elect environmentally concerned candidates to the Congress, state houses and local units of government. Bringing the array of skills of our grassroots organization into play, Sierra Club has become a pivotal player in many elections nationwide, especially in Michigan.

And those elected officials have, in turn, played a critical role in setting policies to protect our environment. In the mid-1980's, as the Superfund law mandating cleanup of contaminated sites was being hotly debated in Congress, one of the most controversial provisions was a proposal to allow citizens the Right to Know what chemicals are being used and stored in their communities. Right to Know passed the House of Representatives by one vote as a handful of courageous Michigan Congressmen, including Dale Kildee and (Dave Bonior) bucked the powers that be and voted for the environment. Today, neighborhoods throughout our country are safer because Right to Know allows fire fighters, police departments and average citizens know what toxins are being

used in their communities. Sierra Club's candidates knew the Sierra Club would stand up for them if they stood up for the environment.

Twice Sierra Club activists have helped to bring to light the differences between Debbie Stabenow and her opponents as she ran for first the US House and then the Senate. In each case, our efforts helped to make the environment a major issue both in that race, and in the work of Senator Stabenow. By helping elect Stabenow in 2000, Sierra Club sent former Senator Spencer Abraham packing, even though he had received more polluters' money than any other candidate running for Congress. Senator Stabenow has been there for the environment on issues such as the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, while Abraham has become the Bush Administration's mouthpiece for a disastrous energy future. Supporting environmental candidates helps Michigan's environment.

As a Sierra Club member you are a crucial part of this effort, both by supporting Sierra Club's Political Committee through contributions and by volunteering your time to help elect environmental candidates. More than ninety percent of Sierra Club members are registered to vote, meaning you have a power beyond your mere numbers to shape the future of the Michigan Congressional Delegation, Michigan Legislature, Governor and local races. Please take time to review the candidates the Sierra Club has endorsed in the August 6 Primary Election, and join us in making Michigan a better, greener place for the future.

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A Hooded Merganser brood at the Seney National Wildlife Refuge

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Sierra Club Endorses David Bonior for Governor

by Dan Farough, Political Director

Sierra Club banners rose high at rallies in Detroit, Lansing and Flint on April 29 in support of the Club's endorsement of David Bonior for Governor. "We've been waiting a very long time for a candidate like David Bonior," said a delighted Tim Killeen, Political Chair of the Michigan Sierra Club at a press conference in Detroit. "Finally we have a true and proven champion of the environment to reverse the Engler-Posthumus legacy of degradation of our Great Lakes and natural resources, and the gutting of our environmental laws."

Unlike the other candidates, Bonior's record of protecting our air, land and water spans decades. As a state legislator, Bonior was at the forefront of passing laws to get PCBs out of Michigan waters. In Congress he has been a champion of both the Clean Water and Clean Air Acts, protecting public lands such as the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, fighting anti-environmental rollbacks from the so-called "Gingrich Revolution" and, more recently, from the Bush Administration. "David Bonior has a 30-year record of advancing some of the most progressive environmental legislation of any candidate running for office in recent memory," said Anne Woiwode, Director of the Sierra Club

and a 20-year veteran of grassroots environmental activism in the state. "I can't remember a time in Bonior's history as a Congressman and State Legislator when he hasn't been at the forefront."

In recent years, Bonior's work to protect Michigan's air, land and water has



accelerated. While other candidates, like Lt. Governor Dick Posthumus, wavered and waited for polling data to tell him what to do about the threat of Great Lakes oil drilling, David Bonior took action and passed legislation to ban the practice. He passed laws to get arsenic out of drinking water, and is now leading the fight against dumping out-of-state and Canadian garbage in Michigan. Key to the Sierra Club's endorsement is Bonior's understanding that a clean environment and healthy economy go hand in hand. Bonior has called for making Michigan the center of an enviro-tech revolution by bringing manufacturers of renewable energy (such as wind, solar and fuel cells) to Michigan's urban areas where jobs and redevelopment are needed.

Sue Kelly, Mackinac Chapter chairperson, said the Sierra Club evaluated the records of all candidates for Governor. "The choice was clear. David Bonior and his running mate, Alma Wheeler Smith, are a tremendous concentration of 'Green Energy' on one ticket. This is a 'dream team' for environmentalists. If you care about clean air and water and Michigan's beautiful land, don't miss this opportunity for Michigan's future—elect David Bonior for Governor."

BONIOR'S ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN FOR MICHIGAN

PROTECT MICHIGAN'S WATERS David Bonior passed legislation banning Great Lakes oil drilling and supports the clean up of dirty, coal-fired power plants that emit mercury into our air and water. Bonior has been a tireless advocate for improving water treatment systems and sewer infrastructure improvements. He led the effort in Congress to reduce the amount of arsenic in our drinking water.

OUT-OF-STATE/COUNTRY WASTE Local communities should have the right to say no to out-of-state and Canadian trash. Bonior-Smith will fight for legislation banning returnable bottles and cans from Michigan landfills. The DEQ will inspect trash trucks for hazardous waste, and violators will be prosecuted. Bonior-Smith will not allow Michigan citizens to foot the bill through tax breaks or tax-free bonds for landfills that profit from the trashing of Michigan.

DEQ ACCOUNTABILITY Recombine the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Restore citizen oversight. Enforce environmental laws.

STOP SPRAWL & REVITALIZE URBAN AREAS Bring development to core urban areas where it is needed first, not

into greenfields. Fix existing roads before building new ones that encourage sprawl. David Bonior has been a lifelong advocate of public transportation—a strong public transportation system promotes economic growth, fosters a sense of community and keeps neighborhoods clean.

ENVIRO-TECH REVOLUTION "What Silicon Valley is to the technological age, Michigan could be to the environmental age." Bonior believes that Michigan can create new jobs by linking universities and colleges with environmental technology companies to make the state a national leader in pollution clean up and prevention techniques, renewable technology and fuel cells.

PROTECTING COMMUNITIES FROM POLLUTION Bonior has long been an advocate for making responsible decisions about pollution and waste disposal in our communities. Bonior is fighting to keep plutonium and low-level radioactive waste out of St. Clair and Macomb counties. He is fighting Gov. John Engler's proposal to develop a hazardous waste deep injection well in Romulus, fighting irresponsible groundwater withdrawals in Mecosta County and standing up for victims of the CANFLOW discharges in Detroit.

INTERVIEW WITH DAVID BONIOR



What do you consider your greatest environmental achievements?

Working with organizations like the Sierra Club to enact important environmental protections. As a State Legislator, I wrote the first-in-the-nation ban on PCBs. When I was first elected to Congress, I was a co-author of improvements to the Clean Water Act and the Alaska Lands Act of 1980.

Recently, I enacted a ban on Great Lakes oil drilling and a law to help keep arsenic out of our drinking water. Many people don't remember that I introduced the first bill to ban out-of-state waste—and passed it in 1994—and stopped the Gingrich Congress from completely gutting our environmental laws.

What are the top environmental threats to Michigan and how will you address them?

Engler-Posthumus. Vote David Bonior and Alma Wheeler Smith! Seriously, however, protecting our water, and Canadian trash, but I believe we will talk about those issues later.

What will you do to protect Michigan Great Lakes from water diversions, drilling and contamination?

First, we need to end the last 20 years of neglect toward our water resources by implementing a statewide water plan and management strategy. As governor, I will be aggressive about putting in place measures to protect our Great Lakes. I would actively use the governor's veto under the Water Resources Development Act to stop diversions.

A Bonior-Smith Administration will add additional funding to the state revolving loan fund to help our local communities upgrade sewer facilities to stop untreated waste from closing down our beaches and polluting our waters.

Please describe your vision for helping revitalize urban areas and controlling sprawl.

Build in, not out. Let me give you two examples:

1. The NextEnergy initiative. It's a good idea to develop fuel cells and alternative energy sources in Michigan, but we don't need to build a 700-acre sprawling campus in a rural area to do it. We should be attracting these businesses and the spin-off jobs they will create into our core, urban areas.
2. The Pinnacle Project near Detroit Metro-Airport—where developers plan to build hotels, a convention center and even a golf course—shouldn't receive any state or local funding to build new roads and other infrastructure.

What steps will you take to reduce mercury and toxic air pollution from power plants and medical waste incinerators?

For 30 years, the oldest and dirtiest power plants have been exempt from complying with modern clean air standards, and that's too long. I support reductions in sulfur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide and carbon dioxide and have pledged to phase out mercury emissions 90 percent by 2010 and for virtual elimination by 2020. Incinerators are disproportionately located in minority, urban communities.

I support and applaud the Sierra Club's efforts to get Michigan's hospitals to end their dependence on medical waste incinerators and reducing our reliance on incinerators all together.

Out-of-State and Canadian waste?

Local communities should have the right to say no to out-of-state and Canadian trash. The Bonior-Smith administration will:

- Ban returnable bottles and cans from Michigan landfills.
- Make sure that state environmental inspectors thoroughly check trash trucks at our borders for hazardous waste and prosecute violators.
- Place a three-year freeze on permits for new landfills in Michigan.
- Not allow Michigan citizens to foot the bill, through tax breaks or tax-free bonds, for landfills that profit from the

trashing of Michigan.

We will also stop companies like Canflow from dumping hazardous materials down neighborhood sewer drains in Detroit by cracking down on violators of our environmental laws.

Please describe your vision of protecting the environment and promoting job growth?

Good jobs and a healthy environment go hand in hand. I want to make Michigan the Silicon Valley of the environmental age.

As governor, I would link our engineers, universities and colleges with environmental technology companies to make our state a national leader in pollution cleanup and prevention techniques, renewable technology and fuel cells.

Michigan has the high-skilled workforce and the know-how, we just need leadership to get it done.

Citizens have been shut out by the Engler-Posthumus Administration from decisions that impact their environmental quality. How would a Bonior-Smith Administration reform the State Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)?

We need to end the Engler-Posthumus DEQ. We need to put high quality, environmentally sensitive leaders in charge and provide adequate budgets for enforcement. We need to reinstate meaningful citizen review boards and include the public in the decision making process.

For example, the families in Romulus have fought against building a hazardous waste deep injection well in their community. Engler's own site review board recommended against granting a permit, but his hand-picked leadership at the DEQ granted it anyway. When the community asked other leaders in Lansing to step in, no one took up their case.

This will end in a Bonior-Smith administration—we will stand with families in Romulus and throughout our state to protect our environment.

Alma Wheeler Smith: A Dream Running Mate

SMITH JOINS BONIOR FOR GOVERNOR

“If we, as a state, are neither capable nor willing to protect our citizens from the hazards of environmental contamination, what role is left for government to play?” Senator Alma Wheeler Smith’s comments about the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality’s (MDEQ) 22-month delay in notifying Saginaw County residents of the high levels of dioxin contamination the agency had discovered near their homes says as much about this champion of environmental protection as it does about the programs she is determined to help fix as Michigan’s Lieutenant Governor. An intelligent, effective and informed leader on environmental issues throughout her career in Lansing, Sierra Club leaders were delighted to support Alma Wheeler Smith as David Bonior’s running mate.

Michigan environmentalists have had no stronger advocate for environmental protection in the Michigan Senate for the past two terms than Alma Wheeler Smith. Senator Smith became the first woman in Michigan legislative history to serve in the leadership role of Minority Vice Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee. In that role and on the Appropriations Subcommittee for the MDEQ Budget, Senator Smith influenced critical details in both MDEQ and Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) budget bills. Some of the most important environmental decisions of the last eight years have been made in both the funding levels for the agencies and in “boilerplate” language included in the bills. Among the provisions Senator Smith helped to modify were the annual timber mandate that the timber industry imposed on the MDNR. She earned the respect of colleagues on both sides of the aisle, becoming an effective force for improving funding and language.

A 100 percent voting record for the environment is always impres-



sive, but Senator Smith has gone well beyond simply showing up to vote on the issues. On air quality issues, for example, in this session Senator Smith has sought to secure adequate funding for enforcement and oversight of polluters by sponsoring legislation to create a fee for air permits, as well as to tighten pollution standards for electrical power plants. Prior to her election to the Senate, Senator Smith worked for former Senator Lana Pollack as her Legislative Director during the fight to pass Michigan’s Polluter Pay law. One couldn’t ask for a more active, informed and involved running mate than Senator Smith.

REP. LYNN RIVERS ENDORSED FOR 15TH DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL RACE

PRIMARY BATTLE WITH JOHN DINGELL CLOSELY

WATCHED BY ENVIROS

On April 15, the Sierra Club announced its endorsement of Rep. Lynn Rivers in her primary battle against Rep. John Dingell. The following is an interview with Rep. Lynn Rivers and the key differences between Rivers and her primary opponent.

Tell us about your greatest environmental achievement.

I am extremely proud of my fight to keep our water safe from polluting PCBs. We are fortunate in my community to have a landscape rich with lakes, rivers, streams, acres of wetlands and wooded areas—right alongside industry, hi-tech companies, institutions of higher education, two major airports and picturesque main streets. In 1996, I joined Rep. Ken Bentsen of Texas in introducing an amendment to the EPA funding bill that would essentially prohibit the United States from importing PCBs. The House passed this amendment unanimously on June 26, 1996. PCBs are an issue that we must still deal with in Michigan—just this month a study found that some of our rivers still hold dangerous levels of PCBs. I am also equally proud of my fight to stop the construction of a hazardous waste deep injection well, in which steel-cleaning acids would be pumped about a mile underground, in Romulus, MI.

What environmental issues would you address in the next session of Congress?

Next session, I plan to continue to fight for the same issues that I have in the past. I will fight to reduce pollution from utility plants through legislation like the Clean Smokestacks Act, of which I am a cosponsor. I also plan to continue to ensure that our water is kept safe and clean of PCBs. Finally, I would continue my fight to require a refund value for recycling bottles, and to increase funding for state recycling programs.

Describe your position toward the Bush/Cheney energy plan, which included drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge?

The Bush/Cheney energy plan overlooks renewable resources as an option, instead supporting increased gas, oil, nuclear and coal



production. We cannot continue to forever depend on these sources to sustain our electricity needs without permanently damaging our ecosystem. The budget they proposed actually cuts funding for renewable energy sources and efficiency by one-third. Instead, the administration plans to drill for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR), something that I cannot support. Drilling in ANWR would present great dangers to this national treasure, with little in return.

Do you support the National Forest Protection and Restoration Act, which focuses on protecting the nation’s national forests?

Yes. Logging in our national forests is highly destructive and must be brought to an end. I am currently a cosponsor of the National Forest Protection and Restoration Act, legislation that will eliminate the economically destructive commercial logging programs on federal lands.

Would you support legislation to make it easier for Americans to learn about toxins in their air, land and water?

It is every American’s right to know the condition of the community that they live in. That is why, in 2000, I voted to allow the EPA to inform the residents of a community when the quality of their air violates clean air standards. I also fully believe that the public should be informed when nuclear waste is transported through their communities.

What steps would you take to protect the nation’s waters?

Clean water is a necessity not an option. That is why I strongly support a strengthened Clean Water Act. I believe we should go further in protecting our water by implementing effective controls for non-point source pollution. We also must recognize that runoff water pollution is a major issue. I support finding ways to reduce runoff water pollution, especially focusing on industrial-size factory farms, pesticides and the effect runoff has on urban area watersheds.

RIVERS VS DINGELL: AN ENVIRONMENTAL DIVIDE

ENERGY

Rivers: Fought against the Bush/Cheney Energy plan, which called for drilling the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and gave nearly \$40 billion in subsidies to oil, coal and nuclear interests (HR 4 8/01/01).

Dingell: Voted for the Bush/Cheney Energy Plan, drilling the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, giving \$40 billion in subsidies to energy special interests (HR 4 8/01/01).

CLEAN AIR

Rivers: Co-Sponsor of the Clean Smokestack Act to reduce pollution from old

coal fired power plants. Named National Earth Day Champion by Campaign Against Dirty Power.

Dingell: Blocked Clean Air Act reauthorization for 10 years to protect utility interests (Associated Press, 10/17/88). Has not co-sponsor the Clean Smokestack Act.

RIGHT TO KNOW

Rivers: Voted to inform communities when air quality violates federal health standards (HR 4635 6/21/00)

Dingell: Voted against informing communities when air quality violates federal health

To get involved in the Lynn Rivers for Congress campaign, call the campaign headquarters at 734-484-3663.

standards. (HR 4635 6/21/00).

PUBLIC LANDS

Rivers: Voted to protect public lands by transferring funds from timber sales budget to conservation (HR 4578 6/14/00)

Dingell: Voted against the transfer of funds from timber sales budget to conservation (HR 4578 6/14/00).

Get Involved with Bonior—Sierra Club’s Endorsed Candidate for Governor

VOLUNTEER FOR THE BONIOR CAMPAIGN

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I want to help the Sierra Club’s Endorsed Bonior campaign by:

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- Walking in a parade or participating at an event with David and Judy Bonior
- Monitoring local media accounts of David Bonior or the Governor’s Race
- Donating money to the campaign.

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Sierra Club Candidate Endorsements



SIERRA CLUB ENDORSES REP. VERN EHLERS (R) FOR CONGRESS IS EHLERS THE FUTURE OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY? HAS TEDDY ROOSEVELT RETURNED?

On June 4, the Sierra Club made official its endorsement of Representative Vern Ehlers, a 20-year Sierra Club member and a 4-term Republican from Grand Rapids in his reelection run for the 3rd Congressional District. "Ehlers is a free thinker, and a conservative when it comes to environment and natural resources," said Syed Naqvi, Political Chair of the West Michigan Sierra Club. "We wish there were more lawmakers that had his courage and focused on consensus building."

Ehlers distinguished himself by voting for key environmental amendments to the Enron-inspired Bush/Cheney energy plan, including two votes to protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, the national monuments and the Great Lakes from destructive oil drilling. Ehlers was a powerful voice in the House for developing

renewable energy and was the lone member of the Michigan delegation to support raising fuel efficiency standards for light trucks and SUVs.

"Representative Ehlers understands that we must increase fuel efficiency to break our dependence on foreign oil, address air pollution and global warming. He was the only member of the Michigan Delegation to stand up to powerful special interests in his Party and in Michigan and deserves credit," said Naqvi. Ehlers also won praise for votes to preserve farmland and for efforts to block rollbacks of the nation's environmental laws. "This is the sort of leadership the environmental community is looking for in the Republican Party. Maybe Teddy Roosevelt has returned," concluded Naqvi. We hope so.

U.S. House of Reps

U.S. REP. JOHN CONYERS (D) Detroit (District 14), Incumbent



One of the longest serving members of the Michigan congressional delegation, Congressman Conyers has one of the finest vote records on protecting the environment. In addition to standing up to the industry backed energy plan in the US House, Conyers voted to protect drinking water from arsenic contamination, farmland conservation and to prevent oil drilling in the Great Lakes, National Monuments and Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. He works

for right-to-know legislation to provide citizens with information on toxics in their environment.

U.S. REP. DALE KILDEE (D) Flint (District 5), Incumbent



Congressman Kildee is a longtime friend of the environment. He is well known for his efforts in the U.S. House of Representatives for protecting public parks, forests and wilderness areas. He has an outstanding voting record for this session, including votes to protect the Great Lakes, our National Monuments and Arctic National Wildlife Refuge from destructive oil drilling,

State Senate

GILDA JACOBS (D) Huntington Woods (District 14)

Environmentalist Gilda Jacobs is seeking to move from the State House to the State Senate in 2002. Jacobs scored 100 percent on Sierra Club vote charts for two terms, and has easily earned her third endorsement. She is an environmental leader in the Legislature and is needed in the Senate. Her pro-environment votes include expanding public transportation, stronger protections on hazardous waste, and banning Great Lakes oil drilling. The district includes Huntington Woods, Farmington Hills, Southfield, Ferndale and surrounding areas.

ED LAFORGE (D) Kalamazoo (District 20)

Ed LaForge earned the enthusiastic support of the local Sierra Club when he served in the State House and has the support again in his bid for State Senate. Previously serving in the State House, LaForge earned a reputation for being continuously vigilant on environmental issues. He has been a consistent and strong voice for Great Lakes and water protection and strong polluter pay laws. The district includes the City of Kalamazoo and the surrounding County.

MARK SHAUER (D) Battle Creek (District 19)



Mark Schauer served as a leading voice for the environment in the State House and is seeking election to the State Senate to continue this work. Serving on the Health Policy and Urban Policy Committee, Schauer worked to further legislation to protect the public from toxins in the environment. Last session, he voted to ban oil drilling in the Great Lakes, clean up hazardous waste and ban mercury thermometers. Schauer will make a crucial contribution to the State Senate. His district includes Battle Creek, Calhoun County and parts of Jackson County.

FIRST ROUND OF PRIMARY ENDORSEMENTS—MORE TO COME!



MARTHA SCOTT (D) Detroit (District 2)

Sen. Martha Scott joined the Senate this session in a special election after serving in the State House. Scott earned the Sierra Club endorsements in the past for strong environmental positions and voting records. As a voice for environmental justice, she has the enthusiastic support of the local group. The Senate needs to retain this voice for the public health and environment. District includes parts of Detroit and Highland Park.

State House

DIANNE BYRUM (D) Onondaga (District 67)



Environmental champion, Dianne Byrum is moving from her State Senate seat to run for the 67th State House District. Byrum continues to be one of the Sierra Club's strongest advocates in the Legislature. Her record includes votes to protect Michigan's waters from sewage overflows, make the state DEQ accountable, strengthen environmental laws, control urban sprawl and give local governments tools to regulate animal factory waste. Byrum earned a stellar 100% on Sierra Club's Senate Scorecard. The district includes Holt, Onondaga, and Leslie.



REP. BELDA GARZA (D) Detroit (District 12), Incumbent

Rep. Belda Garza is running for her third term. She was endorsed by the Sierra Club in 2000 and scored well on

Sierra Club vote charts. Rep. Garza has distinguished herself by introducing legislation that would prevent the building of schools on polluted grounds. Rep. Garza represents the 12th District in Detroit.

REP. PAUL GIELEGHEM (D) Mt. Clemens (District 31), Incumbent



"Our individual responsibility to each other is to protect our precious natural resources and preserve them for future generations," says three times endorsed Rep. Paul Gieleghem. Rep. Gieleghem scored 100 percent on Sierra Club's 2001/2002 environmental scorecard and is one of the environmental communities leading advocates. In the Legislature, Rep. Gieleghem serves as a member of both the Conservation and Outdoor Recreation and the Land Use and Environment committees. Developing smart growth decisions, protecting the State's water, encouraging cooperation and planning among local governments, revitalizing urban centers, fighting out-of-state waste and preserving family farms are among Rep. Gieleghem's and the Sierra Club's top priorities. The 31st House District includes Mt. Clemens, Clinton Township and part of Fraser.

REP. RUTH ANN JAMNICK (D) Ypsilanti (District 54), Incumbent



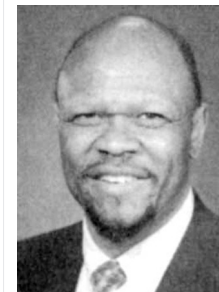
Rep. Jammick consistently scores high on Sierra Club vote charts and is considered one of the lead advocates for the environment in the Legislature. She strongly supports efforts to protect wetlands, and reduce pollution of streams and rivers. She has voted for stronger enforcement of environmental laws and stronger control over the disposal of hazardous waste. Rep. Jammick's district includes Ypsilanti, and Northville.

REP. CHRIS KOLB (D) Ann Arbor (District 53), Incumbent



Rep. Chris Kolb earned high honors as a first term State Representative for not only his 100% Sierra Club vote chart rating, but for spearheading critical environmental legislation. Kolb's pro-environment votes include, banning Great Lakes oil drilling, strengthening environmental enforcement and air pollution permit fees, controlling urban sprawl and expanding public transportation. Kolb's district is the city of Ann Arbor where he served as a City Councilman and Mayor Pro-tem.

REP. ALEXANDER LIPSEY (D) Kalamazoo (District 60), Incumbent



Rep. Lipsey scored well on Sierra Club vote charts, particularly on hazardous waste, transportation and sprawl issues and has supported the Club's effort to ban the use of mercury in thermometers. Lipsey has earned the enthusiastic support of the local group. Lipsey's district encompasses Kalamazoo and Kalamazoo Township.

REP. PATRICIA LOCKWOOD (D) Fenton (District 51), Incumbent



Rep. Patricia Lockwood continued to have an excellent pro-environment record in her second term. She can be counted on to support environmental legislation. Rep. Lockwood had a perfect score on Sierra Club's 2001-2002 Michigan House Legislative Score Card. She voted to ban directional drilling under the Great Lakes and to give communities tools to fight sprawl. Since redistricting,

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Rep. Lockwood's district has become very competitive. This means one of our champions is in for a tough fight in November and will need our support. The 51st District includes Fenton, Grand Blanc and Linden.

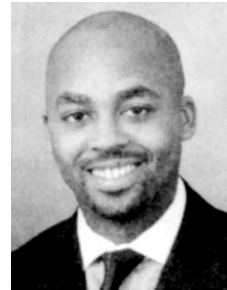
ALDO VAGNOZZI (D)
Farmington Hills (District 37), Incumbant



Mr. Vagnozzi has been a member of the City Council and School Board as well as Mayor of Farmington Hills. Mr. Vagnozzi is a supporter of public transportation, believes in strengthening public oversight of the DEQ,

supports strengthening controls over public lands and their uses as well as a Sierra Club member. Two years ago he made his first run for the seat and came within 900 votes of unseating a two-term incumbent who was the Majority Leader for his party. The district encompasses Farmington and Farmington Hills.

REP. BILL MCCONICO (D)
Detroit (District 5), Incumbant



Rep. Bill McConico scored 100 percent on Sierra Club vote charts putting him among the environmental champions for this term. McConico voted to expand public transportation, make polluters more

responsible for hazardous waste fees, and to ban mercury thermometers and Great Lakes oil drilling. McConico's district is in Detroit.

REP. MARY WATERS (D)
Detroit (District 4), Incumbant



Rep. Mary Waters is another Detroit legislator to obtain a perfect score on Sierra Club's legislative vote chart. Waters voting record includes holding polluters responsible by increasing air

pollution permit and hazardous waste fees. Waters also supported actions to address urban sprawl and expand public transportation opportunities. Waters district is in Detroit.

REP. DAVE WOODWARD (D)
Royal Oak (District 26), Incumbant



This is the third endorsement for Rep. Woodward in this Madison Heights/Royal Oak District. Rep. Woodward scored 100 percent on Sierra Club vote charts and is considered a leading advocate

for our air, land and water in the Legislature. Woodward supported key efforts to ban oil drilling in the Great Lakes, preserve openspace and promote public transportation. Redistricting promises a tough fight for this environmental advocate, but Woodward has never shied away from tough contests—especially when Michigan's environment is at stake.

ABSENTEE BALLOT INFORMATION

Absent voter ballots are available for all elections.

A registered voter is eligible to obtain an absent voter ballot for an upcoming election if he or she is 60 years of age or more or:

- is unable to vote without assistance
- expects to be absent from his or her city or township of residence for the entire time the polls are open
- is in jail awaiting arraignment or trial
- has been appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of his or her precinct of residence
- is unable to attend the polls due to his or her religious beliefs.

Requesting an Absent Voter Ballot

A voter who wishes to receive an absentee ballot must request it by contacting the City or Township clerk in which they reside and filling out a request form.

CALL YOUR LOCAL CLERK TODAY!

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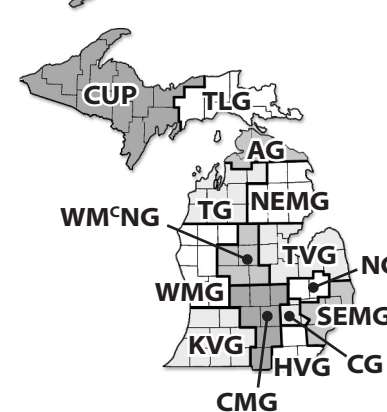
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Please contact either Dan Farough (information above) or Tim Killeen to find out ways to get involved!

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