

MICHIGAN FAMILY FORUM
Sound Public Policy for Stronger Michigan Families



**2014 MICHIGAN
VOTER GUIDE**



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Dear Michigan Voter:

This 2014 Voter Guide is designed to help you make an informed decision when you vote on Tuesday, November 4th.

The guide is non-partisan and is not intended to endorse or oppose any candidate, either explicitly or implicitly. We have printed candidate responses exactly as we received them on signed questionnaires. Unfortunately, some candidates did not respond to our questionnaire. We used mail, phone and email to contact each candidate multiple times.

Please consider passing this Voter Guide along to friends, family and others in your community to increase its usefulness. We also encourage you to visit our electronic Voter Guide at www.michiganfamily.org, where you will also find information for MI House and MI Senate candidates, including endorsements and questionnaire responses.

Thanks for being an informed voter. See you at the polls on Nov. 4th!



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REMEMBER TO VOTE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2014

ENDORSEMENTS

The following organizations endorse candidates seeking public office. All endorsements were provided by the endorsing organization and should not be considered as an endorsement by Michigan Family Forum. The information is public information available on the Internet. For more information about endorsement selections, we have provided you with the phone numbers and websites of the endorsing entities. The description of each organization was taken directly from the website of the endorsing organization. In some cases, an organization may endorse more than one candidate in each district.

RTL – Right to Life of Michigan is a nonpartisan, nonsectarian, nonprofit organization of diverse and caring people united to protect the precious gift of human life from fertilization to natural death. (616) 532-2300 <http://www.rtl.org/>

PP – Planned Parenthood Advocates of Michigan works every day to protect and enhance the ability of the affiliates to deliver reproductive healthcare services by affecting policy makers through electoral and non-electoral activities. Planned Parenthood Advocates of Michigan's Political Action Committee (PAC), focuses strictly on fundraising to endorse pro-choice political candidates and electoral work. 517.482.1080 For Congressional and U.S. Senate candidates, visit www.ppactionvoterguide.org/print/michigan. For Governor, Michigan House and Michigan Senate, visit <http://www.miplannedparenthood.org/endorsements/>

AFL-CIO – The Michigan State AFL-CIO is the state federation of labor, representing over 1,000,000 active and retired members of 59 unions throughout the state. The mission of the Michigan State AFL-CIO is to improve the lives of working families—to bring economic justice to the workplace and social justice to our state and the nation. (517)487-5966 <http://miaflcio.org/action-center/endorsements/>

NOW – Michigan NOW's purpose is to take action to bring women into full participation in the mainstream of American society now, exercising all privileges and responsibilities thereof in truly equal partnership with men. It was established to provide coordination of local chapters and statewide advocacy to advance women's rights in Michigan. 517-485-9687 <http://www.michnow.org/pac/endorsements>

CTV – (Citizens for Traditional Values) The CTV-PAC is a non-partisan, multi-issue, statewide committee representing conservative, pro-life, pro-family values. CTV-PAC has been working since 1991 to screen, evaluate, and endorse candidates who support traditional family values. (517) 321-1390 <http://ctvmichigan.org/ctv-political-action-committee/>

SC – (Sierra Club) Our mission is to: (1) Explore, enjoy, and protect the wild places of the earth; (2) Practice and promote the responsible use of the earth's ecosystems and resources; (3) Educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment; and (4) Use all lawful means to carry out these objectives. 517-484-2372 <http://michigan.sierraclub.org/politics/articles/2014Endorsements>

CC – (Chamber of Commerce) [T]he Michigan Chamber has been a leader in business advocacy and remains committed to playing a constructive role in shaping our state's future. The Michigan Chamber has a long tradition of standing up for job providers in our state; and...was formed to actively support candidates who are pro-business. 517-371-7640 <http://www.michamber.com/2014ElectionGuide>

FB – (Farm Bureau) As a general farm organization we represent the diversity of Michigan's agriculture industry, from crops and livestock to fruits and vegetables, greenhouses, forestry and more. Likewise, we represent farms of all sizes — small, medium and large — and varying styles of production, such as conventional and organic and both indoor and outdoor animal management. 517-323-7000 <https://www.michfb.com/MI/endorsements/>

VOTING SELECTIONS

For your convenience, you may wish to write the names of the candidates you plan to vote for in the blanks below.

Governor

US Senate

US House

MI House of Representatives

MI Senate

MI Supreme Court (select two names)

MI Supreme Court Partial Term Ending January 1, 2017 (select one name)

Attorney General

Secretary of State

State Board of Education (select two names)

University Boards (select two names for each university)

Michigan State University

University of Michigan

Wayne State University