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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Clients of Michigan Legislative Consultants

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RE: Michigan Primary Election Results and Commentary

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Yesterday, Michigan voters went to the polls to cast votes in the Primary Election for Governor, Congress, State Legislative, judicial and county government races. Later this month, the parties will nominate their respective candidates for Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and Secretary of State at their conventions.

Below is a full report of the elections as they stand at this time. The first part provides an overview of the gubernatorial results and the key congressional races. Next we have a complete listing of the results for Michigan's congressional primaries. Lastly, we have the results for all state legislative primaries and our brief commentary for many of those districts. These are considered unofficial results until certified by the State Board of Canvassers and since we are still only hours after the races have concluded, please excuse any reporting errors in our data sources. For the most part, the elections are decided, but a recount is expected in the 1<sup>st</sup> congressional district GOP primary where just one vote will determine the winner.

**GOVERNOR**

For Governor the Republican winner is Rick Snyder, a former Gateway Computer CEO and current venture capitalist from Ann Arbor. Rick was the only Republican in the race that wasn't already a politician. He ran as an outsider and his message resonated with voters taking approximately 36% of the vote in a 5 way race. Rick self-funded the majority of his campaign putting in roughly \$6 million of his own money while refusing to take PAC funds.

Rick is untested having never held office so we can't predict how he'll approach the issues based on previous policy making. However, he is pro-business and will pride himself on looking at issues differently.

The vote count was Snyder 36%, Congressman Pete Hoekstra 27%, Attorney General Mike Cox 23%, Oakland County Sheriff Mike Bouchard 12%, and State Senator Tom George 2%.

On the Democrat side Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero bested Speaker Andy Dillon 59% - 41%. Dillon had led in polling for most of the year and into July but in the last 10 days the momentum shifted to Bernero. The traditional big labor unions backed Bernero because Dillon is viewed by many union interests to be



a Republican. The unions spent a reported \$2 million in TV supporting Bernero and attacking Dillon. The focus of the attack the last 10 days was on Dillon's pro-life position in the abortion debate. In a pro-choice party, this became the Speaker's Achilles' heel.

## CONGRESSIONAL

### District 1

With Congressman Bart Stupak's retiring at the end of this term, this Northern Michigan seat is a swing to slightly GOP seat. The Democrats have only 1 candidate, current State Representative Gary McDowell. There was a 6 way race on the GOP ticket with the frontrunners being State Senator Jason Allen and a physician Dan Benishek. As of this writing, Benishek has a one vote margin which will likely cause a recount.

### District 2

This is another open seat with GOP Congressman Pete Hoekstra running for Governor. As a solid GOP district, former State Representative Bill Huizenga has won this seat. He defeated former NFL player Jay Riemersma by a 700 vote margin with State Senator Wayne Kuipers coming in third out of seven candidates.

### District 3

Michigan's third open congressional seat, created by the retirement of Republican Vern Ehlers, was won by freshman State Representative Justin Amash. He won with 40% of the vote defeating Steve Heacock a life science institute administrator who had 26% of the vote and State Senator Bill Hardiman who placed third out of five candidates. Justin was backed by members of the DeVos family and received other significant endorsements including Spence Abraham a former Michigan U.S. Senator and also former Energy Secretary.

### District 13

In a solidly Democrat seat held by 7 term Congresswoman Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick, she was ousted by State Senator Hansen Clarke. Much of her opposition comes from voters being fed up with her son, former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick who resigned from office and is currently in prison for activities while Mayor. The Congresswoman's former husband is under federal investigation which couldn't have helped her campaign either.

In a 6 person race, Hansen Clarke took 47% of the vote and Kilpatrick second with 41%.

## 2010 Election Results – Congress

### 1<sup>st</sup> DISTRICT:

- Democrat Candidate – **Gary McDowell (100%)**
- Republican Candidates – Jason Allen (38%) **Dan Benishek (38%)** Linda Goldthorpe (7%) Tom Stillings (8%) Don Hooper (6%) Patrick Donlon (4%)

### 2<sup>nd</sup> DISTRICT:

- Democrat Candidates – Nicolette McClure (40%) **Fred Johnson (60%)**
- Republican Candidates – **Bill Huizenga (25%)** John Reichardt (4%) Wayne Kuipers (22%) Bill Cooper (19%) Jay Riemersma (25%) Ted Schendel (2%)

### 3<sup>rd</sup> DISTRICT:

- Democrat Candidates – Paul Mayhew (32%) **Patrick Miles Jr (68%)**
- Republican Candidates – **Justin Amash (40%)** Bob Overbeek (5%) Louise Johnson (4%) Bill Hardiman (24%) Steve Heacock (26%)

### 4<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT:

- Democrat Candidate – **Dave Camp (100%)**
- Republican Candidate – **Jerry Campbell 100(%)**

### 5<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT:

- Democrat Candidates – **Dale Kildee (78%)** Scott Withers (22%)
- Republican Candidates – **John Kupiec (55%)** Rick Wilson (45%)

### 6<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT:

- Democrat Candidate – **Don Cooney (100%)**
- Republican Candidates – **Fred Upton (57%)** Jack Hoogendyk (43%)

### 7<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT:

- Democrat Candidate – **Mark Schauer 100 (%)**
- Republican Candidate – **Tim Walberg (57%)** Marvin Carlson (10%) Brian Rooney (32%)

### 8<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT:

- Democrat Candidate – **Kande Ngalamulume (100%)**
- Republican Candidate – **Mike Rogers (100%)**

### 9<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT:

- Democrat Candidate – **Gary Peters (100%)**
- Republican Candidates – **Andrew Raczkowski (42%)** Paul Welday (20%) Anna Janek (10%) Richard Kuhn (15%)

### 10<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT:

- Democrat Candidate – **Henry Yanez (100%)**
- Republican Candidate – **Candice Miller (100%)**

**11<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT:**

- Democrat Candidate – **Natalie Mosher (100%)**
- Republican Candidate – **Thaddeus McCotter (100%)**

**12<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT:**

- Democrat Candidate – **Sander Levin (76%)** Mickey Switalski (24%)
- Republican Candidate – **Don Volaric (100%)**

**13<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT:**

- Democrat Candidate – Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick (41%) Glenn Plummer (4%) Stephen Hume (2%) Vincent Brown (2%) John Broad (4%) **Hansen Clarke (47%)**
- Republican Candidate – **John Hauler (100%)**

**14<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT:**

- Democrat Candidate – **John Conyers Jr. (100%)**
- Republican Candidate – Pauline Montie (45%) **Don Ukraineec (55%)**

**15<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT:**

- Democrat Candidate – **John Dingell (100%)**
- Republican Candidate – **Robert Steele (51%)** Majed Moughni (4%) Tony Amorose (12%) John Materyn (%) John Lynch (33%)

## 2010 Election Results – Senate

### 1<sup>st</sup> DISTRICT (Detroit):

- Democrat Candidates –
  - **Coleman Young (40%)** Dobey Gavin (1%) Lisa Nuskowski (28%) LaMar Lemmons (20%) Mary Waters (10%)
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Dakeisha Harwick (%)**
- Comments – Despite being eligible to serve a third and final term in the House, State Representative Coleman Young II opted to run for an open Senate seat and the gamble paid off. In a field which included two former state representatives, a former House staffer and a perennial candidate, Young made a strong showing and won with 40% of the vote.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> DISTRICT (Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Point Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, Hamtramck, Harper Woods, Highland Park, Detroit):

- Democrat Candidates –
  - Bettie Cook Scott (14%) Steve Smith (10%) Rita Smith (6%) Hans Barbe (%) **Bert Johnson (34%)** Ken Daniels (15%) Olivia Boykins (6%) Tracey Blair (2%) Kush Shaqiri (16%) Carol Kennedy (5%) Christopher Barb (3%)
- Republican Candidate –
  - **John Chouinard (%)**
- Comments – In another open Senate seat where the winner of the Democrat primary will be the next senator, current State Representative Bert Johnson handily won this 10 person primary. Johnson defeated another state representative who also had another term of eligibility in the House, Bettie Cook Scott, and former State Representative Ken Daniels.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> DISTRICT (Dearborn, River Rouge, Detroit):

- Democrat Candidates –
  - **Morris Hood III (45%)** Mohamed Okdie (15%) William Robinson (40%)
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Doug Mitchell (%)**
- Comments - Former State Representative Morris Hood won this open seat with 45%. With a Democrat base vote of 82%, Hood will soon be called Senator Hood.

### 4<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Detroit):

- Democrat Candidates –
  - George Cushingberry (32%) **Virgil K. Smith (53%)** Michael Garrett (8%) Carron Pinkins (7%)
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Frederick Robinson II (%)**
- Comments – One of only two Senate districts located entirely in the city of Detroit, this district touches a little bit of everything – the struggling eastside neighborhoods, nice Westside communities and working class areas. While there were four Democratic candidates in this primary, the race was really only between two well known names. George Cushingberry, who is a current Representative and Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, was considered to

be slightly favored over former Representative Virgil Smith going in to election. However, Smith won with 53% of the vote and will therefore become Sen. Smith in January of next year.

**5<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Dearborn Heights, Inkster, Detroit):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Tupac Hunter (%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Bonnie Patrick (%)**
- Comments – In another very solid Democrat seat look for Senator Hunter to easily be re-elected to his second and final term in the Senate.

**6<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Garden City, Livonia, Redford, Westland):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Glenn Anderson (%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - **John Pastor (%)**
- Comments - There were no primary contests for the two candidates who will face each other in the November general election for this seat, which includes Livonia and Westland. The current Democratic Senator, Sen. Glenn Anderson, is seeking his second term. He will be challenged by John Pastor, a former Representative from Livonia. With a 56 percent democratic base, Sen. Anderson is expected to retain his seat.

**7<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Belleville, Brownstown, Canton, Flat Rock, Gibraltar, Grosse Ile, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Rockwood, Sumpter, Trenton, Van Buren, Woodhaven):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Kathleen Law (%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - Dan Osterman (19%) Abe Munfakh (22%) **Patrick Colbeck (31%)** Deborah Whyman (27%)
- Comments - Rep Corriveau's decision to pull out of this 50/50 district creates an entirely new dynamic in a district that looked five months ago to be a lock for a Democratic pick-up. If the Democrats lose this seat, it would be a huge loss in their quest for 20 seats in the Senate.

**8<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Allen Park, Ecorse, Lincoln Park, Melvindale, Riverview, Romulus, Southgate, Taylor, Wayne, Wyandotte):**

- Democrat Candidates –
  - **Hoon-Yung Hopgood (46%)** Sherry Dragone (23%) Mike Kell (31%)
- Republican Candidates –
  - Douglas Reimel (39%) **Ken Larkin (61%)**
- Comments – With nearly a 69 percent Democratic base in 2008, the Senate Republican caucus will not give the 8<sup>th</sup> a second look.

**9<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Center Line, Eastpointe, Fraser, Lake, St Clair Shores, Warren):**

- Democrat Candidates –
  - **Steve Bieda (64%)** Frank Accavitti Jr (36%)
- Republican Candidates –
  - John Vostoris (37%) **Michael Ennis (63%)**
- Comments - As a 61% Democrat district, expect former State Representative Steve Bieda to become the next State Senator from this district. Bieda won the primary by soundly defeating another former state representative, Frank Accavitti. As Representative Bieda, he chaired the House Tax Policy committee and played a key role in the creation of the Michigan Business Tax.

**10<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Clinton Township, Roseville, Sterling Heights, Utica):**

- Democrat Candidates –
  - Carl Marlinga (49%) **Paul Gielegem (51%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Tory Rocca (%)**
- Comments – Republicans have eyeballed this Macomb County district for years, but haven't had the candidate to make it happen. They have one in Tory Rocca, of the Rocca dynasty (he's the son of former lawmakers Sue and Sal Rocca) who was rumored to have considered running for the 10<sup>th</sup> as a Democrat. This is sure to be a battleground seat in November.

**11<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Armada, Bruce, Chesterfield, Harrison, Lenox, Macomb, Memphis, Mt Clemens, New Baltimore, Ray Township, Richmond, Shelby, Washington):**

- Democrat Candidates –
  - **Jim Ayers (68%)** Jonathan Garstka (32%)
- Republican Candidates –
  - Kim Meltzer (27%) **Jack Brandenburg (38%)** Leon Drolet (28%) Colleen Saputo (7%)
- Comments – This was one of the state's most competitive Republican primaries. It involved rumors of scandal, filed lawsuits and a giant papier-mâché pig named Mr. Perks. While this may seem odd for other districts, it is par for the course in the Macomb County seat once occupied by David Jaye. The Democrats likely won't give this seat a second look, even with a 48.3 percent Dem base in 2008.

**12<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Addison Twp, Auburn Hills, Independence Twp, Keego Harbor, Lake Angelus, Oakland Twp, Orion Twp, Oxford Twp, Pontiac, Rochester, Rochester Hills, Sylvan Lake, Clarkston, West Bloomfield Twp):**

- Democrat Candidates –
  - Ted Golden (28%) **Cassandra Ulbrich (72%)**
- Republican Candidates –
  - **Jim Marleau (32%)** John Garfield (10%) Copper Rizzo (23%) Lois Golden (4%) Kim Russell (25%) Gene Taliercio (7%)
- Comments - With five of the six candidates in the Republican primary hailing from the Rochester area, term limited Rep. Jim Marleau from Lake Orion was able claim victory in the primary election. In the general election, he will face Democrat Casandra Ulbrich, a member of the Michigan Board of Education, who is also from the densely populated Rochester area. While Ms. Ulbrich is a formidable candidate, the seat has a 53% Republican base and is expected to remain in the R column.

**13<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Berkley, Birmingham, Bloomfield Twp, Bloomfield Hills, Clawson, Madison Heights, Royal Oak, Troy):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Aaron Bailey (%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - **John Pappageorge (78%)** Roi Chinn (8%) David Kniffen (14%)
- Comments - In 2006, this was one of the most hard-fought, competitive Senate races. Republican John Pappageorge was a narrow winner and is now standing for reelection. He won the Republican primary and will now go against Royal Oak Democrat Aaron Bailey, a former Army officer and West Point graduate (just like Sen. Pappageorge). It will be difficult to beat the Senator this time around.

**14<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Farmington, Farmington Hills, Ferndale, Hazel Park, Huntington Woods, Lathrup Village, Oak Park, Pleasant Ridge, Royal Oak, Southfield, Southfield Twp):**

- Democrat Candidates –
  - Dave Coulter (33%) **Vincent Gregory (40%)** Anthony McDonald (3%) Derhun Sanders (5%) Howard Worthy (4%) Jennifer Franklin (18%)
- Republican Candidates –
  - James Hardin (13%) Robert Vaughan (30%) **Michael Peters (49%)**
- Comments – With a 72 percent Democratic base, this seat is a solid one for Democrats. First term State Representative Vince Gregory passed on the opportunity to serve 4 more years in the House. Like other House colleagues, the risk paid off for Gregory who defeated Oakland County Commissioner David Coulter by a seven point margin.

**15<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Commerce Twp, Highland Twp, Holly Twp, Lyon Twp, Milford Twp, Northville, Novi, Novi Twp, Orchard Lake Village, Rose Twp, South Lyon, West Bloomfield Twp, White Lake Twp, Wixom):**

- Democrat Candidates –
  - Tom Crawford (19%) Chirstopher Maloney (18%) **Pam Jackson 64 (%)**
- Republican Candidates –
  - Kerry Bentivolio (18%) John Mohyi (4%) **Mike Kowall (52%)** Paul Graves (7%) Alan Stephens (9%) Steven Valentini (6%)
- Comments – With a 47.2 percent Democratic base in 2008, the Lansing Dems will not be giving this one a second look.

**16<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Branch County, Hillsdale County, Lenawee County, St. Joseph County):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Doug Spade (100%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Bruce Caswell (100%)**
- Comments – The Republicans got the candidate they wanted in this four-county southern Michigan district, the hard-working and likeable former State Representative Bruce Caswell. With a 56% Republican base and in a year expected to favor the GOP, Caswell should roll over former Democrat State Representative Doug Spade.

**17<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Jackson County, Monroe County, Washtenaw County):**

- Democrat Candidates –
  - Paul Hengy (25%) **John Spencer (75%)**
- Republican Candidates –
  - **Randy Richardville (75%)** R. Al Bain (25%)
- Comments - Incumbent Senator Randy Richardville easily beat his opponent in the Republican primary election. He will be challenged by Democratic primary winner John Spencer of Jackson. This district leans Democratic with a 53% base, and spans a curiously configured territory from Jackson to Monroe, but Senator Richardville has proven popular throughout this area, also having served 3 House terms as a Republican from Monroe.

**18<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Ann Arbor, Augusta Twp, Dexter Twp, Freedom Twp, Lima Twp, Lyndon Twp, Northfield Twp, Pittsfield Twp, Salem Twp, Scio Twp, Sharon Twp, Superior Twp, Sylvan Twp, Webster Twp, Ypsilanti):**

- Democrat Candidates –
  - Pam Byrnes (40%) **Rebekah Warren (56%)** Thomas Patridge (4%)
- Republican Candidates –
  - **John Hochstetler (59%)** Gary Wellings (41%)
- Comments - With Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti providing a concentrated liberal base, this 67 percent Democratic district provided two term House Representative Rebekah Warren, who had the larger labor and environmental interest group endorsements, with a primary victory over her Democratic opponents. John Hochstetler of Manchester, the winner of the Republican primary, has little chance of preventing Ann Arbor Democrat Warren from ascending to the upper chamber in the general election.

**19<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Calhoun County, Jackson County):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Brenda Abbey (100%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Mike Nofs (100%)**
- Comments – While the over-the-top effort of the Republicans got Nofs elected in 2009, it is safe to say he won't need the same amount of effort in his 2010 re-election campaign. Instead look for Nofs to make moves on the Senate Republican leadership front as he helps the GOP candidates get elected statewide.

**20<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Kalamazoo County, Van Buren):**

- Democrat Candidates –
  - **Robert Jones (63%)** Mark Totten (37%)
- Republican Candidates –
  - **Tonya Schuitmaker (53%)** Lorence Wenke (28%) Larry DeShazor (19%)
- Comments – This Kalamazoo County district is 50/50. Republicans will have to work hard in November if they want to maintain control of this seat that current state Senator Tom George (R) has helped them to hold on to during the past 8 years.

**21<sup>st</sup> DISTRICT (Berrien County, Cass County, Van Buren County):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Scott Elliott (100%)**
- Republican Candidates –
  - **John Proos (77%)** Todd Griffe (23%)
- Comments - Term Limited Rep. John Proos has been considered the Republican heir apparent to this Senate seat in Michigan's southeast corner for some time now. He bested his primary opponent easily and will face Benton Harbor Democrat Scott Elliott in the November general election. With a 54 percent Republican base and a history for electing Republicans, look for Mr. Proos to also claim victory in November.

**22<sup>nd</sup> DISTRICT (Bunker Hill Twp, Leslie, Leslie Twp, Mason, Stockbridge Twp, Vevay Twp, Livingston County, Shiawassee County):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Chuck Fellows (100%)**
- Republican Candidates –
  - **Joe Hune (70%)** Paul Rogers (30%)
- Comments - A farmer, former Republican House member and legislative staffer, Joe Hune easily won the primary in this Livingston/Shiawassee County seat. With a 58% Republican base, he takes a seat in the Senate in January.

**23<sup>rd</sup> DISTRICT (Alaiedon Twp, Aurelius Twp, Delhi Charter Twp, East Lansing, Ingham Twp, Lansing, Lansing Twp, Leroy Twp, Locke Twp, Meridian Twp, Onondaga Twp, Wheatfield Twp, White Oak Twp, Williamston):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Gretchen Whitmer (100%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Kyle Haubrich (100%)**
- Comments - Sen. Gretchen Whitmer is a popular Democrat who will be difficult to beat in this solid Democratic district. In the November election she will be challenged by Republican Kyle Haubrich, a law school student.

**24<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Allegan County, Barry County, Eaton County):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Michelle DiSano (100%)**
- Republican Candidates –
  - **Rick Jones (71%)** Randy Brink (29%)
- Comments – This district's geography is odd in that it stretches from only a few miles west of the Capitol to Lake Michigan. It includes a suburb in Lansing, farm country, conservative Allegan County and trendy Saugatuck. Current Representative Rick Jones has been all over this district due in large part to his effectiveness in gaining media coverage. In November, he'll help ensure that this seat stays in the "R" column when the final votes are tallied.

**25<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Lapper County, St. Clair County):**

- Democrat Candidates –
  - **John Nugent (69%)** Jason Blauet (31%)
- Republican Candidates –
  - **Phil Pavlov (42%)** Lauren Hager (33%) Todd Courser (26%)
- Comments – Over the last three election cycles, this district has a 52% GOP base. Republican nominee, State Representative Phil Pavlov defeated two opponents including former State Representative Lauren Hager. The Democrats chose John Nugent, a former school board member and Best Buy supervisor as their candidate. The GOP expects to keep this seat in their column but with a thin margin in the base vote, Pavlov will need to work hard and not take anything for granted.

**26<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Atlas Twp, Burton, Clio, Davison, Forest Twp, Grand Blanc, Mount Morris, Richfield Twp, Thetford Twp, Vienna Twp):**

- Democrat Candidates –
  - **Paula Zelenko (46%)** Katherine Houston (18%) Jim Slezak (36%)
- Republican Candidates –
  - **Dave Robertson (53%)** Fran Amos (26%) Michael Matheny (15%) Tim Terpening (6%)
- Comments – This was the primary battle among former Representatives. On the Republican side of the race, former Rep. Dave Robertson faced former Rep. Fran Amos. Robertson won with 53% of the vote. On the Democratic side, of the three contenders Paula Zelenko and Jim Slezak have served in the House, with Slezak currently holding a position there. Zelenko came out on top of this race with 46% of the vote. This race is going to be exciting in November with the Democrats trying to fend off a hard Republican charge for the right to represent this district. All eyes will be watching this one.

**27<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT Argentine Twp, Clayton Twp, Fenton, Flint, Flushing, Gaines Twp, Genesee Twp, Linden, Montrose, Mundy Twp, Swartz Creek):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **John Gleason (100%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Vernon Molnar (100%)**
- Comments - Incumbent Sen. John Gleason had no opponents in the primary election in this Genesee County district, west of Flint. He will face Flushing Republican Vernon Molenar in the general election, but with a 69 percent Democratic base, Senator Gleason is virtually guaranteed to serve a second Senate term.

**28<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Ada Twp, Algoma Twp, Alpine Twp, Bowne Twp, Byron Twp, Caledonia Twp, Cannon Twp, Cedar Springs, Courtland Twp, East Grand Rapids, Gaines Twp, Grand Rapids Twp, Nelson Twp, Oakfield Twp, Plainfield Twp, Rockford, Solon Twp, Spencer Twp, Tyrone Twp, Walker, Wyoming):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Robin Golden (100%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Mark Jansen (100%)**

- Comments – This West Michigan seat is doing nothing but staying red in 2010, especially with a vote-getting candidate like Jansen running. Having such a solid Republican seat will help Jansen as he turns his focus to a Senate leadership bid.

### **29<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Cascade Twp, Grand Rapids, Grattan Twp, Kentwood, Lowell, Vergennes Twp):**

- Democrat Candidates –
  - Robert Dean (42%) **David LaGrand (58%)**
- Republican Candidates –
  - **Dave Hildenbrand (62%)** Lori Wiersma (35%) Judith Kapteyn (4%)
- Comments – The last three elections give this district a GOP base vote of only 49% which means the Democrats look at this race as a possible pick up. GOP State Representative Hildenbrand handily won his primary and will face David LaGrand, an attorney, businessman, and former Grand Rapids City Councilman. With both candidates being well liked and hard workers, this race will generate a lot of attention during the general election and is key to both parties' goal of winning the majority in the Senate.

### **30<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Grandville, Sparta Twp, Ottawa County):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **John Chester (100%)**
- Republican Candidates –
  - **Arlan Meekhof (51%)** Bert VanderKamp (40%) Timothy O'Donnell (8%)
- Comments - With a 72 percent base, this district on the shores of Lake Michigan will remain a Republican seat for the next legislative session. This district was one where the Tea Party really tried to exert its influence, but the conservative two term Rep. Arlan Meekhof of West Olive bested his well financed and outspoken primary opponent from Holland. Mr. Meekhof will also claim victory in November.

### **31<sup>st</sup> DISTRICT (Arenac County, Bay County, Huron County, Sanilac County, Tuscola County):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Jeff Mayes (100%)**
- Republican Candidates –
  - Robert Palmer (16%) **Mike Green (66%)** Paul Mezo (9%) Gary Hadden (8%)
- Comments - This will be a competitive race to see who replaces the popular Sen. Jim Barcia (D - Bay City). The district covers several counties around Bay City and the Thumb. Democrat Jeff Mayes, a current House member, did not have primary opposition. In the Republican primary Mike Green, a former House member, won handily against three other Republicans. It should be a close battle in November.

### **32<sup>nd</sup> DISTRICT (Gratiot County, Saginaw County):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Debasish Mridha (100%)**
- Republican Candidates –
  - **Roger Kahn (78%)** Gary Dunn (22%)
- Comments - This Senate district encompasses all of Gratiot and Saginaw Counties and has a 57 percent Democratic base. Despite that, Republican Sen. Roger Kahn, a consummate campaigner and cardiologist, won against a formidable opponent in 2006. He will seek to repeat in 2010

after his lightly contested primary election victory. His opponent in the general election, Debasish Mridha, also a physician with significant credentials and recognition in the medical community, will seek to parlay that success into politics. This shapes up to be one of the more hotly contested seats come November. Democrats will almost certainly try to unseat Sen. Kahn by using a couple of public displays of his fiery temper that have made newspaper headlines.

**33<sup>rd</sup> DISTRICT (Clinton County, Ionia County, Isabella County, Montcalm County):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **James Hoisington (100%)**
- Republican Candidates –
  - **Brian Calley (57%)** Michael Trebesh (43%)
- Comments - A relatively safe Republican seat, this mid-Michigan district north of Lansing, is open because of term limits. It witnessed a Republican primary battle that featured a generously self-financed newcomer to politics against a two term House Republican who had high favorability ratings. In the end, the mild mannered, former banker Rep. Brian Calley met the challenge and will face Democrat Janice Hoisington in November. This is a 54 percent Republican district, which gives the more politically experienced Rep. Calley the definite edge.

**34<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Mason County, Muskegon County, Newaygo County, Oceana County):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Mary Valentine (100%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Goeff Hansen (100%)**
- Comments – An open seat sees two legislators battling each other in the General. Democrat Mary Valentine has a geographic advantage being from the district's population base of Muskegon. Republican Geoff Hansen has the advantage of a voting record that trends well in the current political climate while his opponent has earned a very liberal voting record. Like several other races, this seat is key to both parties' strategy to win the majority.

**35<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Benzie County, Clare County, Kalkaska County, Lake County, Leelanau County, Manistee County, Mecosta County, Missaukee County, Osceola County, Roscommon County, Wexford County):**

- Democrat Candidates –
  - **Roger Dunigan (73%)** George Huffman III (27%)
- Republican Candidates –
  - **Darwin Booher (52%)** Gary Finstrom (30%) Kevin Davis (17%)
- Comments - This Senate district covers eleven counties in west central Michigan. Term limited Rep. Darwin Booher, Republican from Evart, bested the Wexford County sheriff in the Republican primary. This district has a 54 percent Republican base, so the general election will be Rep. Booher's to lose against Suttons Bay Democrat Roger Dunigan.

**36<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Alcona County, Alpena County, Crawford County, Gladwin County, Iosco County, Midland County, Montmorency County, Ogemaw County, Oscoda County, Ostego County):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Andy Neumann (100%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - **John Moolenaar (100%)**
- Comments – The 36<sup>th</sup> District is a tough get for either party without a Midland-based candidate, since that county makes up about a third of the population in this overall 10-county district. To touch every county in this sprawling district, a candidate needs to play in three media markets, which can get expensive quickly. Both Democrats and Republicans are sure to invest a lot of man power to cover such a large area in competing for this seat in November.

**37<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Antrim County, Charlevoix County, Cheboygan County, Chippewa County, Emmet County, Grand Traverse County, Mackinaw County, Presque Isle County):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Bob Carr (100%)**
- Republican Candidates –
  - **Howard Walker (64%)** Randy Bishop (36%)
- Comments - This district takes in Traverse City, then north across the Mackinac Bridge, and includes the eastern quarter of the Upper Peninsula. A traditional Republican seat with a 57 percent base, Republican primary winner and former state Rep. Howard Walker should also win in November against his opponent, Mackinac Island Democrat Bob Carr.

**38<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Alger County, Baraga County, Delta County, Dickinson County, Gogebic County, Houghton County, Iron County, Keweenaw County, Luce County, Marquette County, Menominee County, Ontonagon County, Schoolcraft County):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Mike Lahti (%)**
- Republican Candidates –
  - **Tom Casperson (88%)** Jeff Paulin (12%)
- Comments - Another close battle looms in this large district that includes almost all of the Upper Peninsula. The general election will pit current state representative Mike Lahti, a Democrat from Hancock, against former State Rep. Republican Tom Casperson who is from Escanaba. The district trends slightly Democratic.

## 2010 Election Results – House

### 1<sup>st</sup> DISTRICT (Detroit, Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Twp, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, Harper Woods):

- Democrat Candidates –
  - **Tim Bledsoe (84%)** Charles Kimbrough (8%) Anthony Murray (8%)
- Republican Candidates –
  - Charles Davis III (40%) **Janice DuMouchelle (60%)**
- Comments – A traditionally Republican seat the first district finally swung into the Democrat's column when moderate Republican Rep. Ed Gaffney was termed-out of office. There was a 56.7 percent Democratic base in 2008. The Republican Primary winner Charles "Terry" Davis will set up an interesting race for the general election because incumbent Tim Bledsoe doesn't accept PAC money. Aside from the mood of the voters generally, look for hard work going door-to-door to be a key factor in this very walkable district.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> DISTRICT (Detroit):

- Democrat Candidates –
  - **Lisa Howze (37%)** Scott Benson (17%) Cheryl Hughley Clark (4%) Rose Jones (3%) Davin Parnell-Lankford (3%) Travis Reece (3%) Gregory Robinson (8%) Anthony Watts (9%) Donnie Whitley (18%)
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Damian Mitchell (100%)**
- Comments – Possibly the roughest Detroit district in the House, this Eastside district includes a lot of working poor with housing, education and income issues. It features a 96 percent Democratic base so with her victory, accountant Lisa Howze's win means she's the next State Representative from this district.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> DISTRICT (Detroit):

- Democrat Candidates –
  - Carol Banks (31%) Kenneth Jackson (2%) Isaiah Lawson (12%) **Alberta Tinsley Talabi (41%)** Liscious Williams III (6%) Kirk Young (9%)
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Daniel Lamar (100%)**
- Comments - In this 97% Democratic open seat, which is entirely in the City of Detroit, Democrat Alberta Tinsley-Talabi beat five other Democratic candidates for the right to face Republican Daniel Lamar in November. Tinsley-Talabi was on the Detroit City Council from 1993 to 2009 and the Wayne County Committee. She is assured a win in November.

### 4<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Detroit):

- Democrat Candidates –
  - **Maureen Stapleton (25%)** Marcelus Brice (12%) Willie Burton (3%) Wanda Canty (1%) James Cole Jr (4%) Eddie Edwards (2%) Michael Hart (4%) Frazier Kimpson (10%) Chester Logan (2%) Gwendolyn Mingo (1%) Mary Sheffield (24%) Vann Edgar (13%)
- Republican Candidate –

- **Lillian Smith (100%)**
- Comments – This eastside/downtown district spans some of the city’s tougher areas like Indian Village to some of its better housing at Lafayette Towers. A true testament to the haves and have nots, the 4th district goes from one extreme to the other. Its 95.7 percent Democratic base insures Stapleton a seat in the House Chamber next year.

#### 5<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Detroit, Hamtramck, Highland Park):

- Democrat Candidates –
  - Shahab Ahmed (3%) Abdul Algazali (7%) Terry Catchings (16%) Carmen Davis (4%) Anthony Ewell (2%) Burgess Foster (2%) Abu Mahfuz (3%) DeAmo Murphy (1%) **John Olumba (34%)** Vanessa Peake (5%) William Phillips (1%) Akm Rahman (10%) LaTrello Sephers (5%) Sigmunt Szcpekowski (3%) Robert Zwolak (4%)
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Jermain Jones (100%)**
- Comments - This 15 person primary was to find a winner to replace Rep. Bert Johnson who is running for the state Senate. John Olumba, a lawyer who has worked with a number of nonprofit organizations in Detroit, was the winner with a strong 34% of the vote. He is a sure winner in November since the district is 95% Democrat.

#### 6<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Detroit):

- Democrat Candidates –
  - **Fred Durhal (42%)** Cynthia Johnson (16%) Renard Berry Sr (2%) Marvin Crawford (13%) Kofi-Akin Kenyatta (15%) Denise Young (8%)
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Robert Midgett (100%)**
- Comments – Detroit primaries usually have large fields. Even though incumbent Fred Durhal was running for re-election, this race was no exception with 6 candidates in the Democrat primary. As a 96% Democrat seat, having won the primary, Rep. Durhal will return after November for his second term.

#### 7<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Detroit):

- Democrat Candidates –
  - **Jimmy Womack (51%)** LaShon Scott (12%) Al Williams (36%)
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Debra Duren (100%)**
- Comments - This collection of unique neighborhoods in Detroit’s northern end is so autonomous with few common connectors that it’s impossible for one candidate to declare themselves the “consensus candidate.” However, with only 3 candidates in the Democrat primary, freshman legislator Jimmy Womack was able to win the primary with a majority of the vote guaranteeing he will return for a second term in January.

### 8<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Detroit):

- Democrat Candidates –
  - Herman Davis (5%) DeRone Buffington (8%) Willie Campbell (1%) George Cushingberry (16%) Tamika Gaines (3%) Barbara Johnson (7%) Thamar Johnson (1%) Leslie Love (17%) Daniel Martin (7%) Stephanie Miley (14%) **Thomas Stallworth (18%)** Gilbert Thompson (1%)
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Keith Franklin (100%)**
- Comments - In this 97% Democratic open seat, which is entirely in the City of Detroit, Democrat Thomas Stallworth III beat twelve other Democratic candidates for the right to face Republican Keith Franklin in November. Stallworth is the son of former state Representative Alma Stallworth, is a former Detroit School Board member and currently is a theatre manager and an adjunct professor. He is assured a win in November.

### 9<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Detroit):

- Democrat Candidates –
  - **Shanelle Jackson (53%)** Danyelle Coleman (4%) Reggie Davis (24%) Choka Johnson (1%) Daniel McFarland (2%) Audrey Smith (9%) Michael Terrell (1%) Mary Thomas (3%)
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Richard Zeile (100%)**
- Comments - In another primary with a large number of candidates, incumbent Rep. Shanelle Jackson (D) faced 7 challengers in the Democratic primary. It was thought that she may be in trouble going into the primary based on some polling results, but she handily with 53% of the vote. Since it will be nearly impossible for a Republican to win this seat, Rep. Jackson will go on to serve her third and final term in the House next year.

### 10<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Detroit):

- Democrat Candidates –
  - Mia Grillier (9%) Khalid Irvin (1%) Quentin Mallory (3%) Stacy Pugh (33%) **Harvey Santana (35%)** David Stephen (13%) Sean Thomas (1%) Angela Stotts-McClary (2%) Angy Webb (2%)
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Jasmine Ford (100%)**
- Comments - This northwest Detroit district primary will replace Rep. Gabe Leland who is term limited. Harvey Santana, a transportation planner, was the winner. He ran a good campaign against strong opponents. A win in November is guaranteed.

### 11<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Dearborn, Detroit):

- Democrat Candidates –
  - **David Nathan (51%)** Lynette Bowens (5%) Deborah Davis (11%) Tonya Well (33%)
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Leonard Mier (100%)**
- Comments – First term legislator David Nathan easily won re-election with 71% of the vote. Two years ago, David came out of nowhere to win the race. Because he didn't have a political background, challengers thought Nathan's first attempt at re-election was an opportunity to try

and knock him off. With a Democratic base of 96.4 percent, Representative Nathan will return to serve a second term in January of next year.

### **12<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Detroit):**

- Democrat Candidates –
  - **Rashida Tlaib (80%)** Jim Czachorowski (14%)
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Darrin Daiger (100%)**
- Comments – This southern Detroit district has distinct and separate African American, Hispanic and white communities. In 2008, Rashida Tlaib won the open seat with a strong margin of victory and repeated that feat again this year. Of the Detroit districts, it's the most Republican with an 11.3 percent base. But as with the other Detroit seats, the Democrat primary winner will be the candidate to serve in the House next year.

### **13<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Riverview, Southgate, Trenton, Wyandotte):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Andrew Kandrevas (100%)**
- Republican Candidates –
  - Bradford Glass (14%) **Cynthia Kallgren (49%)** Matthew Schafer (30%) Julius Vida Jr (8%)
- Comments - Cynthia Kallgren beat three other Republicans and will face incumbent Democrat Andrew Kandrevas who is running for his second term in this 62% Democratic downriver district. Rep. Kandrevas is considered an influential House member and will be re-elected.

### **14<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Allen Park, Ecorse, Lincoln Park, Melvindale, River Rouge):**

- Democrat Candidates –
  - **Paul Clemente (35%)** Brittany Guerriero (21%) Frank Liberati (26%) Rebecca Sarazin (2%) Frank Vaslo (16%)
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Patrick O'Connell (100%)**
- Comments – Under term limits, Michigan has had many family members run to succeed another family member thereby capitalizing on name ID. In the 14<sup>th</sup> district, Paul Clemente did just that as the cousin of outgoing Representative Ed Clemente and it carried him to victory. Of the two Downriver House districts, the 14<sup>th</sup> is to the north. Lincoln Park and Allen Park are solid middle class communities, while Ecorse, River Rouge and Melvindale are working class communities that are struggling economically a little more than their neighbors to the south. The district has a heavy Catholic and union influence that keeps it solidly in the Democratic column.

### **15<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Dearborn):**

- Democrat Candidates –
  - Linda Tafelski (36%) **George Darany (44%)** Stephen Dobkowski Jr (12%) Alex Shami (7%)
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Suzanne Sareini (100%)**
- Comments - In this open seat, George Darany beat three other Democrats and will face Republican Suzanne Sareini in this 62% Democratic district which covers Dearborn. Darany, a

University of Michigan graduate, has served as a Dearborn City Councilman and a realtor and is assured a win in November.

#### **16<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Allen Park, Dearborn Heights, Garden, Inkster):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Bob Constan (62%)** Michael Greene (38%)
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Michael Mullins (100%)**
- Comments - This suburban Wayne County district is made up of three distinctly different parts, but is consistent in its support for Democratic candidates. The 16th District recorded a 73.4 percent Democratic base in 2008. Incumbent Representative Bob Constan should easily win re-election to his third and final term in office.

#### **17<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Dearborn Heights, Livonia, Redford Twp):**

- Democrat Candidates –
  - **Mike Adams (100%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Phil Cavanagh (73%)** Frank Tomcsik (27%)
- Comments - The 17<sup>th</sup> covers Redford Township and part of Dearborn Heights. Phil Cavanagh, an attorney and a part of a powerful Wayne County family, won the primary easily with a 73% of the Democratic primary vot. He should be a heavy favorite in the general election against Mike Adams, his Republican challenger.

#### **18<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Westland):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Richard LeBlanc (100%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Floyd Collins (100%)**
- Comments – Without any contested primaries, the only race is in this district in the general election. However, the district had a Democratic base in 2006 in the high 60's, so Representative LeBlanc will be re-elected to a third and final term.

#### **19<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Livonia):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Joseph Larkin (100%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - **John Walsh (100%)**
- Comments - First term incumbent Republican state Representative John Walsh will face Democrat Joseph Larkin in November. Although this is a lean-Republican seat, Rep. Walsh has proven to be a favorite amongs Republicans as well as moderate Democratic voters and therefore will be re-elected in November.

**20<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Canton Twp, Northville, Northville Twp, Plymouth, Plymouth Twp, Wayne):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Joan Wadsworth (100%)**
- Republican Candidates –
  - **Steve Booher (66%)** Kurt Heise (34%)
- Comments - In a 53.2% Republican base seat, which a Democrat has represented for the past four years, the House Republicans are going to make a strong charge to take control of this district. Democrat Joan Wadsworth, who didn't face a primary because current Rep. Marc Corriveau opted not to run for this seat again, will face a tough challenger in Steve Booher in November.

**21<sup>st</sup> DISTRICT (Belleville, Canton Twp, Van Buren Twp):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Dian Slavens (%)**
- Republican Candidates –
  - **Lori Levi (52%)** Shannon Price (48%)
- Comments - Lori Levi, the Tea Party favorite, won a very hard fought primary election against Republican Shannon Price and will now face first term incumbent Democratic state Representative Dian Slavens. This Northville/Plymouth Township district is considered a swing seat (54% Democratic) and will be one of the battle grounds for us to watch. Levi owns Levi International, an affiliate of Amway Global, and a rental management business.

**22<sup>nd</sup> DISTRICT (Romulus, Taylor):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Doug Geiss (100%)**
- Republican Candidates –
  - Donald Lingerfelt (41%) **Darrell McNeill (59%)**
- Comments - Current state representative Doug Geiss was uncontested in the Democratic primary and should take the general in a 70% Democratic district. The Republican primary winner was Darrell McNeill, who has no previous campaign experience.

**23<sup>rd</sup> DISTRICT (Brownstown Twp, Flat Rock, Gibraltar, Grosse Ile Twp, Huron Twp, Rockwood Sumpter Twp, Woodhaven):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Deb Kennedy (100%)**
- Republican Candidates –
  - Matthew McCormick (33%) Daniel McIntyre (21%) **Pat Somerville (46%)**
- Comments – Without a primary of her own, Representative Deb Kennedy only had to watch the GOP Primary to see who her competition is in the general election. Pat Somerville earned the right to challenge Kennedy in the fall. Somerville is a self-employed retail management consultant. With a Democrat base of 56%, Representative Kennedy should be re-elected to another term.

#### **24<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Harrison Twp, Lake Twp, St. Clair Shores):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Sarah Roberts (100%)**
- Republican Candidates –
  - **Anthony Forlini (61%)** Jan Jorgenson (39%)
- Comments - Anthony Forlini won the two-way Republican primary election and will now face first term incumbent Democratic state Representative Sarah Roberts in a seat that could go either way in November. This St. Clair Shores/Harrison Township district is considered a swing seat (53% Democratic). Forlini is the Harrison Township Supervisor and a former small business owner.

#### **25<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Sterling Heights, Warren):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Jon Switalski (100%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Sean Clark (100%)**
- Comments - This district has moved firmer into the Democrats' control in the six years that Steve Bieda held in the House. It had a 50.3 percent Republican base in '02, but a 41.6 percent base in '08. Since neither candidate had to contend with a primary challenger, incumbent Rep. Jon Switalski (D) will face Republican Sean Clark in the general election. It's likely that Rep. Switalski will win in November and go on to serve a second term in the House.

#### **26<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Madison Heights, Royal Oak):**

- Democrat Candidates –
  - Frank Houston (32%) Kevin McLogan (19%) **Jim Townsend (44%)** Bob Klotz (5%)
- Republican Candidates –
  - **Ken Rosen (59%)** William Shaw (41%)
- Comments – Jim Townsend, who has a strong background in economic development, won this Oakland County district Democratic primary. He should be a slight favorite to beat the Republican primary winner, Ken Rosen, an attorney and small-business owner .

#### **27<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Berkley, Ferndale, Hazel Park, Huntington Woods, Oak Park, Pleasant Ridge):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Ellen Cogen-Lipton (100%)**
- Republican Candidates –
  - **Michelangelo Fortuna III (55%)** Ivan Kin (45%)
- Comments – With a large Democrat base hovering around 70%, incumbent Rep. Cogen Lipton should easily defeat GOP primary winner Michelangelo Fortuna.

#### **28<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Center Line, Warren):**

- Democrat Candidates –
  - **Lesia Liss (84%)** Syed Rob (16%)
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Marc Goodson (100%)**

- Comments - First term incumbent Democratic state Representative Lesia Liss beat her primary opponent and will face Republican Marc Goodson in November. This overwhelmingly Democratic district in Center Line will re-elect Representative Liss this fall.

### **29<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Auburn Hills, Pontiac):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Tim Melton (100%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Bret Allen (100%)**
- Comments - This blue-collar, union town also features a prominent African American population and high poverty. This Pontiac based working class district has struggled from the loss of manufacturing jobs, but has remained loyal to the Democratic party. The '06 base was recorded at 80.2 percent. Melton will have victory in November.

### **30<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Sterling Heights, Utica):**

- Democrat Candidates –
  - **Ken Lampar (73%)** Grant Hughes (26%)
- Republican Candidates –
  - **Jeff Farrington (43%)** David Bocek (32%) Michael Shallal (25%)
- Comments - This race will be a dogfight in November. The seat covers Sterling Heights and Utica. In competitive primary contests the Democratic winner was Ken Lampar, a Macomb County Commissioner. The Republican winner was Jeff Farrington, who works in the employment recruiting business.

### **31<sup>st</sup> DISTRICT (Clinton Twp, Fraser, Mt. Clemens):**

- Democrat Candidates –
  - **Marilyn Lane (74%)** Jim Shamaly (26%)
- Republican Candidates –
  - Lynn Evans (31%) John Horton (9%) Leo Melise (22%) **Dan Tollis (37%)**
- Comments – Daniel Tollis won the GOP primary earning the right to challenge the Democrat candidate for the second election in a row. Tollis lost in 2008 receiving only 31% of the vote. While this year should be a better year for the GOP, this district has a base Democrat vote of 60%. Look for Dem primary winner Marilyn Lane to be elected to a first term in the Michigan House in November.

### **32<sup>nd</sup> DISTRICT (Armada Twp, Chesterfield Twp, Lenox Twp, Memphis, New Baltimore, Richmond, Richmond Twp, Columbus Twp, Ira Twp, Kimball Twp, Wales Twp):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Jennifer Haase (100%)**
- Republican Candidates –
  - Galen Johnson (12%) **Andrea LaFontaine (31%)** David Nocak (30%) Michael Shmina (27%)
- Comments - Andrea LaFontaine won the four-way Republican primary election and will now face first term incumbent Democratic state Representative Jennifer Hasse. This will be a very hotly contested race. This Macomb County seat is 51% Republican and is currently held by a

Democrat, Rep. Haase, who won the seat in 2008 with 50.4% of the vote. LaFontaine is currently in graduate school and worked for Senator Alan Sanborn.

### **33<sup>rd</sup> DISTRICT (Clinton Twp, Macomb Twp, Ray Twp):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Andrew Prasiloski (100%)**
- Republican Candidates –
  - Giuseppe Biondo (12%) Gina Bucci (22%) Frank Cusumano (14%) **Ken Goike (24%)** James Santilli Jr (6%) Pete Viatale (20%)
- Comments - This northern Macomb County district is still strongly conservative despite seeing a loss in its Republican base from 59 percent in 2001 to 51 percent in 2008. Therefore, it is likely that a Republican will once again represent this seat in the House in January.

### **34<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Flint):**

- Democrat Candidates –
  - **Woodrow Stanley (70%)** Lacy Wilhelm (30%)
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Bruce Rogers (100%)**
- Comments – Outside of Detroit, no district is more Democratic than the predominately African American, urban Flint-based 34th. Over the last three election cycles, it's averaged an 87.9 percent Democratic base with a whopping 92.2 percent in 2008. Incumbent Rep. Woodrow Stanley easily won his primary race over Lacy Wilhelm by securing 70% of the vote. Given this seat's Democratic base numbers, Rep. Stanley should prepare to serve his second term in office come January.

### **35<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Lathrup Village, Oak Park, Royal Oak Twp, Southfield):**

- Democrat Candidates –
  - Eric Coleman (47%) **Rudy Hobbs (53%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Michael Weinenger (100%)**
- Comments - This south Oakland County district is made up of mostly Southfield and is heavily Democrat. The Democrat primary winner was Rudy Hobbs, who most recently worked for Lt.Gov. John Cherry. He will face Republican Michael Weinenger, a schoolteacher, in November.

### **36<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Bruce Twp, Shelby Twp, Washington Twp):**

- Democrat Candidates –
  - **Robert Murphy (57%)** James Winne (43%)
- Republican Candidates –
  - **Pete Lund (80%)** Sebastian Previti (12%) Brian Senia (9%)
- Comments - First term incumbent Republican state Representative Peter Lund, a proven leader within his caucus, beat his two primary opponents and will now face Democrat Robert Murphy this November. This Macomb County seat is nearly 60% Republican.

### **37<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Farmington, Farmington Hills):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Vicki Barnett (100%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Christopher Atallah (100%)**
- Comments - The demographics of this district look a lot different than they did 10 years ago when Republican Rep. Rocky Raczkowski held this seat. A growingly diverse district mixed with progressive young professionals means a more liberal base, which is evident by its 57.5 percent Democratic base in 2008. Look for first term Representative Vicki Barnett to win another term in the Michigan House.

### **38<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Lyon Twp, Northville, Novi, Novi Twp, South Lyon, Walled Lake, Wixom):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Jeffrey Gedeon (100%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Hugh Crawford (100%)**
- Comments - First term incumbent Republican state Representative from Novi, Hugh Crawford, didn't face a primary opponent but will face Democrat Jeffrey Gedeon in November. This district is 60% Republican and Rep. Crawford will be re-elected.

### **39<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Commerce Twp, West Bloomfield Twp):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Lisa Brown (100%)**
- Republican Candidates –
  - Alan Clawson (18%) Karl Sipfle (29%) **Lois Shulman (54%)**
- Comments - First term incumbent Democratic state Representative Lisa Brown will face Lois Shulman, the winner of the three-way Republican primary election. This Commerce Township/West Bloomfield Township district is 52% Democratic. Representative Brown, a realtor and lawyer, won the seat in 2008 with 51.6% of the vote. Lois Shulman, the wife of former state Representative Marc Shulman, is self employed, but worked in real estate and the health care industry.

### **40<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Twp, Keego Harbor, Orchard Lake Village, Southfield Twp, Sylvan Lake):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Julie Candler (100%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Chuck Moss (100%)**
- Comments - It'll be a rematch for Candler who was defeated by Moss in 2008. It's a runaway lock for Republicans to win, having a 58 percent Republican base after the 2008 election.

### **41<sup>st</sup> DISTRICT (Clawson, Troy):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Ed Spillers (100%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Marty Knollenberg (100%)**

- Comments - Current Rep. Marty Knollenberg represents this 56% Republican district in Oakland County and will be a favorite in November.

#### **42<sup>nd</sup> DISTRICT (Eastpointe, Fraser, Roseville):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Harold Haugh (100%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Stuart Jason (100%)**
- Comments – Without a primary for either party the race hinges on the general election. But don't look for any cliffhangers here, the base Democrat vote is nearly 70% so Representative Haugh should coast to a second term.

#### **43<sup>rd</sup> DISTRICT (Lake Angeuls, Waterford Twp, West Bloomfield Twp):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Regina Strong (100%)**
- Republican Candidates –
  - **Gail Haines (76%)** Neil Billington (24%)
- Comments - First term incumbent Republican state Representative from Waterford Township, Gail Haines, won a two-way primary and will now face Democrat Regina Strong in the general election. This district is 52% Republican, however, Representative Haines is expected to retain her seat in November. Regina Strong is a former EDS executive.

#### **44<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Highland Twp, Independence Twp, Springfield Twp, Village of Clarkston, White Lake Twp):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Phil Fabrizio (100%)**
- Republican Candidates –
  - **Eileen Kowall (63%)** Rick Gutowski (27%)
- Comments – First term GOP legislator Eileen Kowall was challenged by political neophyte Rick Gutowski. While Kowall was expected to have a strong win, the Tea Party activities in Michigan created some nervousness by GOP incumbents. True to expectations, Kowall won and in this 62% GOP seat is expected to be elected to a second term.

#### **45<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Oakland Twp, Rochester Hills, Rochester):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Mary Ward (100%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Tom McMillin (100%)**
- Comments - This affluent white-collar Oakland County enclave had a 58.9 percent Republican base in 2008. Incumbent Rep. McMillin is expected to maintain control of this seat and serve a second term on the House.

**46<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Addison Twp, Brandon Twp, Groveland Twp, Holly Twp, Orion Twp, Oxford Twp, Rose Twp):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **David Lillis (100%)**
- Republican Candidates –
  - **Bradford Jacobsen (53%)** Daniel Mysalkowski (30%) Gary Warner (17%)
- Comments - In this open seat, Brad Jacobsen pulled out a win in a three-way Republican primary and will now face Democrat David Lillis. This Northern Oakland County district is 60% Republican. Jacobsen is vice-president of Jacobsen Flowers and is a current Oakland County Commissioner. Democrats are likely not spending too much time paying attention to this district.

**47<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Cohoctah Twp, Conway Twp, Deerfield Twp, Hamburg Twp, Handy Twp, Hartland Twp, Howell, Howell Twp, Iosco Twp, Marion Twp, Putnam Twp, Tyrone Twp, Unadilla Twp):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Garry Post (100%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Cindy Denby (100%)**
- Comments - Rep. Cindy Denby is the current legislator in this Livingston County House district that is 60% Republican. Count on her to win in the general election. Her Democratic opponent will be Garry Post, a real estate broker.

**48<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Clayton Twp, Clio, Flushing, Flushing Twp, Forest Twp, Montrose, Montrose Twp, Mount Morris, Mount Morris Twp, Thetford Twp, Vienna Twp):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Rick Hammel (100%)**
- Republican Candidates –
  - Bradley Anthony (36%) **Susan Culver (64%)**
- Comments – With a 65% Democrat base, Susan Culver won the right to be the sacrificial lamb in November. Expect Representative Hammel to be elected to his third and final term.

**49<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Clayton Twp, Flint, Flint Twp, Gaines Twp, Swartz Creek):**

- Democrat Candidates –
  - **Jim Ananich (64%)** Kyle Cawood (18%) Larry Hutchinson JR (11%) Jerry Runyon (8%)
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Allen Pool (100%)**
- Comments - In this open seat, Jim Ananich beat three other Democrats for the right to face Republican Allen Pool. This Flint area seat is 70% Democratic and Ananich is assured a win in November. Ananich is a Flint school teacher and former president of the Flint City Council.

**50<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Burton, Davison, Davison Twp, Genesee Twp, Richfield Twp):**

- Democrat Candidates –
  - **Charles Smiley (35%)** Gerald Masters (29%) James Cowan (21%) Richard Burrus (10%) Jeffrey Houston (5%)
- Republican Candidate –
  - **William Ralph (100%)**
- Comments - The 50th had a 64.5 percent Democratic base in 2008, up from 60.7 percent in '04. Therefore, it is likely that we will hear the title of Representative before Charley Smiley's name next year.

**51<sup>st</sup> DISTRICT (Argentine Twp, Atlas Twp, Fenton, Fenton Twp, Grand Blanc, Grand Blanc Twp, Linden, Mundy Twp):**

- Democrat Candidates –
  - **Art Reyes (61%)** Linda Kingston (39%)
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Paul Scott (100%)**
- Comments - This will be a competitive race this November. Current state Representative, Paul Scott will have a tough race from the Democrat primary winner Art Reyes, a UAW official.

**52<sup>nd</sup> DISTRICT (Ann Arbor, Bridgewater Twp, Dexter Twp, Freedom Twp, Lima Twp, Lodi Twp, Lyndon Twp, Manchester Twp, Northfield Twp, Pittsfield Twp, Saline, Saline Twp, Scio Twp, Sharon Twp, Sylvan Twp, Webster Twp):**

- Democrat Candidates –
  - **Christine Green (71%)** Jeffrey Lee (8%) Robert Wozniak (21%)
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Mark Ouimet (100%)**
- Comments – This rural district has been out of reach for Republicans since Pam Byrnes was elected in 2004. But even with 56.1 percent Democratic base in '08, the House Republican Campaign Committee likes its candidate and sees a pick-up in this political climate as a very real possibility. Democrat attorney Christine Green easily won the right to challenge GOP candidate Mark Ouimet, a Washtenaw County Commissioner and former Ann Arbor City Councilman. Watch for this race to be heavily contested by both parties in November.

**53<sup>rd</sup> DISTRICT (Ann Arbor, Scio Twp, Pittsfield Twp):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - Ned Staebler (49%) **Jeff Irwin (51%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Chase Ingersoll (100%)**
- Comments - In this 78% Democratic open seat, which includes the City of Ann Arbor, Democrat Jeff Irwin beat one other Democratic candidate for the right to face Republican Chase Ingersoll in November. Irwin is the son of former Senator and State Agriculture Director Mitch Irwin. Jeff has served as a Washtenaw County Commissioner and worked for the League of Conservation Voters.

**54<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Augusta Twp, Salem Twp, Superior Twp, Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti Twp):**

- Democrat Candidates –
  - Lonnie Scott (31%) Dave Franklin (4%) Edison Hubert (5%) William Riney (13%)  
**David Rutledge (38%)** Michael White (10%)
- Republican Candidates –
  - **Richard Deitering (52%)** Rodney Nanney (48%)
- Comments - This district had a 72.4 percent Democratic base in 2008. Based on this strong number, David Rutledge is almost assured of joining the House of Representatives.

**55<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Bedford Twp, Dundee Twp, Erie Twp, Milan, Milan Twp, Petersburg, Summerfield Twp, Whiteford Twp, Milan, Pittsfield Twp, Saline Twp, York Twp):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Mike Smith (100%)**
- Republican Candidates –
  - Mary Kay Thayer (21%) Frank Chrzanowski (25%) **Rick Olson (50%)** Andrew Sosnoski (4%)
- Comments - This is another open seat that will be a tossup in November. Rick Olson, a lawyer and financial planner, won a hard-fought Republican primary for the right to challenge Mike Smith, who was unopposed in the Democratic primary. The district covers parts of Monroe and Washtenaw counties.

**56<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Ash Twp, Berlin Twp, Exeter Twp, Frenchtown Twp, Ida Twp, LaSalle Twp, London Twp, Lune Pier, Monroe, Monroe Twp, Raisinville Twp):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Kate Ebli (100%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Dale Zorn (76%)** Bob Wentz (24%)
- Comments – This Monroe district is historically a ticket-splitting district where the quality of the candidate typically means more than political affiliation. Moderates tend to do better than ideologues in this district, which had a 57.9 percent Democratic base in 2008. Monroe County Commissioner Dale Zorn advances from the GOP Primary to take on second term incumbent Rep. Kate Ebli.

**57<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Lenawee County):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Harvey Schmidt (100%)**
- Republican Candidates –
  - Jim Van Doren (46%) **Nancy Jenkins (54%)**
- Comments - In this open swing seat, Democrat Harvey Schmidt, a fifth-term Tecumseh Mayor and pharmacy owner will face Nancy Jenkins, a former legislative staffer for Senator Cameron Brown. This district includes most of Lenawee County and is a 52% Republican district. The Spade family (Dudley and Doug) have retained the seat for Democrats during the past 12 years, but both are term-limited and therefore this seat is a toss-up.

**58<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Branch County, Hillsdale County):**

- Democrat Candidate – *No candidate*
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Ken Kurtz (100%)**
- Comments - This rural, small-town district bordering Indiana is southern Michigan's most Republican district. The Republican base was 60 percent in 2008. Having no primary or general election challengers, incumbent Rep. Kenneth Kurtz is assured to cruise into his second term in the House.

**59<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Calvin Twp, Jefferson twp, LaGrange Twp, Marcellus Twp, Mason Twp, Milton Twp, Newberg Twp, Ontwa Twp, Penn Twp, Pokagon Twp, Porter Twp, Volinia Twp, St. Joseph County):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Carol Higgins (100%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Matt Lori (100%)**
- Comments - Rep. Matt Lori is the current Representative and will be a clear favorite over Democrat Carol Higgins since the district is 59% Republican. This will be a rematch from their 2008 race that Lori won with 60% of the vote.

**60<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Cooper Twp, Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Twp, Portage):**

- Democrat Candidates –
  - Chris Praedel (17%) Dustin Harback (66%) **Sean McCann (77%)**
- Republican Candidates –
  - **Jeff Fernandez (100%)**
- Comments – As a 70% Democrat seat, primary winner Sean McCann should coast to victory in November. His experience as a County Commissioner for 10 years gives him a background he hopes will prove useful in Lansing.

**61<sup>st</sup> DISTRICT (Alamo Twp, Kalamazoo Twp, Oshtemo Twp, Parchment, Portage, Prairie Ronde Twp, Texas Twp):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Thomas Batten (100%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Margaret O'Brien (100%)**
- Comments - Republican Margaret O'Brien will face Democrat Thomas Batten in the general election. Neither had a primary opponent. This Kalamazoo County district is 52% Republican. O'Brien is a real estate agent and former social worker. Batten owns a tutoring business and is a former Department of Defense project manager.

**62<sup>nd</sup> DISTRICT (Albion, Albion Twp, Athens Twp, Battle Creek, Bedford Twp, Burlington Twp, Clarence Twp, Clarendon Twp, Convis Twp, Eckford Twp, Fredonia Twp, Homer Twp, Lee Twp, Leroy Twp, Marengo Twp, Marshall, Sheridan Twp, Springfield, Tekonsha Twp):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Kate Segal (100%)**
- Republican Candidate –

- **Steven Mobley (100%)**
- Comments -. Kate Segal (D) is the currentRep and will face Republican Steve Mobley in November. This is about a 55% Democratic district in Calhoun County.

**63<sup>rd</sup> DISTRICT (Battle Creek, Bedford, Eckford, Emmett Twp, Fredonia, Marshall, Marshall Twp, Newton Twp, Pennfield Twp, Brady Twp, Charleston Twp, Climax Twp, Comstock Twp, Galesburg, Pavilion Twp, Richland Twp, Ross Twp, Schoolcraft Twp, Wakeshma Twp):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Dave Morgan (100%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Jase Bolger (100%)**
- Comments - The lion’s share of the 63rd is a series of predominately Republican Kalamazoo County townships. The Calhoun County part of the district is a bit more Democratic, but the city of Marshall is fairly Republican, which will make it difficult for a Dem to get much traction here.

**64<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Concord Twp, Hanover Twp, Jackson, Napoleon Twp, Parma Twp, Pulaski Twp, Sandstone Twp, Spring Arbor Twp, Summit Twp):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Martin Griffin (100%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - Jane Grover (43%) **Earl Poleski (57%)**
- Tea Party Candidate –
  - **Sara Summerfelt (100%)**
- Comments - Current state Rep. Marty Griffin faces a difficult reelection contest in November. Earl Poleski, a Jackson County Commissioner and financial planner, won a hard-fought Republican primary in a district that is traditionally slightly Republican. This will be a targeted race for both parties.

**65<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Eaton County, Jackson County, Lenawee County):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Janet Rochefort (100%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - Joe Rokicsak (10%) **Mike Shirkey (69%)** Sharon Reiner (21%)
- Comments - Mike Shirkey beat two other Republicans for the right to face Democrat Janet Rochefort. This Jackson County district is 52% Republican and is considered a key race to watch. Shirkey is a business owner and former school board member. Rochefort served as County Treasurer for 28 years, owned a party store and a bed & breakfast.

**66<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Brighton, Brighton Twp, Genoa Twp, Green Oak Twp, Marion Twp, Oceola Twp, Milford Twp):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **James Delcamp (100%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Bill Rogers (100%)**

- Comments – A 65% GOP seat, first term Representative Bill Rogers should be easily re-elected in November. Look for Bill to do a lot of door-to-door to help other GOP candidates win their general election contests.

**67<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Alaiedon Twp, Aurelius Twp, Bunker Hill Twp, Delhi Charter Twp, Ingham Twp, Lansing, Leroy Twp, Leslie, Leslie Twp, Locke Twp, Mason, Onondaga Twp, Stockbridge Twp, Vevay Twp, Wheatfield Twp, White Oak Twp, Williamston, Williamston Twp):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Barb Byrum (100%)**
- Republican Candidates –
  - **Jeff Oesterle (53%)** Jeff Hall (25%) Tricia Opper (21%)
- Comments - Current second term State Representative Barb Byrum will face Republican Jeff Oesterle in this 54% Democratic Ingham County district. Oesterle is a farmer and president of the Ingham County Farm Bureau.

**68<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Lansing, Lansing Twp):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Joan Bauer (100%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Timothy Moede (100%)**
- Comments - The historically Democratic seat, which includes most of Lansing and Lansing Township is primarily a working-class district, whose blue collar workers have been hit hard by the closure of two General Motors plants. In 2010, this district is not considered one either caucus will spend significant time or resources going after. Bauer is sure to win re-election and enter into her third and final term in office.

**69<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (East Lansing, Lansing, Meridian Twp, Williamston Twp):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Mark Meadows (100%)**
- Republican Candidates –
  - **Susan McGillicuddy (65%)** Frank Lambert (35%)
- Comments - In most years, current Rep. Mark Meadows would be an easy winner. This November he could face strong opposition from Meridian Township supervisor, Susan McGillicuddy who won the Republican Primary in convincing fashion.

**70<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Belding, Berlin Twp, Easton Twp, Ionia, Ionia Twp, Keene Twp, Orleans Twp, Otisco Twp, Montclam County):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Mike Huckleberry (100%)**
- Republican Candidates –
  - Edward Sternisha 10(%) Denise Drury (9%) **Rick Outman (39%)** Lloyd Scoby (16%) Michael Van Kleek (27%)
- Comments – With a GOP base of 54% this seat should be held by the GOP. However, in 2008 well-liked Mike Huckleberry (better known as Huck) beat the GOP candidate in a strong year for Democrats. Rick Outman won the right to challenge Huck in November. As the owner of an

excavation company Rick is not a stranger to politics. In 2008 he came in fourth place for this seat in the GOP primary.

**71<sup>st</sup> DISTRICT (Bellevue Twp, Benton Twp, Carmel Twp, Charlotte Twp, Chester Twp, Delta Twp, Eaton Rapids Twp, Eaton Twp, Grand Ledge, Kalamo Twp, Lansing, Olivet, Oneida Charter Twp, Pottersville, Roxand Twp, Sunfield Twp, Vermontville Twp, Walton Twp, Windsor Twp):**

- Democrat Candidates –
  - Bob Robinson (22%) Justin Heany (10%) Mike Easgle (7%) Fred Fry (28%) **Theresa Abed (34%)**
- Republican Candidates –
  - Cheryl Haddock (20%) **Deb Shaughnessy (45%)** Britt Slocum (17%) Laurie Raines (18%)
- Comments - This area east of Lansing is rapidly becoming more suburban, as farmland is gobbled up for development. The district also is trending more Democrat, with a 51.9 percent Dem base in 2008. This is sure to be a November race to watch.

**72<sup>nd</sup> DISTRICT (Caledonia Twp, Cascade Twp, Gaines Twp, Kentwood):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Brian Bosak (100%)**
- Republican Candidates –
  - **Ken Yonker (48%)** Frederick Fleishmann (7%) Eric Larson (45%)
- Comments - Landscape contractor Ken Yonker beat two other Republicans and will now face Brian Bosak in November. This Kent County seat is very Republican (65%) and Ken Yonker will be elected in November.

**73<sup>rd</sup> DISTRICT (Algoma Twp, Cannon Twp, Cedar Springs, Courtland Twp, Nelson Twp, Oakfield Twp, Plainfield Twp, Rockford, Solon Twp, Sparta Twp, Spencer Twp, Tyrone Twp):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Jerrod Roberts (100%)**
- Republican Candidates –
  - Tom Norton (10%) **Peter MacGregor (27%)** Dennis Smith (9%) Bob Becker (9%) Bruce Hawley (15%) Jeanine Herlacher (12%) Paul Hibbard (3%) Steve Jazwiec (5%) Tim Nelson (10%)
- Comments - This mostly rural district remains among the most conservative in the state, with a 63 percent base. Given this strong conservative base, Peter MacGregor is expected to be sworn into office next year to represent this district.

**74<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Alpine Twp, Grandville, Coopersville, Crockery Twp, Georgetown Twp, Polkton Twp, Tallmadge Twp, Wright Twp):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Leon Chase (100%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - **David Agema (100%)**

- Comments - Rep. David Agema should win handily in November against Democrat Leon Chase. The Kent County district is 73% Republican.

#### **75<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Grand Rapids):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Brandon Dillon (100%)**
- Republican Candidates –
  - **Bing Goei (57%)** Jordan Bush (43%)
- Comments - Bing Goei, the owner of Eastern Floral, will face former legislative staffer Brandon Dillon this November. This Grand Rapids seat leans Democratic (56%). This seat has been won by Republicans in the past, so it will be a race to watch closely in November.

#### **76<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Grand Rapids):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Roy Schmidt (100%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Marc Tonnemacher (100%)**
- Comments – This urban Grand Rapids district is sliding more firmly into the Democratic column after the Republicans tried to give term limited Mike Sak a spirited run in 2002 when the district had a 53.8 percent base. By 2008 the Democratic base had grown to 66.3 percent. Look for freshman legislator Roy Schmidt to handily win a second term in the House.

#### **77<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Byron Twp, Wyoming):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Scott Barton (100%)**
- Republican Candidates –
  - Rusty Richter (20%) Nate Vriesman (27%) Dave VanHouten (10%) **Tom Hooker (28%)** Frank Murin (14%)
- Comments - Byron Center school teacher Thomas Hooker beat four other Republicans and will face Scott Barton in November. This Kent County district, which includes Wyoming and Byron Township, is 63% Republican and Hooker will be elected in November.

#### **78<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Berrien County, Cass County, Buchanan, New Buffalo, Niles, Dowagiac):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Cindy Ellis (100%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Sharon Tyler 100 (%)**
- Comments - First term incumbent Republican state Representative Sharon Tyler will face Democrat Cindy Ellis this November. This Berrien County seat is 54% Republican. Ellis was the chair of the Au Sable Creek Watershed in Illinois. Representative Tyler is expected to return to Lansing.

**79<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Bainbridge Twp, Benton Charter Twp, Benton Harbor, Bridgeman, Coloma, Coloma Twp, Hager Twp, Lake Charles Twp, Lincoln Twp, Royalton Twp, Sodus Twp, St Joseph Charter Twp, St Joseph, Watervliet, Watervliet Twp):**

- Democrat Candidates –
  - **Mary Brown (51%)** Juice Laurent (49%)
- Republican Candidates –
  - **Al Pscholka (65%)** Bruce Gorenflo (15%) Paul Peterson (20%)
- Comments - This northern Berrien County district consists of the St. Joseph/Benton Harbor urban area and agriculture land, but has comfortably remained in the republican column for years. With the district favoring Obama in 2008, this could be an interesting race to watch in November.

**80<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Otsego, Otsego Twp, Watson Twp, Van Buren County):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Thomas Erdmann (100%)**
- Republican Candidates –
  - **Aric Nesbitt (50%)** Douglas Harrington (7%) Shelly Ann Hartmann (17%) Bob Linderman (8%) William Queen (2%) Frank Thompson (16%)
- Comments - Aric Nesbitt, a former Congressional staffer, beat five Republicans and will face Paul Erdmann, a County Commissioner, in November. This district is 52% Republican, and Aric is expected to win. This district covers most of Van Buren and part of Allegan County.

**81<sup>st</sup> DISTRICT (St. Clair County):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Carol Morrissette (100%)**
- Republican Candidates –
  - **Jud Gilbert (72%)** Peter Frangedakis (28%)
- Comments - Current Senator Jud Gilbert was able to run for another term in the House and he will face Carol Morrissette in November. This St. Clair County district is 54% Republican and is Gilbert's to lose.

**82<sup>nd</sup> DISTRICT (Lapeer County):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Mark Monson (100%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Kevin Daley (100%)**
- Comments - Rep. Kevin Daley, a farmer, should win reelection in this 55% Republican district that makes up most of Lapeer County. The Democratic candidate will be Mark Monson, who has already filed a waiver with the Secretary of State pledging not to spend more than \$1000 on his campaign.

### **83<sup>rd</sup> DISTRICT (Burtchville Twp, Fort Gratiot, Port Huron):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Alan Lewandowski (100%)**
- Republican Candidates –
  - Justin Faber (8%) Eric Tubbs (28%) **Paul Muxlow (32%)** Alan Broughton (17%) Kirk Dale (4%) John Hoffman (6%) Ed Smith (5%)
- Comments – While this district had only a 44.8 percent Democratic base in '04, history has shown it will vote for the right Democrat. The Autoworker retirees are shifting the demographics slightly to the Dems. Although, the district has a 52% GOP base, GOP primary winner Paul Muxlow will have to do some work to ensure he wins in the general. If Muxlow wins, this will be a pick up for the GOP as Democrat Ewp. John Espinoza is serving his third and final term.

### **84<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Huron County, Tuscola County):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Terry Brown (100%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Kurt Damrow (100%)**
- Comments - Current second term Democratic State Representative Terry Brown will face Republican Kurt Damrow in this 53% Republican Tuscola/Huron County district. Damrow is a county commissioner and served in the US Air Force. Despite being a Democrat, Representative Brown has won this Republican seat twice.

### **85<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Bath Twp, Dewitt Twp, Ovid Twp, Victor Twp, Shiawassee County):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Pamela Drake (100%)**
- Republican Candidates –
  - Jim Stechschulte (11%) David Lazar (15%) Harold Kuisel (15%) Dennis Rainwater (19%) **Ben Glardon (39%)**
- Comments - Typically targeted by the Democrats as a swing seat, Rep. Dick Ball has managed to make it safe, despite the district having a 52.3 percent Democratic base in 2008. This seat will now be back in play for the Democrats, which makes it a race to watch in November.

### **86<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Ada Twp, Bowne Twp, East Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids Twp, Grattan Twp, Lowell, Lowell Twp, Vergennes Twp, Walker):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Frank Hammond (100%)**
- Republican Candidates –
  - John Schwartz (11%) Rob VerHeulen (35%) **Lisa Posthumus-Lyons (49%)** Kimberly Cummings (6%)
- Comments - The population center for this solidly Republican district that wraps around Grand Rapids like an upside down U is suburban Walker and the affluent East Grand Rapids. The district had a 60.7 percent Republican base in 2008 and is all but a lock for the Republican nominee. That nominee just happens to be Lisa Lyons who is the daughter of former state Senator and Lieutenant Governor Dick Posthumus. It will be interesting to watch Lisa's political career develop and see what heights she can reach.

**87<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Barry County, Ionia County):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Greg Grieves (100%)**
- Republican Candidates –
  - **Michael Callton (47%)** Michael Bremer (27%) Steve Fabiano (27%)
- Comments - Mike Callton, a County Commissioner and chiropractor, beat two other Republicans and will face Greg Grieves in November. This Ionia/Barry County district is 60% Republican and Callton will be elected this fall.

**88<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Allegan County):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Randy Thompson (100%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Bob Genetski (100%)**
- Comments - This conservative West Michigan district is nearly 65% Republican. First term Rep. Bob Genetski should win reelection against Democrat Randy Thompson.

**89<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Allendale Twp, Ferrysburg, Grand Haven, Grand Haven Twp, Olive Twp, Park Twp, Port Sheldon Twp, Robinson Twp, Spring Lake Twp):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Don Bergman (100%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - Brandon Hall (2%) **Amanda Price (37%)** David Miller (11%) William Easterling Jr (4%) Sec Garcia (7%) John McNeil (12%) Jeffrey Meyer (9%) John Nash (17%)
- Comments - In this 66% Republican Ottawa County district, eight Republicans battled to become the next state Representative. The sole female candidate, Amanda Price, stole the show with a huge victory. Price, a legislative staffer and township supervisor, will face Don Bergman, and Price will go on to win in November.

**90<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Blendon Twp, Holland, Holland Twp, Hudsonville, Jamestown Twp, Zeeland, Zeeland Twp):**

- Democrat Candidate – *No candidate*
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Joe Haveman (100%)**
- Comments – As if having a 72% GOP base isn't good enough for Republican first-term Joe Haveman, he doesn't have any Democrat opponent. It's good to be Joe.

**91<sup>st</sup> DISTRICT (Muskegon County, Ottawa County):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Ben Gillette (60%)** Brandon Gemzer (40%)
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Holly Hughes (62%)** Ken Punter (38%)
- Comments - Democrat Ben Gillette will face Republican Holly Hughes in this Muskegon County seat that is 52% Democratic. This seat has had both Republican and Democratic representation over the past 10 years and it's likely to be one of the closer races in the state.

**92<sup>nd</sup> DISTRICT (Fruitland Twp, Laketon Twp, Muskegon Heights, Muskegon, Muskegon Twp, North Muskegon):**

- Democrat Candidates –
  - **Marcia Hovey-Wright (28%)** Scott Nesbit (5%) Sean Mullally (17%) Charles Nash (22%) Steven Markel (1%) Scott McNeil (1%) David Takitaki (7%) Willie Walton (1%) Steve Warmington (18%)
- Republican Candidate –
  - **John McNally (100%)**
- Comments - Democrat Marcia Hovey-Wright, a psychotherapist and social worker beat eight other Democratic candidates to win the primary in this Muskegon County district that is 70% Democratic. She will face Republican John McNally, but she is assured a win in November.

**93<sup>rd</sup> DISTRICT (Clinton County, Gratiot County):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Travis Lacelle (100%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Paul Opsommer (100%)**
- Comments - This traditionally rural, agricultural district is known for its high voter turnout, particularly in Clinton County. The Republican base in 2008 was 55.4 percent. Given this base, incumbent Rep. Paul Opsommer is likely to win his third and final term in office.

**94<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Albee Twp, Birch Run Twp, Blumfield Twp, Chesaning Twp, Frankenmuth, Frankenmuth Twp, James Twp, Maple Grove Twp, Saginaw Twp, St Charles Twp, Swan Creek Twp, Taymouth Twp, Thomas Twp):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Vince Mosca (100%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Ken Horn (100%)**
- Comments - This slightly Republican district is comprised of mostly rural townships in Saginaw County. Rep. Ken Horn will be the favorite against Democrat Vince Mosca, a schoolteacher.

**95<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Bridgeport Twp, Buena Vista Twp, Saginaw, Spaulding Twp):**

- Democrat Candidates –
  - Greg Dietrick (20%) **Stacy Erwin Oakes (26%)** J.J. Horgan (Deceased) (2%) Joyce Seals (25%) Pamela Pugh (17%)
- Republican Candidates –
  - **Sarge Harvey (58%)** Joel Wilson (42%)
- Comments - This heavy Democratic area has fallen on hard time with closed factories and has given rise to rough street gangs and widespread crime in Saginaw proper and neighboring Buena Vista. The Democratic base in 2008 was 80.9 percent. Former State Representative Andy Coulouris was eligible, and expected, to serve a third term but resigned early this year to take a private sector job in Washington, DC. This created an opening which Stacy Erwin Oakes capitalized on to win the election to serve out the remainder of Coulouris' term and for a full term beginning January 2011. As an assistant Attorney General and a former House staffer, she will have a leg up on her colleagues in understanding how the process works at the Capitol.

**96<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Bay County):**

- Democrat Candidates –
  - Brian Elder (39%) **Charlie Brunner (61%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Dennis Poirier Sr (100%)**
- Comments - Democrat Charles Brunner, a former teacher and City Commissioner, will face Republican Dennis Poirier in this 60% Democrat Bay County district. Brunner is assured a win in November.

**97<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Arenac County, Fraser Twp, Garfield Twp, Gibson Twp, Kawkawlin Twp, Mt. Forest Twp, Pinconning, Pinconning Twp, Clare County, Gladwin County):**

- Democrat Candidates –
  - Jason Liptow (17%) **Mark Lightfoot (44%)** Tim Barnum (39%)
- Republican Candidates –
  - **Joel Johnson (46%)** Kim Emmons (22%) George Gilmore (18%) Tom Kerrins (9%) Roy Morrison (5%)
- Comments - This rural, lower-income district is fairly conservative despite historically voting Democratic in elections. This is sure to be a battle ground seat for Republicans and Democrats in November's election.

**98<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Midland County, Saginaw County):**

- Democrat Candidate – *No candidate*
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Jim Stamas (100%)**
- Comments - Rep. Jim Stamas (Midland) is a well-liked Republican who is running unopposed in November.

**99<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Isabella County, Midland County):**

- Democrat Candidates –
  - **Toni Sessoms (69%)** Carl Hamann (17%) Peter Gallinat (14%)
- Republican Candidates –
  - Christine Alwood (39%) **Kevin Cotter (61%)**
- Comments – This seat has become a classic 50/50 seat giving both parties a good shot at winning. On the GOP side attorney Kevin Cotter won the opportunity to take on Democrat winner Toni Sessoms, who is also an attorney. Look for both sides to weigh in on this race in November.

**100<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Lake County, Newaygo County, Ocean County):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Bill Richards (100%)**
- Republican Candidates –
  - Jane Drake (28%) **Jon Bumstead (32%)** Marc Libants (24%) Scott Tillman (16%)
- Comments - Republican Jon Bumstead, a builder, won a close four-way Republican primary and will face Democrat Bill Richards, a retired Department of Corrections employee. The 100<sup>th</sup> District covers three counties (Oceana, Newaygo and Lake) and is 55% Republican.

**101<sup>st</sup> DISTRICT (Benzie County, Leelanau County, Manistee County, Mason County):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Dan Scripps (100%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Ray Franz (73%)** John Arens (27%)
- Comments - Scripps is one of a handful of freshman House members the Republicans will likely be targeting in 2010, since he represents a northwestern district that has been in the Republican column for years before Scripps' election. The Democrats have benefited from the number of union, blue-collar retirees moving into the area.

**102<sup>nd</sup> DISTRICT (Mecosta County, Osceola County, Wexford County):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Jodi Gabert (100%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - Linda Howard (24%) Morris Langworthy Jr (25%) Jeremy Mishler (18%) **Phil Potvin (28%)** Ryan Steig (5%)
- Comments - There was a crowded Republican primary to get the chance to replace current state Representative Darwin Booher in this three county northern Michigan district. Phil Potvin of Cadillac was the winner and will be a clear favorite in the November face-off with Democrat Jodi Gabert of Reed City.

**103<sup>rd</sup> DISTRICT (Iosco County, Missaukee County, Ogemaw County, Roscommon County):**

- Democrat Candidates –
  - **Van Sheltroun (58%)** Randy Surline (30%) Frank Izworski (12%)
- Republican Candidates –
  - Phil Bendily (7%) Larry Boyce (14%) David Ryan (14%) Tony Gojcaj (7%) **Bruce Rendon (32%)** Susan Vick (21%) Charles Webb (6%)
- Comments – This true 50/50 northeastern Michigan district has been represented by a Sheltroun ever since it was redistricted to include the four counties that run from Lake Huron to Missaukee. Democrat primary winner Van Sheltroun (brother of the other two Sheltrouns) hopes to continue the family tradition and will take on Republican Bruce Rendon. Sheltroun is a corrections officer, Rendon homebuilder and dairy farmer.

**104<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Grand Traverse County, Kalkaska County):**

- Democrat Candidate – *No candidate*
- Republican Candidates –
  - **Wayne Schmidt (65%)** Glen Lile (35%)
- Comments - In this 60% Republican seat, which covers Grand Traverse and Kalkaska, current first-term state Representative Schmidt beat his primary opponent and is assured re-election because a Democratic candidate did not file.

**105<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Antrim County, Charlevoix County, Cheboygan County, Ostego County):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Greg Dean (100%)**
- Republican Candidates –

- Dennis Lennox (7%) Kenneth Glasser (15%) Tim Boyko (15%) Greg MacMaster (30%) Barry Anderson (5%) **Triston Cole (27%)**
- Comments - Former broadcaster, Greg MacMaster, won the six-way Republican primary and will face Democrat Greg Dean in November. Dean worked in power plant construction. This district is 58% Republican and covers Antrim, Charlevoix, Otsego and part of Cheboygan counties.

**106<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Alcona County, Alpena County, Crawford County, Montmorency County, Oscoda County, Presque Isle County):**

- Democrat Candidates –
  - **Casey Viegelahn (62%)** Patrick Pokorski (38%)
- Republican Candidate –
  - **Peter Pettalia (100%)**
- Comments - The newly configured 50/50 Northern Michigan district has stayed in Democratic hands due in part to the Dems putting up candidates from Alpena, the district's population base. Rep Gillard lost four of the six counties in the 106th in '02 but won with 50.7 percent by winning Alpena with 63 percent. The Dems don't have that this year and the Republicans have a candidate with local government experience. This is expected to be a very competitive race in November.

**107<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Koehler Twp, Tuscarora Twp, Chippewa County, Emmet County, Mackinac County):**

- Democrat Candidates –
  - **Rickard Timmer (53%)** Ryan Nelson (47%)
- Republican Candidates –
  - **Frank Foster (61%)** Mike Patrick (39%)
- Comments - This district is split between the Upper and Lower Peninsula and is still made up by a majority of "Yoopers," which makes it difficult for a "troll," be it Republican or Democrat, to win. The common perception is that an Upper Peninsula candidate can win votes in the Emmet and Cheboygan counties, but it's difficult for a Lower Peninsula candidate to steal votes in Chippewa and Emmet Counties. Politically, Chippewa has voted for Democrats while Emmet is fairly Republican. Overall, the district had a 53.3 percent Republican base in '08, roughly the same as '06, but down from 57.6 in '04. Given the strength of the Tea Party movement in Northern Michigan, this will be a race to watch.

**108<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Delta County, Dickinson County, Menominee County):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Judy Nerat (100%)**
- Republican Candidates –
  - Mike Falcon (37%) **Ed McBroom (40%)** Gaylord Jones (2%) Brady Nelson (8%) Bruce Rosen (12%)
- Comments - Five Republicans lined up in the primary for the chance to take on current Rep. Judy Nerat, a Democrat from Menominee. McBroom was the Republican winner, and it will be an uphill fight to knock off an incumbent in a 55% Democratic district.

**109<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Alger County, Luce County, Marquette County, Schoolcraft County):**

- Democrat Candidate –
  - **Steve Lindberg (100%)**
- Republican Candidate –
  - **John Brock (100%)**
- Comments – This Democratic stronghold was expanded in the last redistricting to include Schoolcraft and Luce counties, but the 109<sup>th</sup> continues to be the Upper Peninsula's most Democratic district. Democrat Representative Steve Lindberg should win his third and final term in the House.

**110<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT (Baraga County, Gogebic County, Houghton County, Iron County, Keweenaw County, Marquette County, Ontonagon County):**

- Democrat Candidates –
  - **Scott Dianda (57%)** Robert Black (31%) William Doan (23%)
- Republican Candidates –
  - **Matt Huuki (69%)** Don Keith (31%)
- Comments - Democrat Scott Dianda, president of MSEA-AFSCME Local 5 will face Republican Matt Huuki, owner of Matt's Auto Glass and Body Repair, in this Western UP district that is 55% Democratic.