

Election 2008
Michigan House of Representatives

The newly elected Michigan House of Representatives: Democrats=67, Republicans=43						
House District	Party	Last	First	SC Endorsed	% of the Vote	Flipped Seat
1	D	Bledsoe	Tim	y	57	y
2	D	Lemmons	LaMar		96	
3	D	Scott	Bettie		97	
4	D	Young	Coleman	y	Uncontested	
5	D	Johnson	Bert		Uncontested	
6	D	Durhal	Fred		Uncontested	
7	D	Womack	Jimmy		96	
8	D	Cushingberry	George		97	
9	D	Jackson	Shanelle		Uncontested	
10	D	Leland	Gabe		95	
11	D	Nathan	David		97	
12	D	Tlaib	Rashida		90	
13	D	Kandrevas	Andrew		66	
14	D	Clemente	Ed		76	
15	D	Polidori	Gino		78	
16	D	Constan	Bob		76	
17	D	Dillon	Andy		66	
18	D	LeBlanc	Richard	y	88	
19	R	Walsh	John		60	
20	D	Corriveau	Marc	y	59	
21	D	Slavens	Dian	y	52	y
22	D	Geiss	Douglas		71	
23	D	Kennedy	Deb	y	59	
24	D	Roberts	Sarah	y	49	y
25	D	Switalski	Jon	y	63	
26	D	Donigan	Marie	y	62	
27	D	Lipton	Ellen	y	71	
28	D	Liss	Lesia		70	
29	D	Melton	Tim		84	
30	R	Rocca	Tory		60	
31	D	Miller	Fred	y	66	
32	D	Haase	Jennifer	y	50	y
33	R	Meltzer	Kim		59	

34	D	Stanley	Woodrow		84	
35	D	Gregory	Vincent		88	
36	R	Lund	Pete		61	
37	D	Barnett	Vicki	y	60	
38	R	Crawford	Hugh		58	
39	D	Brown	Lisa	y	52	y
40	R	Moss	Chuck		60	
41	D	Knollenberg	Marty		58	
42	D	Haugh	Harold		70	
43	R	Haines	Gail		49	
44	R	Kowall	Eileen		67	
45	R	McMillin	Tom		57	
46	R	Marleau	James		61	
47	R	Denby	Cindy		59	
48	D	Hammel	Richard		67	
49	D	Gonzales	Lee		-	
50	D	Slezak	Jim		73	
51	R	Scott	Paul		53	
52	D	Byrnes	Pam	y	63	
53	D	Warren	Rebekah	y	78	
54	D	Smith	Alma	y	71	
55	D	Angerer	Kathy	y	66	
56	D	Ebli	Kate	y	63	
57	D	Spade	Dudley		68	
58	R	Kurtz	Kenneth		67	
59	R	Lori	Matt		60	
60	D	Jones	Robert	y	74	
61	R	DeShazor	Larry		51	
62	D	Segal	Kate	y	62	y
63	R	Bolger	James		57	
64	D	Griffin	Martin		63	
65	D	Simpson	Mike		63	
66	R	Rogers	Bill		60	
67	D	Byrum	Barb		63	
68	D	Bauer	Joan	y	78	
69	D	Meadows	Mark	y	69	
70	D	Huckleberry	Mike		54	y
71	R	Jones	Rick		58	
72	R	Amash	Justin		62	

73	R	Pearce	Tom		59	
74	R	Agema	Dave		70	
75	R	Teitema	Dan		58	y
76	D	Schmidt	Roy		71	
77	R	Green	Kevin		62	
78	R	Tyler	Sharon		52	
79	R	Proos	John		57	
80	R	Schuitmaker	Tonya		61	
81	R	Pavlov	Phil		64	
82	R	Daley	Kevin		57	
83	D	Espinoza	John		65	
84	D	Brown	Terry		65	
85	R	Ball	Richard		53	
86	R	Hildenbrand	Dave		65	
87	R	Calley	Brian		64	
88	R	Genetski	Bob		62	
89	R	Meekhof	Arlen		61	
90	R	Haveman	Joseph		72	
91	D	Valentine	Mary	y	54	
92	D	Bennett	Doug		74	
93	R	Opsommer	Paul		58	
94	R	Horn	Kenneth		58	
95	D	Coulouris	Andy		86	
96	D	Mayes	Jeff		70	
97	R	Moore	Tim		61	
98	R	Stamas	Jim		58	
99	R	Caul	Bill		54	
100	R	Hansen	Geoff		56	
101	D	Scripps	Dan	y	60	y
102	R	Booher	Darwin		60	
103	D	Sheltrown	Joel		67	
104	R	Schmidt	Wayne		53	
105	R	Elsenheimer	Kevin		61	
106	D	Neumann	Andy		53	
107	D	McDowell	Gary		65	
108	D	Nerat	Judy		56	y
109	D	Lindberg	Steven		64	
110	D	Lahti	Michael		70	

2008 Southeast Michigan Group (SEMG) Political Committee 2008 General Election Summary

Submitted by Mitch Mitchell, SEMG Political Committee Chair

(The SEMG encompasses Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Monroe Counties. The SEMG's priority endorsements were in all of those counties, except Monroe, where five pro-environment candidates easily won their races.)

Please note that this report is being offered after 100% of precincts reported and does not take into account any possible re-counts or challenges.

The people have voted, and the results are in. The SEMG Sierra Club's endorsed candidates achieved overwhelming success! The SEMG Political Committee's strategy worked in almost every way. The following is a synopsis of how the races played out and includes notes on our many victories, a few disappointments and how the results relate to SEMG Priorities.

FEDERAL RACES

Our biggest victory was Gary Peters defeating 8 term Congressman Joe Knollenberg in the 9th District. Replacing a member of the League of Conservation Voter's "Dirty Dozen" with a former Sierra Club's Environmentalist of the Year was the #1 Priority of the SEMG.

SEMG STATE HOUSE RACES

House races were an unbelievable success. In Wayne County, the SEMG's priority was to flip one seat. We flipped 2 seats: Tim Bledsoe in House District (HD) 1 and Dian Slavens in HD 21.

In Oakland County, the SEMG Priority was to flip one seat. We succeeded with Lisa Brown in HD 39. In Macomb County, the SEMG's priority was to flip one seat. Not only did we win with Sarah Roberts in HD 24, but we carried an upset in HD 32 with Jennifer Haase. Both of these races were by razor thin margins where the Political Committee invested significant resources in terms of financial contributions and volunteers. If anyone doubts that the Sierra Club can make a difference, look no further than the Brown, Roberts and Haase races. These efforts will produce fruit in the coming Legislative sessions.

Not to be overlooked is the fact that we succeeded in holding every current seat in all 3 counties, which was also priority. Holding on to pro-environment seats of HD-23, Deb Kennedy and HD-37, Vicki Barnett stand out as races where Sierra Club resources were key. We were also involved in HD 20, with Marc Corriveau maintaining his seat that was considered vulnerable and a toss-up.

COUNTY COMMISSION RACES

It is worth noting that we swept Macomb County, 8-0, which satisfied another SEMG priority. Our only major disappointment comes in Oakland County. SEMG's priority was to make the Commission more environmental by flipping one seat. We targeted District #14 and were successful to help Steven Schwartz win that race, thanks to Sierra Club membership involvement. Yet we lost District #16 Karen Spector, an incumbent we were not able to hold.

SEMG put significant resources into District #19, Tim Burns. When I last talked to Tim on election night, he was feeling down because he felt he had lost. As of this morning, the clerk's office shows him winning by less than 60 votes out of 4000 cast.

FINAL SUMMARY

The SEMG Political Committee established 6 Priorities for the 2008 election and accomplished 5 of them. We have given the citizens of Michigan greater hope of environmental protection as well as given the Michigan Chapter Legislative Committee several environmental champions with which to work. Sierra Club initiatives have a better chance because of the work of this Committee and everyone on it should be proud.

Greetings Sierra Club Members!

The election is finally over and the environment was a big winner!

The Sierra Club's political committees at the national, Chapter (state) and Group levels worked hard to help our many endorsed candidates win - and win they did! Of the 74 candidates endorsed for president, US Senate, US House of Representatives, Michigan House and local races, 64 candidates won their races.

Our website now features an updated version of our General Election Endorsement Publication with the winning candidates highlighted in yellow. The political web page also features post-election reports from Sue Kelly, Chapter Political Chair and Mitch Mitchell, Southeast Michigan Group (SEMG) Political Chair.

Sierra Club's Political Web Page can be found at:
<http://www.michigan.sierraclub.org/democracy/michiganpolitics.html>

Thank you all for voting for pro-environment candidates!

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