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# BTL Primary Election Endorsements Aug. 7

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Between The Lines endorses candidates based upon their record and their public statements in support of equality for LGBT people. Here is a list of the contested races in which BTL has an endorsement:

District 6 – Democrat Rashida Tlaib  
District 21 – Democrat Dian Slavens  
District 28 - Democrat Jon Switalski  
District 53 – Democrat Jeff Irwin  
District 76 – *Write In* -  
Democrat Winnie Brinks

gerrymandering during redistricting, two incumbent Democrats are forced to run against each other, Covey and Helaine Zack. Both are strong supporters of the LGBT community, but when forced to choose, BTL endorses openly gay candidate Craig Covey

## U.S. Senate

Incumbent **Sen. Debbie Stabenow** is running unopposed in the Democratic primary, and BTL will strongly endorse her in the general election this November.

On the Republican side, U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra is leading a field of now three, since arch conservative, anti-gay activist Gary Glenn dropped out of the race over the weekend. BTL has no endorsement on the Republican side.

## U.S. House of Representatives

**District 3** – BTL endorses openly gay candidate **Trevor Thomas** in the Democratic primary.

**District 11** – BTL endorses **Syed Taj** in the Democratic primary.

**District 13** – BTL does a **split endorsement between Glenn Anderson and John Conyers, Jr.** Both have strong records on LGBT rights.

**District 14** – BTL endorses incumbent **Gary Peters**. This new district is the result of Republican gerrymandering during the redistricting process, and pits two Democratic incumbents against each other, Peters and Hansen Clark. Peters is a member of the House LGBT caucus, has been a co-sponsor of most LGBT positive legislation and has established an LGBT community panel that meets regularly with him to discuss issues important to LGBT voters. Clark is a strong candidate as well, and BTL has endorsed him in the past, but forced to choose, BTL supports Gary Peters.

## State House

Michigan House of Representatives – BTL rarely endorses in Michigan House primary elections, but due to the redistricting, some incumbents are running against each other. In the three cases below BTL endorses incumbents who have been unequivocal in their support of LGBT issues and who are facing primary challenges due in part to the redistricting:

## 6th Circuit Judge – Oakland County

**Incumbents** – five incumbents running for reelection. BTL takes no position

**Non-Incumbents five candidates vying for one seat.** Top two vote getters go on to the general election in November. BTL endorses **Karen McDonald**, and recommends without endorsement Sahera Housey. McDonald is an experienced, progressive-minded attorney having spent years in the law firm firm which U.S. Rep. Sander Levin emerged. Many in the legal circles think she could be an excellent candidate for even higher office down the road, even to the Michigan Supreme Court. McDonald is supportive of LGBT rights, including same-sex marriage. Housey also answered judicial questionnaires and indicated she supports LGBT rights including adoption rights for same-sex couples.

## Judges

In the following judge races, BTL supports these openly gay candidates who are also endorsed by the LGBT Victory Fund:

### 22nd Circuit Judge – Washtenaw County

BTL endorses openly lesbian candidate Democrat **Carol Kuhnke**.

### 30th Circuit Judge – Ingham County

BTL endorses openly gay candidate Democrat **Ken Ross**

## Oakland County Executive

**Kevin Howley**, openly gay Democratic candidate, does not have a primary challenger. BTL will strongly endorse Howley in the general election.

## Oakland County Commissioners:

**18th District** - BTL endorses incumbent Democrat **Craig Covey**. Due to Republican

## Art Institute Authority Millage - Strong YES vote recommended

Voters in Macomb, Oakland, and Wayne Counties will be asked Aug. 7 to approve 0.2 mills for 10 years, which is approximately \$15 per year for every \$150,000 of a home's fair market value. This money will go to provide funding to support the Detroit Institute of Arts. Residents living in counties that approve the millage will receive free unlimited general admission, including students taking field trips to the museum, and there will be enhanced programs for students and seniors and bus subsidies for visits by seniors and students.

The DIA is an invaluable asset to the city and the entire region. There are economic benefits because the museum attracts tourism and visitors, and there are incalculable social and civic benefits that justify supporting this world-class museum and performing arts venue. After years of budget cuts due to cuts in state funding, the DIA would finally have secure financial backing. "The DIA will have the kind of financial stability it hasn't had for 40 years," said Graham W. J. Beal, the museum's director.

## Sign-up: BTL Voter Guide 2012

BTL is currently working on its biannual Election Guide for the Nov. 6, 2012 election. Please be sure to register to vote and check that household members are registered as well.

You can follow election news on our website @ [www.pridesource.com](http://www.pridesource.com) and sign up to receive the 2012 BTL Voter Guide when it is available, either electronically or in the mail.

This is a critical election cycle where LGBT people can continue to push our agenda for full equality forward. Much has been accomplished federally, with the help of President Obama's administration, but so much more remains to be done. We must begin to change the climate in Lansing if we hope to realize full equality one day here in Michigan. So please volunteer, donate and educate yourselves and vote accordingly in Nov. 6.

U.S. Congress  
3rd District Trevor Thomas (D)

## Michigan State House

- 1 Brian Banks (D)
- 5 Fred Durhal (D)
- 21 Dian Slavens (D)
- 27 Ellen Cogen Lipton (D)
- 28 Jon Switalski (D)
- 45 Joanna VanRaaphorst (D)
- 60 Sean McCann (D)
- 67 Walt Sorg (D)
- 68 Andy Schor (D)
- 69 Sam Singh (D)
- 71 Theresa Abed (D)
- 76 Winnie Brinks (D) (Write-in)
- 95 Stacy Erwin Oakes (D)
- 98 Joan Brausch (D)
- 101 Derek Bailey (D)
- 104 Joseph Sloan (D)

## Other Races

- Craig Covey, Oakland County Commissioner
- Carolyn Alford, Kalamazoo County Commission District 1
- Lisa Brown, Oakland County Clerk
- Craig Covey, Oakland County Commission
- Kevin Howley, Oakland County Executive
- Jamie Jager, Kalamazoo County Commission District 11 (Write-in)
- Andy Meisner, Oakland County Treasurer
- Ken Ross, 30th Circuit Court

## Lansing Area - LAHR PAC

[www.lahronline.org/Articles/CandidatesAug2012.htm](http://www.lahronline.org/Articles/CandidatesAug2012.htm)

### U.S. Senate/U.S. Congressional Races

- U.S. Senator**
- Clark Durant (Rep) Negative\*
- Gary Glenn (Rep) Very Negative\*
- Randy Hekman Ignored Questionnaire
- Pete Hoekstra (Rep) Very Negative\*
- Debbie Stabenow (Dem) Very Positive\*

### U. S. House 4th District (Clinton and North)

- Dave Camp (Rep) Very Negative\*
- Debra Wirth (Dem) Ignored Questionnaire

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**U.S. House 7th District (Jackson plus)**

Tim Walberg (Rep) Very Negative\*  
 Dan Davis (Rep) Ignored Questionnaire  
 Kurt Richard Haskell (Dem) Positive  
 Ruben Marquez (Dem) Ignored Questionnaire

**U.S. House 8th District (Ingham plus)**

Lance Enderle (Dem) Very Positive  
 Brian Hetrick (Rep) Mixed  
 Vernon Molnar (Dem) Ignored Questionnaire  
 Mike Rogers (Rep) Very Negative\*

**Michigan State House**

State House 65th (SE border of Eaton)  
 Bonnie Johnson (Dem) Ignored Questionnaire  
 Steve Grace (Dem) Ignored Questionnaire  
 Dan Fulara (Dem) Positive  
 Mike Shirkey (Rep) Very Negative\*

**State House 67th (Southern Ingham)**

Jerry Ketchum (Dem) Ignored Questionnaire  
 Tom Cochran (Dem) Very Positive  
 Walt Sorg (Dem) Very Positive  
 Ashley Kring (Rep) Ignored Questionnaire  
 Jeff Oesterle (Rep) Ignored Questionnaire

**State House 68th (Lansing)**

Harold Leeman Jr. (Dem) Very Positive  
 Ted OiDell (Dem) Very Positive  
 Griffin Rivers (Dem) Positive  
 AiLynne Robinson (Dem) Very Positive  
 Andy Schor (Dem) Very Positive  
 Anne Clayton (Dem) Ignored Questionnaire  
 Dale Copedge (Dem) Very Positive  
 Timothy Moede (Rep) Ignored Questionnaire  
 Michael Wing (Rep) Negative

**State House 69th (ELansing/Meridian/Williamston)**

Susan Schmidt (Dem) Very Positive  
 Sam Singh (Dem) Very Positive  
 Frank Lambert (Rep) Ignored Questionnaire  
 Susan McGillicuddy (Rep) -Ignored Questionnaire  
 George Nastas, III (Rep) Ignored Questionnaire

**State House 71st (Eaton except SE)**

Theresa Abed (Dem) Ignored Questionnaire  
 Deb Shaughnessy (Rep) Very Negative\*  
 Andrea Cascarilla (Dem) Positive  
 Douglas Drake (Dem) Positive

**State House 85th (Clinton East border)**

Ben Glardon (Rep) Very Negative\*  
 Paul Ray (Dem) Positive

**State House 93rd (Clinton except East border)**

Kevin Kirk (Rep) Ignored Questionnaire  
 Tom Leonard (Rep) Ignored Questionnaire  
 Michael Trebesh (Rep) Negative\*  
 Jeremiah Napler (Rep) Ignored Questionnaire  
 Paul Silva (Dem) Ignored Questionnaire

**INGHAM COUNTY Clerk**

Barb Byrum (Dem) Ignored Questionnaire  
 Barry Damon (Rep) Positive\*\*

**Drain Commissioner**

Timothy Grant (Rep) Mixed  
 Mark Grebner (Dem) Extremely Positive  
 Patrick Lindemann (Dem) Very Positive

**Prosecuting Attorney**

Stuart Dunning (Dem) Positive  
 Matthew Scholz (Rep) Ignored Questionnaire

**Register of Deeds**

Curtis Hertel Jr. (Dem) Very Positive  
 Kate Mortensen (Rep) Mixed

**Sheriff**

Gene Wriggelsworth (Dem) Positive  
 Clyde Smith (Rep) Ignored Questionnaire

**Treasurer**

Jake Davison (Rep) Mixed  
 Eric Schertzing (Dem) Very Positive

**Ingham County Commissioner 1 - Lansing Midwest}**

Victor Celentino (Dem) Positive  
 Phillip Hofmeister (Rep) Negative

**Ingham County Commissioner 2 Lansing Downtown**

Rebecca Bahar-Cook (Dem) Very Positive  
 Jane Weidman Waligorski (Rep) Ignored Questionnaire

**Ingham County Commissioner 3 Lansing West**

Joe McDonald (Dem) Very Positive  
 Sarah Anthony (Dem) Very Positive\*\*  
 Leslie Little (Rep) Ignored Questionnaire

**Ingham County Commissioner 4 Lansing NW**

Deb DeLeon (Dem) Very Positive  
 Catherine Mooney (Dem) Positive  
 Vicki Niklas (Rep) Ignored Questionnaire

**Ingham County Commissioner 5 - Lansing South**

Rhonda Fuller (Rep) Negative  
 Todd Tennis (Dem) Very Positive

**Ingham County Commissioner 6 - County West**

Jim Dravenstaff-Moceri (Dem) Ignored Questionnaire  
 Renee Sumerix (Rep) Ignored Questionnaire

**Ingham County Commissioner 7 - Holt**

Kara Hope (Dem) Positive  
 Vince Dragonetti (Rep) Negative\*\*

**Ingham County Commissioner 8 - E. Lansing West**

Penelope Tsernoglou (Dem) Very Positive  
 Brian Mishler (Rep) Negative\*

**Ingham County Commissioner 9 E. Lansing East**

Irene Cahill (Dem) Positive  
 Carol Koenig (Dem) Very Positive  
 Derek Drushel (Rep) Ignored Questionnaire

**Ingham County Commissioner 10 Lansing East**

Brian McGrain (Dem) Extremely Positive  
 Tim Russ (Dem) Positive  
 Nick Kowalski (Rep) Ignored Questionnaire

**Ingham County Commissioner 11 Haslett**

Dianne Holman (Dem) Positive  
 Kim Maylee (Rep) Ignored Questionnaire

**Ingham County Commissioner 12 Okemos**

Deb Nolan (Dem) Very Positive  
 James Ramey (Dem) Ignored Questionnaire  
 Alan Wolfe (Rep) Ignored Questionnaire

**Ingham County Commissioner 13 County East**

Tim Basore (Dem) Ignored Questionnaire  
 Randy Schafter (Rep) Positive\*\*

**Ingham County Commissioner 14 Mason/Dans/Lesli**

Tim Fischer (Dem) Ignored Questionnaire  
 Kelli Green (Dem) Ignored Questionnaire  
 Donald Vickers (Rep) Negative\*

**CLINTON COUNTY****District 1**

Kam Washburn (Rep) Ignored Questionnaire

**District 2**

David Pohl (Rep) Ignored Questionnaire

**District 3**

Bruce DeLong (Rep) Ignored Questionnaire

**District 4**

Jamie Clover Adams (Rep) Ignored Questionnaire  
 Jack Enderle (Rep) Ignored Questionnaire  
 Brian Wethy (Rep) Ignored Questionnaire

**District 5**

Robert Showers (Rep) Ignored Questionnaire

**District 6**

Eileen Heideman (Dem) Positive  
 Anne Hill (Rep) Ignored Questionnaire

**District 7**

Marie Howe (Dem) Ignored Questionnaire  
 Adam Stacey (Rep) Ignored Questionnaire

**EATON COUNTY**

Eaton County Commissioner 1 (Sunfield/Vermontville/Chester)  
 Micheal Hosay (Dem) Ignored Questionnaire  
 Doug Kelsey (Rep) Ignored Questionnaire

**Eaton County Commissioner 2 (Oneida/SW GL)**

Blake Mulder (Rep) Ignored Questionnaire  
 Michael Neitzel (Dem) Ignored Questionnaire

**Eaton County Commissioner 3 (Grand Ledge)**

Terrance Augustine (Dem) Positive  
 Susan Hoffman (Rep) Ignored Questionnaire

**Eaton County Commissioner 4 (North West Delta)**

Howard Spence (Dem) Positive  
 Larry Brunette (Rep) Ignored Questionnaire

**Eaton County Commissioner 5 (Central Delta)**

Jim Osieczonek (Rep) Ignored Questionnaire  
 Jeanne Pearl-Wright (Dem) -Ignored Questionnaire

**Eaton County Commissioner 6 (North East Delta)**

LaShunda Thomas (Rep) Ignored Questionnaire  
 Jane Whitacre (Dem) Ignored Questionnaire

**Eaton County Commissioner 7 (East Delta)**

Glenn Freeman III (Dem) Positive\*\*

**Eaton County Commissioner 8} (South Delta)**

Joseph Brehler (Dem) Positive

**Eaton County Commissioner 9 (Benton/East Eaton)**

Deb Butler (Dem) Ignored Questionnaire  
 Walter Miars (Rep) Ignored Questionnaire

**Eaton County Commissioner 10 (Windsor)**

Roger Eakin (Rep) Ignored Questionnaire  
 Kelly Hampton (Dem) Ignored Questionnaire

**Eaton County Commissioner 11**

Duane Eldred (Dem) Ignored Questionnaire  
 Wayne Ridge (Rep) Ignored Questionnaire

**Eaton County Commissioner 12 (West Eaton)**

L. Daryl Baker (Rep) Ignored Questionnaire

**Eaton County Commissioner 13 (Bellevue/Walton/Olivet)**

Dale Barr (Rep) Ignored Questionnaire  
 George Pierce (Dem) Positive

**Eaton County Commissioner 14 (Brookfield/Hamlin/ Eaton Rapids Twn)**

Jeremy Whittum (Rep) Ignored Questionnaire

**Eaton County Commissioner 15 (Eaton Rapids)**

Ben Colestock (Rep) Ignored Questionnaire  
 Roger Harris (Dem) Positive

**NONPARTISAN RACES****Circuit Court 30th**

Charles Ford Mixed  
 Jim Jamo Mixed\*\*  
 Ayanna Jones Mixed  
 Ken Ross Positive  
 Wanda Stokes Ignored Questionnaire

**District Court 54B (East Lansing)**

Thomas Clement Ignored Questionnaire  
 Andrea Larkin Positive  
 Frank McAlpine Positive  
 Mark Meadows Extremely Positive

**The Lansing Association for Human Rights Political Action Committee (LAHR-PAC) mailed questionnaires to candidates running for office. An asterisk (\*) means the candidate did not return the questionnaire, and the rating is based on telephone calls, the voting record, public statements, and other information. A double asterisk (\*\*) means the candidate has returned the questionnaire in the past, but did not return the questionnaire for this election.**