



MBA Advocacy Report

Michigan Bankers Association 517-485-3600
507 South Grand Avenue Lansing, MI 48933
November 8, 2006

Incumbents overwhelmingly re-elected in Michigan

Congratulations to Governor Granholm. No pollster or pundit in the state predicted the kind of margin she posted in yesterday's strongly contested race for governor.

Dick DeVos, Mike Bouchard and other Republican candidates ran on a *change* message. Democrats ran a message of *change* as well. Despite messages of change, Michigan saw a year of incumbents re-elected in statewide and legislative posts.

Voters re-elected an incumbent Governor, U.S. Senator, all incumbent members of Congress, incumbent state Attorney General, Secretary of State, Justices of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals Justices. They also returned a Republican majority in the Michigan State Senate. Only one state Senate incumbent and three state House incumbents were defeated. These three seats, along with three open seats gave Democrats control (58-52) of the Michigan House.

Down the ticket, the state board of education, university boards, county commissioners and other government bodies saw a huge democratic shift.

Nationally, at least 22 House seats moved to the Democratic column making Nancy Pelosi the likely speaker of the House and also likely placing several Michigan Congressmen in committee chairmanships. Though still uncertain, it is likely the national Democratic wave retook the Senate as well.

So how did MiBankPAC and our supported candidates fair?

In federal offices, all general election MiBankPAC candidates won—Stabenow returned in the U.S. Senate as did all members of Congress.

In state races, MiBankPAC endorsed challenger Dick DeVos and Governor Jennifer Granholm was cleanly re-elected by an unexpected margin. Statewide officeholders Attorney General Mike Cox, Secretary of State Terry Lynn Land and Justice Maura Corrigan were supported by MiBankPAC and won re-election.

The Republicans retained the majority in the Michigan Senate. The MiBankPAC supported candidates in marginally Republican and Democrat swing seats won re-election with the exception of Sen. Laura Toy (R) - Livonia. MiBankPAC candidates for open state Senate seats: Roger Kahn (R) - Saginaw Twp., Randy Richardville (R) - Monroe and John Pappageorge (R) - Troy were all victorious.

The Michigan State House was overturned by the Democrats led by minority leader Diane Byrum who is term limited and leaves the House in the condition she found it when she took office in the 1980s—narrow Democrat control. All MiBankPAC supported re-election candidates in marginally Democratic seats won. All MiBankPAC candidates in safely Democrat and Republican seats were re-elected as well. Few Republicans fared well in contested open House seats. The lone MiBankPAC victory in this category was Ken Horn (R) Frankenmuth.

In addition, banker in politics Joan Bauer – Lansing, was victorious on Tuesday.

MiBankPAC Statistics:

- Overall MiBankPAC supported candidates had a 94.6 % success rate.
- U.S. Senate – 100%
- U.S. House – 100%
- Michigan Attorney General, Secretary of State, Michigan Supreme Court - 100%.
- Michigan State Senate 97%
- Michigan State House 93%

- Michigan Governor – MiBankPAC endorsed, however, no financial contribution.