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GENESEE COUNTY

STATE PROPOSALS (REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE / 51ST DISTRICT)

RECALL

Statement of Reason:

State Representative Paul Scott voted in favor of House Bill 4325, which cut funding for Michigan K-12 schools, community colleges and universities by an estimated total of more than \$1 billion. He also voted in favor of House Bill 4361, which increased taxes on public and private pension income as well as other retirement income for taxpayers born after 1946.

Justification of Conduct:

State Representative Paul Scott:

Voted to balance the 2011/2012 state budget without raising taxes.

Voted for pension tax reform, which kept taxes, unchanged for all senior citizens born before 1946.

Voted to ensure that all pension and retirement income will be taxed equally.

Voted to close the loophole that allowed government pensions to be tax-free.

Voted to keep social security and military pensions exempt from the state income tax.

Voted for teacher tenure reform that helps kids by making it easier and less expensive for schools to remove bad teachers and retain good teachers.

Voted to eliminate special tax credits for businesses while reducing taxes on Michigan's small businesses to help create jobs.

Shall Paul Scott be recalled from the office of Michigan State Representative, District 51?

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FLUSHING TOWNSHIP PROPOSALS

PROPOSAL TO CONSOLIDATE, REPLACE AND EXTEND POLICE MILLAGES

Shall the Charter Township of Flushing be authorized to consolidate and replace existing Township police millages currently totaling 3.4114 mills (\$3.114 per \$1,000 of taxable value) with a consolidated replacement millage totaling that same amount, and shall the Township be authorized to levy the consolidated replacement millage for police purposes within the Township for a period of five (5) years, 2011 through 2016, inclusive? If approved, this millage would consolidate and replace the existing police millages, and would raise an estimated \$825,480.00 in 2011.

RECALL PROPOSAL

Statement of Reason:

1. William Noecker transferred \$100,000 from Flushing Township's Water Fund on 12/02/2010 without board approval. 2. William Noecker at December's, 2010 board meeting offered to make an illegal \$10,000 public wager. At the same meeting, Treasurer Noecker told a female senior citizen to "shut up" while she was addressing the board. 3. William Noecker reported at multiple board meetings, during the year 2010, that the police department borrowed from the water fund, when it was not true. 4. William Noecker publicly stated, November 2009, he supported 24/7 Township Police coverage and then voted to end 24/7 August 2010, even though the Township had adequate funds to maintain the coverage.

Justification of Conduct in Office:

Allow me to remind voters that, by law, the accusations made against me need not be truthful or factual. 1. Water Fund Transfers-loans to the police occurred 5 times at \$100,000 each by my predecessor. It's the treasurer's duty to insure that checks have sufficient funds. The Police Department has borrowed every year since 2004. Presently, they have borrowed \$350,000 from the water fund this year. 2. A "wager" involves risk. My offer to those who continue to lie, blog and insinuate that Chief Stevenson and I are related, was for them to prove their lies for a reward. My offer still stands. 3. Any surplus money in Flushing Township is collateralized by our approximately \$3 million Water Fund Balance. I doubt our Police Department could obtain a loan from a bank. 4. I have been quoted that I support 24/7 if the union would cooperate by allowing us to use some part-time help. With 2 failed police millages and the pension fund \$2.3 million in debt, cuts have to be made. I made the motion to put this Police Millage Renewal on this ballot. I'm not anti-police. We're still waiting for the union's cooperation.

Shall William Noecker be recalled from the office of Treasurer?

RECALL PROPOSAL

Statement of Reason:

1. Mike Gardner filed a Michigan Homestead Property Tax Exemption for 5519 N. Seymour Rd. for the year of 2010, when the home was vacant for over a year. 2. Mike Gardner cost Flushing Township unnecessary legal fees during Dec., 2009 with his attempt to get copies of the resumes of candidates for Chief, when he had access to the resumes during Township business hours. 3. Mike Gardner publicly stated, November 2009, he supported 24/7 Township Police coverage and then voted to end 24/7 August 2010, even though the Township had adequate funds to maintain the coverage. 4. Mike Gardner reported at multiple board meetings, during the year 2010, that the police department borrowed from the water fund, when it was not true.

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Justification of Conduct in Office:

My name is Mike Gardner and I, am being recalled for the second time, not because of the petty charges listed above but because I am an unapologetic fiscal conservatives. I am doing the best I can with the limited money the Township has. In a time when family budgets are shrinking, so too should Government. I believe in, and ran for election on, my core beliefs of: 1. Limited Government. 2. Respect for Private Property Rights. 3. Individual Responsibility. Remember, if you don't stand for something you will fall for anything. I stand for something.

**Shall Mike Gardner be recalled from
the office of Trustee?**

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RECALL PROPOSAL

Statement of Reason to recall Wayne Bates, Clerk:

Has neglected to fulfill campaign promises to reduce board pay by thirty (30) percent and endangered public safety by laying off police officers.

Justification of Conduct in Office:

When elected to office we reduced the total compensation for elected officials by an average of 34 percent, for a projected cost savings of approximately \$500,000 for our four year term in office. We have not taken any pay increase either. By saving the citizens more tax dollars we are being recalled. No other government board in Michigan has reduced their compensation this much.

After the voters turned down a special police assessment in May, 2010 Christina Sowulewski demanded at a board meeting that we disregard the voters decision and vote in a special police assessment (tax) by board action. We refused her demand to "jam it down the citizens throats" and she started the recall against us. We re-structured the police department, resulting in more police officers on patrol at no extra cost to the citizens and no danger to public safety. Petition language does not have to be truthful, only readable.

**Shall Wayne Bates be recalled from
the office of Clerk?**

RECALL PROPOSAL

Statement of Reason to recall Kathy Sutton, Trustee:

Has neglected to fulfill campaign promises to reduce board pay by thirty (30) percent and endangered public safety by laying off police officers.

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**Shall Kathy Sutton be recalled from
the office of Trustee?**

RECALL PROPOSAL

Statement of Reason recall Patricia Witte, Trustee:

Has neglected to fulfill campaign promises to reduce board pay by thirty (30) percent and endangered public

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**Shall Patricia Witte be recalled from
the office of Trustee?**

RECALL PROPOSAL

Statement of Reason to recall Steven Fuhr, Supervisor:

Has neglected to fulfill campaign promises to reduce board pay by thirty (30) percent and endangered public safety by laying off police officers.

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**Shall Steven Fuhr be recalled from
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MONTROSE TOWNSHIP PROPOSALS

MONTROSE TOWNSHIP POLICE MILLAGE

Shall the two previously approved extra voted property tax levies (the first one expiring on 12-31-2011 and the second expiring on 12-31-2012) of 3 mills total (\$3.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), and since reduced to 2.9215 mills total (\$2.92 per \$1,000 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at 2.9215 mills (\$2.92 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied against the taxable value of real and personal property for up to five (5) years, 2012 through 2016 inclusive, raising an estimated \$356,039.00 in the first year for the operation of the Montrose Township Police Department.

MOSQUITO ABATEMENT PROGRAM ASSESSMENT

Shall Montrose Charter Township impose a Twenty (\$20.00) Dollar assessment upon each improved parcel within the Township for a period of five (5) years, 2012 through 2016 inclusive, to provide funding for a Township wide mosquito abatement program, thereby raising an estimated \$61,880.00 in the first year the assessment is levied?

ATHERTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PROPOSALS

OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL

This millage will allow the school district to continue to levy not more than the statutory reduced rate of 17.9172 mills, as may be further statutorily reduced, on all property except principal residence and qualified agricultural property required for the school district to continue to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance.

Shall the statutorily-reduced 17.9172 mill limitation (\$17.9172 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) previously approved by the electors which may be assessed against all taxable property except principal residence and qualified agricultural property as defined by law, in the Atherton Community Schools, County of Genesee, be renewed and thus continued for eight (8) years beyond its scheduled 2013 expiration, for the years 2014 to 2021, inclusive, to provide in part the funds to operate and maintain the school system? It is estimated that the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in the 2014 calendar year will be approximately \$2,758,975.00 from the local taxes authorized in this proposal. The proposed millage is a renewal of a previously authorized millage of 17.9172 mills.

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BYRON AREA SCHOOLS PROPOSALS

BONDING PROPOSAL

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Shall Byron Area Schools, Shiawassee, Livingston and Genesee Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Thirteen Million Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$13,450,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, for the purpose of:

erecting, furnishing and equipping additions to and remodeling, furnishing and refurbishing, equipping and re-equipping school facilities; acquiring, installing and equipping technology for school facilities; constructing, equipping, developing and improving the elementary school playground; and developing and improving sites?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2012 is 4.90 mills (\$4.90 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation). The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is thirty (30) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 4.90 mills (\$4.90 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

If the school district borrows from the State to pay debt service on the bonds, the school district may be required to continue to levy mills beyond the term of the bonds to repay the State.

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

LINDEN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PROPOSALS

OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Linden Community Schools, Genesee and Livingston Counties, Michigan, be increased by 21.4061 mills (\$21.4061 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2012 to 2021, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2012 is approximately \$1,931,421 (this is a renewal of millage which will expire with the 2011 tax levy)?

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SAGINAW ISD PROPOSALS

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SPECIAL EDUCATION MILLAGE PROPOSAL
Saginaw Intermediate School District

This proposal will increase the levy by the intermediate school district of special education millage previously approved by the electors.

Shall the 1.9417 mills limitation (\$1.9417 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the annual property tax previously approved by the electors of Saginaw Intermediate School District, Michigan, for the education of students with a disability be increased by 1.4644 mills (\$1.4644 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation), for a period of 20 years, 2011 to 2030, inclusive; the estimate of the revenue the intermediate school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2011 is approximately \$7,247,800 from local property taxes authorized herein?
