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Detroit XPAC Announces First Official Endorsements

WASHINGTON, DC - Detroit XPAC, a new political action committee that promotes smart growth policies for Detroit, has officially endorsed Representative Gary Peters for U.S. Senate, Mark Schauer for Governor and Stephanie Chang for Michigan's Sixth State House District Race.

Detroit XPAC members endorsed Representative Peters (D) primarily because of his commitment to provide access to capital for small businesses and fast-growing startups in Michigan, and to expand public transportation options throughout Michigan's southeast region. He supports legislation that would create a thriving business hub in Detroit and make investments in next-generation manufacturing and infrastructure. He is also committed to protecting the Great Lakes, and to support mechanisms that lead to affordable housing and sustainable communities.

"Gary Peters is unique in that he is both pro-growth and pro-environment," said Detroit XPAC Co-Founder Julia Farber. "He has some of the great qualities of Michigan political giants like John Dingell and Bill Milliken - a visionary who knows how to work with business leaders and policymakers to get things done. At a time when we are losing some veteran Michigan lawmakers, the experience and respect he has will be valuable when he starts his work our next Senator."

"The number one issue I hear from folks in Greater Detroit and all over our state is how we can reinvest in our economy, rebuild our middle class, and create good paying jobs," Peters said. "We cannot have a strong future for Michigan without a vibrant Greater Detroit, and that's why I am so honored to have the support of Detroit XPAC. In the U.S. Senate, I will fight for our talented workers, our innovators, our manufacturers and our small businesses to make our region and our state stronger than ever."

Mark Schauer was selected for endorsement because of his commitment to hold politicians in Michigan to high ethical standards, require additional transparency on contracts all while committing to increased investments in Michigan's aging roads and bridges. He supports modernizing Michigan's underground infrastructure, and improving its electricity grid. He's also committed to expanding transportation

options by investing in regional transit, and making Detroit's communities more walkable and bikeable.

"Mark Schauer is committed to a more inclusive, transparent government in the State of Michigan," said Detroit XPAC Co-Founder Dr. Michael Dorsey. "He will be a people's champion, tirelessly working to reboot Michigan's economy in new ways. By tapping into new industries, like clean tech and health sciences, and repealing recent discriminatory laws passed under Governor Snyder, he'll lay the ground work to ensure Michigan is more attractive for investment for decades to come."

Stephanie Chang was selected for endorsement because of she is committed to the most vulnerable residents in her district. She wants to establish a neighborhood service center for Detroit residents in her district and create coalitions of communities that can work together for future development. She also hopes to focus on building more public transportation options for residents and low-income housing choices, and will fight for environmental justice.

"We see in Stephanie someone who can be distinct voice in the political discourse, bringing new ideas and some common sense to Lansing," said Dr. Michael Dorsey. "We like that she wants to empower her district and help unleash some of the energy that we see in the District Six communities like Ecorse and River Rouge. She will be a champion for entrepreneurs as well as community leaders working to improve quality of life for Detroiters."

Detroit XPAC was launched in October 2013 by Dorsey and Farber, two Michiganders. The organization provides a pathway for Michigan expats to support their hometown, by helping fellow Michiganders elect politicians who care about revitalizing the iconic city of Detroit sustainably. Detroit XPAC seeks to elect officials in the City of Detroit and the state of Michigan who will promote the interests of the City of Detroit and Detroit's citizens. Based in Washington, D.C. and New York City, XPAC leaders envision expanding to other US cities including Boston, Chicago, Denver, Houston and Los Angeles.

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