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GKAR Announces Local Candidate Endorsements/Support

Kalamazoo, Michigan – October 5th, 2015: The Greater Kalamazoo Association of REALTORS® (GKAR) announced several endorsements for candidates running for various local elected offices today.

Allen Louks, Chair of the GKAR Governmental Affairs Elections Subcommittee said, "The subcommittee reviewed the completed Candidate Questionnaires that were returned by all candidates in the Election for Mayor of City of Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo City Commission, Mayor of City of Portage, and Portage City Council, and in-person interviews were conducted with many of the candidates. There was discussion as to the strength of each candidate and the subcommittee's perspective of the candidates in relation to property owner rights, concerns, and the support of REALTOR® issues."

As a result of the subcommittee's work, the GKAR Board of Directors recently passed an official motion to endorse the following candidates:

Bobby Hopewell for Mayor of Kalamazoo

David Anderson, Leona Carter, Donald Cooney, Grant Fletcher, Matt Milcarek, Shannon Sykes, and Reed Youngs for Kalamazoo City Commission

Peter Strazdas for Mayor of Portage

Jeffrey Bright and Richard Ford for Portage City Council

GKAR encourages anyone interested in the purchase of a home to contact a local greater Kalamazoo REALTOR® for more information on home buying opportunities and the advantages available to both new and trade-up buyers. For more information on the many reasons to consider the purchase of a home in the greater Kalamazoo area, visit gkar.com or contact the GKAR office at (269) 382-1597.

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