



STATE REPRESENTATIVE
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Dear Friends,

I am honored to serve as the representative from the 9th House District, and am ready to be a strong advocate in Lansing for the residents and families of Detroit and Dearborn. Please encourage your friends and families to stay connected and subscribe to this e-newsletter. It will keep you up-to-date on legislation, and policies coming from the Capitol as well as my coffee hours and other community events I will host so we can get together face-to-face.



I'm here to help:

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Reasons to Contact My Office

The short answer is any reason at all. During my days as a community advocate and now as your state legislator, my number one priority is YOU. So any reason you can think of to reach out to me for help is the right reason. My staff and I are ready to listen and work with you to solve whatever challenges you may face. A few examples of why you may want to contact my office are:

- Commenting on current legislation or proposing a solution; as your voice in Lansing, it is critical for me to know you feel about certain issues and I want to hear from you.
- The state offers a wide range of free publications on topics such as seniors and veterans services, child safety, consumer protection and more. If you would like one, or if you have questions about what is available please contact my office.
- I will be hosting coffee hours, town halls, and other community

events throughout the year. If you need additional information or want to follow up on one of those events, then this is another great reason to get in touch.

- If there is someone you know who should be honored with a legislative tribute or certificate, please tell us about the milestones or achievements they have reached.

This is by no means an exhaustive list of reason to contact my office; if you need help or assistance of any kind, please contact us. We will work side by side with you to find the answers you need.

Swearing-In



I was honored to be able to share this important moment with my family and friends. Even though my title has changed, I am still your dedicated advocate and I will continue to work on finding solutions to the challenges facing our community and our state. As a neighborhood organizer, I learned how to keep my finger on the pulse of our community and craft solutions to the challenges facing us. While serving at the Capitol, I will continue my fight to solve those problems, and that includes working to reduce auto insurance rates, protect vital services for our seniors, and reform the tax foreclosure processes. Together we can build a Michigan that truly works for everyone.

Committee Assignments

The Speaker of the House recently announced committee

assignments and I am pleased to inform you that I will be serving on the Tax Policy and Financial Services committees, as well as the special Select Committee to Address Auto Insurance Reform. I am eager to bring my experience and perspectives to these important committees and work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to identify meaningful and effective solutions for the people of Michigan.

Partnering and Collaboration



When working toward solutions for society at large, it is important to not only offer ideas but to also fully support good ones even if they are not your own. My first bill is designed to incentivize good property ownership and I am working with my colleagues to amend the Home Rule City Act so property owners are encouraged to keep all of their properties in good maintenance.

In addition to my own bill introduction, I have co-sponsored several bills, including legislation to repeal right-to-work, protect our natural resources from fracking and ensure state agencies offer equal language access on their websites. These are all issues I believe in and I am committed to seeing them not only pass on the House floor but be signed into law.

Thank you for taking the time to read my first e-newsletter and I hope you will stay tuned for more legislative updates and resources and community events schedules to come.

Sincerely,

State Representative Karen Whitsett
9th House District

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