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## **Ingham County Leaders Endorse Bernero for Governor**

*List Includes Rev. Dr. Michael C. Murphy*

**Lansing, MICH.** – Today 24 area leaders and organizations announced their endorsement of Lansing Mayor and Democratic gubernatorial candidate Virg Bernero for Governor.

Included in the list is former State Legislator and Chair of the Michigan Legislative Black Caucus Rev. Dr. Michael C. Murphy, Local Ingham County officials, including members of the Board of Commissioners, the City Clerk, City Councilmembers, Sheriff and Township officials announced their support of Virg Bernero to lead Michigan (see below for the full list of endorsements).

Those endorsing said they are proud and supportive of Virg because of his record as Mayor of the City of Lansing. As the only mayor in Michigan's gubernatorial race, he has a unique understanding of the challenges facing Michigan's communities.

"I am pleased to support Virg Bernero for Governor! I believe he is the strongest candidate to address the critical issues in Michigan's urban communities and the best hope for an urban policy that will provide opportunities for working families who have been hit hard by this current economic condition in Michigan," said Murphy. "His record of working with urban mayors and leaders in the business, labor, and faith communities and his knowledge of urban issues from job creation to helping families deal with home foreclosure and improving urban education makes him the logical choice for Michigan's urban citizens."

As part of Bernero's Main Street Michigan Agenda, Virg will promote and nurture small businesses on Michigan's Main Streets because this is where the bulk of new jobs will be created. Virg's innovative state bank proposal will open up credit opportunities for businesses of all sizes by partnering with Michigan-based community banks and credit unions to make loans for new equipment and facility expansions that create new jobs.

"Every strong state in our nation has strong cities that drive them," said Bernero. "For too long, we have operated under the 'hole in the donut' theory of development that drives investment around cities but never inside of them. Cities need to be the hub of the wheel, not the hole in the donut. I know this first-hand as a mayor of Lansing and will bring this critical perspective to the governor's office."

## **Ingham County for Virg**

### **Prominent Ingham County Leaders**

- Rev. Dr. Michael Murphy, former State Representative and Chair of the Michigan Legislative Black Caucus
- Vic Loomis, East Lansing Mayor
- Mike Bryanton, Ingham County Clerk
- Curtis Hertel, Jr, Register of Deeds
- Patrick Lindemann, Ingham County Drain Commissioner
- Eric Schertzing, Ingham County Treasurer
- Gene Wriggelsworth, Ingham County Sheriff
- Julie Brixie, Meridian Charter Township Treasurer
- Kathy Carney, Chair of 8th Congressional District Democrats
- Ingham County Young Democrats

### **Ingham County Board of Commissioners**

- Brian McGrain, Ingham County Commissioner
- Penelope Tsernoglou, Ingham County Commissioner
- Rebecca Bahar-Cook, Ingham County Commissioner
- Carol Koenig, Ingham County Commissioner
- Deb Nolan, Ingham County Commissioner
- Dianne Holman, Ingham County Commissioner
- Laura Davis, Ingham County Commissioner

### **Lansing City Councilmembers**

- A'Lynne Robinson, Lansing City Council President
- Kathie Dunbar, Lansing City Council Vice President
- Derrick Quinney, Lansing City Councilmember
- Tina Houghton, Lansing City Councilmember
- Jessica Yorke, Lansing City Councilmember

### **Leslie City Councilmembers**

- Jennifer Schuster, Leslie City Councilmember
- Pete Zamora, Leslie City Councilmember

"It's no small feat that Bernero has gained endorsements from 24 leaders in Ingham County," said Victor Loomis, mayor of East Lansing. "We've recognized that Bernero is no ordinary politician. He's got the passion and bold leadership needed to be Governor of our state. He's proven he can and will fight for Michigan workers in Lansing and he's the only gubernatorial candidate who's successfully grown jobs in elected office. He's brought more than 6,000 jobs to Lansing and more than \$500 million in investment – he can do this for Michigan!"

Bernero's campaign to Make Michigan Work Again is resonating with voters and organizations statewide. The campaign has gained endorsements from across the state, including Planned Parenthood Advocates of Michigan, Michigan NOW, the Michigan Education Association (MEA), the American Federation of Teachers Michigan (AFT Michigan), the Michigan Nurses Association (MNA) and the Michigan AFL-CIO. The AFL-CIO represents more than 600,000 active and retired members in 59 unions throughout Michigan, including the United Auto Workers, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, the American Federation of Teachers and the American Federation of State,

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County and Municipal Employees.

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