

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I write to request your endorsement and financial support of my candidacy for State Representative from the 37th District (Farmington and Farmington Hills). While I expect the primary race against two Fellow Farmington Hills City Councilmembers to be a competitive one, it is my firm belief that no other candidate holds such a strong and consistent pro-labor record when it comes to advocating for Michigan's working middle class.

My mother Vicki Barnett, current Farmington Hills Mayor and a three term server in the State House, was the Democratic Whip and a consistent advocate among the most pro-union legislators in Lansing. My father Mark Steckloff, a union labor lawyer, has represented many unions in Michigan's private and public sectors including service employees, state employees, retail workers, meat cutters and packers, transit workers, firefighters and teachers. Proudly raised in a strong pro-union family and as a former UAW member, like my parents, I am a longtime supporter of organized labor.

In October 2019 I opposed the award of a large contract that exceeded \$15M to refurbish the former Harrison High School into a community center when both of my primary opponents voted with the Council's Republicans to award the contract immediately. What I opposed was the corruption that accompanied one of the contracted vendors with a history of filing for bankruptcy and cheating their skilled trade workers and other employees out of earned benefits. The Farmington Hills City Council, by a 5-2 vote, refused to delay the contract award to investigate these reports. This is an example of the kind of social justice I will continue to advocate for when it comes to protecting the people of Farmington and Farmington Hills.

Additionally, if elected, you can count on me for the following:

- \* I will advocate for full reinstatement of the Prevailing Wage Act, a key mainstay of Michigan's middle class.
- \* I will continue to fully support collective bargaining in Michigan over all terms and conditions of employment, including complete support of the union shop and agency shop in Michigan.
- \* I will fight to repeal the right-to-work-for-less law and its unfair and burdensome support for "free riders."

\* I will protect Act 312 interest arbitration from perennial attack seeking to weaken it.

\* I will fight for substantially increased funding for the Michigan agencies that handle employment discrimination, occupational safety and health, wage theft, wage-and-hour and misclassification complaints so that they may be less financially burdened and more capable of providing justice to safety workers without delay.

Since I first spoke at the Michigan State AFL-CIO triennial convention more than 20 years ago, I have been a passionate and effective advocate in the interests of working men and women throughout Michigan. Now more than ever I feel that I can do more in the way of positive change. With your help, I will continue to be a champion for labor in the Legislature and the working class of the 37th District. Together we will overcome our current labor challenges and bring stronger government to our great state.

Thanks in advance for your continued encouragement and support.