

THE JACOBS REPORT
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SENATOR JACOBS RETURNS FOR FINAL TERM

New Committee Assignments for 2007

This month, State Senator Gilda Z. Jacobs (D-Huntington Woods) will take the oath of office and be sworn in for her last term as the Senator for the 14th state Senate District.

“Serving in the state Senate is a tremendous privilege, and I am thankful to my constituents for entrusting me to continue working in this important post,” said Jacobs. “I am grateful for their support and am confident that my last term will be my best. I certainly won’t be slowing down.”

Senator Jacobs has also been appointed to serve on several Senate standing committees. She will serve as the Minority Vice-Chair on two: the Senate Committee on Campaign and Election Oversight and the Committee on Families and Human Services. She will also serve as a member of the Committee on Economic Development and Regulatory Reform, the Committee on Finance, and the Committee on Health Policy.

Senator Jacobs previously served on Health Policy, Families and Human Services, and Economic Development and Regulatory Reform from 2003-2006.

“I am very pleased with my committee appointments,” said Jacobs. “They offer opportunities for input on issues that impact our economy, the health and quality of life in Michigan, and the integrity of our electoral process.

“Growing Michigan’s economy will be critical in the coming months as Michigan grapples with a shaky economy and an enormous budget deficit,” added Jacobs. “I look forward to working with Michigan businesses and universities to improve our economic climate. I will also continue to carry the torch on issues such as universal pre-school and stem-cell research.

“My staff and I are looking forward to serving the citizens of the 14th Senate District for four more years,” said Jacobs. “I invite my constituents to share their views on issues of importance to them and to

call my office whenever I can help with problems involving state government.” Jacobs' office can be reached toll-free at 1-888-937-4453 (1-888-YES-GILDA); via e-mail at sengjacobs@senate.michigan.gov or by traditional mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909.

The 14th Senate District encompasses the communities in Southeast Oakland County from Hazel Park in the east to Farmington Hills in the west.

JACOBS FINAL TERM: MAKING CHANGES

New Staff Line-up for 2007

The new term brings with it new changes to the Jacobs staff. Sharon Bianchi, a Capitol veteran of many years, now takes on new responsibilities as chief of staff. Sharon has been with Senator Jacobs since her tenure in the House, dating back to 1999. Prior to that, Sharon worked for Representatives David Gubow, Pete Weeks, Sal Rocca, and Dana Wilson.

Mike Farley, who came on board last year to help out with constituent relations, replaces Matt Levin as Senator Jacobs' legislative director. Mike brings with him a wealth of legislative experience, having worked in the research division of the Legislative Service Bureau for many years.

Replacing Mike in the constituent services department is new recruit Jonathon Younkman. Jonathon, a Bay City native who now makes his home in Farmington Hills, joins the Jacobs team from his prior post in Senator Barcia's office. Like his new boss, Jonathon is a University of Michigan grad and an avid golfer.

Cheryl Guyer continues to handle District 14 duties as the local extension of Team Jacobs. Cheryl, a longtime district resident with a keen sense for local issues, has been with Senator Jacobs since her last term in the House back in 2001.

Public relations expert Linda Heard remains on board as Senator Jacobs' lead writer. Although Linda is a member of Democratic Caucus staff and is therefore shared with other senate members, her contributions to Team Jacobs are invaluable.

Matt Levin no longer has a physical presence in the office, but continues to write the Jacobs Report, which continues to expand its readership by word of mouth every week.

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Quotables

“You can never solve a problem on the level on which it was created.”
-Albert Einstein

“Every society honors its live conformists and its dead troublemakers.”
-Mignon McLaughlin

Quote of the Week: Gerald Ford

“Our constitution works. Our great republic is a government of laws, not of men.”

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State Senator Gilda Jacobs represents the 14th Senate District, which includes Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Ferndale, Franklin, Hazel Park, Huntington Woods, Lathrup Village, Oak Park, Pleasant Ridge, Royal Oak Township, Southfield, and Southfield Township. She is the Minority Vice Chair of the Families & Human Services Committee and the Campaign & Election Oversight Committee. She also serves on the Finance, Economic Development & Regulatory Reform, and Health Policy Committees.

Constituents of the 14th District may contact Senator Jacobs at

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