



KALAMAZOO GAZETTE

Chamber endorses city candidates

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KALAMAZOO -- The Kalamazoo Regional Chamber of Commerce has endorsed seven incumbents and one challenger for the Kalamazoo City Commission and the Portage City Council.

In Kalamazoo, where seven commission seats are up for re-election, the Chamber today announced it has endorsed Mayor Hannah McKinney, Vice Mayor Bobby Hopewell and commissioners David Anderson and Barbara Miller.

Eleven candidates, including six incumbents, are running for the seven two-year seats. The top two vote-getters in the at-large election become mayor and vice mayor.

In Portage, the chamber endorsed Mayor Peter Strazdas, who is running unopposed for a two-year mayoral term. The Chamber also endorsed incumbents Larry Deshazor and Margaret O'Brien and challenger Elizabeth Campbell for City Council. Five candidates are running for three four-year terms on the council.

The Chamber's political action committee will determine in the next week whether to contribute to candidates' campaigns.

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