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Policy Experts from the Michigan Environmental Council



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Areas of Expertise:

Drinking Water, Infrastructure, Public Health, Transportation, Urban Policy

Background: Executive Director, Unity Michigan

(2008); Vice President for Public Affairs, Early Childhood Investment Corporation (2007-08); State Representative, 53rd District (2001-06); Ann Arbor City Councilman, 5th Ward (1994-2000)

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Appointments/Workgroups: Environmental Justice Work Group; Public Health Advisory Commission; Flint Water Advisory Task Force



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Areas of Expertise:

Energy, Air & Water Quality, Contaminated Site Remediation

Background: Policy Analyst, Michigan Senate (1989-98);

General Civil Litigation Attorney.

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Appointments/Workgroups: MDEQ Part 201 Cleanup Criteria Stakeholder Advisory Group; Water Use Advisory Council; Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program Advisory Committee; Generally Accepted Agricultural Management Practices for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations Advisory Committee; Office of Regulatory Reinvention Environmental Advisory Rules Committee



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Areas of Expertise:

Natural Resources, Outdoor Recreation, Talent Attraction, Public Lands, Coastal Dunes

Background: Editor, Capital

Gains Media (2005-11)

Education: B.S., Emporia State University; M.A., Kansas State University

Appointments/Workgroups: Michigan Tourism Strategic Plan Resources & Environment Committee; Michigan Heritage Leadership Council; Michigan Office of the Great Lakes' Water Strategy Cabinet & Coastal Resiliency Advisory Team; MDNR Natural Resources Commission's Michigan State Parks Advisory Council, finance subcommittee; Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance, Board of Directors; Pigeon River Country Advisory Council



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Background: Legal Externship, Michigan Senate Majority Policy Office;

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Appointments/Workgroups: MDEQ Solid Waste & Sustainability Advisory Panel



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Areas of Expertise:
Climate Change, Renewable Energy, Pipeline Safety

Background: Deputy Policy Director, Michigan Environmental Council (2005-2007); Advocate,

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Areas of Expertise:
Environmental Health, Lead Poisoning Prevention, Healthy Food Access, Active Communities, Asthma, Pesticides, Green and Healthy Homes

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Education: M.S., University of Michigan; J.D., Wayne State University Law School

Appointments/Workgroups: MDARD's Pesticide Advisory Commission; MDHHS's Community Values Advisory Board; Michigan Hospital Association's Michigan Green Healthcare Committee; Healthy Kids, Healthy Michigan Coalition; Mid Michigan Asthma Coalition; Michigan Alliance for Lead Safe Homes



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Community Engagement, Environmental Justice, Community Redevelopment

Background: Chief of Staff, State Senator Hansen Clarke (1999-2005)

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Appointments/Workgroups: Detroit Food Policy Council; Denby Neighborhood Alliance; Detroit Future City Steering Committee; Michigan Environmental Justice Coalition; Zero Waste Detroit; Impact Detroit; MOTION Coalition; Doing Development Differently in Metro Detroit (D4); Detroit Climate Action Collaborative; Detroit Environmental Agenda



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Areas of Expertise:
Agriculture; Stormwater Infrastructure; Environmental Economics; Wetlands

Background: Project Scientist, Kieser & Associates (2015-16)

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