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# Home Builders Association of Western Michigan Government Relations Committee

## INFORMATION REQUEST FORM

Candidate Name: Tom MATTHEW

Street address: 719 KENASTON DRIVE

City: COLDWATER State: MI Zip: 49036

Mailing address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

County: BRANCH Duration at Current Residence: 9 yrs

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LinkedIn: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Campaign committee name: Tom MATTHEW FOR STATE REP.

Campaign committee address: P.O. Box 32, Coldwater, MI 49036

Current Occupation: Commissioner, Vice Chairman

Candidacy for which office? STATE REP. Incumbent? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list endorsements received to date: Not asking for endorsements  
Accept only the ones with free enterprise  
philosophy

### MISSION STATEMENT

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local candidate informational questions

1) Are you currently serving in the MI Legislature? If No, have you ever run for elective office? List any offices you've previously run for and convey the outcome.

No.

County Commissioner: Appointed 2019  
Re-elected 2020, 2022 unopposed with highest  
margin of votes in the history of the county.

2) What is your background (education, employment, other relevant experience)?

M.A. University of Notre Dame.

Exp. Business Management

Family owned Real Estate/Rental LLC  
member of Mi Local Health Accreditation Commission

3) If elected/re-elected, what top concern(s) would you address first?

creating of a better business atmosphere

4) Why should the residential, construction and remodeling community support your candidacy?

A friend of RC & R.

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5) Why should the residential, construction and remodeling community NOT support your opponent's candidacy (if applicable)?

*I am the leading candidate. My opponents are single issue / political nuts.*

6) Today, the home building and remodeling community is confronted with a wide array of complex issues. Within your community, what resource(s) do you look to for advice/counsel?

*Cut down the "Red Tape"  
Local & State government must work with the local business entities.*

7) Government regulations, policies, ordinances and codes are trending issues for the residential, construction and remodeling industry. How would you reduce regulations to better support the promotion of additional housing?

*Bringing Legislation advocated by C & R Industry.*

8) What is your philosophy on residential development, impact fees, property taxes, etc.?

*Pro-Business*

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9) If elected/re-elected, what steps would you take to encourage and support new housing development?

*Seek counsel from HBA*

10) What is your position on property owners' rights regarding development, redevelopment and remodeling?

*I support HBA positions*

11) How would you define positive housing market growth within the community?

*A steady value of the properties.*

12) How can the HBA of Western Michigan assist you if elected/re-elected?

*HBA can support me with ideas for legislation and work with my (fellow) business minded legislators for a positive passing of a bill.*

The Government Relations Committee appreciates the time you've taken to complete this form. Please know that your participation will help HBA members make an informed decision on election day.

Please mail the completed form to the address above, e-mail it to [MeganW@hbawmi.com](mailto:MeganW@hbawmi.com), or fax it to (269) 375-6493.

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