

## ***“Experienced”***



Based on the encouragement of friends, neighbors and numerous stakeholders, I have filed as a candidate for State Representative.

Why am I running? Two reasons, first: to provide the kind of innovative and experienced leadership that is required to maximize the mobilization of public resources to attract new business, create new jobs and stimulate economic growth. Second: to stop the parade of inexperienced “do nothing” elected officials Detroit has sent to Lansing.

We have some wonderful people in elected service; but tough times require the election of more than nice individuals with good intentions. Detroit cannot afford to elect people who are afraid to stand up for Detroit.... know nothing about State government, and have never had the experience of meeting a payroll. In a declining economy, we need elected officials that can actually read & write a bill, create jobs & stimulate economic growth. **If we are going to jump start an economic transformation in Michigan, we need highly committed public servants with executive experience who are focused on job creation; especially in Detroit.**

Years of divisive regional, racial and partisan politics have significantly contributed to the inability of elected officials coming together during this economic crisis in a collaborative manner to implement a strategic plan to stimulate targeted business expansion and job creation. In Detroit, crime, foolishness and inexperience has exasperated the fiscal challenges of the City & School District. People are seeking office that have no understanding of the process, experience in job creation, and quite frankly, just need a job. Well, in Northwest Detroit we know better and can do better. I hope you agree, and will give me the

## ***“Well Prepared”***

opportunity as your State Representative to elevate the level of service we have been receiving from our elected officials.

With a new Michigan Governor, Senate delegation, Mayor and City Council; Detroit has a steeper economic transition challenge than any other locale in Michigan. Home foreclosures are still increasing, property values are still declining, food and gas prices are going up, the Mayor Bing still doesn't have a handle on City finances, and the future of our School District remains uncertain. Based on this reality, there can be no denial that we are in a crisis. It may not be popular to say, but Detroit is suffering from a leadership gap. We're in serious trouble and we don't seem to have a lot of talent in the bull pen capable of assisting in a “save”. That is why I am asking for your vote for State Representative.

As part of a “New Democratic Movement”, I stand for local control, innovative thought, rational debate, intelligent collaboration, and business based public policy that does not reduce the quality and rights of workers. Although my Party is Democratic, my politics is Detroit focused and quality of life based. I'm a graduate of Michigan State University with a Degree in Urban Planning & Development. As a Public Policy Professional I served as Executive Director of the Black Caucus Foundation of Michigan. As a Corporate Professional I served in management at both Mich Con and DTE Energy. As a Community Advocate, I continue to serve as a Youth Development Specialist & Substance Abuse Prevention Professional. These combined experiences have forced me to learn my way around Lansing and Washington, and develop working relationships that produce real outcomes focused on economic growth. As you will see from my bio below, **I am experienced, well prepared, and ready to serve.**

I fully understand the role the Michigan Legislature should play in Detroit's economic transformation. I pledge to work day and night to achieve creation of a bi-partisan economic growth strategy that will create new high wage jobs in Detroit, and secure the quality of life of our children's future. Together we can do it. Remember, if you don't vote, they win. I humbly ask for your support.

***Thomas F. Stallworth, III***

Candidate, State Representative, District 8

## **RESTORING & PROTECTING DETROIT'S RIGHTS & POWERS**

No one is better equipped to solve Detroit's challenges than Detroiters. Anyone that has not "lived" through our hardest transition years simply cannot understand what it took to obtain control and how hard we have fought to hold on to it. The desire of Lansing to take more and more power and financial resources away from Detroit hurts our quality of life and has harmed the viability of Michigan. It diminishes our capability to turnaround our city, and is intended to create a hysteria that will support outside governance. Having inexperienced legislators at the wheel has fostered the enactment of poorly conceived policies designed to "rob" the city of its assets and what little political and economic power we have remaining. I stand ready to help lead the Detroit Delegation in developing 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment strategies to reclaim Detroit's rights and powers of local governance and local control duly authorized by the Constitution. Whether by statute, court case or any means necessary, as Michigan taxpayers Detroiters are entitled to Home Rule, self-determination and self-governance; and as your State Representative I shall fight until you have it. **KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF OUR WATER !**

## **CREATING JOBS IN DETROIT**

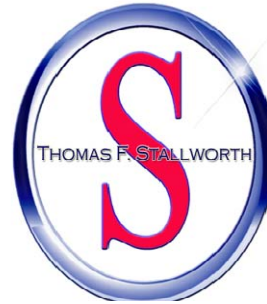
Detroit voters approved Proposal S in part because of the promise to create 11,000 jobs building and renovating Detroit Public Schools. With 550 million dollars on the table now and another \$700 million contemplated, Detroiters could have access to skilled trade jobs associated with more than a billion dollars in projects when you add in 850 million for the Detroit Medical Center and another 800 million for Henry Ford Health Care System. **LANSING WON'T HAVE TO CRY ABOUT SENDING MONEY TO DETROIT IF THEY SUPPORT DETROITERS GETTING THE JOBS THEY ARE ENTITLED TO.** As your State Representative I pledge to fight for your right to make sure there is a residency requirement in every Public Project Labor Agreement that assures Detroiters are hired first with your hard earned tax dollars and will make sure that Workforce Development has what it needs to train for "real" jobs.

## **ADVOCATING FOR MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT & PREVENTION RESOURCES**

With reductions in Medicaid appropriations increasing, as your State Representative I will be a strong advocate for assuring that cost efficiencies and cost shifting strategies deployed under the guise of maintaining budget integrity do not erode the supports, services and practices that provide social equity and an improved quality of life for adults with serious mental illness; children with serious emotional disturbances, and people with developmental disabilities residing in Detroit. Furthermore, I pledge to advocate for expanded up-front investments in substance abuse prevention and treatment to avert continuation of spiraling incarceration and prisoner re-entry costs.



**From Washington  
To Lansing**



**Fighting For Jobs  
& Fighting For Detroit**



## **FIGHTING FOR A FAIR RETURN ON GAS TAXES SENT TO WASHINGTON**

I oppose Michigan's continued status as a donor state. Why should we continue to send more gas tax revenue to Washington than they return to us when our roads and bridges are in such disrepair? Twenty-five percent of our roads are in poor condition. With our State economy being what it is, and gas prices soaring, we simply cannot afford to continue doing this. As your State Representative, I will fight along side of our congressional delegation for a justifiable exemption to the requirement that a local match be provided as a condition of the use of federal funds; based on the imbalance in the dollars we send to Washington versus what they provide in return to us for road repair.

## **BEING SMART & REALISTIC ABOUT EDUCATION INVESTMENT**

Children need to be ready to learn, therefore we need more parent training and support programs that reinforce good communication, social interaction and healthy behavior skills along with increased early childhood education investment to improve school readiness. Teacher preparedness and accountability are also important, therefore along with high outcome expectations we can't be afraid to fight for increased investment in continuing professional instruction development for teachers. Lastly, along with a school infrastructure that supports a 15 to 1 student teacher ratio, we simply must have "intensive resource support" for troubled schools to assure all Michigan's children have an opportunity to access quality instruction.

## **FOSTERING A HEALTHIER ENVIRONMENT**

To reduce storm water runoff which contributes to pollution of our lakes, I will support level of effort and matching fund grants for green roofs, rain gardens and pollution-absorbing ponds. In an effort to reduce exhaust emissions and traffic congestion, where feasible I will advocate for traffic circles rather than four way traffic signals. As your State Representative I will also press for "Detroit Centered" discussions between D-DOT and SMART on the coordination of central purchasing, vehicle repair and service routes to move us closer than we've ever been before to a Coordinated Regional Transit System. In addition, I will advocate for Detroit's commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, air pollution, and to improve fuel efficiency of ground transport services by becoming a SmartWay Transport Partner. In our neighborhoods I will advocate for housing rehabilitation credits to support "green" home improvements & up-grades; and work with the County Treasurer to "sunset" the State Law that requires seizure of tax delinquent residential properties.