

Congressman endorses in mayoral race

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With one opponent pulling out of the race and the ringing endorsement of a popular congressman, Farmington Hills mayoral candidate Paul Sowerby's campaign is prospering.

The Farmington Hills attorney has pulled in kudos from the likes of Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and has county commissioner Donn Wolf running his campaign.

But the endorsement of Rep. Joe Knollenberg, R-Bloomfield Township, is a big lift.

"He endorsed me back in January," Sowerby said. "It's an important election. I'm going door-to-door, and I've gotten a lot of support."

The endorsement by Knollenberg was unusual in that the congressman has not endorsed in city council races in the past.

"I don't get into council races as a rule, because there are more candidates and many local issues," the second-term congressman said. "But in some selected mayoral races, I will make an endorsement when I think it's justified."

Knollenberg said he was also endorsing Jack Kirkey in the Livonia mayoral race.

"Frankly, I believe Paul represents the kind of person we need as a mayor," he said. "Although I don't always endorse, it doesn't mean I won't endorse in some race across the district."

Sowerby, 51, was appointed to fill a term on the city council and was elected to the mayor's office in the March 6 election. Sowerby opposed the charter change that calls for a directly-elected mayor, but said because of the change, it was all the more important that the first directly-elected mayor

be the one.

Sowerby said residents have complained that if a council member runs midway in his term, the council, rather than the voters, would select the person to serve out that term.

"They're stunned to hear that," he said. "The council just didn't think this through. It's something we need to address."

Councilman Jon Grant, who pulled out of the non-partisan mayoral race, said he had not expected Knollenberg to make an endorsement.

"I'm also surprised that Joe has gotten involved in local politics," Grant said.

Councilman Aldo Vagnozzi, who is the only announced opposition to Sowerby now that Grant has pulled out, said endorsements by state or national candidates sometimes backfire. Vagnozzi, who campaigned for Jack McDonald in an unsuccessful bid for judge, said many people he talked to reoriented that type of endorsement.

"He (Knollenberg) doesn't live in the community," Vagnozzi said.



U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg

Authority revving up to oversee SMART operations

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With three new appointees, the Oakland County Public Transportation Authority, will likely prepare for its first meeting this week.

"They won't have a lot to do," said Oakland County commissioner Larry P. Crake, R-Madison, "at least not at first. But they (members of the authority) could begin getting organized this week."

As chair of the county board,

Crake Thursday nominated — and the board approved — three new members to the transit authority that is supposed to represent commissionees from the SMART (Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation).

Appointed were Alan P. Druschits of Troy, D. Keith Deacon, a retired bank vice president from Farmington Hills, and Michael J. Mayette, an accountant from Royal Oak. Mayette was previously

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New Transportation member

an alternate member of the authority.

They replace Roy Rewold of Rochester, Don Ziemer of West Bloomfield and Louis H. Schim-

mel Jr. of Waterford who had been appointed to the authority in April, but had to be replaced when their respective committees chose not to be a part of the June 6 millage vote for SMART.

Druschits, Deacon and Mayette will join William Kaldridge, the former city manager of Royal Oak, and Patricia Peruch, an attorney from Royal Oak, to form the transit authority whose responsibilities include overseeing the financial liability of Oakland

Two alternate members have been appointed. They are D. Ann Heiner of Farmington Hills and Dennis P. Papazin of Southfield. "We've got a lot of work ahead of us," Druschits said Friday. "We've got to improve service and control costs."

Druschits, a metallurgical engineer with the General Motors Corp., said he considers himself an independent when it comes to mass transportation. Although he recognizes that SMART has problems, he is not among those

who insist Oakland should sever all ties with the transit system and begin anew.

"I'm from Chicago," he said, "where they have a pretty good transit system that involves light rail, heavy rail and buses. Our (Oakland County) needs are different, of course. We're going to need some innovative steps."

A primary objective, he said, will be tailoring SMART routes to the needs of Oakland riders. "We want a system that is more convenient and accessible," he said.

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