



State Representative
PAULA ZELENKO
D-50th Representative District



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Committees: Appropriations (Subcommittee: Fiscal Oversight, Audit and Litigation); Senior Health, Security and Retirement; Tax Policy

Biography: Democrat, of Burton; born January 12, 1957; honors graduate, Atherton High School; graduate, Ross Medical Education Center, Parker Chiropractic Schools; former Capacity Assurance Coordinator for Delphi Automotive; master gardener; medical and chiropractic assistant; married to William Zelenko; six daughters, five granddaughters; served on the Burton City Council, 1991-2000; president, 1999-2000; vice president, 1995-1999; chair, Burton Parks and Recreation, 1997-1999; Finance Committee, Legislative Committee and the Economic Development Corporation; member, UAW Local 651, Michigan Democratic Party, Genesee County Democratic Party, Burton Democratic Club, Third District Democratic Club, Hundred Club of Flint, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, Women Legislators' Lobby; Michigan Senior Network Service Agency Board of Directors, and State Advisory Distance Learning Panel; instrumental in the positive changes in her hometown, using innovative ideas to encourage controlled residential and commercial growth, bringing revenues for city services without a property tax increase, expanding sanitary sewer system to entire city, urging road repairs and construction to be more progressive and fiscally responsible by taking local control of county roads, resurrecting the Parks and Recreation Commission; organization and development of the Memorial Library Expansion, Veterans' Memorial Park, Kelly Lake Park, Water Tower Park; Paint for Pride, Memorial Day Celebration, and Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony; active in the community as a mentor, youth league sponsor, activist for hike/bike trails and lanes;

works toward preserving green space and establishing neighborhood parks; received numerous awards and recognitions for her contributions to the community, including "Woman of the Year" from UAW Local 651, 1998 and the City of Burton's "Key to the City," 2000; elected to the Michigan House of Representatives, 2000; House Democratic Caucus, Vice Chair; member, House Democratic Women's Leadership Caucus.

