



State Senator
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Committees: Appropriations (Subcommittees: State Police and Military Affairs (Chair); Community Colleges (Vice Chair); K-12, School Aid, Education); Homeland Security and Emerging Technologies (Vice Chair); Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs; Michigan Capitol Committee

Biography: Republican, of Howell; born November 27, 1958; graduate, Laingsburg Christian School, Laingsburg, Michigan, 1977, and Cedarville College, Cedarville, Ohio; officer, U.S. Army, served nine years, honorably discharged in 1990; recalled to active duty in 1991 for Operation Desert Storm, and served during the Persian Gulf War as company commander of an infantry training company, Fort Benning, Georgia; has 25 years of military service and is now a colonel in the Michigan Army National Guard; former legislative assistant to State Senator Harmon Cropsey, administrative assistant to State Senator Doug Carl, and chief of staff for State Senator Mike Rogers; former teacher at Laingsburg Christian School, and territory manager for the National Federation of Independent Business; elected to the House of Representatives, 1998, 2000; elected to the State Senate, March 20, 2001, in special election, reelected 2002, 2006; first Hispanic ever elected to the Senate.

