

# Campaign

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Politics, told The Macomb Daily for a report last week that the amount of money funneled into the race and the cash from Lucido's own pockets are both probably state records.

Rich Robinson of the non-partisan Campaign Finance Network, said Lucido's individual outlay is unprecedented for a House primary featuring no more than two candidates.

The winner of the Grot-Lucido battle on Tuesday will advance to face Democrat Robert Murphy of Romeo in November to represent the solidly Republican district in northwest Macomb County.

Members of the state House serve 2-year terms and are paid \$71,685 a year.

Here's a financial glimpse of some of the other House races in Macomb:

- In the 18th District (St. Clair Shores and Eastpointe), Democrat Sarah Roberts is among the unopposed incumbents in the county with no worries on Tuesday. Moneywise, she has received approximately \$43,500 during the current election cycle, including \$11,916 this year.

Her November GOP opponent, former county commissioner Roland Frascchetti, also is unopposed in his second bid for the Legislature. Like many of the candidates on Macomb County ballots on Tuesday, Frascchetti received a finance reporting waiver because he intends to spend less than \$1,000 – at least for now.

- In the 22nd District (Roseville and eastern Warren) Roseville Mayor John Chirkun and Gary McMenamain face off on the Democratic ticket, hoping to replace Rep. Harold Haugh, who will leave office at the end of the year because of term limits. Chirkun, who has served six of his 13 years on the Roseville City Council as mayor, has raised \$30,215 during the campaign and spent \$12,323.

His biggest contributor? Haugh, who donated \$2,270 from his PAC to Chirkun.

McMenamin, a Ferndale firefighter who resides in Warren, has raised \$15,870 thus far. Almost \$8,450 came from his pocket. His next-largest contributor is the International Association of Fire Fighters in Washington, which donated \$1,000 to his campaign.

On the Republican ticket, candidates Art Blundell and Jeff Bonnell, both of Roseville, plan to spend less than \$1,000

- In the 24th District, (Harrison Township, northern Clinton Township and

a small portion of southern Macomb Township) incumbent Republican Rep. Anthony Forlini raised \$37,986 for the primary season, bringing his total for the election cycle to \$88,700. Forlini has dished out \$29,648 so far in the campaign.

His GOP opponent, Arzo Smith, received a campaign finance reporting waiver, with no plans to raise over \$1,000.

- In the 31st District, Democrat incumbent Marilyn Lane has received a total of \$54,617 in the current cycle. She has spent just over \$33,000.

Thus far, her three largest contributions are from PACs run by the Operating Engineers Local 324, \$4,500; International Brotherhood of Electrical workers Local 58, \$2,500; and \$2,500 from the Michigan Laborers PAC. Lane still has an outstanding "loan" of \$25,000 made to herself on New Year's Eve in 2011.

Lane's Democratic opponent, former longtime Fraser Parks and Recreation Director Kathy Blanke, is on a shoestring budget. With no intention of getting contributions totaling \$1,000, she requested a reporting waiver. Blanke, 66, served on the City Council from 2009 until 2013, when she unsuccessfully sought reelection. She is the widow of former Mayor Joseph Blanke.

## State Senate – have's and have not's

Of the four state Senate districts in Macomb County, only Republican Tory Rocca of Sterling Heights in the 10th District (Sterling Heights, Macomb Township, and most of Clinton Township) faces a challenger in the primary election.

Rocca has built a war chest of \$236,525. He has spent a total of \$41,601, with 42 percent of that going to postage, printing and mailing costs.

His GOP challenger, Jake Null of Macomb Township, does not have to reveal financial details because he has a reporting waiver.

In the 8th District (Harrison, Chesterfield, Lenox, Ray, Shelby, Washington and Bruce township, plus new Haven and Romeo), incumbent state Sen. Jack Brandenburg has amassed \$340,685 in total contributions. In one fundraiser last March attended by 80 people, the Republican from Harrison Township garnered \$46,550 from supporters.

In stark contrast, Democrat Christine Bell of Chesterfield Township has barely eclipsed the \$1,000

mark.

In the 9th District (Warren, Roseville, Center Line, Eastpointe, Fraser and southern Clinton Township), incumbent Democratic Steve Bieda of Warren has pulled in \$127,407 this cycle. Bieda is unopposed in Tuesday's primary, as is Republican Hawke Fracassa of Warren. Fracassa received a reporting waiver.

In the Senate's 25th District, which includes Armada, Richmond, Armada Township and Richmond Township and most of St. Clair County, incumbent Republican Phillip Pavlov has received \$174,617 in contributions. Pavlov and Democrat Terry Brown both are unopposed and will meet in November. Brown has already injected \$20,856 of his own money into the campaign, or nearly half of his candidate committee's funding.

## Quiet county races

Most candidates for the Macomb County of Commissioners are running unopposed in Tuesday's party contests.

Perhaps the most active race is in District 1 (western half of Warren). Democrats have represented that area for decades, and three contenders are vying for the nomination and the chance to succeed Commissioner Toni Mocerri, who did not file for reelection.

Bill Barnwell, who has aggressively campaigned door-to-door, initially planned a low-budget campaign. Thus far, he has snagged \$19,170 in contributions, most of it via two fundraiser dinners since March. He has contributed \$3,600 of his own money.

Barnwell, senior pastor at Royal Oak Missionary Church, is the son of former Warren councilwoman Bill Barnwell.

Andrey Duzyj, who is active in the Ukrainian community, represented the district for six years before losing to Mocerri in 2010. He has raised \$7,725 while trying to regain the seat he once held.

Meantime, the third Democrat, attorney Jeremy Fisher, has received mostly small contributions, totaling \$2,426. Of that sum, \$810 is from his own wallet.

In the primary for county executive, only Republican voters have an option on Tuesday. All three GOP candidates -- David Novak, Randell Shafer and Erin Stahl -- have run barebones campaigns. The winner will be a huge underdog against incumbent Democrat Mark Hackel in the fall.