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| **NEWS RELEASE**Contact: Jonathan WeinhagenPhone: 651.265.2770Email: jonathan@saintpaulchamber.comsaintpaulchamber.com **SAINT PAUL AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PAC ANNOUNCES ENDORSEMENTS FOR RAMSEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSINERS****Business advocacy organization is urging its members to support candidates in the upcoming Ramsey County Board elections this November****(SAINT PAUL, MINN., AUGUST 4, 2016)** - The Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce Political Action Committee (PAC) today announced it has endorsed the following candidates for election to the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners: * Blake Huffman for District 1;
* Mary Jo McGuire for District 2; and
* Victoria Reinhardt for District 7.

"We believe these are the best candidates to champion the business community’s commitment to making the region a premier place to live, work and do business,” said Louis Suarez, chair of the PAC Board of Directors. "We are proud to support them and encourage others that care about the East Metro business climate to do the same." To learn more about these candidates, please visit [www.eastmetrovoterguide.com](http://www.eastmetrovoterguide.com). The PAC conducted meetings and interviews with commissioner candidates and reviewed candidate questionnaires before making decisions related to each race. After careful deliberation and debate the PAC Board decided to endorse candidates that best exemplified the mission of the Chamber and the PAC. Foremost among the PAC’s decision making criteria were the following principles:   * The PAC is non-partisan and will support candidates who meet the PAC's objectives, regardless of party affiliation;
* Any endorsed candidate must understand and support the concerns and interests of the Ramsey County business community;
* Any endorsed candidate must be electable; and
* The candidate's campaign position or previous voting record will be used as a determining factor.

 The PAC urges anyone who is concerned about maintaining the East Metro’s vibrant business community to vote for the endorsed candidates on November 8, 2016.   |
| **About the Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce Political Action Committee**The Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce Political Action Committee seeks candidates for public office, regardless of political affiliation, who share the Chamber's commitment to making the region a premier place to live, work and do business. The mission of the PAC is to support the election of individuals who will advocate and advance a business agenda and to encourage and assist members of the East Metro business community to actively participate in the political process. **About the Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce**The [Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=ziuirfdab&et=1108230358544&s=0&e=001SYE4I0352z3nRyTHTDaYeo8l6kDB_mTRK-AKPDZeExK63Evjlyxt_5XIWWLvnIX34aYXlxevQeAhVY30H0eF0X685XLwwDqLLq9aM1-_Pp8wDjpGNbxC2kMjQzkh_L274hl9O4ufxuAGr08awS9UWlEUEMIL8hIL) is a vital, dynamic force serving the business community through the collective strength of its members. For more than 140 years, the Chamber has provided vibrant programs, powerful advocacy and results that foster member growth. With nearly 1,200 members, the SPACC is the largest local chamber in Minnesota.  This release was prepared and paid for by the Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce PAC, 401 Robert Street North, Suite 150, Saint Paul, MN 55101.The Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce Political Action Committee is an affiliate of the Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce. The PAC was created in 1997 and endorses local candidates for public office who have taken responsible positions on issues that promote private enterprise and the economic well being of the Saint Paul/East Metro area and State of Minnesota.  ### |