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MICHIGANDERS FOR OBAMA ORGANIZE STATEWIDE CAMPAIGN

DETROIT – Michigan citizens are converging across the state in large numbers to support the “Michiganders for Obama” campaign. A coalition of supporters have organized across Michigan including Detroit, Benton Harbor, Inkster, Ann Arbor and Flint, within the state capitol of Lansing, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Jackson and Saginaw, to the upper peninsula including Traverse City, Escanaba and Sauté Saint Marie, and to the south in Monroe County.

“Michiganders for Obama” established a statewide recruitment strategy in February 2007 to win most of the 155 delegates going to the Democratic National Convention in Denver, Colorado, according to Christina Montague. “Michiganders for Obama” started with 400 volunteers at their statewide kickoff in Novi, Michigan on March 24, and today, the campaign roster contains over 4,000 volunteers working everyday to elect Barack Obama president. They are public and private citizens, community, business and labor leaders, members of the clergy, elected officials, stay-at-home moms; they are rural; they are suburban; they are urban and most are Democrat. Some are Independent, others are Republicans, but they all share one common goal – they all want Senator Obama to win the '08 Caucus in Michigan and be elected President.

The “Michiganders for Obama” campaign is under the leadership of State Coordinator, Christina Montague. Montague is a veteran political strategist, operative and former elected official with extensive experience managing and implementing state and national campaigns. She was one of the leaders of the 1988 Jesse Jackson successful primary presidential campaign win here in Michigan. She held statewide positions with the President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore campaigns, as well as more recently having served as district chair of the Women for Granholm and Stabenow in the last gubernatorial and senate campaigns. Her fellow Democratic county officials from across the country elected her to the Democratic National Committee in 2000.

“We have a tremendous amount of very experienced talent leading “Michiganders for Obama,” and they will be the team that will take Senator Obama to victory in Michigan in the Democratic Caucus in February 2008,” said Christina Montague. “It’s an honor to partner with them and leverage our collective strengths in support of Senator Barack Obama, who is dynamic and the leader that America needs now. People throughout

Michigan agree that he can and will be the type of president that will build a better America.”

Floyd Clack, Eastern Michigan trustee, is a senior campaign advisor and will coordinate the Flint area. Derrick Jackson, Washtenaw County director of elections, serves as the deputy state coordinator. Derrick oversees the “Michiganders for Obama” website along with several other areas in the campaign. Robert Mitchell is coordinating “Republicans for Obama.” Fay Beydoun is organizing the “Arab American Community for Obama.”

Elected State Representative Brenda Clack, chair of the Michigan Legislative Black Caucus, is the legislative director for the campaign and coordinates activities with elected officials. She is one of the spokespersons for “Michiganders for Obama.”

The “Michiganders for Obama” local leadership team consists of the Upper Peninsula Regional Director, Crystallee Crain, North Regional Director, Abby Dart, the Southeastern Michigan Regional Director, Derrick Jackson, the Northeastern Regional Director, Mary Bacon, the Western Regional Director, Dan Lee, and the Central Regional Director, Alice Corey.

About Michiganders for Obama

“Michiganders for Obama” was organized shortly after Senator Barack Obama declared that he was running for president. “Michiganders for Obama” held its first statewide meeting on March 24, 2007 in Novi, Michigan, at which time there was representation from all 15 congressional districts. It started with 400 volunteers, and today, “Michiganders for Obama” has approximately 4,000 members, who are experienced professionals who have worked on numerous presidential campaigns and have held leadership positions throughout Michigan. All supporters are welcome. For more information, visit our website at www.michigandersforobama.com

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