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Chronicle endorses Judge Brian Zahra for state Court of Appeals

There is a campaign flyer making the rounds that insults the intelligence of all African American voters that reside in this city. Wayne County Circuit Judge Diane Hathaway has dispersed a handout that plays on the racial fears of Detroit. She claims that her three opponents in the Michigan Court of Appeals race are puppets of former Gov. John Engler. But we know better. Two of the judges mentioned in the flyer, Kristen Frank Kelly and Brian Zahra, have great reputations when it comes to dispensing justice in the Detroit community.

IN OUR OPINION

Why should Detroiters take Judge Hathaway's word that she is the best candidate in the race? We thought the race was non-partisan. She has not circulated this flyer anywhere else in Wayne County. We wonder why? The Michigan Democratic State Central Committee has done a disservice to the voters of Detroit by paying for the printing of this flyer. And Mark Brewer wonders why many Black voters are upset with the Democratic Party.

Judge Hathaway is part of a long line of Hathaway judges and judicial wannabees who think they are entitled to be judges because of their last names. They have no commitment or ties to this city. What has Judge Hathaway done to show she cares about Detroiters? Not one thing.

In fact, a Detroit based minister said Judge Hathaway said that one of the reasons she is campaigning for a seat on the Court of Appeals is so that she would be able to spend most of the winter on the sunny beaches in Florida. We don't need part-time judges. We suggest that Judge Hathaway just move to Florida permanently. Just because her last name is Hathaway, she is not entitled to this judgeship; she has to earn it. She has not. The city and state need judges who are committed to the communities that they serve. That is why we are supporting incumbent Judge Brian Zahra for re-election.

Judge Zahra, who has been rated outstanding by the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association, has over 11 years of experience as a trial and appellate court judge. As Chief Judge Pro-Tempore of the Court of Appeals, Judge Zahra has dedicated himself to the protection of women and children through his involvement with the Domestic Violence Legislation Task Force. His work in giving back to our community has been recognized by his designation as a "Volunteer of the Year" by the Boys and Girls Clubs of Detroit.

The Council of Baptist Pastors, Fannie Lou Hamer PAC, the Detroit Labor Alliance and Prosecutor Kym Worthy all have endorsed Judge Zahra for



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re-election. He is a judge that has never lost touch with the community. Judge Zahra is not a "name" - he is just an outstanding judge. We whole-heartedly endorse him for our choice on Nov. 7.