



August 23, 2012

**Make Your Reservations for  
Our October Quarterly Lunch  
with Attorney General  
Bill Schuette**

Please reserve October 8th at noon for our next Quarterly Luncheon. Our guest will be Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette. The meeting will be in cooperation with the Grand Rapids Bar Association. The luncheon is being sponsored in part by a generous donation from Consumers Energy.

Bill became Michigan's 53rd Attorney General in January 2011. He has extensive experience in both federal and state government.

He has served the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government for three decades. He began his career in 1984, when he was elected to the United States House of Representatives at age 31. He served three terms in the Congress.

Please join us and feel free to invite others that might enjoy the event .

**Reserve Your**

**Quarterly Luncheon Tickets**

**for**

**Oct. 8th with**

**Attorney General Bill Schuette**

**Price: \$25.00 per person**

**RSVP to Gayle at mccrathg@gvmc.org**

**Legislative Committee To  
Review Ballot Proposals**

On September 18th at 2:00 pm, the GVMC Legislative Committee will meet to review and discuss the November Ballot Proposals. This is part of our Strategic Initiatives for Managing Emerging Issues .

We have invited Andy Johnston, of the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce, Erika Rosebrook, from the Governor's Office of Urban Initiatives and Arnold Weinfeld of the Michigan Municipal League to be our guests for the meeting.

Following the discussion, the Legislative Committee will consider each of the ballot proposals and make a recommendation to the GVMC Executive Committee and then the GVMC Board of Directors. The recommendations will be on our October 8th agenda for the Board.

The statewide proposals currently qualified to appear on the November 6th General Election Ballot are:

1. **STAND UP FOR DEMOCRACY**-This proposal seeks to invoke the right of referendum for the emergency manager law.
2. **MICHIGAN ENERGY, MICHIGAN JOBS**- This proposed constitutional amendment will

require utilities to obtain at least 25% of their electricity from clean renewable energy sources by 2025.

**3. CITIZENS FOR AFFORDABLE QUALITY HOME CARE-**

The proposed constitutional amendment will establish the Michigan Quality Home Council, provide certain information to consumers, require training of providers, and require home health care workers to be unionized.

Another proposal which may be on the ballot is **THE CITIZENS FOR MORE MICHIGAN JOBS** effort which would have added an additional 8 casinos in Michigan. The Court of Appeals found that it would alter existing state law that was not clearly identified on the petition. This along with the **PROTECT OUR JOBS** proposal which will create a new right to collective bargaining will be decided by the Michigan Supreme Court.

Later this month the State Board of Canvassers will decide on **MICHIGAN ALLIANCE FOR PROSPERITY** which requires a 2/3 majority of the legislature or vote of the people to add additional or expand taxes in Michigan. They will also examine **THE PEOPLE SHOULD DECIDE** which would require a vote of the people to finance any new international bridges or tunnels.