

## **Gretchen Whitmer, Democratic Candidate for Michigan Governor**



Gretchen Whitmer was elected to the State Senate in March 2006 after serving as a member of the Michigan House of Representatives from 2000 to 2006. In the Senate she served on the following committees: Government Operations (ranking Democrat), Judiciary, Health Policy, Agriculture, Legislative Council and the Senate Fiscal Agency Board of Governors. As a State Representative, Whitmer served for four years as the ranking Democrat on the House Appropriations Committee.

In November 2010, her Democratic colleagues unanimously chose Whitmer to be the Senate Democratic Leader, making her the first woman to lead a party caucus in the Senate.

It was announced in May 2016, that the judges of Michigan's 30th Judicial Circuit Court had unanimously selected Whitmer to serve the remaining six months of the term of outgoing Ingham County Prosecutor Stuart Dunnings III.

In January 2017, Gretchen announced she would run in the 2018 Michigan gubernatorial race.

Gretchen received her BA in Communications from Michigan State University in 1993 and a JD from Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University in 1998. She lives in East Lansing with her husband, March, two daughters, and three stepsons.