



Columbia Township Treasurer John Calhoun announces bid for 65th District state House seat

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COLUMBIA TWP., MI – Columbia Township Treasurer John Calhoun announced his intent to run for the 65th District state House seat Monday, March 31. Calhoun throws his hat in the ring with **Jackson businessman Dale Moretz**, a Republican, for the seat vacated by state Rep. Mike Shirkey. Shirkey, R-Clark Lake, announced plans to **run for the state Senate's 16th District** seat earlier this month.

"To serve as a representative for the businesses and hardworking families of the 65th District at such a significant time in Michigan's economic recovery is an exciting opportunity," Calhoun said. "We must do everything possible to ensure that we retain and grow employment prospects." Calhoun, a Republican, said Shirkey set a good precedent he plans to continue if elected.

"Representative Shirkey has set a great example as a legislator who works with a high level of integrity and passion for his constituents," he said. Calhoun is the Chair of the Jackson, Lenawee, Hillsdale County Community Action Agency and is a board member of the River Raisin Watershed Council. Calhoun and his wife of 43 years, Jackie, reside in Clark Lake.

The 65th District includes Springport, Tompkins, Rives, Blackman, Henrietta, Leoni, Waterloo, Grass Lake, Norvell, Columbia and Liberty townships in Jackson County, as well as Cambridge Township in Lenawee County and the City of Eaton Rapids, Hamlin, Eaton and Brookfield townships in Eaton County.