

# MACOMB ACCOUNTABILITY PROJECT

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### PETE LUCIDO: A RECORD OF SHAME

#### SEX HARASSMENT COMPLAINTS AGAINST LUCIDO

In 2020, a [female reporter](#) accused Lucido of making lewd and suggestive remarks to her in front of visiting male students. A newly elected [female senator](#) filed a sexual harassment complaint against Lucido, saying he groped her and degraded her during an orientation for new legislators. A [third woman](#), a lobbyist in Lansing, accused Lucido of improperly touching her during a meeting.

A 2020 [Senate investigation found](#) that all three women accusers were credible. After interviewing dozens of witnesses, the investigators concluded that the accusations and eyewitness accounts aligned and that Lucido's sexual harassment most likely occurred as the women described. The investigators "concluded that Senator Lucido's conduct 'demonstrates an unfortunate pattern of behavior' that requires 'little to no interpretation to be understood as inappropriate workplace behavior.'"

In March 2021, a [fourth woman](#), Lisa McCormick, revealed that Lucido inappropriately touched her in 2019 before his Senate committee approved her appointment to be director of the Michigan Office of Children's Ombudsman. Now an Ingham County judge, McCormick said she didn't "make any complaint when it happened because my future, and my appointment, was in his hands and in the committee's hands."

#### CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS FROM SEX DEFENDERS

During his 2020 campaign for county prosecutor, one of Lucido's larger fundraisers was held by a [criminal defense attorney](#) who specializes in protecting people accused of sexual violence, even against children. Nicole Blank Becker raised \$17,200 for Lucido, according to [campaign finance records](#) and gave \$4,250 herself. On her [website](#), Becker brags that she is highly skilled at defending accused sexual predators because she "has been forensically trained" to "interview and/or question children, specially if they are the ones involved at sex crimes charges." The [former head of Macomb County's sex crimes unit](#), Becker now works on the other side, using her knowledge to get people accused of sex crimes off the hook. Becker [defended notorious singer](#) R. Kelly, who faces multiple state and federal charges of sexual assault, including acts against minors, and has been accused of [predatory behavior for decades](#).

Another Lucido campaign contributor was Kaylin Drewery, who was [convicted](#) of third-degree criminal sexual conduct and released from Wayne County Jail early because of the COVID-19 pandemic in May 2020. Drewery has made only one political campaign donation in his life: to Lucido.

#### ALLY WITH A CONVICTED PEDOPHILE

The [man at the center](#) of Lucido's inquiry into nursing homes, Anthony Messina, is a [convicted pedophile](#) who groomed and then sexually assaulted young boys between 1997 and 2003. Convicted in 2003, Messina spent 8 years in a prison in Standish. Messina was repeatedly highlighted in Lucido's nursing home investigation. (*Source: Macomb County Circuit Court records, case files 2003-002301-FH; 2003-002302-FH; 2003-002303-FH; and 2004-000109-FH.*) "Anthony Messina of Mt. Clemens in Macomb (County) is working with the county prosecutor," confirmed John James, former Republican Senate candidate, during a [Fox & Friends](#) interview that aired on March 12, 2021. See min 2:39 of the Fox and Friends interview.