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State Representative Andy Meisner was born and raised in the district he currently represents, which includes the South Oakland County communities of Huntington Woods, Ferndale, Pleasant Ridge, Oak Park, Berkley and Hazel Park.

As a college student, Andy was a Lyndon B. Johnson Fellow in the Washington office of Congressman Sandy Levin. After graduating, Andy returned to Capitol Hill to work for United States Congressman David Obey (D-WI) and returned to Congressman Levin (D-MI) as a policy analyst working in the areas of criminal justice, mental health, unemployment insurance and foreign affairs. Andy's work with Congressman Levin led him to his next role as vice president of the national, non-profit Drug-Free Kids Campaign, or CADCA.

While in Washington, Andy was a co-founder of the Michigan Democratic Action Network (MDAN), an organization created to engage young adults in the political process across the full spectrum of possibilities, from meeting like-minded Michiganders to helping others run for office through grass roots campaigning and financial support.

Returning to Michigan in 2001, Andy went to work in the private sector as corporate communications director for the Farbman Group, a Southfield-based real estate firm.

First elected to the Michigan Legislature in 2002, Andy has quickly become a force in Lansing, serving his caucus as Assistant Democratic Leader having run unopposed, and as Vice-Chair of the House Commerce Committee and Ethics, Oversight and Campaign Finance Committee, and serving as a member of the Tax Policy Committee. Propelled by his experience in the public, non-profit and private sectors, Andy is an aggressive and passionate advocate whose work has twice been profiled on CNN's Lou Dobbs program.

Michigan Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, who appointed Andy to serve on the Michigan Mental Health Commission, has tapped Andy as a key House sponsor of both her plan to cut the Single Business Tax and her \$2 billion bond proposal. He has recently received Legislator of the Year awards from the League of Conservation Voters and the Michigan Association of Drug Court Professionals. Andy received the 2005 Rising Star Award of the D.C.-based 21st Century Democrats, one of the largest PACs in the country. He also received the 2006 Snyder-Kok Award for his work on behalf of the mentally ill from the Mental Health Association in Michigan. Currently, Andy is leading the charge to ease legislative restrictions on embryonic stem cell research that are standing in the way of Michigan's progress in this essential area of research.

Andy lives in Ferndale with his wife, Johnna, and "her" cat, Luna.