

Proposals on the November 2012 Election – The Libertarian Party of Michigan Stance!

I. STATEWIDE PROPOSALS QUALIFIED TO APPEAR ON NOVEMBER 6, 2012 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

PROPOSAL 1- STAND UP FOR DEMOCRACY: Referendum petition.

Purpose: Petition seeks to invoke the right of referendum for the emergency financial manager law, 2011 PA 4. **Status:** Petition filed February 29, 2012. Certified to the November 6, 2012 general election ballot on August 8, 2012. Ballot language approved on August 27, 2012. Assigned proposal number 12-1 on September 7, 2012.

Libertarian stance: The Libertarian Party of Michigan would recommend that all Libertarians vote "NO" on this issue. We as Libertarians believe in more freedom and less government. If a city is failing, it is up to that city to seek the help from whom they choose, not what is appointed to them. Let the people decide if they would like to have the state step in with an emergency manager that would be appointed by their governor. We believe that this should be a vote by the people of that district. If a local government is failing it should be the responsibility of the local citizens to make a decision. Why would you force the rest of the state to look after them and rescue them from the choices they have made.

PROPOSAL 2- PROTECT OUR JOBS: Initiative petition approved as to form March 19, 2012.

Purpose: Proposed constitutional amendment to create a new right to collective bargaining. **Status:** Petition filed June 13, 2012, 2:20 p.m. Certified to the November 6, 2012 general election ballot on August 27, 2012. Ballot language approved on September 7, 2012. Assigned proposal number 12-2 on September 7, 2012. **Contact:** Protect Our Jobs, 5859 West Saginaw Highway #142, Lansing, Michigan 48917-2460. Todd Cook (313) 744-5627. Info@protectourjobs.com.

Libertarian stance: The Libertarian Party of Michigan would recommend that all Libertarians vote "NO" on this issue. We truly believe in liberty and freedom. No person should be forced into a contract in which they would have to pay for, unless they are willing. Michigan would be more prosperous, aggressive, and productive if we were a Right to Work state! The Libertarian idea is that only individuals have rights. No collective bargaining can have any more rights than a single individual within the collective bargaining. Giving any more rights to a collective, regardless of whether or not we are in favor of the position of a given collective like labor unions, is detrimental to the fight for a more free society. We are not against collective bargaining, just when it is forced upon an individual or company.

PROPOSAL 3- MICHIGAN ENERGY, MICHIGAN JOBS: Initiative petition approved as to form January 20, 2012.

Purpose: Proposed constitutional amendment to require utilities to obtain at least 25% of their electricity from clean renewable energy sources. **Status:** Petition filed July 6, 2012, 10:38 a.m. Certified to the November 6, 2012 general election ballot on August 15, 2012. Ballot language approved on August 27, 2012. Assigned proposal number 12-3 on September 7, 2012. **Contact:** Michigan Energy, Michigan Jobs, P.O. Box 873, East Lansing, Michigan 48826. Mark Fisk (517) 333-1606. Mfisk@byrumfisk.com.

Libertarian stance: The Libertarian Party of Michigan would recommend that all Libertarians vote "NO" on this issue. A 2008 law currently requires utility companies to meet a 10% renewable energy requirement by 2015. If approved by voters, the ballot proposal would require utility companies like Consumers Energy and DTE Energy to get 25% of their electricity from renewable sources by 2025.

We are stating NO, on the base of lack of information. If you are demanding a company to do something that will cost them money to build and implement, who do you think will have to pay for the start-up and ongoing costs? This artificially created goal is an unnecessary burden on the free market. If consumers want more renewable energy they can demand it! Historically such regulation, though well intended, has ended up helping a small number of individuals and corporations who were promoting their particular solution, and has put dampers on the creativity and ingenuity inherent in a free market.

PROPOSAL 4- CITIZENS FOR AFFORDABLE QUALITY HOME CARE: Initiative petition approved as to form March 19, 2012.

Purpose: Proposed constitutional amendment to establish the Michigan quality Home Council, provide certain information to consumers, require training of providers, require training of providers, and provide limited collective bargaining rights. **Status:** Petition filed July 9, 2012, 9:34 a.m. Certified to the November 6, 2012 general election ballot on August 15, 2012. Ballot language approved on August 27, 2012. Assigned proposal number 12-4 on September 7, 2012. **Contact:** Citizens for Affordable Quality Home Care, 400 Galleria Office Centre, Suite 117, Southfield, Michigan 48034.

Libertarian stance: The Libertarian Party of Michigan would recommend that all Libertarians vote "NO" on this issue. To start, this program is backed by a union company SEIU Healthcare Michigan "The Service Employees International Union". We are against this solely on the stance that it should be solely up to the people it would be affecting. Why should the entire population decide who should be in a union or not. If any individuals, such as home health care workers, wish to unionize they should be free to do so, however they should not use the force of government to enact their will. The union here is trying to force the state to pay for something they have already found the free market does not want and is too costly for the union to create these registries, background checks, etc. So if the free market doesn't want it, why should you have to pay for it?

PROPOSAL 5- MICHIGAN ALLIANCE FOR PROSPERITY: Initiative Petition approved as to form April 26, 2012.

Purpose: Proposed constitutional amendment to prohibit the imposition of new or additional taxes or expansion of the base of taxation by the State of Michigan unless approved by a 2/3 majority of members in each chamber of the legislature or by a statewide vote of the people. **Status:** Petition filed July 9, 2012, 3:08 p.m. Certified to the November 6, 2012 general election ballot on September 7, 2012. Ballot language approved on August 27, 2012. Assigned proposal number 12-5 on September 7, 2012. **Contact:** Michigan Alliance for Prosperity, 222 W. Genesee, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

Libertarian stance: The Libertarian Party of Michigan would recommend that all Libertarians vote "YES" on this issue. If this proposal were placed on the ballot and approved by voters, no state taxes could be imposed, increased or broadened unless by a two-thirds majority of the Michigan House and of the Michigan Senate, or by voters in a statewide November election. According to the proposal's language, existing tax limitations in the Michigan Constitution would remain unaffected.

PROPOSAL 6- THE PEOPLE SHOULD DECIDE: Initiative Petition approved as to form April 26, 2012.

Purpose: Proposed constitutional amendment to require a vote of the people before the State of Michigan can construct or finance new international bridges or tunnels for motor vehicles.

Status: Petition filed July 9, 2012, 3:37 p.m. Certified to the November 6, 2012 general election ballot on September 7, 2012. Ballot wording approved on August 27, 2012. Assigned proposal number 12-6 on September 7, 2012. **Contact:** The People Should Decide, 12225 Stephens Road, Warren, Michigan 48089.

Libertarian stance: The Libertarian Party of Michigan would recommend that all Libertarians vote "YES" on this issue. By voting yes on this proposal, you are giving the vote back to the people. We believe Michigan residents have the right to hear the arguments from both sides of the debate and decide for themselves whether it is a wise use of taxpayer money to design, build, operate, and maintain a government bridge and all of the roads, ramps, and infrastructure connected to it. Whether it cost taxpayers today, next year, or 10 years from now, someone will be paying for these costs. Who?...Taxpayers.