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## Promote Libertarianism by Getting Elected to Your Board of Education

by Leonard Schwartz

Nonpartisan school district elections create a great opportunity for Libertarians to get elected to public office. School board candidates usually spend much less time and money campaigning than do city council candidates. Therefore, it is easier for you to win.

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You can get "Affidavit of Identity" and petitions forms from your school district or county clerk and the Michigan Secretary of State website, [www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos).

## Signs of Progress for the LP!

by William Redpath

Chairman: Libertarian National Committee

The days after Election Day are never a fun time for Libertarians. Let's face it, we work as hard as we can over a long period of time all for one single day, and when the votes have been cast and counted, our success seems to be as far away as ever. I wish I had some amazing story to share with you of a miracle "big" win for the LP but I don't as we probably both know that there is no such thing. We have to work for every vote and there is no silver bullet for electoral success.

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## LPM Election Results

by Greg Stempfle

Libertarians fared well in last week's General Election relative to other third parties. Our Top of Ticket this year was our gubernatorial candidate Gregory Creswell and Lt. Governor Candidate Scotty Boman. This team earned 23,497 votes (0.6%) to best the candidates from the Green and US Taxpayers Party.

The last time the LPM ran a candidate for Governor was in 1982, when Dick Jacobs earned 15,603 votes.

Our other statewide candidates did well also. Attorney General candidate Bill Hall received nearly 2% of the total with 61,603 votes. US Senate candidate Leonard Schwartz also finished third with 27,025. All three of these candidates ran radio ads across the state which contributed to their victories over their third party opponents.

The results of the four education boards were rather puzzling. These races usually reflect the base support for each party in any given year and Libertarians have traditionally earned more votes in these races than other third parties. However, the Greens have been doing as well as the Libertarians in recent elections. The results this year showed a lot of inconsistency. A Green Party candidate had more votes in three of the four races and the US Taxpayers took the other. However, in one race the Greens won, their other candidate in that race finished second to last.

Overall, the Green Party ran six candidates and averaged 80,000 votes. The US Taxpayers Party's six candidates earned an average of 66,000 votes. The Libertarians, who filled all eight slots, earned 65,000 votes and the nearly defunct Natural Law Party ran 4 candidates and earned 60,000 votes on average.

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## Voters Support Libertarian Ideas, and Statist Candidates

by Scotty Boman

If one simply looked at votes on ballot proposals, one would think libertarianism had reached the mainstream. Proposal 4 is supposed to reduce eminent domain abuse and passed over-whelmingly. Proposal 5, which would lock in state school funding increases, failed. Proposal 2 (The Michigan Civil Rights Initiative) passed!

This last example is especially interesting because the Libertarian Party of Michigan was the ONLY political party to support the amendment. In fact many candidates, including Greg Creswell and myself, made it the centerpiece of our campaign. Libertarians like Greg Creswell, Leonard Schwartz, Tim O'Brien and many others were instrumental

to putting this initiative on the ballot.

Radio ads featuring Greg Creswell, Leonard Schwartz and myself used the racial preference issue to contrast our party from the "Two Old Parties." Prior to these commercials One United Michigan had planned on releasing a dual Devos / Granholm "Vote No On 2" commercial. The fact that this would confirm our claim that there was "No real difference..." killed the idea.

Other Pro-MCRI ads were scarce, and only appeared on TV shortly before the election. The TV commercial featuring Ward Connerly and Jennifer Gratz, was simple and to the point. Nevertheless, attack ads that spread various falsehoods about the initiative ran

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### **Signs of Progress for the LP! from page 1**

There are significant signs of progress . . .

This year, well over 700 Libertarians ran for office! We saw victories at the local level in at least Alaska, California, Indiana, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. In Texas, we witnessed something amazing happen. Due to the very hard work of the Texas LP, 168 of our candidates were on the ballot. These candidates significantly increased vote percentages and of state and federal candidates, 22 of them received over 20% of the vote. The last time a Libertarian candidate broke 20% in Texas was in 1992! Other successes include maintaining ballot access in many states including California, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, Texas, Wisconsin, Wyoming. Those victories will save the LP hundreds of thousands of dollars in expenses for 2008!

Over the weekend, our executive director, Shane Cory, told me a story from last week in which a reporter called him for comment on our election results. The reporter stated that in Montana our U.S. Senate Candidate, Stan Jones, beat the margin and it can be said that the Libertarian Party was responsible for the Republicans losing the Senate. Shane was asked if we "felt bad" about that. . . Now, I'm sure we would all have different responses to that question ranging from sheer laughter to rage. Shane's response was simple and somewhat diplomatic. He stated, "No, maybe if the Republicans learned how to govern better, we wouldn't take so many of their votes." But this question being asked proves a point on its own: the Libertarian Party is becoming more effective. Soon, we'll be seeing more instances of Republicans AND Democrats moving public policy in a libertarian direction in order to capture the Libertarian vote.

That's why every election cycle, regardless of the depth of our victories, is important to the LP and our nation. In 2007, we will be focusing on local and state elections while we prepare for the 2008 presidential season. Without a doubt, the work that we do in 2007 is vital to our progress in 2008. This past weekend, the Libertarian National Committee met in Alexandria, Virginia to establish a budget for 2007. After a great deal of deliberation, a core budget was approved for \$1,693,000. This new budget includes \$250,000 for ballot access drives across the nation along with \$150,000 for vital voter data for the LP Ballot Base that was launched this year. Additionally, it includes \$186,000 for membership building efforts and new fundraising tools.

In addition to setting our budget at this LNC meeting, we first established our goals for the term of this LNC board. One of the top goals was to meet our reserve requirement (something that we have only

been able to achieve briefly in April of 2004). In a nutshell, this means that we pledge to be fiscally responsible. If we demand as much from Congress, we should be able to set the example.

### **Election Results from page 1**

These were the only candidates the NLP fielded this year. The NLP was taken over by the Socialist Party in 2004.

Our Supreme Court nominee, Kerry Morgan earned 7.4% with 370,000 votes. Supreme Court candidates are nominated by parties but appear as nonpartisan candidates on the ballot. Kerry came within 15,000 votes of beating one of the major party nominees.

As for US Congress, the LPM ran 13 candidates and the Greens and US Taxpayers ran 8. In head-to-head competition, the Libertarians had a record of 5-3 against the Greens and 5-3 against the US Taxpayers Party. The US Taxpayers Party edged out the Greens in head-to-head Republican John Pappageorge won District 13 with 49% of the vote to Democrat Andy Levin's 48%. Green candidate Klyle McBee had the remaining 3% to tip the scales for the Republican. The same thing occurred in District 32 where Republican Roger Kahn got 49% to Democrat Carl Williams 48%. Green Lloyd Clarke got 3% again. Each house of the Michigan Legislature is now controlled by a different party.

The US Taxpayers Party has gained strength in recent elections while the Libertarians have lost strength, yet their platforms are extremely similar. The main difference between the two parties is a theological one.

The US Taxpayer's Party claims to be based on Christian principles and Natural Law of God, while Libertarians publicly have a secular approach to government and law. Combined, the vote total far surpasses the Greens which have stayed about the same since 2000. For complete election results, please visit:  
**<http://miboecfr.nictusa.com/election/results/06GEN/>**

In races for the Michigan Legislature, the LPM ran 25 candidates. The US Taxpayers Party ran 12 and the Greens 9. There were only 3 races featuring more than one third party candidate and in these races the Libertarians were 3-0.

These are only the results for State and Federal offices. The LPM also ran at least 8 more candidates for county and city offices. Overall the LPM ran at least 58 candidates. The other three third parties combined ran 60. The spoilers in this election were the Green Party candidates for State Senate. The Republicans have a two seat majority in the State Senate, 21-17, thanks in part to Green candidates drawing votes from Democrats.

### Four Defender of Liberty Awards Were Presented at Liberty Fest 2006

Prop.2 Architects among those honored:

Two people who were instrumental in making The Michigan Civil Rights Initiative (Better known as Proposal 2) a success were honored at The Libertarian Party of Michigan's Liberty Fest. While they are less well known than Jennifer Gratz and Ward Connerly, Gregory Creswell and Tim O'Brien were also key players. Creswell (Spokesperson of Liberty) and O'Brien (Producer of Liberty) were organizers for the MCRI petition effort since 2003. O'Brien was on the original MCRI Committee in 2003, and lead the MCRI Grassroots organization in 2006. Creswell was a community organizer in Detroit throughout the effort, and made support for the initiative the centerpiece of his campaign for governor.

After conceding defeat in the gubernatorial vote Creswell went on to say, "I bet plenty of people are surprised at the victory of Proposal 2!" Creswell was the only

gubernatorial candidate to support the statewide proposal, also known as the Michigan Civil Rights initiative. "I have been working on the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative from the beginning. I was an organizer of the first attempt to get it on the ballot, I was a petitioner in the most recent effort, and I was a community organizer as well as the only pro-MCRI gubernatorial candidate."

Tim O'Brien was the central organizer of the grassroots effort that placed "Equal means Equal" signs, pamphlets and brochures around the state. O'Brien and his wife Nancy have also supported Pro-MCRI candidates via their work in Small Government Alliance (PAC). Nancy received a "Libby" award in 2001.

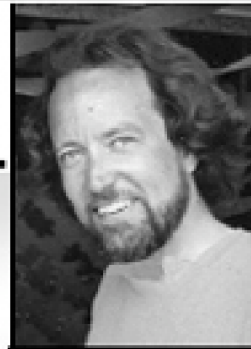
"One United Michigan made much of what they called 'A secret society from California' brining MCRI to Michigan." Said LPM Chair Scotty Boman, "Well we are from Michigan. We have been around since 1972, but I suppose

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## NEW PILGRIM CHRONICLES

BY BRIAN WRIGHT

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## Former Congressman Bob Barr Accepts Leadership Position within the Libertarian Party

(Washington, D.C.) On Tuesday evening, former Congressman Bob Barr, a Life Member of the Libertarian Party, was offered the position of Regional 4 Representative of the Libertarian National Committee.

The state chairs of Region 4, which is made up of Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Alabama met via teleconference to discuss the matter after the recent resignation of Mark Bodenhausen for medical reasons.

The state leaders enthusiastically endorsed Barr as their representative to lead them into the 2008 presidential election season.

In addition to having served eight years in the House of Representatives, Barr serves as a Board Member of the National Rifle Association and is Chairman of Patriots to Restore Checks and Balances. He also is a member of The Constitution Project's Initiative on Liberty and Security at Georgetown University. He advises a variety of public policy organizations, including the American

Conservative Union and the American Civil Liberties Union. Barr is President and CEO of Liberty Strategies, an Atlanta-based consulting firm with offices in the Washington, DC area. He practices both civil and criminal law.

LNC Chair William Redpath stated, "Bob Barr's willingness to serve as a leader of the Libertarian Party represents a significant and positive development for our organization. The Libertarian Party played a pivotal role in

key races in 2006 and has emerged as a strong and principled political force."

Redpath continued, "The antiquated two-party system was dealt a blow today as we have welcomed a patriotic statesman into our ranks with the intent of using his vast experience and widespread respect to help recruit and elect Libertarian candidates of his caliber."

Barr's first official action as LNC representative will be to organize a meeting with state party leaders to address party building and political goals for 2007.

After accepting the position, former Congressman Barr stated, "I'm pleased to assist the Party of Principle in this capacity and hope to further our political success as we move closer to the 2008 election cycle. Being a member of this body is a serious and

long-term commitment that I gladly accept. As importantly, I'm happy to announce that I am now a proud, card-carrying Libertarian who is committed to helping elect leaders who will strive for smaller government, lower taxes and abundant individual freedom. I encourage other Americans from across the political spectrum to join me."

For more information on the newest representative of the Libertarian National Committee, see [www.bobbarr.org](http://www.bobbarr.org).



"Reason, logic, civility, dissent and debate - five ancient words that should be taught again and better, at elementary level, so that people know the difference between news and shaped news."

-RICHARD DRYFUS



### Liberty Fest from Page 5

we are a secret society, since more people have heard of the Illuminati than have heard of the Libertarian Party of Michigan." Boman mused. "We don't want to be a secret society. We even paid for radio ads that positioned us as the only political party to agree with the majority of Michiganders on MCRI."

Bill Hall Honored on his First-Class Attorney General Campaign and Years of Legal Service to the Libertarian Party:

Bill Hall Received the Promoter of Liberty Award. He



Libertarian organizations.

The Second Producer of Liberty award was presented to LPM secretary Arthur Gulick. Gulick has quietly advanced the Party with Professionalism, smart work, and an attention to detail.

Gulick has always been willing to step in and solve problems when his help was needed. He has done so without any pressure or complaint.

He came to the rescue when the LEC was short staffed. He has always been modest about his roll in the party and reacted with joy and

surprise upon receiving the award.



Arthur Gulick

Liberty Fest featured prominent business strategist Jim Boyle and was held at the Original Cottage Inn Restaurant.

Boyle gave an in-depth speech on how to dissect the numerical quagmire presented by government entities as budgets. He spoke about the danger of unfunded liabilities, and how Libertarians could get politically involved in response to the impending financial crisis.



Above: Jim Boyle and Below: Greg Creswell

attracted nearly 2% of the vote in his attempt to unseat Attorney General Mike Cox. He invested heavily in a professional statewide campaign that championed the equal parenting cause, and medical marijuana. He distributed slick full color pamphlets and aired professional radio ads.

Throughout the years he has lent his legal expertise to the state and national



2006 General Election Results

Governor

Granholm, Jennifer/ Cherry	DEM	2,141,824	56.34
DeVos, Dick / Johnson, Ruth	REP	1,608,579	42.32
Creswell, Gregory / Boman,	LIB	23,497	0.62
Campbell, Douglas / Skrbina	GRN	19,997	0.53
Dashairya, Bhagwan / Oehling	UST	7,076	0.19

Secretary of State

Land, Terri Lynn	REP	2,090,858	56.18
Sabaugh, Carmella	DEM	1,561,151	41.94
Meadows, Lynn	GRN	69,956	1.88

Attorney General

Cox, Mike	REP	1,987,265	53.85
Williams, Amos	DEM	1,604,679	43.49
Hall, Bill	LIB	61,603	1.67
Conces, Charles F.	UST	36,511	0.99

US Senate

Stabenow, Debbie	DEM	2,151,087	56.90
Bouchard, Michael	REP	1,560,297	41.27
Schwartz, Leonard	LIB	27,025	0.71
Sole, David	GRN	23,925	0.63
FitzSimons, W. Dennis	UST	18,313	0.48

US Representative Dist. 1

Stupak, Bart	DEM	180,402	69.42
Hooper, Don	REP	72,732	27.99
Warren, Joshua J.	UST	2,275	0.88
Newland, David J.	GRN	2,250	0.87
Proctor, Ken	LIB	2,195	0.84

US Representative Dist. 2

Hoekstra, Peter	REP	183,729	66.38
Kotos, Kimon	DEM	87,571	31.64
Graesser, Ronald E.	UST	2,737	0.99
Van Til, Steven	LIB	2,727	0.99

US Representative Dist. 3

Ehlers, Vernon J.	REP	171,218	63.10
Rinck, James R.	DEM	93,850	34.58
Steinport, Jeff A.	LIB	3,702	1.36
Gurk, Rodger	GRN	2,593	0.96

US Representative Dist. 4

Camp, Dave	REP	160,767	60.59
Huckleberry, Mike	DEM	100,679	37.94
Emerick, John	UST	2,007	0.76
Hren, Allitta	LIB	1,879	0.71

US Representative Dist. 5

Kildee, Dale E.	DEM	176,144	72.89
Klammer, Eric J.	REP	60,957	25.23
Mathenia, Ken	GRN	2,293	0.95
Samoranski, II, Steve	LIB	2,259	0.93

US Representative Dist. 6

Upton, Fred	REP	142,025	60.57
Clark, Kim	DEM	88,976	37.95
Howe, Kenneth E.	LIB	3,480	1.48

US Representative Dist. 7

Walberg, Tim	REP	122,640	50.53
Renier, Sharon Marie	DEM	112,623	46.40
Hutchinson, Robert L.	LIB	3,787	1.56
Horn, David	UST	3,664	1.51

US Representative Dist. 8

Rogers, Mike	REP	156,414	55.25
Marcinkowski, Jim	DEM	121,576	42.95
Gach, Dick	LIB	2,756	0.97
Stuttman, Aaron	GRN	2,349	0.83

US Representative Dist. 9

Knollenberg, Joe	REP	142,279	51.53
Skinner, Nancy	DEM	127,651	46.23
Goodman, Adam	LIB	3,698	1.34
Abel, Matthew R.	GRN	2,466	0.89

US Representative Dist. 10

Miller, Candice S.	REP	178,843	66.22
Denison, Robert	DEM	84,574	31.32
Byrne, Mark	LIB	2,867	1.06

Caveny, Candace Ruth	GRN	1,894	0.70
Gualdoni, F. Richard	UST	1,894	0.70

US Representative Dist. 11

McCotter, Thaddeus G.	REP	145,292	54.15
Trupiano, Tony	DEM	115,106	42.90
Tatar, John T.	LIB	4,380	1.63
Tackett, Charles E.	UST	3,552	1.32

US Representative Dist. 12

Levin, Sander	DEM	168,501	70.17
Shafer, Randell J.	REP	62,688	26.11
Lecureaux, Andy	LIB	3,259	1.36
Townsend, Les	UST	2,076	0.86
White, Jerome S.	NPA	1,863	0.78
Myatt, Art	GRN	1,735	0.72

US Representative Dist. 15

Dingell, John D.	DEM	181,864	87.95
Smith, Aimee	GRN	9,455	4.57
Stempfle, Gregory	LIB	8,409	4.07
Czak, Robert F.	UST	7,064	3.42

State Senate Dist. 8

Basham, Raymond E	DEM	58,487	70.97
Kalsic, Fred W.	REP	21,723	26.36
Gnadt, Loel Robert	LIB	2,196	2.66

State Senate Dist. 9

Oishove, Dennis	DEM	60,775	66.40
Nielson, Jeremy	REP	27,297	29.82
Allison, James	LIB	2,159	2.36
Kuszmaz, Richard T.	GRN	1,300	1.42

State Senate Dist. 10

Switalski, Michael	DEM	62,737	65.76
Horton, John B.	REP	30,065	31.52
Bonnell, John C.	LIB	2,596	2.72

State Senate Dist. 11

Sanborn, Alan	REP	65,541	59.19
Jenkins, Kenneth Paul	DEM	42,278	38.18
Zemens, Lauren M.	LIB	2,903	2.62

State Senate Dist. 12

Bishop, Mike	REP	59,619	56.22
Barrera, Joseph	DEM	43,365	40.89
Kelly, Brian	LIB	3,057	2.88

State Senate Dist. 14

Jacobs, Gilda Z.	DEM	78,346	72.52
Bellingar, Tara L	REP	26,569	24.59
Roberts, R.	LIB	1,802	1.67
Opalicky, William J.	GRN	1,312	1.21

State Senate Dist. 15

Cassis, Nancy	REP	67,068	57.70
Raczkowski, Ray	DEM	46,063	39.63
Allen, Nathan E.	LIB	3,110	2.68

State Senate Dist. 28

Jansen, Mark C.	REP	78,240	63.55
Abbasse, Albert S.	DEM	42,235	34.30
Lewis, Jamie	LIB	2,648	2.15

State Senate Dist. 29

Hardiman, Bill	REP	51,959	52.49
LaGrand, David	DEM	45,595	46.06
Gelineau, Bill	LIB	1,431	1.45

State Senate Dist. 30

Kuipers, Wayne	REP	83,232	71.27
Vanderstoep, Scott W.	DEM	31,324	26.82
Ortquist, Marcia	LIB	2,222	1.90

State Senate Dist. 31

Barcia, Jim	DEM	78,904	75.93
Nuncio, Zachary W.	REP	23,565	22.68
Ploep, Reinhold	LIB	1,441	1.39

State Senate Dist. 33

Cropsey, Alan L.	REP	48,942	53.72
White, Nancy J.	DEM4	0,208	44.13
Smith, Devon K.	LIB	1,95	42.14



**State Senate Dist. 35**

McManus, Michelle A.	REP	62,195	59.02
Schippers, Antoinette	DEM	41,033	38.94
Hren, Thomas	LIB	2,148	2.04

**State Representative Dist. 12**

Tobocman, Steve	DEM	9,365	95.67
Warner, Raymond H.	LIB	424	4.33

**State Representative Dist. 25**

Bieda, Steven	DEM	22,652	67.41
St. Pierre, Jr., Cecil D.	REP	10,156	30.22
Brylewski, Michael	LIB	795	2.37

**State Representative Dist. 26**

Donigan, Marie	DEM	22,077	62.20
Konczal, Kevin	REP	12,357	34.82
Young, James K.	LIB	1,057	2.98

**State Representative Dist. 31**

Miller, Fred	DEM	18,583	62.55
Tollis, Daniel	REP	10,348	34.83
Miller, James	LIB	777	2.62

**State Representative Dist. 32**

Acciavatti, Daniel J.	REP	20,716	58.76
Lezotte, Jill	DEM	39.26	
Zemens, Joseph L.	LIB	701	1.99

**State Representative Dist. 72**

Stell, Jr., Glenn	REP	27,004	65.62
Hinton, Kyle Eric	DEM	13,054	31.72
Wenzel, III, William Robert	LIB	591	
Mohr, William A.	UST	500	1.22

**State Representative Dist. 73**

Pearce, Tom	REP	28,636	64.55
Marckini, Joseph R.	DEM	14,714	33.17
Nickelson, Steven	LIB	1,010	2.28

**State Representative Dist. 74**

Agema, David	REP	30,495	70.13
Kauffman, Steven B.	DEM	12,108	27.85
McLaughlin, Tracy D.	LIB	880	2.02

**State Representative Dist. 75**

Dean, Robert	DEM	17,462	51.33
Doyle, Tim	REP	46.93	
Hillmer, Lauren	LIB	592	1.74

**State Representative Dist. 76**

Sak, Michael G.	DEM	17,823	72.80
Liberski, Ted	REP	6,119	24.99
Friar, Matthew L.	LIB	540	2.21

**State Representative Dist. 77**

Green, Kevin J.	REP	21,350	67.47
Ficeli, Daniel	DEM	9,235	29.18
Stedman, John G.	LIB	1,060	3.35

**State Representative Dist. 86**

Hildenbrand, Dave	REP	28,716	64.36
Casalina, Melissa M.	DEM	15,085	33.81
Steinport, Patricia M.	LIB	819	1.84

**State Board of Education**

Ulbrich, Casandra E.	DEM	1,684,510	25.43
Turner, Reginald	DEM	1,659,124	25.05
McMillin, Tom	REP	1,418,008	21.41
Weiser, Eileen	REP	1,410,264	21.29
Carey, Kevin A.	GRN	73,564	1.11
Haas, Erwin J.	LIB	69,757	1.05
Hayden, Debra	NLP	66,526	1.00
Graeser, Gail M.	UST	64,945	0.98
Emerson, George A.	UST	61,991	0.94
Woods, Jacob	GRN	60,624	0.92
Whiteside, Ernest A.	LIB	54,855	0.83

**University of Michigan Board of Regents**

White, Kathy	DEM	1,695,366	26.05
Darlow, Julia Donovan	DEM	1,632,676	25.08
Brown, Susan	REP	1,417,098	21.77
Brandon, David	REP	1,407,918	21.63
Adams, Karen	UST	88,832	1.36

Larson, Eric L.	LIB	78,849	1.21
Morin, Edward	GRN	70,669	1.09
Hudler, James Lewis	LIB	65,345	1.00
Hilden, Valerie G.	NLP	51,962	0.80

**Michigan State University Board of Trustees**

Perles, George	DEM	1,676,548	25.94
Owen, Faylene	DEM	1,641,880	25.41
Cook, Dee	REP	1,390,175	21.51
Porteous, Dave	REP	1,369,240	21.19
Spencer, Lauren Elizabeth	GRN	112,779	
Gale, Robert	UST	78,053	1.21
Dern, Katherine	NLP	68,888	1.07
Denoyer, J. P.	LIB	66,635	1.03
Raafaub, David H.	LIB	57,907	0.90

**Wayne State University Board of Governors**

Dingell, Debbie	DEM	1,805,717	28.17
Driker, Eugene	DEM	1,577,893	24.62
Akouri, John	REP	1,293,512	20.18
McLemore, Jr., Andrew G.	REP	1,285,940	
Guttshall, Margaret	GRN	91,470	1.43
Merriweather, Michael	GRN	70,874	1.11
Jones, Thomas W.	LIB	67,153	1.05
Johnson, Philip	UST	63,798	1.00
Schubring, Bob	LIB	58,417	0.91
Stegner, Tara C.	NLP	54,442	0.85
Van Bemmelen, Robert	UST	40,263	0.63

**Justice of the Supreme Court**

Cavanagh, Michael F.	INCUM	1,985,339	39.76
Corrigan, Maura Denise	INCUM	1,691,021	33.87
Beckering, Jane M.		561,484	11.25
Shulman, Marc		385,419	7.72
Morgan, Kerry L.	LP nominee	369,673	7.40

**Macomb County Commissioner Dist. 5**

Ronald Siner	Rep	7,708	67.06
Susan Doherty	Dem	3,250	28.27
Nicole Michalak	Lib	316	2.75
Scott Stevens	UST	221	1.92

**Macomb County Commissioner Dist. 19**

James Perna	Rep	7,112	58.22
Paul Geileghem	Dem	4,808	39.36
Scott Allen	Lib	193	1.58
Raymond Ancona	UST	102	0.84

**Macomb County Commissioner Dist. 24**

Sarah Roberts	Dem	8,125	59.17
Richard Doan	Rep	5,249	38.22
Keith Edwards	Lib	358	2.61

**Wayne County Commissioner Dist. 4**

Jewel Ware	Dem	28,139	94.14
Lanell Buffington	Rep	974	3.26
Edward Karpinski	Lib	705	2.36

**Wayne County Commissioner Dist. 14**

Joseph Palamara	Dem	32,709	68.73
Linda Harmon	Rep	13,486	28.34
Richard Secula	Lib	1,325	2.78

**St. Clair County Commissioner Dist. 2**

Danny Kearns	Rep	5,981	59.73
Michelle McCosh	Dem	3,757	37.52
Michael Colston	Lib	271	2.71

**St. Clair County Commissioner Dist. 4**

Terry London	Rep	4,629	48.63
Patrick Quain	Dem	4,611	48.44
Kenneth Kepler	Lib	279	2.93

**St. Clair County Commissioner Dist. 7**

Pamela Wall	Dem	5,806	81.24
John Acres	Lib	1,341	18.76

**Ypsilanti City Council Ward 2**

William Nickels	Dem	1,625	80.97
Tom Bagwell	Lib	2121	0.56
Peter Hubbard	NPA	170	8.47

Special thanks to Greg Stempfle for compiling and formatting all of this data.

## Michigan Civil Rights Initiative and Libertarian Prospects

by Leonard Schwartz

Many Libertarians thought that our support of the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative would greatly increase our candidates' percentage of the votes. Although MCRI passed with 58% of the vote, Libertarian candidates didn't get more votes.

This essay explains (A) why Libertarians didn't get more votes in 2006 and (B) how Libertarians can use the racial preferences issue to get a higher percentage of the votes in future elections.

### A. MCRI and the 2006 Election

Here are the three most important reasons why Libertarians didn't get more votes in 2006:

1. Opponents of MCRI falsely claimed that MCRI would end essentially all affirmative action programs.
2. Nearly all supporters of MCRI falsely claimed that MCRI would end essentially all state and local government affirmative action programs.
3. Libertarian candidates didn't take advantage of this issue. They didn't follow my advice in "Michigan Civil Rights Initiative & Libertarian Strategy," Michigan Libertarian, Jan.-Feb., 2006. "Libertarians can tell voters the truth -- that MCRI will have little practical effect. MCRI's triviality gives Libertarians an opportunity to publicize that the only way to eliminate racial preferences is by voting for Libertarians."

Few LPM candidates had websites that even mentioned the racial preferences issue. Except for my own website, candidates who mentioned the issue merely said that they supported MCRI. They didn't tell voters that MCRI will have little practical effect. In the League of Women Voters guide, only one of our six candidates for university governing boards said that he opposed racial preferences.

My campaign committee spent \$500 and the state party spent \$1500 on

brochures telling voters the truth about MCRI. This \$2000 was trivial compared to the millions of dollars spent on false claims by opponents and nearly all supporters of MCRI.

People who wanted to eliminate racial preferences thought that voting for MCRI was sufficient. They didn't know that they really needed to vote for Libertarians.

### B. Racial Preferences and Future Elections

MCRI did not neutralize the federal regulations that imposed racial goals or quotas for the federal civil service and all employers who receive more than \$10,000 a year from the federal government. The MCRI amendment said that it "does not prohibit action that must be taken to establish or maintain eligibility for any federal programs, if ineligibility would result in a loss of federal funds."

When people who voted for MCRI learn the truth, they will be angry. This gives Libertarians a good opportunity in future elections. But having a good opportunity doesn't do any good unless Libertarians take advantage of it. We must publicize that the only political party that supports equal rights and opposes racial preferences is the Libertarian Party.

We must tell voters the truth -- that the only way to eliminate racial preferences is by voting for Libertarians. To eliminate racial preferences, we need to end the federal regulations that imposed racial goals or quotas. Therefore, it is especially important that federal candidates emphasize this issue. I plan to run for US senator again in 2008. I hope that we have candidates in all 15 Congressional districts and that they emphasize this issue.

Don't throw out copies of the LPM racial preferences brochure. I designed it so that regardless of whether MCRI passed, it would still be a good outreach and campaign brochure. Continue distributing them. When they are gone, LPM will print a revised version. But we don't want to waste money when the current brochure is still good.

## Lloyd Sherman

Lloyd Sherman, a long-time Libertarian activist, passed away on Christmas Day after a long struggle with cancer. He had been a frequent candidate and an officer of the Libertarian Party of Oakland County and the state party. Memorial Service

When: Saturday, January 6, at 11 am.  
Where: First Congregational Church of Royal Oak 1314 Northwood, at Crooks Road, between 12 & 13 Mile

At Lloyd's request, there also will be a potluck party celebrating Lloyd's life. Bring food to share. BYOB.

When: Saturday, January 6, at 6 pm.  
Where: Home of Lloyd & Jeannie Sherman 23770 Hazelwood Hazel Park, MI 48030-2718  
Their home is 2 blocks north of the old LPM HQ, which was at the corner of 9 Mile and Hazelwood, east of John R.

## **Creswell Concedes Gubernatorial, Proclaims Victory On Pro. 2**

by Scotty Boman

Royal Oak Michigan – "The people have had their say." Said Libertarian Gubernatorial candidate, Greg Creswell, as he spoke to supporters at a post-election party in Royal Oak, Michigan. "Few people are surprised by my defeat. This is the first time a Libertarian has run for Governor of Michigan since 1982." Creswell went on to say, "I bet plenty of people are surprised at the victory of Proposal 2!"

Creswell was the only gubernatorial candidate to support the statewide proposal, also known as the Michigan Civil Rights initiative. "I have been working on the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative from the beginning. I was an organizer of the first attempt to get it on the ballot, I was a petitioner in the most recent effort, and I was a community organizer as well as the only pro-MCRI gubernatorial candidate."

The citizens of this state have sent the mainstream politicians a clear message: "We may put you in office, but we can still think for ourselves. It doesn't matter how many lies you tell, or how many negative TV ads you produce. We could read the petition, we can read the amendment, and we read the ballot. In other-words, Michigan voters are smart enough to know that equal means equal."

Creswell's running mate was Scotty Boman. In addition to being the Libertarian candidate for Lt. Governor, Boman is also chair of the Libertarian Party of Michigan. Boman said, "On this issue (Proposal 2) The Libertarian Party of Michigan was the only political party that was in touch with the majority of Michigan voters." He went on to say, "Opposition to state sponsored discrimination is part of our party platform. Both Greg Creswell, and US Senate candidate Leonard Schwartz made our opposition to racial preferences a highlight of our radio commercials. Without our vigilant efforts to speak the truth, and ignore the dishonest propaganda campaign being pushed by One United Michigan, the proposal may have failed."

"People frequently ask how a third party can make a difference, when faced with the huge advertising budgets of Republicans and

Democrats. My response is that our mere existence, provides people with another choice. This way the Major parties can't take their privileged positions for granted. Clearly, we are able to influence public policy."

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almost around the clock on every major TV station. Nearly every special interest group jumped on the "Vote No On 2" bandwagon.

In the end, support by the smallest minority of all (individuals) is what gave MCRI its victory. We should not live this one down.

The mass media has completely neglected our instrumental role in the passage of this initiative. Every time, you read an article that mentions this November surprise, write a letter to point out that Libertarians were behind this effort from the beginning. Every time you read that "BOTH" parties or "BOTH" candidates opposed it, point out the lie implied by this use of the word "BOTH." On the Federal Front, special congratulations to Robert Hutchinson in receiving an endorsement from the Detroit News. Hutchinson (7th House of Representative District) was endorsed because the Republican and the Democrat were perceived (By the Detroit News) as being too extreme.

Libertarian ideas also won on the Federal level, though our candidates did not. The Libertarian Party National Committee has supported a strong defense while opposing the use of our troops and tax-dollars for use in wars of occupation, empire building and similar crusades. The invasion of Iraq was justified by the false premise of weapons of mass destruction (based on the word of an Iranian informant). Since then the task has been nation building. This being said, the congressional elections were nationally perceived as a referendum on the occupation. Since the national media ignores our existence: A vote for a Republican congressperson was a vote for the war, and a vote for a Democratic congressperson was a vote against. The Democrats won based on at least claiming to hold to a libertarian position.

Well in two years, American troops will still be there, and it won't be for R&R. The media will be sure to ignore us when we say "We Told you so."

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