

GOVERNMENT

Election Laws: support for uniform ease and accessibility of voting with assurances of accuracy, security and voter privacy; fair and uniform party regulation; open primaries and a regional presidential primary; local officials having primary authority for elections

Intergovernmental Relations Within Michigan: support for measures to allow flexibility in solving regional problems and to encourage growth and efficient government.

Taxation and Budgeting: support for a state-local tax structure that is adequate, equitable, flexible and moderately progressive.

Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations: Adequate regulation and inspection of large-scale, confinement livestock facilities are necessary to prevent risk to area groundwater and surface water supplies. I. Regulatory: A. At the state level, “generally accepted manure management practices” should be a set of preventive requirements rather than voluntary guidelines.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Great Lakes Ecosystem: support for preserving and enhancing the environmental integrity of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River ecosystem.

Land Use: recognition that land is a finite resource, not just a commodity, belief that land ownership (whether public or private) implies responsibilities of stewardship.

Pesticides: support for reduction of exposure to pesticides, the use of non-toxic alternatives, regulation of the use of pesticides by all levels of government, and public notice of pesticide use.

Solid Waste Management: support for measures to solve the problem of solid waste disposal including state cooperation with local and federal bodies, primary responsibility by local government and mandatory use and recycling technology.

SOCIAL POLICY

Children and Youth: support for a system of comprehensive and coordinated services for all children and families in order to provide basic resources for an adequate quality of life.

Education Structure, Finance, and Goals: support for the development of a publicly financed public education system in which there is equal opportunity for good education available to all children in Michigan.

Teacher Certification: The State of Michigan should have 1. responsibility for a system of professional development for educators.

Health Care: support for a basic level of quality health care that is affordable and available to all Michigan residents.

Social Services: support for a system of social services to: 1. Provide sufficient income assistance to assure decent, adequate standards for food, clothing and shelter for those persons unable to work, or for whom jobs are not available, or whose earnings are inadequate;

Public Libraries: support for a basic level of public library funding to insure basic services to all residents in Michigan. Basic services include A. Public libraries open a minimum of twenty hours per week, staffed by a professional librarian;

Prisons: belief that the state’s criminal justice system should utilize, as appropriate, the following principles: - restorative justice that emphasizes repairing the harm caused by criminal behavior....

Charter Schools: support for the concept of educational choices for parents and students

Death Penalty: LWVMI supports the Michigan Constitution’s ban on the death penalty.

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