

The Michigan League of Conservation Voters

“Charting the Governors Race”

(Post-primary update, September 2010)

In order to provide you with a quick, yet comprehensive, guide to the choices in the both the Republican and Democratic Gubernatorial Primaries on August 3rd, we selected a range of issues that are most integral to the protection and proper stewardship of our State’s incredible natural resources.

We wanted to answer one simple question: How do the candidates compare to each other on the important environmental issues facing Michigan?

The following judgments of candidates’ positions were drawn from a combination of sources, but most notably the Candidates Forum hosted by the [Michigan LCV Education Fund on May 12th](#) and the candidates’ own websites and platforms. Also, when appropriate, we let their prior actions and voting records do the talking.

For the detailed analysis with citations, please visit www.michiganlcv.org/compare

	Rick Snyder (R) Businessman	Virg Bernero (D) Lansing Mayor, former State Senator
MLCV Lifetime Score	n/a	87%
Campaign Website	www.rickformichigan.com	www.votevirg.com
General Platform	Reinvent Michigan: Rick's 10 Point Plan	Issues

Energy

Alternative Energy	Support	Support
10% Renewable Energy by 2015	Unclear*	Support
New Coal Plants	Support	Oppose
Nuclear Power	Support	Oppose
Clean Energy Job Creation	Support	Support

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Water

State Level Wetland Protection	Support	Support
Offshore Wind	Unclear	Unclear
Great Lakes Water Protections	Support	Support
Inland water extraction protections	Unclear	Support
Protecting the Great Lakes from Asian Carp	Support	Support
Ban Drilling in the Great Lakes	Support	Support

Land

Ban Exploring of UP Mining	Oppose	Oppose
Ban Oil/Natural Gas extraction	Oppose	Support
Smart Growth	Support	Support

Other Important Environmental Issues

Full Funding for Environmental Agencies	Support	No mention
Full Funding for Pure Michigan Ad Campaign	Support	Support
Toxic Cleanup and Prevention	Support	Support
Safer Children's Products	Support	Support
Full Funding for State Parks	Support	No mention
Stricter CAFO (Factory Farm) Standards	No mention	Support

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Environmental Justice	Support	Support
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Contact the Candidates

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- What’s the deal with “unclear” and “no mention”?** Wherever possible, a solid position is noted as either “support” or “oppose.” However, when a candidate’s actions on an issue were ambiguous or contradictory, there was no attempt made to declare a position for them or put words in their mouth; in that case, it is simply listed that their stance is “unclear.” When there is a “no mention,” it is to signify that the candidate’s platform does not specifically reference the issue in question. Although we employed a thorough list of public sources and documents in researching this chart, a “no mention” is not meant to imply that a candidate does not have opinion on a subject. In these instances, we encourage you to directly email the candidates to ask them to clarify their thoughts on the particular matter of interest to you. Their campaign email addresses can be found at the bottom of the chart.

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