

## VOTE FOR ONE

## GOVERNOR

FOUR YEAR TERM

Candidates were asked to summarize their biographies in 50 words and answer each question in 50 words.

1. What is your position on reproductive choice?
2. How would you provide for more equitable funding for schools?
3. What are your long-range priorities for the state of Michigan?
4. Access to health care for all in Michigan, medical insurance for the working poor, and long-term care for senior citizens and others are current health care issues in our state. How can we provide for these?

**James J. Blanchard**

Democrat  
AGE—48, Pleasant Ridge  
OCCUPATION—Governor of Michigan  
EDUCATION—B.A., Michigan State University, 1964; M.B.A., Michigan State University, 1965; J.D. (Law Degree), University of Minnesota, 1968  
BACKGROUND—Born August 8, 1942 in Detroit, Legal Advisor for Michigan Secretary of State, 1968. Michigan Assistant Attorney General, 1969. Elected to Congress in 1974. Elected Governor in 1982, re-elected in 1986.  
1. I believe the decision of whether to have an abortion, however difficult and agonizing, is a decision of the woman and her physician—a private decision and not a decision for legislatures, judges, governors or government entities.  
2. My school finance plan will earmark an additional \$225 million for K-12 education annually until the state shares costs equally with local schools; constitutionally dedicate all lottery revenue and interest to the school aid fund; cap school property taxes at the rate of inflation; assure student achievement, employability and graduation.  
3. To rid our communities of crime; further diversify our economy, support our businesses and protect our financial strength; give every youngster an education and an opportunity to succeed in the global economy; safeguard our natural resources; ensure that no child lacks food, shelter, protection or health care.  
4. We must adopt a universal health care plan on a federal or federal/state basis. I proposed 'Healthy Start' to provide health care to Michigan children from working families without adequate insurance and introduced Care Management Projects in 40 counties serving nearly 3,000 seniors who would otherwise be in nursing homes.

## MICHIGAN STATE OFFICIALS

### Elected-Partisan Ballot

**Governor**

Must be at least 30 years old, a registered elector in the state 4 years preceding election. Salary: \$106,690

**Lieutenant Governor**

Same qualifications as governor. Elected with governor as a team. Salary: \$80,300

**Secretary of State**

Required only to be a qualified elector in the state. Duties: supervises elections; keeps state records; registers motor vehicles; compiles and publishes laws. Salary: \$89,000

**Attorney General**

Required only to be a qualified elector in the state. Duties: chief legal officer of the state. Represents the state in all claims. Salary: \$89,000.

**John Engler**

Republican  
AGE—41, Mt. Pleasant  
OCCUPATION—Senate Majority Leader  
EDUCATION—B.S. (Agricultural Economics), Michigan State University; J.D., Cooley Law School  
BACKGROUND—Member, House of Representatives, 1971-78; Member, State Senate 1979-present; Member, Michigan Farm Bureau; Knights of Columbus Board of Directors; Michigan Special Olympics; Chairman of Commission on Presidential Scholars; 5 times Legislator of the Year  
1. Supports efforts to educate youth to make choices before, not after, they engage in sexual activity. Supports parental consent for children seeking to terminate pregnancy through abortion. Believes life begins at conception, therefore personally opposed to abortion except in cases of rape, incest, or if life of mother is threatened.  
2. Education - #1 state budget priority. Increase state share (base local property taxes) to 50/50 state/local funding; dedicate fixed portion of general fund to K-12 education, capture state revenue growth to meet obligation. Supports equity, bringing 'bottom up' via K-12 funding formula, not taking money from richer districts for poorer districts.  
3. Education top priority. Schools of choice within local districts; performance accountable schools. Cutting property taxes. Protecting environment; polluters pay for toxic clean-ups; leadership by example (cleaning state sites). Strengthening law enforcement: statewide wiretap, RICO, 'no-knock' legislation. Ending tax-subsidized 'corporate welfare'; improving hostile tax, regulatory climate to create more, quality jobs.  
4. Access hindered by highest national malpractice insurance and state's refusal to pay what's promised in Medicaid. Supports funding Medicaid, maximizing eligibility, explore Oregon plan for increasing access. Ease facilities regulation - allow hospitals, nursing homes to develop alternatives. Tax incentives for small business, private long-term care insurance.

**William Roundtree**

Workers World  
AGE—40, Detroit  
BACKGROUND—African-American disabled Vietnam-era veteran, Organizer for American Servicemen's Union. National organizer of anti-war, anti-racist demonstrations: 1974 Boston march against racism, 1978 Washington march for affirmative action, 1981 march on Pentagon, All-Peoples Congress. Job is A Right Campaign Leader. Socialist fighter 21 years. WWP National Committee.  
1. Free, safe, legal abortion on demand. No parental or partner consent. No forced sterilization. Develop safe, reliable contraception; make it free and available to all, including youth. Guarantee jobs, health care, food, housing, education, child care so choice can be reality. No discrimination against lesbians, gay men and their families.  
2. Quality education is a right. Tax corporations and rich, not individual homeowners. Double or triple public school funding per student in poor districts to bring them up to par; after that, equal funding for all districts. Free and open admission to all universities. End racist, sexist, anti-gay/lesbian education.  
3. Full employment. \$10 minimum wage. Eliminate racism, poverty. Quality education for all. High technology under capitalist profit system means plant closings, unemployment, destruction of cities, ruin for small farmers. Workers and oppressed must seize means of production. For socialism based on workers' ownership and planning to meet needs of people.  
4. Nationalize health care. Free medical care for everyone. Clinics in every neighborhood. \$1 billion to fight infant mortality in Michigan. Statewide mobilization to end hunger and malnutrition. Top priority research effort to fight AIDS. Free, safe, legal abortion on demand. Fund with state's share of Pentagon budget, S & L bailout.

## LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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1. What are your priorities for the office of Lieutenant Governor?
2. How do you hope to accomplish them?

**Olivia P. Maynard**

Democrat  
AGE—54, Flint  
OCCUPATION—Director, Michigan Office of Services to the Aging (OSA)  
EDUCATION—B.A., George Washington University, 1958, M.S.W., University of Michigan, 1971  
BACKGROUND—First woman in Michigan history to be a candidate for lieutenant governor. First woman chair of the Michigan Democratic Party. As director of OSA, oversees a \$63 million budget.  
1. The Governor and I are committed to helping older adults preserve their independence and dignity. I plan to continue an oversight role in aging programs and to lead efforts to enhance assistance to families of aging parents. I will also focus on the needs and challenges of Michigan's outstate cities.  
2. The Governor appointed me to direct the recently-created Long Term Care Planning Committee, which will prepare an action plan for long term care services for families of handicapped and the aged. I hope to play a role in Department of Commerce economic development programs for our outstate urban centers.

**Connie Binsfeld**

Republican  
AGE—66, Maple City  
OCCUPATION—Michigan State Senator  
EDUCATION—B.S. (Secondary Education), Siena Heights College; graduate study, Wayne State University; Northwestern Michigan College Fellow  
BACKGROUND—School teacher; Leelanau County Commissioner; State House (four terms); held major leadership positions in Senate, House, League of Women Voters, Great Lakes Commission; Mother of the Year  
1. I will be a working partner with Governor Engler in daily policy decisions. I will work closely with the Legislature. And, I will be prepared to head a state department (similar to the Indiana model) if Governor Engler and I decide this would be in the state's best interest.

**Brenda Kirby**

Workers World  
AGE—35, Detroit  
BACKGROUND—African-American fighter for women's reproductive rights, lesbian and gay rights, and against U.S. intervention in Panama, southern Africa and Middle East. Organizer of anti-KKK demonstration. Poor Peoples Campaign for Economic Justice and Job is A Right Campaign. Co-chaired 1988 tent city of unemployed in Lansing.  
1. Create \$30 billion emergency fund for jobs, health care, housing, education. Finance fund from Michigan's share of Pentagon budget, savings and loan bailout and taxing big business and rich. \$10 an hour minimum wage. End discrimination against seniors and disabled. Outlaw anti-gay/lesbian oppression. Reproductive rights for all.  
2. Organize workers, oppressed and youth, especially African-Americans, Latinos, Arabs, Natives, Asians and women to fight for rights through demonstrations, strikes, sit-ins, boycotts and rebellions. Overturn capitalist system to end poverty, racism and war. Fight for socialism where jobs, housing, food, health care, education and pollution-free environment are guaranteed.

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POLLS OPEN

7 a.m. to 8 p.m.