

# Headlee urges taxpayers to support Engler

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Richard Headlee said no to a write-in campaign for governor on his behalf by the Oakland County Taxpayers Association.

"It's a waste of the votes. All my money, time and effort are going to juggling back (property) taxes and electing John Engler, who's helping me," said Headlee, 60, chairman of

## Taxpayers United.

With that he tossed a five-cent piece on the table, symbolizing the weekly property tax relief he and Engler say Gov. James Blanchard's program will provide.

Engler, the Republican gubernatorial nominee, came to Headlee's quarters in the Alexander Hamilton Insurance Co. in Farmington Hills to declare Blanchard's tax relief plan "an insult."

Engler endorsed Taxpayers United's proposal to cut all property taxes 20 percent over two years — \$1 billion in relief.

HEADLEE, 60, learned about the write-in endorsement Tuesday morning when he reached his office. He had been in a Salt Lake City hospital for tests three years to the day after receiving a heart transplant.

Dominick Vincent, chairman of the Oakland anti-tax group, said it could endorse neither Engler nor Blanchard for governor, charging they had frustrated the intent of the 1978 Headlee tax limitation amendment.

Vincent said his board acted without consulting Headlee. "But in a free election, we don't need his OK. Voters can vote for whomever they want."

Headlee was the GOP's 1982 nominee for governor.

ENGLE URGED angry voters to mail nickels to Blanchard's State Capitol office in Lansing (ZIP 48913)

to protest the governor's "meager, nickel-a-week in property tax relief."

Blanchard proposed capping homeowners' assessments at the rate of consumer price inflation and returning the difference as an income tax rebate. Cost to the state treasury: \$20 million a year, divided by 9.3 million people, divided by 52 weeks — or less than 5 cents. The bill is locked in the Senate Finance Committee.

Headlee's group would cut assessments from the current 50 percent of market value to 45 and then 40 percent over two years. It will go on the 1992 ballot unless the Legislature adopts it first.

Cost estimates of that plan, which Engler favors, range from \$1 billion (Headlee's) to \$1.5 billion (House Taxation chairman Lyn Jondahl, D-East Lansing). Relief would go to businesses as well as homeowners.

STATE GOVERNMENT would have to reimburse local units the lost revenue if Headlee's plan becomes

law. The candidates differ on how it should be done.

Blanchard's treasury department said, "The most likely revenue source would be local revenue sharing."

Engler said \$200 million to \$250 million could come from freezes on state hiring and on "unsound contracts" that the administration has awarded "political allies." Other savings could come from "taking out layers" of employees in such departments as Licensing and Regulation and using state workers to provide "protective services" rather than to fill four new Lansing office buildings.

Added Headlee: "State government growth has been almost double the rate of inflation since 1982 (when

Blanchard was elected and the bottom of the recession)." He suggested dismantling the infrastructure in the Department of Social Services, eliminating some of the 2,000 non-teaching employees in the Department of Education and ousting "thousands of flaksters."

Engler denounced the influence of two teachers unions, the Michigan Education Association and Michigan Federation of Teachers, on Blanchard's educational policy. "The unions are fighting reform and are hypersensitive to rich, out-of-formula school districts," he said.

Reminded that he was speaking in a rich, out-of-formula school district, Engler didn't back down, equating Blanchard's program with "statist" big government and his with "populism."

## Disabled want to vote: survey

Many people with developmental disabilities vote, but others aren't aware they can vote, according to a recent survey.

Some 90 percent of all developmentally disabled adults registered to vote have voted, according to a recent Awareness Communication Team for Developmentally Disabled (ACT/DD) survey of developmentally disabled adults living in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

Among those not registered to vote, the survey said, nearly half said they have been unable to find out when and where to vote.

Some respondents said they were unaware developmentally disabled people could vote; others said voting booths in their communities were

## Inaccessible.

Developmental disabilities include mental retardation, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism and other related conditions.

"It's great that such a high percentage of these registered voters are voting, but there's still a tremendous need to break down the barriers that still prevent people from exercising their right to vote," said Sylvia Kloc, chairwoman of Detroit-based ACT/DD. "It's especially important for everyone to help people with developmental disabilities get access to information on how to register, how and when to vote and how to learn about issues in order to be an informed voter."



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