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# Election Night “Coo”: Doves Top Vote-Getter in All Contested Statewide Races

*More Michigan Voters Vote No on Proposal 3 than Vote for Any Candidate or for or against Any Other Contested Ballot Proposal*

*No Vote on Proposal 3 Prevails in All 83 Michigan Counties*

*After 30 Years, Proposal 3 Settles Dove Shooting Issue Once and For All*

(LANSING)— More Michigan citizens voted No on Proposal 3, a proposal to authorize a statewide dove shooting season, than voted for any candidate for statewide elective office, or voted for or against any other contested ballot proposal. In a state with a hotly contested Governor’s race that was the most expensive in Michigan history, a contested U.S. Senate race, elections for Michigan Attorney General and Secretary of State, and emotionally charged ballot proposals addressing affirmative action and education funding, the top vote-getter in the State of Michigan in any contested race Tuesday was—Michigan’s doves.

“Michigan residents are overwhelmingly united in their desire to keep doves protected and have settled this issue once and for all,” said Julie Baker, Director of the Committee to Keep Doves Protected, the official ballot committee of the Vote No on Proposal 3 campaign. “More Michigan residents voted for doves than for Governor Granholm or Dick DeVos.” She added, “Two and a half million Michigan citizens can’t be wrong.”

Proposal 3 proponents spent over half a million dollars, but the measure went down by a crushing vote of 69% to 31%, a margin of victory for the “No” side of more than 1.3 million votes. Michigan voters in every part of the state rejected dove shooting, as a majority of Michigan voters in every one of Michigan’s 83 counties voted No on Proposal 3. The opposition to Proposal 3 was backed by The Humane Society of the United States, Michigan Humane Society, Michigan Audubon Society, Michigan State Grange, and many other local humane and conservation groups. It was endorsed by more than 1,000 businesses, civic organizations, and faith-based groups, and supported by more than 5,000 Michigan volunteers and 7,000 Michigan donors to the campaign.

“We’re extremely pleased that voters in every single one of Michigan’s 83 counties and every legislative district have said they do not want dove shooting in their county, or any county, in Michigan,” Baker said. “After 30 years of fighting over this issue in the legislature, the people of Michigan have finally had their say, and affirmed unequivocally that we will not be shooting doves here. Any further attempt to create a dove season now would be an insult to the people of Michigan and an affront to our democratic process. We are pleased that the voters have overwhelmingly sent a message that they do not support shooting doves for target practice, and this issue has now, finally, been settled.”

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