

Charlottesville-Albemarle Citizens for

McGovern for President

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The following information is presented to the reader by a volunteer group of Charlottesville and Albemarle County residents convinced that Senator George McGovern (D.-S.D.) is, on the strength of his character and his consistent advocacy of rational reform policies, the best among a growing field of candidates for President of the United States; we are therefore working to elect him to that office. If you agree with us, are prompted in that direction, or have comments and questions, please contact our group. We believe that Senator McGovern CAN WIN the Democratic Party Nomination and the Presidency this year. While polls have frequently underestimated McGovern's level of support, a recent Gallop Poll demonstrated that in a trial three-way race with Nixon and Wallace, McGovern's level of support was less than that of Democratic Party frontrunner Muskie's by only 8 percentage points. McGovern suffers most by his relative lack of recognition -- 78% compared to 98% and 96% for Muskie and Humphrey respectively, but with increasing exposure and assistance from a remarkable grassroots organization funded almost entirely by contributions of less than \$15, McGovern may be expected to narrow those margins. YOU CAN HELP, and we need your help. Please read on to the other side.

"I think a sense of decency - not prudishness nor sanctimonious self-righteousness but old-fashioned concern and love for others - will be essential in the next President. That's the kind of President I want to be."

"I'M NOT A ONE-OR-TWO-ISSUE CANDIDATE."

THE ECONOMY

Senator McGovern's proposals include:

- a guaranteed job for every man and woman who desires work by contracting with private industry to meet the nation's needs for housing, public transit, environmental protection and other needs
- expanded public service employment to assure the full use of the talent and labor of both professional and non-professional workers
- provision of low cost credit to home-buyers, small businessmen and farmers
- provision that a percentage of profits of industries involved in defense and government contracts be set aside in a fund to be used to convert industry to peacetime and non-government work - No engineer, scientist, or other such valuable defense and aerospace employees should have to be idle
- permanent limits on price increases by monopolies.

TAXATION

Senator McGovern has proposed:

- a truly effective minimum income tax to stop the outrageous loopholes that enabled 301 families earning in excess of \$200,000 last year to avoid paying a single cent in federal income taxes
- increased personal exemptions
- credits for college and university expenses incurred by students and teachers alike
- reduced oil and gas depletions allowances.

CIVIL RIGHTS

Senator McGovern has co-sponsored every major piece of civil rights legislation and is the sponsor of the proposals for barring discrimination in employment, housing, and education. In addition, George McGovern is the only Senator to endorse the 60 points of the Congressional Black Caucus program.

CRIME AND JUSTICE

George McGovern believes that the first task of society is to protect its citizens' lives and property. He has supported all meaningful anti-crime legislation. At the same time he has repeatedly called for a concerted effort to destroy the social roots of crime -- especially economic and racial discrimination. Senator McGovern has criticized the current Administration both for failing to deal with the menace of organized crime, and for attempting to suppress the legitimate rights of law-abiding Americans.

AMERICAN LABOR

Senator McGovern is committed to preserving the well-being of the American working person and his or her family. The Senator stated that "the development of a healthy labor movement in this country has not only provided a balance to corporate business power, but has also created a national climate for the social and economic development which has contributed to the high standard of living enjoyed by most Americans."

WOMEN'S RIGHTS

Senator McGovern has stated that "women have life, but they do not truly have freedom, and their pursuit of happiness is blocked...if they do not concede happiness to be limited to the 'little woman' role." Ms., a new progressive women's magazine, rated McGovern higher than any of the other presidential candidates on the basis of his consistent advocacy of women's rights. McGovern has pledged to appoint women to high positions if elected, has supported repeal of state laws prohibiting abortion, and has voted for the most progressive child care legislation presented.

ENVIRONMENT

Senator McGovern has long been a leading advocate of conservation and environmental protection and has been a principal sponsor of a bill to give individuals the right to bring court action against polluters. The Senator has co-sponsored all major environmental protection laws.

WELFARE REFORM

Senator McGovern is recognized as the nation's foremost leader in providing assistance for needy Americans of all ages. Recognizing that in a full employment economy nearly all welfare recipients are children, dependent mothers, old people, and the disabled, McGovern has proposed a Family Assistance Program payment baseline which would insure that recipients' income would not fall below the poverty line of \$4,000 per year.

- He has opposed forced work for welfare mothers, and recently introduced welfare legislation calling for a guaranteed \$6,500 minimum income for a family of four.
- He has proposed full federal funding of all welfare costs with uniform national standards. This would avoid the disastrous confusion of money raising and spending entailed by the President's revenue sharing program, while at the same time relieving the financial burden of our cities and states.

FOREIGN AND DEFENSE POLICY

Senator McGovern was the first of the presidential candidates to speak out against the war in Indochina on September 24, 1963, and co-sponsored the McGovern-Hatfield Amendment to end the War.

- He has been a proponent of expanded and improved China relations since 1964.
- He favors replacing compulsory military service with all-volunteer armed forces.
- He is a leading supporter of efforts to reduce U.S. troops in Europe (the Mansfield Amendment) by 50%.
- He is the leader of the fight to reduce the defense budget by avoiding unnecessary weapons systems.

You can play a significant role in the democratic process by your participation in the selection process by which candidates are nominated by the parties. Why wait until November 2 when your voting choice has been narrowed to only two or three persons, perhaps not representative of your interests and opinions? Mass meetings will be held on April 8 in this state in each voting district (e.g., one for Albemarle County and another for the city of Charlottesville) to select Democratic Party delegates for the Seventh District and State Conventions this summer. These conventions will select delegates to the Miami National Democratic Convention, under reform procedures adopted at the suggestion of the McGovern Commission of Party Reform. We of the Charlottesville-Albemarle County Citizens for McGovern plan to participate in this process, voting in sufficient numbers to send McGovern delegates to the Virginia and National conventions. We need the help of all local McGovern supporters, especially those eligible to vote in Charlottesville or Albemarle County.

PLEASE CONTACT CHARLOTTESVILLE-ALBEMARLE COUNTY CITIZENS FOR MCGOVERN, P.O. BOX 306-X, NEWCOMB HALL STATION, OR PHONE KEVIN MANNIX, CHAIRMAN, AT 295-9643, OR MR. WARE AT 295-2938.

Watch for notices of our meetings, and try to attend!

SOMETHING CAN BE DONE ABOUT THE CRISIS IN AMERICA - GEORGE MCGOVERN CAN WIN!