

Stop Prop 2! (MCRI)

Stop the Voter Fraud! Defend Affirmative Action!

The effort to outlaw affirmative action in Michigan is proceeding to the ballot on the basis of systematic racially-targeted voter fraud perpetrated by the so-called 'Michigan Civil Rights Initiative' (MCRI), now known as Proposal 2. Racially-targeted fraud has no place in Michigan elections.

After a 6-month investigation, the Michigan Civil Rights Commission found that "MCRI's efforts to change the Constitution of the State of Michigan rest on a foundation of `deliberate and orchestrated fraud... [MCRI] targeted African American citizens on a statewide basis."

Federal District Court Judge Arthur Tarnow was unequivocal in his denunciation of the voter fraud perpetrated by the anti-affirmative action campaign. His ruling stated, "[T]he MCRI engaged in systematic voter fraud"; ...if it "passes, it will be stained by well-documented acts of fraud and deception." He also lambasted state officials for their failure to protect the integrity of Michigan elections. "[T]he state has demonstrated an almost complete institutional indifference to the credible allegations of voter fraud."

Despite his finding of systematic voter fraud, Judge Tarnow failed to remove the proposal from the ballot. The reasoning he gave was that because white voters were victims of voter fraud as well as black voters, no one would receive the protections of the Voting Rights Act. *This makes no sense, and contradicts all previous applications of the Voting Rights Act in U.S. history.*

Had two consecutive, independent evaluations both found systematic voter fraud permeating an effort to

amend the State Constitution on any other issue, the call for its removal from the ballot would be clear, loud, bi-partisan and uncontroversial.

It is a complete scandal that the powers-that-be have allowed Prop 2 to remain on the ballot when **EVERYONE KNOWS** that MCRI perpetrated systematic voter fraud to gain its place on the ballot.

Right now this fraud is going forward. When it comes to attacks on civil rights and the gains women and minorities have made toward equality, the standards of integrity and honesty in elections are junked.

But the struggle to defend affirmative action doesn't begin or end at the ballot box. If Proposal 2 passes, we will organize resistance to its implementation. We are pursuing our Voting Rights Act lawsuit which is now before the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, and we will challenge the legal interpretation of the law -- there are no affirmative action programs that give "racial or gender "preferences". By building mass protests -- demonstrations, walk-outs, etc. we can both win in the courts and defend the gains of the civil rights movement.

The December 4th March on Washington to Save *Brown v. Board of Education* and Defend Affirmative Action (see box below) will have an enormous impact on our struggle to get Prop 2 struck down by the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals if it passes in November. We must do everything in our power to make the December 4th Save *Brown* March big and bold. The Courts must be put on notice that this nation will not accept increased inequality and re-segregation.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- **Publicize the voter fraud perpetrated by the Prop 2 supporters**
- **Write letters to the editor**
- **Organize opposition to the voter fraud and attack on affirmative action in your church, union, block club, etc.**
- **Organize a contingent to the December 4th March on Washington to Save *Brown* and Affirmative Action**

VOTE NO ON PROP 2 TO DEFEND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION!

March on Washington December 4th to Save *Brown v. Board of Education!*

Defend Affirmative Action! Desegregate American Education at ALL levels

On Monday, December 4, 2006, civil rights activists from across the nation will march and rally at the U.S. Supreme Court when oral arguments are heard in two lawsuits which seek to bar *any and all* measures that promote racial integration and equal opportunity in American education. For more info, see www.bamn.com