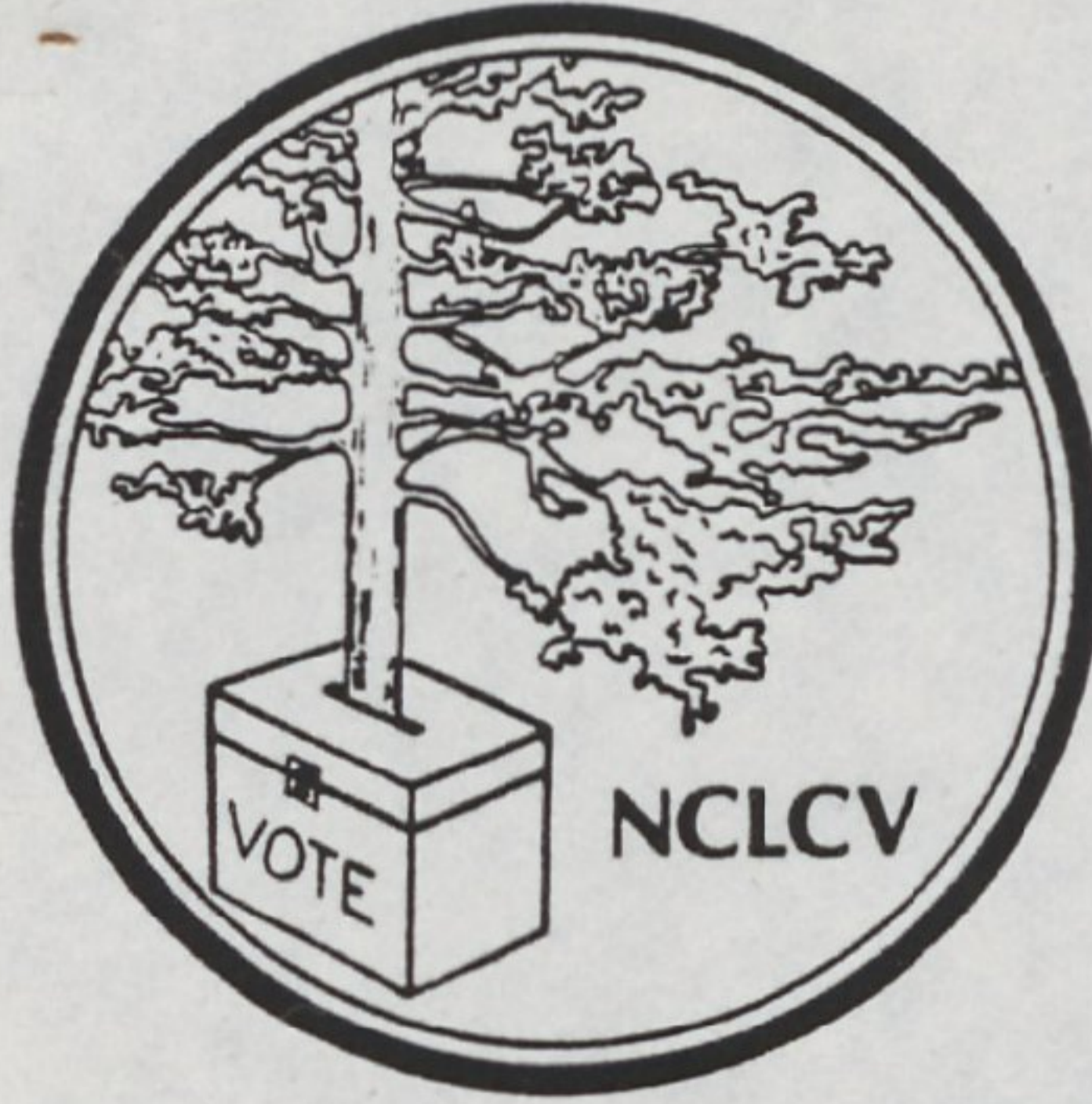


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North Carolina League  
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To: Gubernatorial Candidates

From: Bill Holman, President, N. C. League of Conservation Voters  
Edgar Miller, Chairman, Statewide Races Committee

Re: N. C. League of Conservation Voters endorsement process  
Gubernatorial Forum at CONSERVATION '84 on March 24  
Public Opinion Poll on environmental issues

We are writing: 1) to describe the N. C. League of Conservation Voters and its endorsement process, 2) to invite you to attend a Gubernatorial Forum on environmental issues at CONSERVATION '84 on the afternoon of Saturday, March 24 at the Raleigh Civic Center and 3) to distribute a public opinion poll on environmental issues in North Carolina commissioned by Friends of the Earth Foundation.

The N. C. League of Conservation Voters is a nonpartisan political action committee registered with the State Board of Elections. It was formed in 1982 by the leaders of several North Carolina conservation organizations to elect conservation-minded candidates to state and local offices.

The League supports its "Clean Vote Slate" with public endorsements, direct mail & telephone calls to League members & conservationists, volunteers and contributions.

Before endorsing a candidate the League follows several criteria: 1) the desire of the candidate, 2) the candidate's record on conservation issues, 3) the candidate's response to the League's "Clean Vote" questionnaire, 4) the candidate's position paper(s) on the environment and energy, 5) an interview, and 6) support of conservationists.

In January the League will mail you a "Clean Vote" questionnaire asking your positions on about ten North Carolina conservation issues. Your responses to the questionnaire will be distributed to the leadership and editors of the major conservation organizations in North Carolina.



The League recommends that you appoint a staff person in your campaign to serve as a liason between the campaign and the League and other conservationists. The League also recommends that you create a committee of conservationists to draft your position paper(s) on the environment and energy. Please notify Bill Holman, President of the League at the above address or at 919/787-8921 who your liason is and/or who is drafting your position paper(s).

Please mail your position paper(s) on the environment and energy and a review of your record on conservation issues to the League at the above address when they have been completed.

The League would also like to meet with you to discuss conservation issues and its endorsement process. Contact Bill Holman, President of the League, at the above address or at 919/787-8921 to arrange a meeting.

The Board of the League will consider: 1) your response to the "Clean Vote" questionnaire, 2) your position paper(s) on the environment and energy, 3) your record, 4) your interview, and 5) the opinions of North Carolina conservationists before making an endorsement.

You are invited to participate in a Gubernatorial Forum on Environmental Issues at CONSERVATION '84 on the afternoon of Saturday, March 24 at the Raleigh Civic Center. CONSERVATION '84 is the annual statewide meeting of conservationists from all over North Carolina and from every conservation organization.

Since 1981 conservationists have converged on Raleigh every spring to discuss issues and politics. This year's theme will be "Clean Sweep '84 -- Conservationists and Electoral Politics in North Carolina."

CONSERVATION '84 is being held in conjunction with the OUTDOORS NORTH CAROLINA EXPOSITION at the Raleigh Civic Center from March 22-25. The National Wildlife Federation is sponsoring OUTDOORS NORTH CAROLINA this year.

Please write Bill Holman, President of the League, at the above address to confirm your participation in the Gubernatorial Forum at CONSERVATION '84.

Enclosed is a summary of the public opinion poll commissioned by Friends of the Earth Foundation that shows strong support for environmental protection. Contact Bob Chlopak, Campaign Director for Friends of the Earth at 202/543-4312, Scott Wolf, the pollster at 202/546-6787 and/or Bill Holman, President of the League at 919/787-8921 for more information about the poll.