

The Committee to Keep Doves Protected

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Committee to Keep Doves Protected to Hold Gala

Proceeds to fund Vote 'No' on Proposal 3 Campaign

(LANSING)- The Committee to Keep Doves Protected will hold a fundraiser and silent auction to raise money and awareness for the campaign to keep doves protected by voting "No" on Proposal 3. **The event will take place at 7 p.m. Saturday, September 16 at the Detroit Zoo's Wildlife Interpretive Gallery (8450 W. 10 Mile Rd. off of I-696 in Royal Oak), which has been rented for this event.** Tickets are \$100.00 per person. Special guests include: Dr. James Bull, former president of the Detroit Audubon Society; Jack Lapinski, president of the Michigan Audubon Society; Cal Morgan, executive director of the Michigan Humane Society; Karen Terpstra, executive director of the Humane Society of Kent County; Wayne Pacelle, president and CEO of the Humane Society of the United States; and Mike Markarian, executive vice president of the Humane Society of the United States.

"This is our premier fundraising event," said Julie Baker, Director of the Committee to Keep Doves Protected. "All proceeds will go directly to the campaign to help communicate our message to protect the doves and convince more people to vote 'No' on Proposal 3 because there is just no good reason to change Michigan's tradition of protecting doves."

The Committee to Keep Doves Protected has only one goal—to keep Michigan's 100-year tradition of protecting mourning doves, Michigan's Official Bird of Peace. The Committee to Keep Doves Protected respects Michigan's hunting heritage and represents a broad-based grassroots coalition of agricultural, conservation, humane, faith-based and community organizations and thousands of Michigan citizens who want to continue the protection of mourning doves as a traditional backyard songbird.

There's **NO** good reason to shoot mourning doves:

- Doves are **NOT** overpopulated.
- Doves are **NOT** harmful to humans, property or crops.
- Doves are **NOT** shot for food, as they have little meat on their tiny bodies.
- Shooting doves amounts to **NOTHING** more than live target practice.
- There are already 40 game bird species in Michigan and there's **NO** reason to add doves.
- Michigan traditionally protected mourning doves since 1905, and there's **NO** reason to change that now.

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