Snyder, GOP set Michigan agenda for 4 more years

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Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder gets 4 more years

DETROIT -

Gov. Rick Snyder and Republican lawmakers spent four years enacting a sweeping agenda of business tax cuts and commerce-friendly, anti-union laws they said were designed to "reinvent" Michigan's economy.

With GOP victories in the governor's and legislative races, they'll relish another four years of full control to set the state's priorities.

“I’m honored and I’m really pleased. I appreciate the support of the citizens of Michigan. We’ve been reinventing Michigan and this is a chance, let’s keep going and let’s go faster,” Snyder told the media Wednesday morning.

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The election was a referendum on Snyder, a former businessman who had never held elective office before becoming governor four years ago. Democrats who made Snyder's defeat a top priority nationally are again left to dissect why they cannot win key state-level elections.

Snyder is pledging to avoid "blame" and "fighting" in his second term. After accomplishing many of his goals in his first term, he's now expected to focus on raising fuel or vehicle registration taxes.

Snyder's victory makes him the sixth straight Michigan governor to be re-elected at least once. The "tough nerd" was a venture capitalist and former corporate executive before winning the governorship in 2010.

Schauer had attacked Snyder's decisions to slash business taxes and eliminate breaks for individuals, and said schools are underfunded. He said Snyder's approval of a right-to-work law and a ban on benefits for same-sex partners of government workers showed he's no centrist Republican.

MI Governor

Won	Candidate	Party	Incumbent	Votes	%
	Rick Snyder	R		1598922	51

Won	Candidate	Party	Incumbent	Votes	%
	Mark Schauer	D		1469375	47
	Mary Buzuma			35574	1
	Mark McFarlin			19177	1
	Paul Homeniuk			14893	0

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