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About Local Efforts To Grow the LP & Shrink Government



LPSCC GAINS ONE WIN AND GOOD PUBLICITY FROM MEASURES A & D

Reported by Marv Rudin

Libertarian arguments versus tax increases under Measures A and D on the November 5th ballot succeeded in getting good publicity and continued the party's consistently growing image for advocating rejection of unessential taxes and fiscal restraint by government. But in the face of a monstrous special-interest advertising budget for Measure D, plus the usual Mercury News support for tax increasing projects like Measure D, were only 50% successful in getting the needed votes.

VOTE RESULTS WERE: A - GOOD; D - BAD

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Measure A failed to get the needed 2/3rds for a parcel tax, but Measure D got the needed 2/3rds vote needed for a bond measure. The two measures failed and succeeded by the following margins:

Oak Grove School Dist Measure A - Parcel Tax			El Camino Hospital Dist -Measure D - Bond		
Vote	Count	Percent	Vote	Count	Percent
NO	3,767	52.45%	YES	17,502	70.21%
YES	3,415	47.55%	NO	7,426	29.79%
Total	7,182	100.00%	Total	24,928	100.00%

IT PASSED; BUT D GETS US EXCELLENT PUBLICITY

Although it passed, publicity favorable to the LPSCC among fiscal conservatives has been garnered in several ways, and an impression of political power among some local reporters and editors has been gained as indicated by multiple news media contacts concerning Measure D.

Mt. View Voice: Before and after the Nov. 4 vote, reporter Candace Shih interviewed LPSCC Vice Chair Allen Hacker, a Mt. View (Continued on page 2)



Joel Mannion - 1st IFF meeting was a success

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LPers At IFF Say "Don't Stop" To Wallace-Rowe Talk On Eminent Domain a Big Hit; Sunnyvale Council Winner Hamilton Attends!

Reported by Marv Rudin



CRR head Loraine Wallace-Rowe was a big hit

RDA reformer Loraine Wallace-Rowe's presentation at Joel Mannion's inaugural Inspiring Freedom Forum on Nov 13 was such a big hit that attendees beseeched her to continue when her talk ran over into the scheduled 9:30 adjourn time. The Libertarians attending were entranced by her fascinating and lucid style in presenting a subject of great interest to local libertarians - a threat by government to force local people from their very homes, hit home with those present, which included recent Sunnyvale City Council winner, Melinda Hamilton, who gained fame as founder and leader of the "Friends of Sunnyvale" organization that had fought the RDA plan for downtown Sunnyvale and achieving significant concessions by the city. Zander Collier was credited by Wallace-Rowe for getting her started in her winning campaign vs the SJ- RDA. [This is late breaking news for the Oct. SCL. Full article on event is scheduled for November issue.]



Recent Sunnyvale council winner Melinda Hamilton

Santa Clara Libertarian Schedule of Publication

<u>COVERAGE PERIOD</u>	<u>FINAL EDIT</u>	<u>PUBLICATION</u>
November Issue:	December 13th	on web site December 20th
December Issue	January 4th	on web site January 6th

(1) For regular notice at time of publication, email "SCL notice" to rudin@lpty.org

(2) All 1998 to 2003 monthly issues are online at <http://www.lpty.org/scnews/>

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resident and cosigner of the anti-measure Measure D argument and rebuttal.

Palo Alto Daily News: Reporter Christina Bellantoni and Publisher/Editor Dave Price were in contact with LPSCC Vice Chair Allen Hacker, and LPC Rep Mark Hinkle. Hacker was interviewed on Oct. 21 by reporter Bellantoni in a session attended by advocates for both sides of measure D, Gary Wesley against, and John Friedenber. Later, after publishing an editorial against Measure D, PA Daily News Publisher/Editor Dave Price wrote in a reply to Hinkle's thank-you email note, inviting Libertarians to write anti-D LTE's supporting the PADN's position and also agreed to Hinkle's request to put a link to our NoOnD site on the PADN web site.

San Jose Mercury News: Reporter Joshua Kwan asked Dennis Umphress of the LPSCC who to contact for the Libertarian position on a news article highly favoring the pro-D forces but nevertheless demonstrating that he was aware of the LPSCC as the primary anti tax increase bastion of our county.

The League of Women Voters site leads visitors to LPSCC institutional website. If voter visits League of women Voters' web site on measure D at: <http://www.smartvoter.org/2003/11/04/ca/scl/meas/D/> site he will be redirected to <http://www.votenoond.org/>. This process will be our modus operandi to further capitalize on the prominent position writing anti-tax ballot arguments gives the LPSCC even while we're too small numerically to win partisan elections. It gives us the ability to expose educated voters - those taking the trouble to research candidates and issues on the web - to Libertarian principles and organization by bringing them to our web site. If they were linked to our LIFE recruiting site it may actually attract new registrants and members as a fallout from every election.

But despite the positive image the LPSCC gained with discriminating fiscal conservative voters, as usual, the SJMN, which rarely sees a tax increase it doesn't approve, damned us and the SVTA with faint praise, saying deep into an editorial avidly promoting Measure D: "Even the organized opposition to Measure D, limited to the Libertarian Party and the Silicon Valley Taxpayers Association, agrees the hospital needs a facelift. But they argue that the district is building a "palace," and that the district should use its reserves -- not taxpayers' money -- to build the hospital." thus ignoring the most potent Libertarian argument that many residents who use Kaiser or other plans will be forced to pay tax in support of El Camino Hospital while never using it, while promoting a YES vote with "A nationwide independent survey last year brought home that point. El Camino patients gave the hospital the highest marks for satisfaction of any of the 100 hospitals surveyed. El Camino has done its job. Now the community needs to step up and approve Measure D on Nov. 4."

WESLEY'S LATE TRY TO OVERCOME \$500K IN D ADVERTISING

Days before the Nov. 4 vote, Mark Hinkle asked Excom members to drop the October meeting On Saturday Oct. 1, and join Gary Wesley, the lawyer who did the rebuttal with the LPSCC's blessing on Measure D, in a door to door handout of the anti-D PA Daily News editorial to a list of high propensity voters. The Excom didn't abandon its meeting. But if it had it would have had to overcome the winning margin of 900 votes by visiting several thousand more homes on the select list than Wesley did without Libertarian help - probably an impracticably large time consuming one-day task for just a few volunteers, and one that would have gained far less public exposure for the LPSCC than the writing and submission of the ballot arguments already had achieved.

HACKER COMMENTS GET IN MV VOICE'S D VOTE POSTMORTEM

For a postmortem on passage of Measure D Candace Shih the Mt. View Voice interviewed Allen Hacker. He reports: "I told her that we were just a bit too-little too-late on the Measure D campaign, that our biggest mistake was mine in that I did not make a contingency plan to get someone to the League of Women Voters discussion at the hospital last month, where it was supposed to be me but I had no one on standby when it turned out I couldn't make it. My position was that we had let the measure appear to be substantially unopposed until too late in the game, and we'd be more active on such issues in the future, because our failing isn't that we're wrong, it's that we aren't getting out the message in the required volume. She asked if I thought we'd erred in not raising money and doing something more organized. I said No, because we couldn't have raised enough in the face of their \$500K to be effective. I told her that we were banking on the economic situation and reason of the people, and that I was sure that had we just been more active with (voices rather than dollars), we might well have won.

ANNOUNCING
Libertarian Party of Santa Clara County
2004 Annual Convention

Date: Thursday January 8, 2004

6:00pm Registration and No-host Cocktails

6:30pm Dinner

7:30pm Convention Business Meeting (includes elections for officers and state convention delegates)

9:15pm Meeting Adjourns

Location: Hong Fu Restaurant 20588 Stevens Creek Blvd Cupertino, CA

(This is in the western portion of the shopping center on the SW corner of Stevens Creek Blvd. and De Anza Blvd.). This is the same location as the 2002 Convention. Guests and non-members are welcome.

Dinner Cost: 6:30pm seating 7:30pm seating until January 5, 2004 \$21 per person \$26 per person after January 5, 2004 \$26 per person \$31 per person

Menu: (subject to minor changes)

Hot and Sour Soup

Egg Roll and Spareribs

Family style: Vegetable Deluxe, Lemon Chicken, Mongolian Beef, Beef with Oyster Sauce, Sweet and Sour Prawns, Prawns with Snow Peas, Fried Rice, Steamed Rice, Fortune Cookie.

No refunds after January 5, 2004, because the restaurant needs to know how much food to buy. You do not have to buy dinner to attend the convention, but since the restaurant has given us the room with the expectation of serving us dinner, please plan on having dinner with us.

Because of the inconvenience it causes to the orderly flow of the Convention, and the inconvenience it causes to the restaurant wait staff, we are charging more for the 7:30pm seating. If you want to avoid the higher price for the later seating, plan on arriving in time for the 6:30pm seating.

You can pay on line by going to <http://www.sc.ca.lp.org/conv/>

Or, you can make out a check to "Libertarian Party of Santa Clara County", and mail it to:

**Libertarian Party
c/o Scott Lieberman
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HACKER, HUGDAHL, RUDIN WILL RUN IN 2004

Many Unchallenged Positions May Be Open -- An Opportunity For Newcomers

by Marv Rudin, Editor and Newsletter Chair



Allen Hacker



Jon Hugdahl

Three current Excom members have said they'll run for positions on the 2004 Excom at the LPSCC annual meeting on Jan 8th. Current Vice Chair Allen Hacker announced that he will run for LPSCC Chair, Treasurer Jon Hugdahl has said he'll run for Treasurer again. Your current editor (me) probably will run again for both Newsletter and Publicity Chair if not talked out of it by his wife. No other members - current members of the Excom or not - have told this reporter they'll "throw their hat in the ring". Obvi-



Marv Rudin

ously that leaves many potentially unchallenged positions, so if you have a vision of the direction the party should take, and any interest in managing one of our committees please let me or Allen know (see contact info on page 11) and I'll interview you for an Excom candidates article to go in the on-line November or in the December issue - the last issue to be published prior to the LPSCC Annual Meeting.

STATUS OF PUBLICITY PROJECTS

by Marv Rudin, Publicity Chair

Unfortunately, my LP activities time constraint has made me the prime bottleneck in moving these projects along. But I'll keep plugging and hopefully some of you will have mercy and offer some help :-))

Vehicle Signs

Sun exposure tests of UV effects on standard ink-jet ink, Xerox Phaser ink, and special UV-tolerant ink have been completed. Standard ink colors except black faded badly, Phaser red (only) faded. Fortunately for the plan to use ink-jet printing to test ad ideas, all special ink colors survived. But the result was not completely conclusive because the test was not run under the mid-summer sun and was for just 2 weeks. However, I intend to ask you readers to test sign ideas printed with the UVT inks, and see how long the ink lasts before fading (as well as how many web hits are generated by different messages. [Editor's note: please don't enter the /FREEDOM web address on the illustrated sign as it will give a false hit.] ■



\$Bill Ad Messages

Mike Laursen has printed and passed out 30 bills, and I've done 19 as of this writing. Only 2 hits have occurred to date, both shortly after Mike's first 7 bills were put into circulation. We don't know how often bills are passed or will be noticed and looked at on average. This is like putting a note in a bottle and putting it in the ocean. Before I can continue on a larger scale, I need to get my printer program and ink-jet printer bill-holder set up again before printing more with varying messages. I also will need volunteers to distribute the bills. Thus far Allen Rice is the only one who said he'd do it. Any others out there? It's just a simple matter of buying bills from me or Mike - dollar for dollar - and spending them normally.. Again please don't enter the web address on the illustrated bill and give a false hit. ■



Radio Ads

I have completed and time-tested a draft of a one-minute ad that will use catchy "bumper music" from the song "Really Free, Really Free". But I've not yet had time to shop small local radio stations for their lowest rates during off-prime time, nor to shop voice-over people to do a final polished version. The reader can check out the draft wording at <http://www.lpty.org/radioad1.txt>, and maybe suggest improvements. ■

LIFE Cards

For those new to the party or still unfamiliar with this means of publicity, "LIFE" is an acronym for "Libertarians Informing Folks Efficiently". There is a LIFE web site at <http://www.lpty.org> to which the cards lead people for full information. However the cards contain enough information - a 20 question quiz on one side and a message and solicitation on the other side sufficient to demonstrate to a member of the public with libertarian views that the LP represents his or her views. The cards are less expensive than a pamphlet - about 2 cents each, easier for a recipient to put away for later reading - making receptivity greater, and very important, lend themselves to be slipped under the weather-stripping of a car's driver-side door window (rather than under the windshield wiper) for easy pick up by the driver when entering. In a crowded parking lot, such as at the SC Convention or De Anza college, I and others have demonstrated that 240 can be passed out in one hour. If you, the reader is willing to pas them, I still have several thousand cards that the party printed for use during the Mt. View Energy Tax Initiative drive last year. Again please don't enter the web address on the illustrated card and give a false hit. ■



Op Ed Articles

Current plan is to push a yet to be final-composed version of the "Political Landscape Chart" (see online at <http://www.lpty.org/nolan.html>) as an op ed article that can be submitted by one of you Libertarians living in one of the small weekly community

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LPSCC VICE-CHAIR HACKER'S VOTING REPORTED IN MV VOICE

PUBLICITY

Stories about local Libertarians publicizing the party

Reported by Mike Laursen

Allen Hacker was quoted in the Mountain View Voice:

< http://www.mv-voice.com/thisweek/2003_10_03.recall.html >

They quote city council members and other folks about who they are going to vote for in the Recall:

"Allen Hacker, vice chair of the Santa Clara County Libertarian Party, went with more with his ideals.

"While the Libertarian Party has endorsed smokers' rights advocate Ned Roscoe, Hacker said he will vote for Libertarian Jack Hickey.

"He was, however, taken with two of the leading candidates. 'The ones that impressed me the most were Tom McClintock and Camejo. They were lucid' in last week's debate, said Hacker. 'They presented themselves as candidates of principle.'"

The great thing is that they thought of Allen as an interesting public figure worthy of getting a quote from.



Allen Hacker

WORK FOR THE GOVERNMENT. EARN \$\$\$ FOR THE LPSCC

Santa Clara County is always looking for poll workers. You get a front row seat at the elections and \$85 to \$115 per day, which you can choose to have paid to the Libertarian Party of Santa Clara County. The county also pays for the use of garages and other spaces as polling places.

Call 408-299-POLL or see page 14 of your October 7th Sample Ballot, or click on

<http://www.sccvote.org/site/0,4760,sid=12973,00.html>

to read SC County Registrar of Voters' "Poll Workers Needed" information page on the web.

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newspaper districts. This is because (a) I can't think of any subject matter that would be more able to attract the 1 out of 6 people among the public who already hold libertarian views naturally, but are not aware that the LP agrees with them; and (b) small community newspapers are generally only open to publishing submissions by residents they serve, and often are short of such material to publish.

Freedom Van

You members have elected me to be responsible for party publicity as your Publicity Chair. Now I ask you members to help me do the job by supporting what I believe will be a very cost effective way to get our message to the public - a Freedom Van. The Freedom Van - a box truck with a mind-penetrating message like the one pictured - could be a tangible means of bringing our message to thousands of "small I" libertarians (a poll indicated it's 1 of 6 members of the public) who presently don't know that the Libertarian Party represents their beliefs.

Where and how would they see it? There are positions along busy surface roads all over the county at which such a messaged truck could be parked by volunteers living nearby. And by lining up 52 volunteers living near such visible high traffic locations, each would need to put the truck at a select spot for just one week, and pass it to the next volunteer for the following week. If the truck must be moved a few blocks daily (or maybe bi-daily) to conform to city ordinances, truck-home/home-truck transportation could be by means of a light bike or motor-scooter stowed in the Freedom Van. Cost would be about \$200 per month, nearly half of which could be saved by using the truck as a mobile storage means to replace the \$70/mo we pay for a storage unit now. Would the reader be willing to place the truck for 1 week in 2004?



FALL CC MEETING FOCUSSED ON PARTISAN CANDIDATES

Reported by Marv Rudin

The quarterly LPSCC Central Committee meeting held October 9th at Denny's on Blossom Hill Road in San Jose featured Libertarian candidates for local partisan offices. Attending candidates were: Senatorial District 13 - John Webster and Mike Laursen (will run off in primary), Congressional District 14 - Brian Holtz, CD 16 - Markus Welch, SD 11 - Allen Rice, Assembly District - 24 Zander Collier.

CANDIDATE PRESENTATIONS

With Campaign Chair Dennis Umphress acting as MC for the candidate presentations, although the original plan to endorse candidates had to be dropped due to lack of notice in the preceding (July) mailed issue of the newsletter, each candidate arose and told of his ideas and plans. And there was a discussion how to get petitions signed, and how to cover the filing fees if there is a shortfall in signed petitions from Umphress' web petitions download solicitation mailing.

Brian Holtz (CD 14), who is a Yahoo engineer, said he's running against voters who elect current politicians who keep growing the government. He said the thrust of his campaign will be to try to make the voters feel guilty for voting Republican (and presumably Democrat) when they don't really stand for smaller government and taxes like the say.



Brian Holtz

Allen Rice (SD11) said Libertarian candidates "perspective is backward". They should find an issue voters care about, and don't mention the LP. "They'll find out about the LP if they like your ideas."



Allen Rice

John Webster (SD13) said "The governmental system is going down the tube." He feels that moderate LPers positions are tantamount to "debating who should arrange the deck chairs on the Titanic." He questions if "law is sacred", and gave as an example a law about our swimming pool, saying "it's not up to others".

Mike Laursen (SD13) said he believes we have a marketing problem. He spoke of his opponent's negatives as affecting the party's decline in members." He said he will be a "paper candidate" because he's "too busy to do more." He wants his message to be "concrete and get into facts and figures." He said he expects that Webster will claim "I'm moderate. I'm just as Libertarian but we need an alternative without going all the way. For example courts block some changes."



Mike Laursen

Markus Welch (CD16), whose parents are Libertarian, said he responded to Dennis Umphress' invitation to run by saying. "Over my dead body will there be no candidate in my district other than Republican and Democrat." He feels politicians should be frugal and value oriented when spending others' money.



Markus Welch

Zander Collier (AD24), said he's a left-leaning Libertarian, is against corporate welfare, intends to run an issue-based campaign, and looks forward to the fun of being in the candidate debates.

Miles Gilster (AD19), who was visiting from LP San Mateo, a techwriter for financial management software, wants to show LPers are not scary on the environment. He says the recourse is suing co.'s, and that people don't like Greens - they're socialists.



Zander Collier

Regarding the petition signatures and filing fees, Umphress said he got pledgers to promise \$'s to support any shortfall. Ray strong suggested people ask neighbors to register and sign the petitions. Webster said to attach a registration card to petitions.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Ray Strong said that LP of California Bylaws, Region 43 is in danger of being declared inactive because of inadequate notice of central committee meetings (Editor's note: an LPC Bylaw requires mailing 30 to 60 days before meeting, an LPSCC Bylaw require "a minimum of 2 weeks notice" and do not require that it be by the newsletter.). A motion was made to move to a scheduling of all Central Committee meetings 1 year in advance failed on a vote of 3 to 4. Regarding notice, Rudin said newsletter will be able to provide notice in future by putting the notice in a mailed issue covering the third month prior to the meeting's month rather than the second month prior as has been done previously. [Editor's note: the present issue - October - is the first issue employing LPC bylaw timing. It was mailed on or before December 8th, as the Annual CC Meeting will be January 8th.



Miles Gilster

CONTROVERSY RE SD13 SUPPORT OF CANDIDATE'S FILING FEES

MEETINGS

Internal business meetings of the local party

Hinkle And Laursen Proposals To Deny Webster Dominate October Excom Meeting

Reported by Marv Rudin

After many rounds of pre-meeting email debates, attempts by Excom members Mark Hinkle, who launched the attack on John Webster's state senate district 13 candidacy, and Mike Laursen, who later joined in- both asking that Webster not be endorsed or supported in any way, and Laursen making a last-minute filing to run for the same office, by a vote of all but Hinkle, with Laursen abstaining, the Excom refused to discriminate against Webster. Instead, it might be said, it applied "the wisdom of Solomon" ("split the baby in two") by treating both candidates equally and offering financial support to neither for filing costs, while giving them both cost-free equal web site downloadable petition support (signed petitions will reduce filing costs).



Mark Hinkle -- attacks Webster SD13 candidacy

WEBSTER'S PROBLEMS WITH SAN JOSE PD & COURT



John Webster

Many times Libertarian candidate for public office Webster, who has been controversial since the late 80 's when he was ensnared by a San Jose police sting operation that sent him to jail for discussing the possibility of his 14 year old son having sex with an undercover police officer, refers to it as a "thought crime" since there was no actual action involving his son, and he adamantly insists the SJPD fraudulently doctored tapes of his conversations with her to get the conviction. Moreover, he says that to avoid further jail time he agreed to accept the verdict on condition he'd not be branded as a "sex offender" under CA laws. But even that was nearly lost when a law was subsequently passed by the state that included his "thought crime" as a sex offense, and he was forced to go to court to get a special ruling. For over 10 years he has been seeking a new trial to enable getting Lt. Herbert on the stand to demonstrate that she was untruthful and to clear his name, placing ads in papers, and buying a "billboard truck" advertising at the SJPD station, and passing out leaflets to the neighbors of Lt. Herbert.

THREE POINTS OF VIEW

Webster sees this as a fight against government and police-state oppression as well as to restore his name. Hinkle and Laursen see it as avoiding a candidate that would embarrass the LPSCC with mainstream voters, although it's not the original offense but what he sees as threatening of Lt. Herbert that bothers Laursen. Excom members Hugdahl, Rudin, Hacker, and Umphress saw it as treating Libertarian candidates unequally because the past of other candidates has not been scrutinized and the party has no criterion by which candidate are to be judged as causing net harm to the party. In the debates preceding the October 4th meeting it was argued by Rudin that the LP is so little known by the public that the old PR adage, "any publicity is better than none," applies in this case, and that Webster apparently had not affected LP vote totals by his past candidacies. As evidence he cited the fact that in a 2000 primary vote, Webster attracted more votes for SD-13 than did "clean" Libertarian candidate Kennita Watson.

OTHER MATTERS AT MEETING

After listing all core tasks of the LPSCC, many of which he said are not getting done, Chair Ray Strong presented a "State of The LPSCC Infrastructure Report in which he emphasized the lack of meeting minutes, touched on steps to get the party institutional

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Chair Ray Strong

REGULAR LP TV SHOWS IN SILICON VALLEY!

Selzer Arranging To Show "Libertarian Alternative" On Local Cable Access Channels For \$50/mo

Reported by Marv Rudin, Editor & Publicity Chair

At its September 6th meeting the LPSCC ExCom, in response to a motion by Mark Hinkle, passed a resolution endorsing the purchase of Mark Selzer's Libertarian Alternative cable show tapes, subject to a plan to make it all work to the satisfaction of the LPSCC. Based on it, Hinkle negotiated with Selzer, and reported: "Here's what I've worked out with Mark Selzer: He will contact cable access shows in Santa Clara County (starting with the largest city: San Jose) to see if he can work out the details of getting his shows run on their cable access channel. Failing that, he will go with the city of Santa Clara next. If someone has a better city, please let us know." Just before the end of September Selzer was able to place his tapes on San Jose's Comcast cable TV network on Channel 15 on October 4 (Friday) at 5:30 PM and October 5th (Saturday) at 9:30 PM. Since then he arrange to show them on Mt. View's KMTV. Did any of you readers happen to see one of them? If you did, what did you think of it?



Mark Selzer

STATUS ON OUR 2004 LP CANDIDATES

by Dennis Umphress, Campaigns Chair as of 11/22/03

You can still help some of our candidates working to qualify for the March 2, 2004, Primary Election by signing their petitions. Go to www.sc.ca.lp.org/petitions to see which candidates need your signatures. Any candidate who's name is colored blue on the web site can use your makeup signature. Makeup signatures are used to replace invalid signatures that were filed before the first deadlines of 11/05/03 and 11/20/03. Makeup signatures must be collected before 12/05/03.

Congratulations to our candidates who have enough signatures to avoid paying any filing fee: CD14 Brian Holtz, SD11 Allen Rice, and SD13 John Webster. An extra pat on the back goes to John Webster for his collecting over 100 signatures for his fellow candidates. 150 signatures are needed by each candidate for them to avoid any filing fee. Any number short of 150 must be made up for with dollars. Each signature saves between \$6.60 and \$20.00 for the candidate, depending on the office sought.



We have 14 partisan races that are entirely or partly in Santa Clara County. While I had hoped to recruit candidates for all 14

Our current candidates and their signature count are:
Congressional District 14, Brian Holtz with 159 signatures
Congressional District 15, Steve Taylor with 39 signatures
Congressional District 16, Markus Welch with 66 signatures
State Senate District 11, Allen Rice with 151 signatures
State Senate District 13, John Webster with 151 signatures
State Senate District 13, Mike Laursen with 58 signatures
Assembly District 24, Zander Collier with 96 signatures

races, at one time I had candidates for 11 offices. We had several candidates drop out of their races and I was unable to find replacements in time for them to collect the 40 nominating signatures that are required as a minimum.

We may still have the below two candidates, but since they are filing outside of Santa Clara County, I don't know their status as I write this report: Assembly District 27, Shane Hill with ? signatures; Assembly District 28, Ward Valentine with ? signatures.

Our US Senate candidates can also use a few more signatures. Lets help them get on the ballot to challenge Barbara Boxer.

Thank you to everyone who has already signed for our candidates. To everyone else, what do we need to do to collect your signature?

STATUS INFO ON PETITION MAIL SOLICITATION:

As of Nov. 8th, 5,335 were mailed, 110 people, or 2%, have responded so far. Mailing cost was \$1945.60, or \$6.71 each for 290 signatures. The "each" cost will decrease as new signatures come in.

FINANCIAL LIABILITIES FOR CD15 \$876.64; CD16 \$866.33; AD24 \$356.40

As of Nov. 22nd, CD16 & AD24 numbers represent that we are liable for the entire filing fee. CD15 has a filing fee of about \$1,125, of which we are liable for about \$876.64 with the candidate liable for the remaining \$248, unless we vote to cover this also. This candidate had an extra hard time as he lives in CD14. Total worst case LPSCC liability has dropped from \$3,190.85 to \$2,099.37. Final \$ amount should be known by 12/05. CD14 Brian Holtz and SD11 Allen Rice are both over the 150 good threshold. We lost AD22 & AD23 candidates as they didn't file. AD23 had a good excuse as he didn't have the 40 nominating sigs, only 20. The AD22 major problem had 48 good, 5 bad, and 80 to be verified. BTW, SD13 John Webster has turned in 151 good sigs, and Mike has turned in 58 good sigs. I still don't know if our AD27 & AD28 candidates filed, as they are outside of Santa Clara County. ■

COMING EVENTS...

Central Committee Meetings: Next on January 8th (Annual Convention - see pg. 3)

Executive Committee Meetings: Normally 1st Saturday of month, 10:00am
Next ones at School of Choice, Dec. 6th & Jan. 3rd
Located at 3800 Blackford Ave., San Jose, CA. 95117

Speakers Meetings: 2nd Thursday in months without central committee meeting
Meeting Room, Cocos Restaurant, Sunnyvale (Oakmead Parkway & Lawrence Expressway)
Next speakers meeting: *Thursday 9 Dec. 7pm* for dinner, meeting at 8pm

Libertarians in Santa Clara didn't vote for LP candidates on Oct. 7th

recall ballot. Libertarian gubernatorial candidates Hickey & Roscoe got just 165 and 150 votes respectively in SC County!! (less than 3% of reg-Libertarians!):. Apparently the strategy by LP Chair Starr to reduce the number of LP candidates in hope of getting media coverage - he called numerous candidates who filed and convinced them to drop out - was a waste of time, because voters believed it would be too close between leading candidates Bustamente and Schwarzenegger, and many Libertarians voted for McClintock (there was a Libertarians for McClintock web site with many well known Libertarians endorsing him.)

Local tax measures coming (Reported by Dennis Umphress): Gavilan College District has submitted a measure to the ROV. Mountain View-Whisman School District will consider voting to place a another parcel tax on the March ballot during a special board meeting to be held at 7pm on December 1st after having one defeated in June of this year. Why are they going back to the voters so soon? Cupertino Union School District will consider voting to place a parcel tax on the March ballot during a special board meeting to be held at 7:30pm on December 2nd. Let me know if you want to attend either meeting and I can give you their addresses. Getting the boards to vote against placing these on the ballot is much easier than getting the voters to vote against a ballot measure. Districts have until 12/05 to place a tax on the March ballot. Ravenswood school district (East Palo Alto) trustees have taken the first concrete step toward placing a parcel tax measure on the March 2004 ballot. The school board voted unanimously Thursday to hire a polling firm to gauge community support for the tax measure. The poll will survey 250 people, should take about three days to complete and will cost \$9,100, said acting superintendent Floyd Gonella.

Recruiting opportunity at university economic departments: In September Carrol & Allison handed out LIFE cards at Walter Block economics lecture demonstrating that the economics department of local universities is fertile ground for recruiting new Libertarian registrants and members. Santa Clara University also has such program labeled "The Civil Society Institute" directed by Economics Dept. Prof. Daniel Klein. In October he gave a talk "Red on the Inside: Understanding Our Statist Tendencies" which Klein described with following libertarian sounding prelude: "Social science has established that public opinion and voter preference are not based on a rich understanding of public issues. The ordinary citizen has little incentive to know better about policy issues, since she would find it costly and unpleasant to study policy issues, and once she achieved a better knowledge she could scarcely affect anything. If our opinions and voting behavior are not much based on wisdom, what are they based on? Professor Klein will explore a number of instincts, biases, and preconceptions that originate from human evolution, the family, and other sources. He will suggest that these factors tend to lead us into collectivist preconceptions and sentiments. In terms of practical politics, the preconceptions lead us to support or acquiescing in government taking a leading role in society. We are "red" on the inside, in the sense that natural instincts lead us into statist ways of thinking, even if we do not think of ourselves as statist." If the reader would be available to hand out LIFE cards at future meetings of Economic departments at SCU, SJSU, or Stanford (the three county S_U's) please let me know. You can write The Civil Society Institute at csi@scu.edu <mailto:csi@scu.edu> and get on the CSI mailing list.

San Jose RDA & City Council Loses Tropicana land grab (Reported by Dennis Umphress): Judge Ward ruled on the first phase of the Tropicana shopping center case that the use of eminent domain was not justified due as it did not serve the greatest public good with the least private injury. He objected to the seizing of the two new buildings and the renovated Mercado, but not Tropicana foods store. For phase II, which would have involved the city trying to prove that the greater good would be served with moving forward with the project, the city decided to withdraw its condemnation action following the six-page tentative decision by Judge Ward. The judge said that the administrative record of the city's actions in the case did not show that the redevelopment agency and its board had properly balanced the joint goals of minimal private injury and the common good. The judge gave the city the opportunity to establish the missing proof during the next phase of the trial, but the city gave up.

No-on-X domains have been secured for letters up to "U" at a cost of about \$150 per year. To date this year only NoOnA.org and NoOnD.org have been used for measures A and D on the Nov. 4th ballot. A link to NoOnD.org, which lost on Nov. 7th, is on the League of Women Voters web site at <http://www.smartvoter.org/2003/11/04/ca/sc/leas/D/>. No link was put on the LWV site for NoOnA.org, which won on Nov. 7th. Such links on the LWV site, D-net, and other voter advisory sites enable exposure to the LPSCC's web site at <http://www.lpcc.org> of non-Libertarians researching the issue of a no-on anti tax or other anti-measure position supported by the LPSCC. ■

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web site up to date, and the problem that meetings are invalid because the newsletter hasn't gotten the notice mailed in time required by the LPC. As if in response, Joe Dehn resigned as Secretary, thus officially recognizing that the primary responsibility of the LPSCC Secretary was not getting done - monthly LPSCC Excom meeting minutes have not been posted for nearly all of 2003. Vice Chair Allen Hacker said he'd fill in as Secretary until elections in January, and also arranging with Dehn to take over Dehn's webmaster duties managing the party's institutional website at <http://www.sc.ca.lp.org>. [Editor's note: The party Bylaws contain no mention of "webmaster" as a duty of any officer. The closest may be the Publicity and Newsletter Chairs who are responsible for external and internal information dissemination, respectively. A year 2002 proposal by your editor that included assignment of party web site responsibility was voted down as being too comprehensive for a single up-down vote.] Also in response to Ray's remarks, Rudin said he could easily publish the newsletter to satisfy the LPC meeting notice requirement simply by publishing the quarterly mailed newsletter one month sooner, and apologized for not doing it sooner. ■

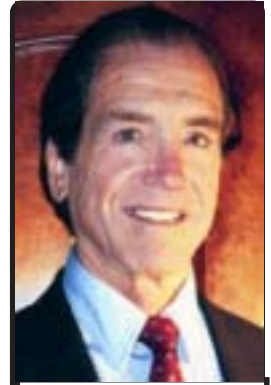
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Share your thoughts on making our party successful and advancing the individual freedom with responsibility movement

What Is Your Opinion?

Question: Should Our Priority Be On: (1) Politics, (2) More Donors & Dues Payers, or (3) LP Registrations?

I believe the party is presently too small to do all three well, and will be far more effective in getting media coverage and winning elections only if it first finds cost and time effective ways to identify ten times as many libertarian-thinking folks by increasing LP registrations to ten times what they are now - from 0.72% now to 7.2%. I believe that can't happen under the present style of party operations because the few who are willing to perform leadership roles in the party are more interested in internal and external political activities, not in sorely needed but less glamorous activities like developing efficient methods of impersonal registrant recruiting and ad distribution. Therefore significant growth doesn't occur, members get discouraged, and what may be labelled a "negative bandwagon effect" has been happening.



Marvin B. Rudin, Editor

What do you think? Only 5 people took the poll last month so it's being continued. Please give your opinion online at <http://www.lpty.org/Polls/SCL-Poll2>, and see the result in the November Santa Clara Libertarian online at <http://www.lpty.org/sclnews> ..

On SCL Newsletter Opinion Poll...

Yesterday, Saturday morning, Oct. 4th, I read the July 2003 and August 2003 issues for the first time. I took the poll today, responding "More good than harm." The newsletter, which I've been reading irregularly over a span of more than 15 years, has never been better, with your work being an admirable contribution to the membership of the LP in Santa Clara County.

Frederick Levins

Not sure if you are still taking these votes/suggestions, but I'm just catching up on the August newsletter, forward. Since I haven't made it to many of these meetings, it's nice having the newsletter mailed to the house, so I can catch up what goes on at these meetings. I guess it depends on costs that goes toward these newsletters. But I would vote to continue them, if possible. Thanks for the good work!

Laura Ferrer

Poll Results

Question Asked: Has SCL Newsletter been doing:

More harm than good?	0
More good than harm?	16
No good or harm	0
Equal good and harm	1
Total	17

On Freedom Van

Marv, in the February, 2003, issue of "The Santa Clara Libertarian" you wrote of your idea of a LPSCC Freedom Wagon in which the party would buy a truck and hang signs on it proclaiming Libertarian messages. This sounded like a good idea to me. As an alternative, I am willing to hang such signs on my motor home. [Editor's note: this was followed by Hiram's detailed description, which I will be proposing Excom support in addition FREEDOM WAGON.]

Hiram Pierce

Award To Fong For Tropicana Fight/Win

I think the LPSCC should honor Dennis Fong with an award for his trend setting example in consistently resisting and successfully stopping the San Jose City Council and RDA's attempt to take his property.

Zander Collier

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Had a Libertarian outreach experience?

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Location: Hong Fu Restaurant - Stevens Creek and De Anza Blvds., Cupertino
Dinner Prices: 6:30 pm \$21; 7:30 pm \$26; Reserve after Jan. 5, add \$5.

Come vote on officers for new Excom and for LPC Convention delegates, and swap ideas with your fellow Libertarians

