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Libertarians head for Anaheim, CA for presidential nominating convention

The prize: Guaranteed 50-state ballot status for party's presidential nominee

WASHINGTON, DC — America's most energetic and successful grassroots third party — the Libertarian Party — will nominate a presidential candidate at its national convention in Anaheim, California this coming weekend.

Up for grabs will be one of the most coveted prizes in American politics: Guaranteed 50-state ballot access for the party's nominee.

"This November, only three or four presidential candidates will be on the ballot in *every* state — and one of them will be the Libertarian Party's presidential candidate," said party chairman David Bergland.

Up to 1,400 Libertarian delegates from across the USA will converge on the **Anaheim Marriott Hotel, June 30-July 3**, where — amidst noisy floor demonstrations, balloons, and speeches — they will select among four presidential contenders, consider changes to the party platform, and elect new party leadership.

Battling for the party's presidential nomination are:

- **Harry Browne**, a Tennessee resident, bestselling investment author, and the party's 1996 presidential candidate.
- **Don Gorman**, a former four-term New Hampshire state legislator.
- **Barry Hess**, an Arizona businessman.
- **David Hollist**, a past candidate for U.S. House from California.

The eventual winner will get one of the "most valuable commodities in American politics," said Bergland: A spot on every state's ballot in November.

"How valuable is that? **It's worth at least \$14 million** — that's what billionaire Ross Perot spent to get on the ballot in all 50 states in 1992."

The Libertarian Party is already on the ballot in 34 states, and is knocking off the remaining states at a faster pace than any of its third-party rivals, he said.

"When we qualify for that final state in August or September, *every* American will have an opportunity to vote for the positive, small-government solutions offered by the Libertarian Party — vigorous defense of the Bill of Rights, free enterprise, free trade, private charity, and no meddling overseas — instead of the recycled, big-government agendas of Republican George W. Bush and Democrat Al Gore," said Bergland.