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## Outreach by LP of NorCal at Junior State Convention

by Lawrence Samuels  
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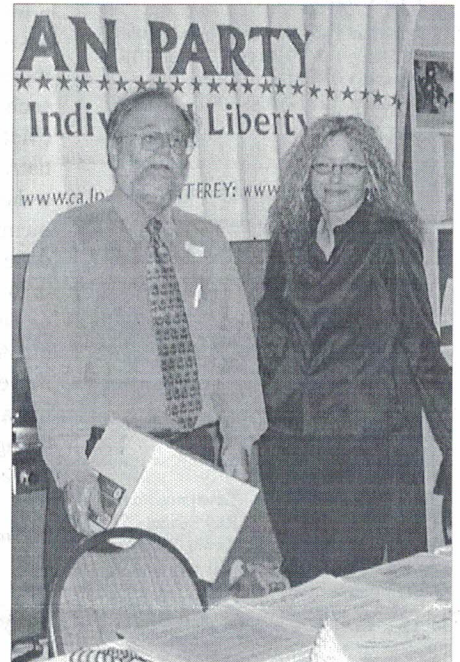
The Libertarian Party once again connected with high-school-age aficionados of the political process and members of the wonderful organization, Junior State of America (JSA), at their convention on April 22. We manned a large table, handing out

debate, the law, and education. What makes JSA so special is that students organize every aspect of it. Junior State conventions allow for an exchange of ideas between students through debates, thought talks, problem solving, open forum discussions, mock trials, political fairs, & many various simulations such as campaign workshops."

The LP had a good team, too. LPSCC Activities Chair **Lois Garcia** and I were joined by **Morey Straus** and **Starchild**, who trekked from San Francisco to help out, as they had in November for our last JSA outreach event.

JSA had changed its venue this time, to San Jose's Doubletree Hotel instead of the Santa Clara Marriott. Unfortunately, the exhibitor area was now separated into two sections: upstairs & downstairs, resulting in fewer students visiting our booth. However, this meant that we had more time to talk with those students who did stop by. One student was so impressed by our literature, conversation, & principles, that he immediately contacted Lois to become active in LPSCC's efforts.

If you think you'd enjoy the gratification



Lawrence Samuels, LPC No. Vice Chair; & Lois Garcia, LPSCC Activities Chair, at JSA on 4/22.

of connecting with these bright young people at future JSA conventions, contact me at [LawSamz@Hotmail.com](mailto:LawSamz@Hotmail.com). ■



Future statesmen and -women pore over LP literature at JSA convention in SJ on 4/22.

literature, buttons, and copies of my book, *Facets of Liberty: A Libertarian Primer*.

JSA is the self-described "largest student-run high school organization in America, with over 16,000 members.... It is a nonpartisan group filled with members that are interested in politics, government,

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## Who's Fit to Run San Jose? Soon We'll Decide

by Ray Strong  
Former Chairman, LPSCC

On June 6, San Jose residents will be voting for their pick for Mayor of San Jose. On April 27, I observed six of the candidates, Candeias, Chavez, Cortese, Mulcahy, Pandori, and Reed, at a forum sponsored by Almaden Valley Community Association. (Forums & debates continue as late as June 3; see [www.SmartVoter.org/2006/06/06/ca/scl/race/5200/](http://www.SmartVoter.org/2006/06/06/ca/scl/race/5200/) for list). Here are my observations on each candidate, presented in order of the amount of money reported raised (see table at right).

### Cindy Chavez

Cindy Chavez has served on the San Jose City Council representing a downtown dis-

trict for several years. She is currently Vice Mayor. She describes herself as an "activist and organizer." She describes eminent domain as "a powerful tool" that we must exercise with care. Her idea of care is to make sure that a neighborhood group has "democratically" voted in favor of a taking like the Tropicana Shopping Center. Ms Chavez voted to seize the Tropicana Shopping Center and hand it over to a private developer for refurbishing. She explained that



a duly constituted Strong Neighborhoods Initiative group had requested the seizure because of the bad condition of the center. Ms Chavez is prob-

ably the leading proponent of the Strong Neighborhoods Initiative in Silicon Valley. [In my opinion, this initiative represents

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As of the 3/17 filing, the candidates in the race for San Jose Mayor have raised these funds:	
John Candeias	0
Cindy Chavez	\$430,000
Dave Cortese	\$346,000
Timothy K. Fitzgerald	0
Larry Flores	0
Jose Aurelio Hernandez	0
Michael Macarelli	0
Michael Mulcahy	\$185,000
David Pandori	0
Chuck Reed	\$273,000



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■ Message from the Chair

**Three Goals for LPSCC Success in 2006**

My portion of this column will be brief, only because another member of the Executive Committee, Activities Chair Lois Garcia, has done a fantastic job of “stealing my thunder.”

Libertarians usually stay home during the primary elections because so few of our races are contested. However, this time there are other issues on the ballot which deserve our attention, such as the countywide half-percent sales tax (Measure A) and the “universal preschool” initiative (Prop. 82). Our members in San Jose have a choice of a new mayor and several city council members. Make sure to register if you have not done so, and make sure to vote either absentee, or at your polling place on Tuesday, June 6.

Next, I would like to introduce the words of our Activities Chair, Lois Garcia. As one of the newest members of our Executive Committee, has also been one of our most productive. She’s doing an amazing job, and deserves much of our appreciation and further support.

—Kevin Takenaga

*Chair, Libertarian Party of Santa Clara County*

LPSCC members and friends! As the June primary draws near, we encourage you, now more than ever, to become a part of the political process. The consequences of electing the wrong leader can be felt in every part of your daily life. Think of the pervasiveness of government taxes and fees. One “small” increase can mean that you or your family have to sacrifice your own needs and wants, to pay for government

spending atrocities, such as a \$507 million City Hall.

Conversely, to have the right people in leadership roles means a healthier and happier community or organization.

If you want change, you must get involved.



Photo: Elizabeth C. Brierly

*Kevin Takenaga*

Let your local officials know how you feel. Vote with your feet, your wallet, and at the ballot box.

Don’t think that you can escape the consequences of a government run amok by staying at home. Restricting your activism to the on-line world is not as effective

or satisfying as doing things in real life.

Do you want to be “on the inside”? Come to any LPSCC activity and jump in! We’re not elitist; we’re Libertarians.

Start a Libertarian city club. Attend the Libertarian Party’s national convention as a voting delegate (time is running out; contact any LPSCC officer about registering). Give time or money to any group or candidate that is fighting for freedom. Get on the inside.

Make a difference. Make this a summer to remember.

—Lois Garcia

*Chair, LPSCC Activities Committee*

**It only happens once every two years...**

**Don't miss the national convention!**



**Register now at LPconvention.org**

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a framework for Democratic Socialism.] On urban planning, she said that planning is very important, but that “having triggers to planning doesn’t make sense...” Ms Chavez saw the \$4,000,000 expenditure to support a recent “Grand Prix” as an opportunity to “distinguish San Jose.” She explained that she met several times over the course of months with the leaders of the event, but was “not involved in negotiating on detail.” She “saw the staff report at the same time” as the other members of the City Council (who apparently had only a very short time to study the issue before voting).

**Dave Cortese**

Dave Cortese has also served on the City Council for several years. He voted with most of the City Council, including Cindy Chavez, to seize the Tropicana. But, listening to his speech

or watching his current TV ads, one would think he had opposed the seizure. He said he was reviewing one of the initiatives opposing eminent domain but has not signed it. (Two initiatives were in circulation at the time of this forum.) In fact, it was hard to distinguish the stated positions of Councilman Cortese from those of Councilman Reed. One distinction of note was that Mr. Cortese favors bringing BART to San Jose. (Mr. Reed didn’t mention the issue.) Mr. Cortese said that what differentiates him from his opponents is his three decades of private-sector experience. He also mentioned, as a plus, the fact that he has been elected President of the Association of Bay Area Governments ([www.ABAG.CA.gov](http://www.ABAG.CA.gov)).

**Chuck Reed**

Chuck Reed is the last of the three members

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■ Activities Committee

# Eager to Make a Difference? Here's How!

I would like to thank everyone that has taken time out of their busy schedules these past few months to sign a petition, to collect petition signatures, to attend an LPSCC event, or to otherwise get active.

The more involved you are in politics, the more interesting politics becomes, because you evolve from being a passive observer to a force for the changes that you want to see. Getting involved in the LPSCC has been a rewarding experience for me. It's been a pleasure to meet so many of you, and I do hope to meet many more fellow Libertarians in the months to come. Don't forget to come out to the election night party on June 6 at Round Table Pizza in San Jose!

Groups that continue to need our help defending libertarian principles during this election cycle are:

- Citizens for Sensible Transportation, opposing Measure A's proposed half-percent sales tax ([www.VoteNoOnA.us](http://www.VoteNoOnA.us)),
- No on Proposition 82, the universal preschool opposition ([NoProp82.org](http://NoProp82.org) and [www.UniversalPreschool.com](http://www.UniversalPreschool.com)), and
- Limit Eminent Domain ([www.LimitEminentDomain.com](http://www.LimitEminentDomain.com)).

LPSCC Chair Kevin Takenaga has set

goals for us as an organization for 2006. One goal is the formation of three local Libertarian groups, each of which will focus on a certain city. The Sunnyvale Libertarians are already well established, and a Moun-

tain View club may be in existence soon. We need more LPSCC members to step forward and start local clubs in their cities. Consider making a monthly pledge. Our LPSCC Treasurer, Al Newman, can attest that the yearly membership dues are not enough to cover the newsletter and other LPSCC expenses. (Our financial reports

are made available at Central Committee meetings.) A pledge of \$5 a month from every member would make it possible to hold some very enjoyable events, give the Libertarian Party a more visible presence in the community, and help us to better support our Libertarian candidates. Unfortunately, many events planned by the Activities Committee have been or will be canceled due to a lack of support. The Operation Politically Homeless and voter registration outreach event has shrunk to one day; we do not have a large vehicle available for the June yard sale fundraiser; and the August barbecue is uncertain due to lack of funds. Several suggestions have been made on how to improve the situation, among them timing the activities further apart, charging for activities, re-

quiring an RSVP for attendance, and planning activities that are more fun and thus would draw more people. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, or to sign up for any activity, please contact me at (650) 814-3245 or [L.Party@Yahoo.com](mailto:L.Party@Yahoo.com).

—Lois Garcia

Chair, LPSCC Activities Committee



LPSCC Activities Chair Lois Garcia (right), with San Francisco LP's Morey Straus, operating LP booth at the Junior State of America convention; April 22.

Photo: Lawrence Samuels

## Campaign Management School's Advice: Run to Win

by Scott Lieberman  
Campaigns Chair, LP of SCC

Fellow Libertarians Brian Darby and Cam McConnell joined me on April 29—a sunny Saturday, no less—for nine hours in a meeting room at Mountain View's Hilton Garden Inn.

Why were we there? To learn how to win campaigns. The sponsor was Project for California's Future ("the definitive source for intensive high-quality campaign and communications training for California conservatives," at [www.CaliforniasFuture.org](http://www.CaliforniasFuture.org)). Kevin Takenaga, our County Chair, is great at using our opponents' projects to our advantage.

The best instructor was Ron Nehring, a school board member in San Diego County & Vice Chair of the Calif. Republican Party.

The whole day was spent teaching us how to win elections. The training was non-partisan, but some of the speakers jokingly referred to Democrats as "Communists."

The 3 key resources in a campaign are:

- Time      • Talent      • Treasure
- a.k.a.
- Time      • People      • Money

The instructors emphasized that if you aren't running your election to win, you are wasting your time. I agree.

But if you do run for partisan office as a Libertarian in California right now, please try to recruit ten or more new members to the State Party. If you can't even do that, please don't ask the LPC for money or volunteers for your campaign. Our mission is to move public policy in a libertarian direction by electing Libertarians to public office. 25 years of running paper or near-pa-

per candidates for partisan office has yielded no electoral victories, & very few new members to the state LP. On the other hand, Libertarians have won over 60 nonpartisan elections in California, and have been appointed to numerous public boards and commissions. So, if you would like to help the LP by doing something associated with public office, please run for a nonpartisan position, or volunteer with your County or City Clerk for a board or commission.

I should add that in the room were several Republican candidates running in unwinnable races, e.g., one man was running for U.S. Congress against Democrat Nancy Pelosi. The instructors didn't say anything, but I'll bet they were thinking the same thing I was: why are they doing this to themselves?! ■

Scott Lieberman is a longtime LPSCC activist and a graduate of Leadership Los Gatos.

## “A/K/A Tommy Chong”

# Libertarian Celebs Gather at the Cinema

by Terry Floyd  
Treasurer, Alameda & Contra Costa  
County Libertarian Parties

The East Bay Libertarian Parties sponsored a special benefit screening of the award-winning documentary “A/K/A Tommy Chong,” in April. We had a wonderful evening at the Grand Lake Theater in Oakland, despite the absence of some of our expected celebrity guests.

The celebrities who were there, however, were fantastic. **Lynnette Shaw**, the Libertarian candidate for Lieutenant Governor of California & a long-time cannabis activist, spoke about her campaign & her exciting plans for the summer after the primary victory. **James Eyer**,

the LP’s candidate for the 9th Congressional district, introduced himself to his constituents at the theater; **Cam McConnell**, running for the 7th Congressional District, and **Cory Nott**, our candi-



Lynnette Shaw

date for the 11th Assembly District, were surprised to find people in the audience from their area who traveled to Oakland just for the screening. **Starchild**, who is seeking a seat on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, also spoke with voters from San Francisco who came to see the film.

Also in attendance was **Ed Rosenthal**—the man who was on the front page of almost every newspaper in the country, the day after he was finally exonerated for medical marijuana cultivation under contract with the City of Oakland. At the screening he was showered with congratulations for finally having won his long-running fight against the federal government.

**John Gilmore**, founder of Electronic Frontier Foundation ([www.EFF.org](http://www.EFF.org)), and cofounder of Sun Microsystems, came to show his support for the Libertarian cause.

**Jaime Galindo** and **Richard Lee**, founder of the Bulldog Coffee-shop and co-publisher of the *Oaksterdam News*, arrived with complimentary copies of their publication, and renewed their memberships in the Libertarian Party.

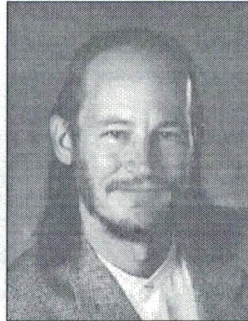
The guardian angel who saved our event was **Mikki Norris**, founder of the Cannabis Consumers Campaign ([www.CannabisConsumers.org](http://www.CannabisConsumers.org)), and co-author of *Shattered Lives: Portraits from America’s Drug War* ([www.HR95.org](http://www.HR95.org)). She deserves our eternal gratitude for helping the screening take place.

Unfortunately unable to attend the

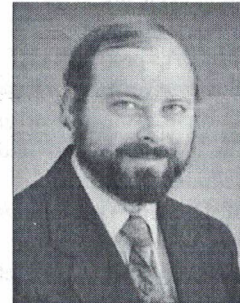
event was **Tommy Chong** himself, whom I’d met briefly at the NORML Conference in S.F. the previous weekend. He had wanted to come to Oakland to promote the film, but had a conflict with a special appearance booked in Macon, Georgia for the same evening. Since his imprisonment in 2003, Mr. Chong had lost his gig as a regular star of the Fox television program “That ’70s Show,” and his character had to be written out of the series. With the legal expenses of his criminal persecution, he now has to go back on the road and hit the comedy club circuit to restore his career and support his family; thus it was necessary for him to accept a paying engagement, rather than a charity function such as ours.

Filmmaker **Josh Gilbert** also sent his apologies, as his efforts to market this film at the Los Angeles Film Forum necessarily occupied all of his attention that week.

Nevertheless, we had a marvelous time sharing this powerful, true story with our friends, neighbors, and colleagues, who were privileged to see the film months in advance of its theatrical release. ■



John Gilmore



Terry Floyd

## Land–Value Taxes Explored at SCU Talk

by Ray Strong  
Former Chair, LP of Santa Clara County

The Civil Society Institute of Santa Clara University hosted a public lecture featuring economics professor **Mason Gafney** on February 15. Professor Gafney delivered a talk entitled, “Land–value Taxes as an Instrument to Make Markets Work Better (What the Free Market must do with Land).” Unfortunately, the audio system at Benson Center was not working, and Professor Gafney was, for the most part, inaudible. So the audience missed what could have been an extremely interesting discussion about his assertion that the best tax is a land–value tax. Fortunately, he distributed

an outline of his argument, so it was possible to reconstruct some of his points; but we missed the usual give–and–take that adds so much value to these lectures.

Gafney presented an argument derived from very simple economic principles, that taxation dislocates the economy by preventing the “best use” of capital assets, where “best use” is defined as that use which is most productive of pre–tax revenue. He then proceeded to argue that “only a tax on land values raises revenue [for the taxing authority] without disturbing the ranking of market–determined highest and best use.” The outline promised answers to a number of counter–arguments. Again, it

would have been great to be able to hear the professor and to experience interchanges such as those which usually transpire at the Institute’s thought–provoking events.

The Civil Society Institute at Santa Clara University is a program dedicated to educating students in the classic themes of political economy & their relevance to contemporary policy issues. They host lectures approximately monthly throughout the academic year. The Institute’s director is Professor **Fred Foldvary**, who is also a featured columnist for *The Libertarian Perspective* series of the Libertarian Party of California. Learn more about the Institute at their web site: [www.SCU.edu/csi](http://www.SCU.edu/csi), or to be added to their e–mail list, write to [CSI@SCU.edu](mailto:CSI@SCU.edu). ■

# Battling Eminent Domain Abuse

by Lois Garcia

Activities Chair, LP of Santa Clara County

Last summer, Bill Adams attended a “call to action” forum on eminent domain held at Le Petit Trianon Theater in downtown San Jose. The forum made an indelible impression on Bill, a member of Silicon Valley Objectivists, and a new homeowner in the San Jose neighborhood known as Lyn Haven.

At the forum, Senator Tom McClintock announced his intention to introduce an initiative against eminent domain abuse. By January, 2006, his initiative wasn’t alone; three others had been drafted & submitted for official title and summary. As of March, only two

the Limit Eminent Domain coalition. At an early March meeting of Silicon Valley Objectivists, Bill explained the eminent domain abuse issue and encouraged his fellow members to get involved. Both on-line and off-, Bill has been a catalyst for action.

On Sun., April 2, at Safeway on Branham Lane in San Jose, Bill led a small group of activists in a petition signature-gathering effort. Bill had spoken to the management at Safeway, & at another nearby supermarket, Cosentino’s on Bascom Ave., for permission to collect signatures outside their stores. Other businesses Bill contacted were not as



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of the City Council running for mayor. He noted that the City Council is now conducting a study of and is likely to support a “Sunshine Initiative,” to make the operations of the City Council and its staff more observable and understandable to San Jose residents. But he said the difference between him and the others is that he has been asking for more transparency and opposing the “back-room deals” for years. He opposed the seizure of east San Jose’s Tropicana Center and other irresponsible actions of the City Council, which have cost the city millions in fines and court costs. He has signed at least one of the anti-eminent domain petitions, and he emphasized that he took these opposing positions long before they became popular. He went beyond any of the current initiatives’ stipulations and said that he opposes use of eminent domain to create “affordable housing.” Mr. Reed said, “Public safety is our core business.” He opposes subsidies to any business, including professional athletics. He said we should spend City money on athletics for children, not for professional athletes and their fans.

## Michael Mulcahy

Michael Mulcahy is a real estate developer and the founder of Children’s Musical Theater in San Jose. He said that eminent domain should be exercised only for “public use.” He criticized the current city government, and said that it’s time for a change. He insisted that Council members should be able to see a line-item budget (currently they cannot see such a budget). He stressed fiscal responsibility and decried the irresponsibility of the current Council.

## David Pandori

David Pandori is an environmentalist.

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by the impending rain, Kyle joined us in collecting signatures. “I came here to sign the petition and get some groceries. Now I’m standing here with a clipboard,” he admitted with a chuckle.

The last session of signature gathering broke up at about 4 o’clock. Over coffee at the Pacifico Primo Coffee Trading Company, Bill explained in one succinct sentence what had made him get so involved: “I can’t imagine America without property rights,” he said quietly. ■

## Get involved!

### Limit Eminent Domain Coalition

As of press time, it appears that the “Protect Our Homes” initiative has enough signatures to appear on the Nov. ballot. But **signature gathering** for the “Limit Eminent Domain” initiative will continue in full force into July, for inclusion in the *next* general election—especially vital if voters reject the other initiative this November.

Web site:	<a href="http://www.LimitEminentDomain.org">www.LimitEminentDomain.org</a>
Yahoo! Group:	<a href="http://LimitEminentDomain">LimitEminentDomain</a>
Contact:	Bill Adams (408) 306-2887 <a href="mailto:BADams@MyWebServe.com">BADams@MyWebServe.com</a>

Diana Padilla leads **fund raising** for Limit Eminent Domain. She has materials available, useful for signature gathering & promotion: petitions, brochures, T-shirts, yard signs, bumper stickers, and literature on the background of eminent domain & this effort.

Diana Padilla (408) 275-9834 <a href="mailto:brianswelding@sbcglobal.net">brianswelding@sbcglobal.net</a>	Where to pick up materials (please phone first): 197 Ryland St., San Jose, CA 95110
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of these initiative petition efforts remained in active circulation: the Protect Our Homes (or “Anderson”) initiative, and the Limit Eminent Domain (or “People’s”) initiative.

In Feb., the Lyn Haven Neighborhood Association informed residents of the kick-off for the Limit Eminent Domain initiative effort. It took place outside the doors of the Republican Party of Calif. convention. Unfortunately, many LPSCC members who would have liked to support the kick-off were miles away at their own state party convention.

Bill Adams did attend the kick-off. Although he volunteers for various other groups, he took home a supply of activism materials, and resolved to add his efforts to this very personal battle. Bill’s former home in Canada had been taken by the government under Eminent Domain laws to make way for a dam that has never been built.

Determined, Bill joined the e-group for

cooperative. Strictly speaking, permission shouldn’t be necessary, but it is usually better to work with the community, not against it. After settling details, Bill announced the event to the Limit Eminent Domain group and to Silicon Valley Objectivists.

At about 11:30 A.M., only Bill and another Silicon Valley Objectivists member, Ilana Dover, were on the scene. Bill and Ilana spent a few minutes at Cosentino’s; then Bill headed to Safeway.

Next to arrive was Carl, a member of the LPSCC. Carl had received news of the day’s event from a reposting of Bill’s original announcement to the LPSCC members’ mailing list. By 2 o’clock, Ilana on her own had gathered 35 signatures from Cosentino’s shoppers. I arrived at Safeway tardily, but with extra clipboards and pens in hand. Kyle, also from Silicon Valley Objectivists, was the last to arrive. Unswayed

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# SJ Mayoral Candidate Chuck Reed is Seeking LP Votes

by Lois Garcia

Activities Committee Chair, LPSCC

The table in Il Fornaio's Wine Room was set elegantly. Artisan breads were nestled in silver bowls for nibbling. Each place held a notepad and pen (courtesy of the Hyatt Sainte Claire Hotel and the efforts of LPSCC member **Charlotte Monte**) and a copy of "The Reed Reforms." Polished wood and silverware gleamed. Simon, our fabulous waiter, had been primed as to what to expect and sweet-talked into providing a helping hand. At 7:45 P.M. sharp on Mon., April 24, we were ready for dinner with San Jose mayoral candidate **Chuck Reed**.

Councilman Reed arrived, wearing a red, white, and blue tie as usual. He was accompanied by **Pete Furman**, also of the Chuck Reed for Mayor Campaign. Both men are lean and wiry, no strangers to the outdoors. Already seated were various LPSCC members and officers, including Charlotte Monte, **Jerry Mungai**, **Ray** and **Gloria Strong**, **Mark Johnson**, **Scott Lieberman**, **Mark Hinkle**, **Kevin Takenaga**, and me. Campaign manager **Jeff Janssen** was also there, having arrived early to mingle with us.

Introduced by LPSCC Chair Kevin Takenaga, Councilman Reed gave us more than just a few easily dismissed soundbites. With a wry sense of humor, he described his background, his voting record, and the principles by which he intends to govern the tenth largest city in America, San Jose.

Followed by an open question-and-answer session, the night passed quickly. Lively discussion was balanced by thoughtful assessment on both sides. Every LPSCC member and officer contributed at least a couple of questions and was able to engage Councilman Reed directly. He did not leave until he had addressed every question (if necessary, more than once).

Councilman Reed, who gives a very conservative impression, favors the soft closing of clubs at 2:00 A.M. "Soft closing" means that an establishment must stop serving alcohol, but it does not have to close its doors or throw out its patrons. The San Francisco Late Night Coalition had to fight long and hard for this very same concession. If Councilman Reed is elected Mayor, he can make it happen for San Jose without a fuss.

Far from being offended by the Libertarian viewpoint, Chuck Reed is aligned with us

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on the issues we raised Monday night. When asked by Mark Johnson, LPSCC Secretary, whether he would want, or even accept, an endorsement by the Libertarian Party, Councilman Reed said, "Sure. I'd be happy to. I want to represent all of the people in San Jose, not just some of the people."



Photo: Mark Hinkle

*Chuck Reed, S.J. City Councilman & candidate for Mayor, addresses LPSCC on April 24 in S.J.*

We do not have a Libertarian candidate for Mayor of San Jose. Chuck Reed may be our only opportunity to elect a mayor who stands for fiscal responsibility & open government, and who still believes in the Declaration of Independence & the U.S. Constitution.

- Chuck Reed:
- signed The People's Initiative petition against eminent domain abuse;
  - opposes the half-percent increase in the county sales tax (a.k.a. the BART-and-Switch tax);
  - opposes Proposition 82, the "Rob Reiner" initiative (a.k.a. universal preschool);
  - supports the soft closing of nightclubs at 2:00 A.M.;
  - is the author of "The Reed Reforms," composed of 34 suggestions to return to a government held accountable to the people;
  - voted against the \$507 million San Jose City Hall (a.k.a. Ron's Taj Mahal); and
  - voted against the \$4 million NASCAR race subsidy.

You may learn more about the Chuck Reed for Mayor at his campaign web site: [www.ChuckReed.com](http://www.ChuckReed.com).

Ten candidates are vying for the job of San Jose Mayor in the June 6th primary (see Ray Strong's thoughts on six of these candidates, starting on page 1). If no candidate receives a majority of the votes, the top two contenders will continue campaigning in hopes of winning a run-off election in November. ■

**Editor's note:** As of press time, the LPSCC has not endorsed a candidate in the SJ Mayor's race.



Photo: Mark Hinkle

*Over dinner at Il Fornaio, LPSCC members chat with each other & with San Jose City Councilman Chuck Reed (not pictured), who is a candidate for Mayor of the 10th largest U.S. city. April 24.*

# Invite your family, friends, and colleagues to join the **Libertarian Party!**



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## Decide

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He pointed out that the last \$40,000,000 increase in the public safety budget has resulted in no increase in the number of police officers on patrol. He echoed all the other candidates, except Chavez, in complaining about the City Council's irresponsible and inappropriate actions.

**John Candeias**

John Candeias is a student at both San Jose State and Santa Clara Universities. He started out with a libertarian position opposing eminent domain. He should have stopped there. He stated that he did not discriminate against anyone, and—without apparent awareness of any contradiction—that all his staff appointments would be women. He seems to believe that women are basically better. Ms Chavez noted that he could just vote for a woman for mayor.

I have no information, beyond the funds they've raised, on the other candidates. Mr. Pandori is being taken seriously. Mr. Candeias is not. But essentially, there are four viable candidates for mayor. Cindy Chavez and Dave Cortese represent—and should be held to account for—the horrible record of the current city government. Chuck Reed has an exceptionally good voting record on city issues of concern to libertarians.

Michael Mulcahy would be better than Chavez or Cortese, but I can't think of any way that he would be better than Reed. Cortese is currently running as if he were the major opposition to Chavez. It would be much better for San Jose if Chuck Reed, the real opposition, were



elected. On the basis of what I have seen so far, I am personally endorsing Chuck Reed, and I plan to vote for him.

You can read more about San Jose's mayoral candidates at [www.SmartVoter.org](http://www.SmartVoter.org). Several of the candidates also have their campaign web site linked there. ■

*Editor's note: As of press time, the LPSCC has not endorsed a candidate in the SJ Mayor's race.*

## LP Voter Guide for June 6th Election

In June's primary election, not only will all Californians be voting on two important statewide propositions, but Santa Clara County voters will have the opportunity to just say "no" to new taxes.

**Take these voting recommendations with you to the polls!**



### County Measures: the LP recommends...

- Measure A** Sales Tax. General fund, half-percent tax, 30 years' duration .....  Yes  NO
- Measure B** Parks. Annual transfer of general funds, 12 years' duration... No position taken.

### Statewide Propositions: the LP recommends...

- Prop. 81** California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2006 .....  Yes  NO
- Prop. 82** Preschool Education. Tax on Incomes Over \$400,000 for Individuals; \$800,000 for Couples.....  Yes  NO



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# Libertarian Candidates in June 2006 Primary Election

These Libertarian candidates touching Santa Clara County will be running uncontested in California's June 6th primary election.

Candidate	Office	District
Art Olivier	Governor	N/A
Lynnette Shaw	Lieutenant Governor	N/A
Gail Lightfoot	Secretary of State	N/A
Donna Tello	Controller	N/A
Marian Smithson	Treasurer	N/A
Kenneth A. Weissman	Attorney General	N/A
Kennita Watson	State Board of Equalization	1
Brian Holtz	U.S. Congress	14
Lionel Silva	State Assembly	24



Please note that as of this writing, the LPSCC hasn't yet officially endorsed any candidates in Election 2006.

## Upcoming Events

### LPSCC Election Night Party

**Bring friends and family!**

When: Tuesday, **June 6, 2006** 6:00 P.M.  
Where: Round Table Pizza  
4302 Moorpark Ave.,  
(off Hwy. 280 at Saratoga Ave.)  
San Jose, CA 95129  
(408) 725-0818

For info: [www.SC.CA.LP.org](http://www.SC.CA.LP.org); click "events"  
Lois Garcia, LPSCC Activities Chair  
E-mail: [L.Party@Yahoo.com](mailto:L.Party@Yahoo.com)  
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### Silicon Valley Objectivists

**Monthly discussion group for fans of the philosophy of Ayn Rand**

Sharon Presley:

"Women Resisters to Authority"

When: Sun., **June 11, 2006**, 6:00-9:00 P.M.  
Where: Coco's Restaurant & Bakery  
1209 Oakmead Pkwy.  
Sunnyvale, CA 94085

Fee: A contribution of \$5 is requested.

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*Times and venues of LPSCC events are subject to change. Check our web site for confirmation: [www.SC.CA.LP.org](http://www.SC.CA.LP.org); click on "events."*

**VOTE!** June 6 is Election Day!  
See LP ballot guide, page 7.