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Libertarian Candidates Declare for Election 2006

Anna Can't Eshoo Holtz Away

I'm **Brian Holtz**, a Libertarian running for U.S. Congress (District 14) against 7-term incumbent Democrat Anna Eshoo in Silicon Valley. I've been a software engineer on the peninsula since 1990, first at Sun Microsystems, and now at Yahoo. My wife, Melissa, is a California native and a financial analyst at Genentech. We live in



Brian Holtz, Candidate, U.S. Rep., District 14

San Carlos with our two daughters: Zoe, 5-1/2, and Shannon, 2-1/2.

I've been an advocate of free markets ever since 1980, when I read Nobel Laureate Milton Friedman's *Free to Choose*. Even before renouncing religion

while in college, I had never been comfortable with the religious moralizing of the Republican Party. My policy had been to register and vote Libertarian at the state and local levels to signal my principles, but to vote Republican in federal elections to try to limit the harm caused by Democrats in Washington, D.C. My theory was that the Republicans almost never implement their worst ideas (restraints on personal liberty), where-

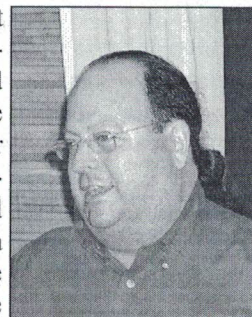
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Silva's Platform Calls for Shift to a Part-Time Legislature

I am always disappointed when I go to vote and no Libertarian is on the ballot for a particular office." So says **Lionel Silva**, who has taken that disappointment and turned it into action, in the form of running this year as a Libertarian candidate for State Assembly District 24.

"I want to represent the Libertarian Party to give us all a choice to vote for a Libertarian, and to help spread the Libertarian message to others." Silva believes that his varied background as an information technology (I.T.) project manager, therapist, and minister have prepared him to listen well to voters, his constituents, and his legislative colleagues—or rivals, as the case may be—and to serve with integrity and competence.

This is the first candidacy for Silva, who worked on both of the Harry Browne for President campaigns (1996 and 2000), as media contact for the S.F. Bay Area. He spoke on several talk shows representing Browne's campaign and positions.



Lionel Silva, Candidate, Assembly District 24

Silva's platform centers around his

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LP's 2006 Candidates: They Want Your Votes!

As far as we at *Santa Clara Libertarian* know,* these Libertarian candidates will be uncontested in the June 6 primary election. Please note that as of this writing, the LPSCC hasn't yet officially endorsed any candidates in Election 2006.

Candidate	Office	District
Lynnette Shaw	Lieutenant Governor	N/A
Kennita Watson	State Board of Equalization	1
Bill Schubert	U.S. Congress	11
Brian Holtz	U.S. Congress	14
Alan Bischoff	State Assembly	22
Lionel Silva	State Assembly	24
William Smyth	State Senate	10

* New candidates could be filing papers up until and through February 23.



Petitions and Pie the Order of the Day at Feb. Gathering

The period for 2006 candidates to log their campaigns with the Registrar of Voters has been whizzing by. Since signatures almost literally equal money—where candidate eligibility for the ballot is concerned—LPSCC Activities Chair **Lois Garcia** planned a petition-signing gathering as the LPSCC's February party get-together.

Although petitions are a compelling enough purpose for most LPSCC activists to turn out for dinner on a Wednesday, Garcia was astute enough to promise pie, too:

the event was held at Los Gatos's Bakers Square on Feb. 8.

Though this first post-convention event was of a decidedly casual, social flavor, **Kevin Takenaga**, LPSCC's Chairman, stood and welcomed a sizable group of familiar faces as well



Lois Garcia, LPSCC Activities Chair

as a couple of enthusiastic newcomers. He introduced himself and outlined the party's three primary goals for the year:

- Form 3 city or campus clubs
- Raise \$3,000
- Register 300 new Libertarians

As the stack of petitions made its circuit around the tables, newcomers also introduced themselves; delegates to the impending LP of California annual convention did some caucusing; and of course, we partook of some quite delectable slices of dessert. ■

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■ Message from the Chair

Three Goals for LPSCC Success in 2006

Barely a month since our Convention, the LP of Santa Clara County has been in high gear. We've already held our first event of the new term, a dinner event in Los Gatos planned very successfully by **Lois Garcia**, our Activities Committee Chair. We've also revamped our web site, and started new projects to upgrade our existing Party infrastructure.

As promised in my initial column in January ("A Shift in Leadership & Planning a New Year," page 2), I want to unveil to you our goals for the county Party this year. The Executive Committee and I have put together a plan which we think is both measurable and realistic, and will go a long way toward furthering our shared ideals. These goals are:

- **Form 3 city or campus clubs**
- **Raise \$3,000**
- **Register 300 new Libertarians**

This is a call to action for every LPSCC Central Committee member to help make this plan succeed. You can start today by making a pledge to the county party on our web site (at URL: www.SC.CA.LP.org/page_donate.php). Your \$5, \$10, or \$20 pledge each month will go a long way toward meeting our fundraising goals.

In addition to your donations, your time is

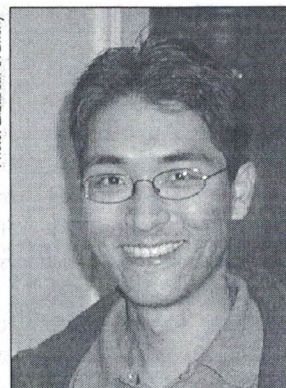
also very valuable.

We've already started our first libertarian "city club," in Sunnyvale, and as you may have read in Brian Darby's article last month ("Would You Hire this Party?" page 3), we met with one of our local city council members, Melinda Hamilton. Are you well organized? We are looking for members who'd like to coordinate additional clubs, as well as to assist with campus clubs at any one of the major universities in our county (San Jose State University, Santa Clara University, and Stanford University).

Every beach is built one grain of sand at a time; and for us, securing a beachhead in the defense of liberty is no different.

Let's get to work!

—Kevin Takenaga
Chair, Libertarian Party of Santa Clara County



Kevin Takenaga

Photo: Elizabeth C. Briery

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confidence that people can solve their problems and build their future much better than the government can. His campaign will revolve around three issues:

- Opposing the assault on property rights and abuse of eminent domain power that have been strengthened by the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Kelo vs. New London, CT*;
- Reducing the period that the legislature is allowed to be in session, and expecting legis-

to be held forever by a favored wing of the Big Government Party—to a more objective Redistricting Committee which will include members of other parties.

More generally, Silva is committed in every instance to "support the maximum personal choice consistent with personal responsibility, in areas such as abortion, gun ownership, drug legalization, employer-employee wage agreements, schools, and more."

When asked what he will do once in office, Silva said he wants to "breathe the passion for liberty into the political agenda."

We'd vote for that!

You may get in touch with the Silva for Assembly campaign via e-mail, at ElectSilva@Earthlink.net. ■



Got Ideas?
Get involved in planning the LP of SCC 2006 line-up of events—both business and pleasure! Contact LPSCC's Activities Chair **Lois Garcia**, at LoisGarcia2001@Yahoo.com.

Correction

We reported in the January issue of *Santa Clara Libertarian* ("Coming Soon: libertarian Events in the Bay Area," print edition, page 2) that LPSCC would be holding a speakers' bureau meeting on March 14 at Bakers Square in Los Gatos. The next meeting will not be held in March after all, but will be a Central Committee meeting, held on April 4, 7:00 P.M. at Lan's Noodle House, 225 E. Santa Clara Street, San Jose. We apologize for the error. ■

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lators to spend their reduced time working on the real issues of education, transportation, infrastructure, and the budget—instead of grandstanding, wasting their time and our money; and

- Transferring the corrupting power currently possessed by the Senate—the power to configure Assembly, State Senate, and Congressional districts into gerrymandered "safe seats,"

"Political campaigns are designedly made into emotional orgies which endeavor to distract attention from the real issues involved..."
—James Harvey Robinson, *The Human Comedy*

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



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of Santa Clara County

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Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

The Libertarian Party is the party of principle. To assure and affirm that our party never strays from its principles, we *request* our members to sign the pledge below. (Non-signers cannot vote on Party business.)

I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals.

Signature: _____

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NEW MEMBER RENEWAL

- \$25 Basic (new member only) \$ _____
- \$50 Basic (membership renewal)..... \$ _____
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- \$250 Sponsor \$ _____
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- Monthly pledge (\$10 minimum)..... \$ _____
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as the Democrats almost always implement theirs (restraints on economic liberty).

So in 2001, when the Republicans took complete control in Washington D.C. for the first time since 1955, I was confident that they would implement entitlement

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reform, spending cuts, and free trade. Instead, they gave us a bloating of Medicare, more corporate welfare, and steel tariffs. No longer able to blame just the Democrats for Washington's massive special-interest drag on the economy, I started to become active in Libertarian politics.

I advocate the moderate brand of libertarianism that the Cato Institute calls "market liberalism." It holds that the government should prevent aggression, protect the environment, provide a safety net, and regulate basic infrastructure, but otherwise recognize the freedom and responsibility of peaceful, honest adults to control their own bodies, actions, speech, and property, and to work and play together as they see fit.

I'm reaching out to voters fed up with

Democrats who don't understand market dynamics, and with Republicans who don't respect civil liberties. I'm asking voters to cast a clear and unambiguous vote for the policies of the 21st century: personal freedom and responsibility, free and fair markets, and smart environmentalism.

I predict I'll again garner just under 4% of the vote, which is only slightly better than Esch's last few Libertarian opponents. I'm too honest and realistic to claim I have a serious chance of winning. My campaign strategy is to promote the idea of liberty to opinion leaders—activists, academics, journalists, and voters who seriously analyze the positions of the candidates. My campaign web site, Market Liberal (www.MarketLiberal.org), will feature an exhaustively detailed platform, backed up by thoughtful policy analysis.

I will campaign primarily by promoting Market Liberal ("Free Minds, Free Markets"), answering candidate questionnaires and media inquiries, and participating in public forums. I doubt I'll kiss many babies or knock on many doors. I don't want people to vote for me because of my handshake or smile. I don't fundamentally care whether people vote for me, since I care more about spreading the idea of market liberalism than about getting votes. Getting

votes is only a means to the end of spreading the message of free minds and free markets. I'd rather a citizen hear my full message and vote against me, than ignore the message while voting for me, because the message will eventually win, even though I won't.

What's true and right always wins in the long run. ■



Political party:
n. An organized political group which seeks to elect its candidates to office and thus to direct government policies

Play a Part in Getting Libertarians into Office!

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Portland, Oregon
Details are on the web at
LPconvention.org

Upcoming Events

Smith Center, CSU Hayward
Terry Anderson, Executive Director,
Property & Environment Research Center:
"Markets and the Environment:
Friends or Foes?"
When: Wed., **March 8, 2006**, 2:45 P.M.
Where: University Union, Room 311
Calif. State University, Hayward
For info: [www.SBE.CSUHayward.edu/~sbesc/index\(home\).html](http://www.SBE.CSUHayward.edu/~sbesc/index(home).html)

Jefferson Club
David Henderson and Charles Hooper:
"Making Great Decisions
in Business and Life"
When: Thurs., **Mar. 30, 2006**, 5:00 P. M.
Where: Ristorante Don Giovanni
235 Castro St. (between Villa & Dana)
Mountain View, CA 94041
For info: www.JeffersonClub.org

LPSCC Central Committee Meeting
When: Tuesday, **April 4, 2006** 7:00 P.M.
Where: Lan's Noodle House
225 East Santa Clara St., San Jose
For info: www.SC.CA.LP.org; click "events"
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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; click on "events."

Eminent Domain Petitions Hit Streets

Wanted: signatures galore!
Several ballot initiatives proposing a Calif. Constitutional amendment to protect property rights have received their official title and summary from the Secretary of State, so it's time for the LP to pound the pavement and play our natural leadership role in this critical effort.

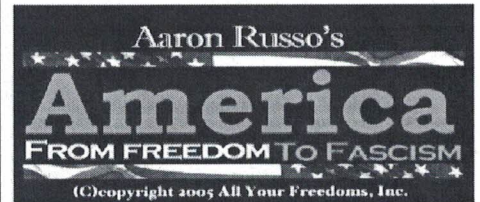
According to **Jay Smith**, Chair of the LP of California's Eminent Domain Committee, the initiatives need 800,000 signatures to achieve ballot status this November.

"All LP county organizations are encouraged to download the petitions and to set a goal of several thousand signatures each," says Smith. "I will be asking [each county] for their guesstimates, and then I'll stay in touch to track our success." Smith welcomes LP members from every county to join his committee and to help disseminate the petitions.

Help save property rights! For more information, contact Smith by telephone at (559) 225-5443, or via e-mail at Jae4Free@AOL.com. Every signature is vital! ■



Coming Soon to the Bay Area!



Last year, **Aaron Russo**, the Hollywood producer who ran for the LP nomination for President in 2004, set out to answer this question: *Is there a law requiring Americans to pay income tax on their wages?*

The result: Russo has personally crafted an important new film, "America: From Freedom to Fascism." The documentary, a labor of love for Russo, features many heroes of Libertarians, including former IRS agent **Joe Bannister**; another LP Presidential candidate, Congressman **Ron Paul**; and tax fighters **Irwin Schiff** and **Vernice Kuglin**.

The LP of Santa Clara County is working with Russo to cohost a private screening of his movie in the Bay Area next month. Watch for announcements, or check with LPSCC Activities Chair **Lois Garcia** for details (at LoisGarcia2001@yahoo.com). ■