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Recruiting 1982 Candidates

by Martin Buerger

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The 1982 election is fast approaching, and the time for recruiting and announcing candidates for partisan office is now at hand.

Although vote pluralities are highly desirable, education of the public is a more realistic emphasis for 1982. Using partisan races as our vehicle for promoting the ideas of freedom we can:

1. Present consistently libertarian principles under the partisan banner of the Libertarian Party.
2. Persuade people to action—to participate in our candidate's campaigns and/or to vote Libertarian—when their political awareness is the greatest (i.e., during the final months of the General Election).
3. Maintain and build upon our credibility as a Third Party with candidates who are knowledgeable, thoughtful, and articulate.

Our growth during the previous decade has been meteoric, if not a little too easy. We have been lucky too. The 1982 election represents another opportunity to build our libertarian base, to train campaign activists, to have credible candidates with principles, and to persuade others.

Campaigns are not easy nor is finding capable candidates. The challenge this year is much greater because we must establish our

Winger Predicts Split of Reapportionment Plans by California Supreme Court

Speaking at the November 19th meeting of the Libertarian Council of Santa Clara County, elections expert Richard Winger predicted that, while the courts would have no choice but to uphold the absurdly gerrymandered reapportionment of Congressional Districts by the Democrat controlled legislature, they would overturn the equally outrageous reapportionments of legislative districts, which would otherwise deprive many Santa Clara County voters of representation in the State Senate for the next two years. Winger predicted that the courts would force the State to revert to Assembly and Senate Districts of 1980 for the 1982 elections. This alternative is not open to the courts for Congressional Districts because the number of Congressional Districts in California must increase in 1982.

If Winger's predictions prove correct, then Santa Clara County will need candidates for two State Senate Districts, as well as five Assembly and three Congressional Districts and almost all of these districts will overlap other counties. A bright point in this outcome would be our opportunity to repeat the 12th Senate District contest in which **Bill White** received support from almost one out of every eight voters.

Libertarian Council Elections To Be Held January 21

On Thursday, January 21, 1982, at 8:00 p.m., the Libertarian Council of Santa Clara County will hold its 1982 convention and business meeting. County officers to be elected include the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chair, Research Chair, Activities Chair, and Fundraising Chair. These officers comprise the County Executive Committee. Representatives to the State Executive Committee and Delegates to the February State Convention must also be chosen.

If the battle over reapportionment has been settled by convention time, then we will be able to select candidates for local office for Libertarian Council endorsement. Otherwise, we may have to endorse our candidates on a contingency basis.

The Libertarian Council of Santa Clara County meets regularly on the third Thursday of the month at our county headquarters meeting room at 401 E. Taylor in San Jose. There is no admission fee and the public is welcome.

Party in California as a methodically growing movement—not a passing fad.

Whether we like it or not, our continuing success will be measured in very simple ways: number of candidates, number of votes, volumes of media coverage, and dollars of funds raised. We can clear the first hurdle now by finding quality libertarians to run. Please keep in mind that every quality libertarian who seeks partisan office adds something to our effort. If they speak but once they have made a contact which would have been missed otherwise.

We have good people in our Party who can carry the banner for us. You may be one of them. It is incumbent upon you and other libertarians in your area to seek out these quality people and encourage them to run.

As Chair of the Candidate Development Committee for the Libertarian Party of California, I am tracking candidate recruitment and would appreciate receiving the names, addresses, and potential districts of prospective candidates for our master California list.

I appreciate your assistance in this endeavor.

Christmas Party Replaces December Meeting

Maintaining a longstanding tradition, the Libertarian Council of Santa Clara County will hold its December meeting at June Genis's mountain retreat in conjunction with her party on December 19. For directions and details, call June at 415/851-7664 (evenings).

On Goals and Strategy for Santa Clara County

by Ray Strong

Our goal as libertarians is individual freedom. How will we know when we've got it? How do we measure freedom? The Libertarian Party platform gives some important milestones along the way. We'll know we have taken major steps toward a libertarian society when we see (1) a permanent end to the draft and all other forms of slavery, (2) an end to involuntary taxation, and (3) an end to laws that create crimes without victims. We'll know we have created a climate for individual liberty when people no longer look to the government to solve their problems.

These are fine long range goals. They also supply us with ways to measure our progress, as we eliminate specific threats of enslavement, taxation, and injustice, and as we spread our

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message of individual freedom and individual responsibility. It is important for us to notice in 1981 that we are a lot further along toward our goals than they were in 1881. With all its difficulties and aberrations, our society today is more libertarian than practically any in history.

However, we are far from a free society, and we do not expect to achieve our goals this year, or next. We would be doing very well to achieve our goals this century! We have been disappointed too often in the past with promises of quick victory. I think each libertarian activist had best accept the idea that we are in this battle for the long run. We are now preparing for our second major campaign year in Santa Clara County. We can hope we will have breaks like the special election for State Senate in which **Bill White** collected almost 12 percent of the vote. We can be prepared to take advantage of such events. We can expect to have more of such events. We can expect to have more campaigns like that of **John Redding**, in which our obviously qualified candidate communicated well with his audience but unfortunately received relatively little media attention because the winner of the race was a foregone conclusion. Independent of our specific campaign efforts, some of our candidates will probably hold the balance of power in their elections, as did **Dante DeAmicis**. And in spite of all our enthusiastic efforts, our can-

didates and their campaigns will be forgotten by most of the public the day after the election, and many of our own activists will again question whether the results were worth the effort.

What then can we reasonably expect to accomplish? Will it be worth the effort? The Libertarian Party is an exercise in manipulating political power with the goal of individual freedom. Some have argued that its means are inconsistent with its ends; others, that its side effect of education is its only achievable end. I believe that many, perhaps most, people in our society are beyond the reach of political argument, not that they are necessarily unlibertarian, but that their minds are closed to the area of politics.

But this does not mean that we cannot win elections and alter the course of politics and government. After all, most people do not vote. In fact, most of our sympathizers don't vote. When we reach all of the potential voters in our county who already support our goal of individual liberty and convince them that we can be an effective political power, then we will start winning elections.

Until then we are going to find ourselves without any major accomplishments, receiving frustratingly small percentages of the vote, and relegated to the position of minor party and election curiosity by the media. We have to suffer through this status until we manage to communicate not only our vision of a free society, but how we expect to get there.

Each year there will be some possible event that could give us dramatic progress, provided we have built a stable foundation with careful steady growth. Last year it could have been the screening of *Atlas Shrugged* on television coinciding with our presidential campaign. But the movie was canceled. Next year, it

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could be the election of **Dick Randolph**, against long odds, to be Governor of Alaska. If he is elected, and if he can demonstrate real, lasting, successful change in Alaska, that may be just what we need to move into high gear here in Santa Clara, always provided we have maintained our base.

I believe we will have our opportunity. If not in 1982, then in 1984 or 1990, but some time before the turn of this century. If we have kept the faith, if we have managed to build a visible, thriving libertarian movement and party, and if we have managed to keep the cooperation and good wishes of our volunteer activists, confident that they support a movement with undiluted goals and uncompromised principles, then we will see freedom in our time.

Strong is a contributing editor of SANTA CLARA LIBERTARIAN. He has been a Libertarian Party activist since he joined the Party in New York in 1972. He is a past state chair of the Free Libertarian Party of New York and a past editor of CALIBER, The California Libertarian News. In 1980 he helped to manage Bill White's campaign for the California Senate while running his own campaign for U.S. Congress representing the Thirteenth Congressional District from Santa Clara County. Ray has a Ph.D. in mathematics and works as a research computer scientist in San Jose.

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NOTES

- A Platform Committee representative from Santa Clara County will be chosen at the Libertarian Council Executive Committee meeting on December 19. Anyone wishing to serve as our representative to the platform committee that will propose changes for the February convention should call (408) CRY-FREE.

- The space shuttle may go private. According to the December issue of the *Bay Area L5 Chapter News*, a Princeton, New Jersey-based firm, Space Transportation Company, is negotiating with NASA to buy a space shuttle for commercial operation.

- The Santa Clara Libertarian welcomes Jeff Smith to the staff. Starting in January, Jeff will hold the position of production manager.

- Special thanks to outgoing Activities Chair, Dante DeAmicis, who has been managing our flea market and County Fair efforts for several years. Dante regularly arrived at the DeAnza Flea Market before 8:00 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month in order to secure a good booth space for the Libertarian Council. Thanks are also due to all the volunteers who have helped to make our flea market and fair booths a successful outreach operation.

- Delegate membership deadline is December 12, 1981. If you wish to be a delegate to the state CLC Convention in February or to be a local CLC officer or CLC executive committee representative your membership must be current. New memberships or renewals can be sent to the local office or they may be sent to the CLC State Secretary at P.O. Box 75241, Los Angeles, CA 90075.

- SINGLE? All libertarian single persons or those open to the idea of voluntarism who would like to help develop or would be interested in attending singles functions please call 408/CRY-FREE and leave your name, address and phone number.

- Advertising wanted for the SANTA CLARA LIBERTARIAN. Many local libertarians would like to patronize area businesses

LEGISLATIVE LOG

Another government solution is on its way. On Monday, November 16, 1981, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors approved the concept of a light rail system along the Guadalupe Corridor. The project is expected to cost more than \$400 million. Local taxpayers need not worry, though, because the supervisors expect the project to be built with "federal monies." Over \$4 million has already been wasted on studies of the transportation plans. Next will be \$9,500,000 to be spent on engineering "studies" to design the system. Again local taxpayers need not worry, the monies are going to come from the Urban Mass Transportation Administration. I wonder where the U.M.T.A. gets its money?

The amendment for a balanced budget needs support. The National Taxpayers Union is urging its members and friends to write their senators in favor of US Senate Joint Resolution 58 (an amendment to the constitution requiring a balanced budget). Senator Hayakawa is a cosponsor, but Senator Cranston has not yet announced his position. Letters urging his support can be mailed to the Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20501.

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- I am eligible to vote in _____ County.
- I am (I am not) registered to vote in the Libertarian Party.

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 _____ Date _____

Please allow six weeks for processing your application.

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- Membership dues only—no California Libertarian—minus \$8 Total _____

*This includes a 20% discount off the Libertarian National Committee dues.

Calendar

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE PARTY

Saturday, December 19. 5:00 p.m. til midnight

You are invited to June Genis's annual Christmas Open House at her home in the La Honda Woods. If you do not know how to find it call her for directions at 415/851-7664 (evenings).

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTIES

Thursday, December 31.

Phone 408/CRY-FREE to discover the locations and hosts of any Libertarian New Year's Eve parties in the area.

LIBERTARIAN COUNCIL BOOTH AT THE DE ANZA FLEA MARKET

Saturday, January 9. 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Volunteers are needed, especially in the morning to staff our permanent information and merchandise booth at the De Anza Flea Market in Cupertino. Help us raise money to support our many local projects and educate yourself and others on the issues by talking to the public about libertarianism. Donations of books and other fast-selling items are needed and may be dropped off at the flea market or at our Taylor Street office. Location: De Anza College Parking Lot C, Stevens Creek Boulevard and Stelling Road in Cupertino. For more information or to volunteer call 408/CRY-FREE (12-5 weekdays).

SAN MATEO COUNTY LIBERTARIAN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, January 11. 7:30 p.m.

Meetings are held the second Monday of each month in the Seven Oaks room of the A. P. Giannini branch of the Bank of America at Third Avenue and El Camino in San Mateo. Information phone: Don Smith at 415/368-8148.

EASTBAY LIBERTARIAN COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, January 15. 7:30 p.m.

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. For information on the speaker and the location telephone Yvonne Davis at 415/835-4765.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBERTARIAN COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, January 21. 8:00 p.m.

Next month's meeting will feature the Annual Libertarian Council Convention. We will be electing regional officers, representatives to the CLC Executive Committee and delegates to the CLC State Convention to be held in Long Beach in February. Location: 401 E. Taylor St., San Jose. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month. Information phone: 408/CRY-FREE.

CALIFORNIA CLC/LP CONVENTION "Destination: Freedom"

**Friday, February 12. 9:00 a.m. through
Sunday, February 15. 2:00 p.m.**

The California Libertarian Council & Libertarian Party will hold its ninth annual convention in Long Beach. For a brochure giving all the details write to: Convention '82, P.O. Box 154, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. The early discount price deadline is December 31. Package prices range from \$45 to \$185.

Additional announcements of events sponsored by and/or of interest to Bay Area Libertarians are requested. Deadline is the first of each month. Send announcements to SANTA CLARA LIBERTARIAN, 401 East Taylor Street, San Jose, CA 95112-9990

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January 9

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