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## Warn Your Friends: "Don't Waste Your Vote!"

### *A message from Joe Dehn, County Chair:*

Every four years we hear the advice about voting for president -- **don't waste your vote!** What does this really mean?

The starting point in answering this question has to be: **What is your vote for?** Is its main purpose to say which candidate you prefer? Is it to help decide who gets elected? Is it to "send a message" in favor of a particular viewpoint, or in opposition to the current political system?



As I see it, for anybody living here in California, the answer is the same *regardless* of which of those considerations is most important to you: **The only way to NOT waste your vote is to vote Libertarian!**

- If what you most want to do with your vote is express support for a candidate, the choice is obvious. Jo Jorgensen and Spike Cohen are the best candidates both in terms of personal integrity and on issues that matter to Libertarians - by far. Trump and Biden each have so many negatives both on issues and with respect to personal behavior that even many voters in their own parties aren't happy about voting for them.
- If what you most want to do with your vote is help keep one of the front-runners out of the White House -- the answer is that you can't. Your vote in California is going to make no difference in that. Biden is going to get all 55 of California's electoral votes. A vote for Trump to help stop Biden would be a waste because Trump can't possibly win California (unless there is a *massive* shift in favor of Trump nationwide, in which case California's electoral votes won't matter). A vote for Biden to help stop Trump would be wasted because he's already got enough votes to win California. So no matter which of those candidates you might hope to be "less evil", voting for either of them would be wasting your vote.
- What if a voter's primary interest is sending a message, a message about what kind of changes they want to see? Again, the choice is clear: **Vote Libertarian!** The Libertarian Party and its candidates are *the only voice in the electoral system consistently advocating both personal and economic freedom*.
- What if someone just wants to cast a "protest vote", to say that the powers-that-be are a failure and we need better options? If you have friends who feel this way but aren't yet convinced that the libertarian approach is the correct one, voting for Jorgensen/Cohen is *still* their best option, because our ticket is the one among all "third party" choices that regularly gets the most votes. It's the one that's most likely to get reported on Election Night. Adding their vote to our total is the best way to help keep the idea alive that the Rs and Ds are not -- *should not be* -- the only choices.

**Conclusion: Voting for Jorgensen/Cohen is the only way to not waste your vote for president / vice president this November.**

**Please help get this message out to everyone you know!**

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## Spike Cohen Tour

Vice Presidential candidate **Spike Cohen** is currently on a tour of western states and will be in the Bay Area on **Thursday, 3 September** for two events.

**Private Luncheon**

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Meet the candidate one-on-one at this fundraising event in Castro Valley, Noon-3:00pm.

### [Invitation Details](#)

This is a lunch at a private residence -- tickets are limited and must be reserved in advance. Ticket price is a donation to the Jorgensen/Cohen campaign. *RSVP by 11:00am Tuesday, 1 September.*



## Campaign Rally

Join Libertarians from around the Bay Area at the campaign rally, 4:30-8:00pm, at:

Empowerment Park  
462 Bellevue Avenue  
Oakland

This park is on the shore of Lake Merritt and is accessible both by car and by BART. Admission is free! For more details see one of the following event pages:

[Facebook](#)

[Eventbrite](#)

For directions: [Google Maps](#)

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## Azadeh Weber Campaign

Azadeh Weber is in a five-way race for two positions on the board of the Saratoga Union School District, and she is now waging a very active campaign.

Her web site, at [azadeh4saratoga.org](http://azadeh4saratoga.org), provides information about her background and issues facing the district. Volunteers have been helping by translating material on the site into five languages commonly spoken by residents of this district: Chinese, Urdu, Japanese, Farsi, and Arabic.



Azadeh welcomes help with her campaign, including financial donations and volunteer work like distributing literature. If you can help, please let her know:

[DrAzadehWeber@gmail.com](mailto:DrAzadehWeber@gmail.com)

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## Positions on Local Ballot Measures - Updated

Since the last issue of this newsletter, several more districts filed tax and bond measures for the November ballot. In addition, one of the measures on which the LP SCC had taken a position, the revision of the rent control system in Mountain View, was withdrawn by its supporters and will not appear on the ballot.

**The LP SCC has endorsed the following positions on measures that apply to various cities and districts within the county:**

*Measure A - **YES** - Los Gatos - finance commission*

*Measure B - **YES** - Los Gatos - term limits*

*Measure C - **NO** - Mountain View - parking restrictions*

*~~Measure D - **YES** - Mountain View - amendments to rent control (withdrawn)~~*

*Measure E - **NO** - Santa Clara (city) - hotel tax increase*

*Measure F - **NO** - Milpitas - sales/use tax*

*Measure G - **no position** - San Jose - combined charter amendments*

*Measure H - **NO** - San Jose - card room tax*

*Measure I - **NO** - San Jose-Evergreen Community College District - parcel tax*

*Measure J - **NO** - San Jose-Evergreen Community College District - bonds*

*Measure K - **NO** - Franklin-McKinley School District - parcel tax*

*Measure L - **NO** - Campbell Union High School District - parcel tax*

*Measure M - **NO** - Fremont Union High School District - parcel tax*

*Measure N - **NO** - Loma Prieta Joint Union Elementary School District - parcel tax*

*Measure O - **NO** - Palo Alto Unified School District - parcel tax*

*Measure P - **NO** - Evergreen Elementary School District - bonds*

*Measure Q - **NO** - Mt. Pleasant Elementary School District - bonds*

*Measure R - **NO** - Cambrian School District - bonds*

*Measure S - **NO** - Santa Clara Valley Water District - parcel tax*

*Measure T - **NO** - Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority - parcel tax*

*Measure RR - **NO** - Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Authority - sales tax*

Going beyond just taking positions, members of the LP of Santa Clara County wrote and/or signed most of the arguments against the various tax and bond measures that are appearing in the official county voter guide. Thanks to Vice Chair **Mark Hinkle** for continuing this effort to inform voters of the negative impact these kinds of measures have on our local economy!

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## **Jorgensen/Cohen on Track for 50-State Ballot Status**

The Libertarian Party is one of only three parties able to regularly get its national ticket on the ballot in all 50 states (plus DC), and it looks like we are on track to do it again this year.

As of this writing, ballot status has been confirmed in 45 states, with petitions already collected and awaiting approval in four more (Iowa, Minnesota, New Hampshire, and Virginia) and the filing period still open in one (Rhode Island).

For updates see: [www.lp.org/ballotaccess](http://www.lp.org/ballotaccess)

The other two parties with 50-state presidential ballot status are of course the Democrats and Republicans. The only other party likely to have their candidate on the ballot in even half the states is the Green Party.

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## Brian Holtz Re-Elected

**Brian Holtz** has been re-elected to the Board of the Purissima Hills Water District. Because in this case there were only as many candidates as spots to be filled, those candidates are considered elected and their names will not actually appear on the ballot.



It is not uncommon for positions of this type to go uncontested, so it's a good way to get started if you want to get involved as a public official. Most local districts have some positions up for election during each even-numbered year -- it's not too early to start thinking about this for 2022.

If you have any idea that this is something you'd like to do, Brian suggests that you begin by attending the board meetings of one of your local districts -- you are very likely to find issues being discussed there on which libertarians could give useful input!

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## Ways to Support the Jorgensen/Cohen Campaign

### Put a Sign on Your Lawn

Let your neighbors know about the Jorgensen/Cohen campaign by posting a sign on your lawn (or in your window, or wherever you can make one visible to people passing by). If you live on a corner lot, two signs would be better. If you have a place to put them, we can get you signs. **Just let us know!**

### Share a video!

Check out this video. This one is about ending the War on Drugs. Then pass it along to your friends!

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=J8qs2pRJxqI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J8qs2pRJxqI)



## Help Distribute Literature

Volunteers will be distributing campaign literature all around the county, door-to-door and at events. If you would be willing to help with this, the campaign can provide a supply of literature! But we need to know how many you think you can distribute, so we can figure out how much to order.

Can you distribute 1000? 2000? More? [Please let us know!](#)

## Display a sticker on your car!

Here are some sticker designs that you can get printed and shipped to you at the "Build A Sign" site. This company is not (as far as we know) associated with the campaign or the LP. They just offer a variety of sticker designs, including custom designs like these ones, for a pretty reasonable price (about \$2.50 each) even in very small quantities. So you can order just one or two of these for your own car(s), and not need to wait for somebody else to order a big batch or bring one to you. Order now and you can have one on your car in less than two weeks!



[www.builddesign.com](http://www.builddesign.com) - order form



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## Meet with local campaign volunteers on Facebook!

You can connect with other local activists working to support the Jorgensen/Cohen campaign by joining the "Silicon Valley for Jorgensen/Cohen 2020" Facebook group:

[www.facebook.com/groups/257891135481914/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/257891135481914/)

## Make a financial contribution!

If you don't have time to help as a volunteer, you can still help the campaign get the Libertarian message out by making a financial contribution. An online form through which you can make either a one-time contribution or a monthly contribution is available on the official campaign web site:

[jo20.com](http://jo20.com)

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## Commentary

*Opinions from around the web - not necessarily official positions of the LP of Santa Clara County unless so noted.*

[The Failure of Public Schooling in One Chart \(fee.org\)](#)

[Mail Slowdowns Started 50 Years Before Trump \(aier.org\)](#)

[Is China an Economic Threat? \(hoover.org\)](#)

[Anti-Tech Warriors Are Coming for Your Food Delivery Apps \(reason.org\)](#)

[Bubble Slowly Pops, Economic Chain Reaction in Progress \(mises.org\)](#)

[The Crisis in Civil Rights - Reading Lists \(independent.org\)](#)

[Economic Freedom is Essential for Managing Pandemics \(aier.org\)](#)

[Should Snowden and Assange Pardon the US Government? \(fff.org\)](#)

[Why Americans Should Adopt the Sweden Model on Covid-19 \(mises.org\)](#)

[When Your Intellectual Heroes Let You Down \(aier.org\)](#)

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## Video Selections

*Some serious, some not -- also not necessarily official positions of the LP of Santa Clara County unless so noted.*

["On the Road" - Jorgensen Campaign Update \(LPTV\)](#)

[Judiciary Committee Hearing on Big Tech \(parody - reason.org\)](#)

[National Emergencies Do Not Expand Constitutional Powers \(policyed.org\)](#)

[Kamala Harris, Political Correctness, Corruption and Civil Liberties \(independent.org\)](#)

[Life and Liberty Under the Pandemic \(fff.org\)](#)

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## "Voter's Choice" in Santa Clara County

Santa Clara County switched to a new set of voting procedures starting with the March 2020 primary election. If you voted in that primary, you may already be familiar with this "Voter's Choice" system, but some of the details will be different this

November. If you didn't participate in the primary, you may be surprised by the changes!

The most important changes, compared with the pre-2020 system:

- Gone are the polling places for each precinct open on Election Day.
- Instead, there are "vote centers" -- fewer of them than precincts, but still spread all around the county -- where anybody from anywhere in the county can vote and get other election-related services, and open for several days.
- Everybody gets a ballot by mail -- and you can return it at a vote center, at additional official drop box locations, or by mail.

For more details, visit the Voter's Choice page on the Registrar of Voters web site:

[Voter's Choice Details](#)

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## The Libertarian Party Needs You!

The Santa Clara County Libertarian Party's work relies on **members like you** who volunteer to put our goals and plans into action.

*Please volunteer now to help with these important activities:*

- Secretary - *Vacancy*
- Activities - Plan events and keep the energy up!
- Campaigns - Advocate action to support candidates and libertarian policy!
- Membership - Outreach and growth is at the core of what we do and how you can help!
- Newsletter - Help us build content to keep you informed!
- Publicity - We can always use a fresh voice when posting on social media or interacting with the press!



Interested in learning more? Contact us at [info@scclp.org](mailto:info@scclp.org) and let's see how we can work together toward liberty!

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## Calendar Summary

Important note: Due to the COVID-19 situation, many events that would normally be held in upcoming weeks and months have been cancelled. All events listed here



should be considered **tentative**, depending on how the situation evolves. Check our web site for updates.

- 3 September - [Spike Cohen Rally \(Oakland\)](#).
- 12 September - State Executive Committee Meeting (Visalia)
- 19 September - [Third Saturday Coffee Meetup \(online\)](#).
- late summer / early fall - County Central Committee Meeting
- 17 October - [Third Saturday Coffee Meetup \(online\)](#).
- 3 November - [General Election](#)

**Do you have ideas for activities that don't require in-person contact?** Contact our [Activities Chair](#), Bob Goodwyn, with your suggestions.

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