



The Liberty Quill

A Publication by the Libertarian Party of Santa Clara County

News from the Chair

Fellow Libertarians,

Summer has kicked off with a strong start! The Libertarian name and philosophy have been growing steadily in the County as we continue to build a reputation of being the Party of Reason. Our reputation has been noted. The party office has received numerous calls looking for further action and support towards saving the Reid-Hillview Airport, and others have called to provide details for ethical issues they are afraid to take anywhere else. We are diligently researching these issues and more as we prepare for more policy changes proposed for the 2020 elections.



We hosted two outreach booths in May; the one-day Berryessa Art & Wine Festival in North San Jose, and the Mushroom Mardi Gras weekend event in Morgan Hill. A couple of attendees were excited to see us at the Mushroom Mardi Gras after the buttons they took from the Berryessa event were “stolen” by their friends and family. While some parties redistribute income, we redistribute ideas. Even though the temperature dropped on the second day of the Mushroom Mardi Gras, we stuck it out and had many great interactions.

Looking forward, we see several great events coming up. Thanks to one of our gracious members, we are now adding our presence to YALCon! Young Americans for Liberty (YAL) is the most active and effective libertarian youth organization advancing liberty on campus and in American electoral politics. Each year, YAL hosts national conventions across the United States; this year, one of these locations will be in San Jose, their only location on the west coast!

Be sure to join us at the next Central Committee Meeting on [June 15th in Milpitas.](#)

With Liberty,

Jennifer Imhoff

Chair, LP SCC

Liberty at the State Fair

The Libertarian Party of California will have a booth at the fast-approaching [California State Fair](#) in Sacramento, starting on July 12, 2019!



Offering blue-ribbon animal displays, culinary delights and competitions, [live music concerts](#), a carnival, and fireworks - the state fair is full of family fun. We need lots of volunteers for this effort! Someone needs to man the booth at all times during the two-week event. We need your help! Volunteering comes with free entrance to the Fair — make your visit worthwhile by volunteering on a day with one of the free concerts or headline shows!

Please [sign up to volunteer](#) at the booth.

Remembering Tiananmen



This bumper sticker was made available at the national convention of the Libertarian Party held in Philadelphia the summer of 1989.

The incidents at Tiananmen Square occurred 30 years ago. It has been three decades since Chinese tanks rolled into crowds of demonstrators in Tiananmen Square, opening fire and killing hundreds of pro-democracy activists. Some estimates put the total number of dead in the thousands. In Hong Kong, activists remember the June 4 protests every year and mourn the victims. In America, this day is a strong reminder of what it means to be free. We don't just remember one of the most important protests for liberty — we remember that something Beijing says didn't happen did, in fact, happen.

China has blocked all language versions of the Tiananmen Square page on Wikipedia and everywhere else they can. Even emojis of a tank next to a man are deleted from China's domestic internet. Any hope of the people regaining political control over the communist state was lost on that day. Any attempts to move towards democracy have been met with prejudice by the Communist Party as they doubled down on domestic surveillance, censorship, or suppressing expressions of freedom.

We remember because there are still those out there who are legally not allowed to remember.

An expert from Paul Jacob in thisIsCommonSense.com:

The saddest news is that, as a survivor told the South China Morning Post, "What happened [30] years ago in China . . . is still happening now in China."

"The most inspiring political event of my six decades on this planet remains the pro-freedom and democracy protests of three decades ago, when for seven weeks first students and then other Chinese citizens occupied iconic, historic Tiananmen Square in Beijing." [<read more>](#)

Thanks to Kennita Watson for sharing this article

From the Front Lines

Santa Clara County supervisors are considering the closure of Reid-Hillview Airport. As part of the proposal, they intend to weigh the potential use of the land to build affordable housing—housing that will take years to build and have minimal impact. Reid-Hillview is a historical site, an emergency response center, an employment source, and a community builder. These arguments to keep Reid-Hillview open are just the tip of the iceberg.



Since publishing an Op-Ed to support its continued operation, the party has met with several individuals and groups looking to help. Emergency response activists, airplane enthusiasts, county officials, business owners, and local families have all reached out to us directly, thanking us for speaking out and discussing the other benefits of Reid-Hillview and complications of the county's actions.

We learned that one of San Jose's local kids learned to fly at Reid-Hillview and is now supporting Air Force One. That Reid-Hillview pilots routinely provide [Angle Flights](#) to underprivileged kids who need emergency trips to Sanford. And that Reid-Hillview was once home to honored [United 93 pilot Jason Dahl](#).

We also uncovered is just how much taxpayer money has been wasted on the county's attempts to force Reid-Hillview's closure. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have already been issued to bring the process to a close, even though existing reports by the FAA, the Bay Area Air Quality Management, and other official sources have reported Reid-Hillview as a "vital asset" to the county and disputed claims of pollution or financial issues. The FAA also have gone on record stating they have no intention of releasing property which was purchased with FAA money. However, this has not stopped the County from spending hundreds of thousands towards the futile and premature political move; wasting money on a law firm to try to justify the change in land use, hundreds of thousands on a consultant to map potential uses, and thousands more on a paving project that should have been 95% covered by FAA

and Caltrans grants but instead came from the general fund due to the county's refusal to allow for additional grants.

The next Santa Clara County Airport Commission meeting will be on Tuesday (6/4/2019) at 6:00pm in the Santa Clara County Offices (70 W Hedding St. San Jose, CA 95110 – 1st Floor, room NEXT to the main board Chambers).

Celebrate 4th of July with us!

Rose White & Blue Parade

Walk with us in celebration of 4th of July at the [Rose White & Blue Parade](#). Held in the Rose Garden neighborhood, San Jose; we encourage you to join us for the festivities. This year the theme is "Our Stories Create Community". Help us prepare for the event and volunteer to walk with us! For more information about how you can participate, contact us at info@scclp.org



Liberty BBQ

Join us on Independence Day for our annual 4th of July BBQ! Following the Rose White & Blue Parade we will be hosting a 4th of July Liberty BBQ at our Chair's private residence. The Liberty BBQ will have a full feast of food, great conversation, and yard games for kids where you can celebrate our Nation's anniversary with others who are just as passionate as you about protecting the true meaning of liberty. [Click here to reserve your tickets today!!!](#)

Liberty & BBQ
A Fundraiser for the Libertarian Party of Santa Clara County

July 4th, 2019
5:00 PM ~ 8:00 PM

At the Imhoff Residence
3314 Holly Drive San Jose, CA 95127

\$10 LPSCC Members \$15 Non-Members
Free for 12 & under

Featured Content

Free University Tuition: A Cautionary Note from Germany

written by Andrew Hammel

from The Quillette

Some American presidential candidates have endorsed free tuition for American public universities. It's an understandable demand. I attended private and public American universities and had the eye-watering student loans to prove it. However, my experience teaching at German universities for over a decade introduced me to some of the tuition-free model's drawbacks, many of which may not be obvious to outsiders. [<continue reading>](#)



Thanks to John Ward for sharing this article.

The Eagle Eye

Local focus on city issues that fortify or threaten your liberties

Santa Clara County

[OP-ED by LP Chair Santa Clara County Should Keep Reid-Hillview Airport Open](#)

[Federal Court: First Amendment Protects Sharing Food With Homeless People](#)

[How Much Do You and Your Neighbors Pay in State Taxes?](#)

[Election Security On The Front Lines](#)

[Santa Clara County's LGBTQ Community: Looking Back And Moving Forward](#)

[Jobless Rate Down For South Bay, California EDD Reports](#)

[Amid criticism, Santa Clara County moving ahead on \\$5M women statue fund](#)

[SJ Mayor Advocates \\$5Mill In Waivers, Subsidies For Housing](#)

[SJ Lawmaker Introduces Bill To Ban Plastic Bottles In Lodging](#)

[San Jose may put new property transfer tax on ballot](#)

[San Jose political foes join forces against new taxes](#)

[Three San Jose airport commissioners leave, citing lack of influence](#)

[San Jose: New city survey shows voters hesitant on new tax for homelessness](#)

[San Jose spent nearly \\$120K on ethics complaints – some of them ‘frivolous’](#)

[San Jose Councilman Johnny Khamis Wants Metal Detectors Installed at City Hall](#)

Mountain View

[Mtn. View Council nixes retail sales of cannabis](#)

Milpitas

[City Council Rejects Rent Control, Eviction Ordinances](#)

[Milpitas city manager resigns without explanation](#)

Santa Clara

[Santa Clara City Council Extends Cannabis Ban Until 2020](#)

News From Our Neighbors...

Alameda

The Libertarian Party of Alameda County monthly [meeting will be on June 13th](#). Howard Jarvis Taxpayer Association will be there to talk with attendees. Membership not required to attend. Please, RSVP so we can reserve a room large enough to fit attendees coming. Food and drink (buy your own) available at the restaurant. Learn more at: www.lpac.us/home/

Contra Costa

The next Contra Costa LP [Meeting will be on June 11th](#). Check out their new Facebook page to get the latest information in their area! Learn more at: www.facebook.com/Libertarian-Party-Of-Contra-Costa-County-370744420183686/

Join the Libertarian Party of San Francisco for our 6th annual panel discussion on Saturday, 15 Jun, at 4:00 pm. This year, we will discuss criminal justice reform, focusing on issues especially relevant to San Francisco and the Bay Area. Come join us for an engaging discussion on these important issues! Learn more at: www.facebook.com/events/2715619131997772

Upcoming Events

Don't miss these upcoming meetings and events....

- [June 11th, 2019](#)
[Liberty Form: In Defense of Property Rights \(Mountain View\)](#)
- [June 15th, 2019](#)
[Central Committee Meeting \(Milpitas\)](#)
- [June 15th, 2019](#)
[LPSF Panel Discussion: Criminal Justice Reform \(San Francisco\)](#)
- [June 26th, 2019](#)
[AIER: "Bringing Fiscal Sanity to CA Infrastructure Policy" with Marc Joffe](#)
- [June 27th, 2019](#)
[SVTA: Economist Lawrence McQuillan \(Santa Clara\)](#)
**General Meeting and Election of Directors.*

Mark your calendar for these important dates...

- [July 4th, 2019](#)
[Rose, White & Blue Parade \(San Jose\)](#)
[Annual Liberty & BBQ Fundraiser \(San Jose\)](#)
 - [August 10th, 2019](#)
[Libertarian Party of California Executive Committee Meeting \(San Jose\)](#)
 - [August 24th, 2019](#)
[Pride Parade & Festival \(San Jose\)](#)
 - [September 7th, 2019](#)
[Reid-Hillview Airport Day \(San Jose\)](#)
-

Missed an update from us? [Click here to read our past updates](#)

Want to get more involved? Join the inside conversation on [Slack!](#)



Paid for by
Libertarian Party of Santa Clara County
FPPC #1266953

Libertarian Party of Santa Clara County ©2019