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## Top Story - We Have Our National Ticket

In a historic online convention session held over Memorial Day Weekend, the Libertarian Party has nominated Jo Jorgensen for President and Spike Cohen for Vice President.



More than 1000 delegates and alternates from all across the country participated in the selection process, including ten from right here in Santa Clara County. These were both hotly contested nominations -- it took the convention four ballots to settle on the choice for President, and three ballots to make the decision for Vice President. This special online portion of the convention only dealt with these nominations - the convention is now scheduled to continue with other business in Orlando in early July.

Jo Jorgensen is a previous LP nominee for Vice President, having served as Harry Browne's running mate in 1996. Cohen is a media entrepreneur who had been seeking the nomination this year as Vermin Supreme's running mate, but the convention considered him to also be the best choice to run with Jorgensen.

You can find out more about both candidates by watching this joint interview:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=QdbRj6VZ6Zw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QdbRj6VZ6Zw)

With little more than five months to go before election day, our candidates need all the help they can get, to promote their message of liberty and encourage voters to **Vote Libertarian** in November!



**Here are some ways you can help:**

Visit the main campaign web site to make a contribution or sign up as a volunteer:

[joj2020.com](https://joj2020.com)

"Like" the campaign's page on Facebook and share information about the campaign with your Facebook friends:

[www.facebook.com/JoJorgensen2020/](https://www.facebook.com/JoJorgensen2020/)

Join the national and California groups on Facebook to keep in touch with others working on the campaign:

[www.facebook.com/groups/joj2020/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/joj2020/)

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

Follow the campaign on Twitter:

[twitter.com/Jorgensen4POTUS](https://twitter.com/Jorgensen4POTUS)

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## COVID-19: Santa Clara County Falling Behind

*... a message from county chair Joe Dehn ...*

The trends I've written about before are continuing. *The rate of deaths from COVID-19 has continued to decline. That's good. But the politicians have insisted that our county remain "locked down". That's bad.*

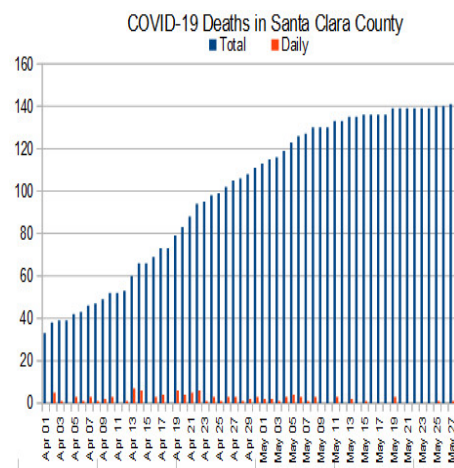
Governments in other states are allowing their people to get back to work and exercise their individual rights. Even here in California, most counties are taking significant steps forward. But so far, not here in Santa Clara County.



Politicians are hiding behind the excuse that if restrictions are lifted the rate of infections and deaths could increase. That's very true. Not only is it possible, but it is likely. What they are missing is that the restrictions themselves are causing serious harm, including deaths from other causes, that exceeds the harm being caused by the virus itself.

These politicians want you to believe that they are acting like physicians, treating the entire community as if it were their patient. That's wrong, because individuals have rights. Forgetting that basic principle is the underlying cause of many bad government policies.

But even if it did make sense to consider Santa Clara County to be a "patient", and the politicians to be the doctors, the way they have been acting would still be wrong. Because one of the primary rules of medicine is "first, do no harm". And they are doing terrible harm.



*If they are our doctors, they are guilty of malpractice. And their licenses to practice need to be revoked at the next election!*

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## Central Committee to Meet Online

The quarterly meeting of the Central Committee of the Libertarian Party of Santa Clara County is scheduled for Saturday, 6 June. This meeting was originally scheduled to be held in person, but due to the continuing pandemic and associated restrictions it will be held online, via Zoom.

For details see: [www.scclp.org/central\\_committee\\_meeting\\_20200606](http://www.scclp.org/central_committee_meeting_20200606)

Note: This meeting is open to all supporters of the Libertarian Party, but to vote on official business you must be a central committee member. To join as a voting member, visit: [www.scclp.org/join](http://www.scclp.org/join)

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## Commentary

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

[Will the politicians admit their lockdown mistake? \(AIER\)](#)

[Harvard professor's attack on homeschooling terribly timed \(EducationNext\)](#)

[Ten reasons to end the lockdown now \(spectator.uk\)](#)

[The rationale has ended \(Paul Jacob\)](#)

[Andrew Cuomo's grotesque rationale for maintaining lockdowns \(Reason\)](#)

[Don't blame globalism for COVID-19 \(AIER\)](#)

[When experts set policy citizens lose control of their own government \(Advocates\)](#)

[Sweden's coronavirus strategy will soon be the world's \(Foreign Affairs\).](#)

[Key to COVID-19 recovery is deregulation \(Forbes\).](#)

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## Video Selections

### Libertarian Party Statement of Principles

The LP Statement of Principles read by Vermin Supreme.

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ATYKDF4B4I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ATYKDF4B4I)

### Presidential Nomination Debate

Debate held 21 May 2020, moderated by John Stossel.

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=dP5anJkuMys](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dP5anJkuMys)

### Libertarian Humanitarians of COVID-19

National Vice Chair Alex Merced interviews LP members who are engaging in voluntary action to address the current crisis.

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=hX9Ge6MBCi0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hX9Ge6MBCi0)

### COVID-19 and China

From the Hoover Institution "Virtual Policy Briefing" series.

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=xW8rNpe\\_c3M](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xW8rNpe_c3M)

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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!
- Fundraising - Got ideas on how we can raise funds? We want to hear it!
- 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.

- 6 June - [LP SCC Central Committee Meeting \(online\)](#)
- 20 June - [Third Saturday Coffee Meetup \(online\)](#)
- 8-12 July - [LP National Convention Continues](#)
- 7 September - [San Jose Rose White and Blue Parade](#)
- 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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