

The Liberty Quill



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News from the Chair

Fellow Libertarians,

The start of August brings back many of our elected representatives from their summer break and what we expect to be a busy election season! We will be filing candidates for the 2020 march primaries while voting in the November 5th elections. More information and our positions on the November elections will be released this month.



The LP of Santa Clara have been continuing our outreach efforts. We teamed up with the LPC to table at 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 was San Jose. We met with hundreds of students and activists as well as many potential speakers and organizations willing to work with Santa Clara County to secure our liberties.



Thanks to Brandon Nelson and Joshua Smith from the LPC for volunteering at YALCon!

Several of our county members volunteered time in the LP booth at the California State Fair. It was reported that over 1500 buttons were distributed! I'd like to thank all of those from our county who attended or volunteered. Special thanks goes to James Justt, the Vice Chair of Libertarian Party of Sacramento County, who put in countless hours and days to make the State Fair booth successful (and made most of those buttons!).



James Justt in action at the Cal State Fair

The Santa Clara LP also hosted its first BitCoin talk. Libertarians believe that governments should have minimal interference in the lives and finances of their citizens. The cryptocurrency community believes in a monetary system free from centralized oversight, with decisions driven by the masses rather than by regulators. Our presenter was one of our own local Libertarians, Gurinder Bhangoo, who offered a history and breakdown of BitCoin, as well as what the future will hold and the importance of Metanet. This talk was recorded and is available on our [YouTube Channel](#).



Gurinder Bhangoo speaking at the BitCoin BBQ

We are working to line up more speakers and more events to help you engage with the issues we are facing here in Silicon Valley. This month, we have several more exciting events and meetings. Continue reading for more information!

As a reminder, our [quarterly central committee meeting](#) will be on Sunday, August 18th. Join us for more updates and ways you can get involved!

Join the LP today!

With Liberty,

State Business & Candidate Fundraiser with Jeff Hewitt

The Libertarian Party of California will be holding their next executive meeting here in our county! Join us on Saturday, August 10th at the Avatar Hotel in Santa Clara, CA. There is a lot of activity going on in California that our state executives are trying to tackle. The meeting is free and open to attend; we encourage you to drop in to see what's happening, to meet your state executive committee members, and to voice any concerns, questions, or compliments to the people who are fighting for liberty in one of the most politically challenging states. The meeting will be from 10 am to 5 pm; we expect the agenda and recording details to be available soon.

[Facebook Event Page](#)

Immediately following the meeting, we will be holding a gala with Supervisor Jeff Hewitt! This will be a fun evening, including special guest speakers and an auction of some pretty cool items! The event will be held at Piatti Ristorante; get more information and purchase tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/win-in-2020-candidate-support-dinner-tickets-64582438813>.

Op-Ed: Call for Mitch McConnell to Step Down

This is a call for Mitch McConnell to be ousted as Senate Majority Leader, if he will not step down voluntarily. In refusing to even allow measures necessary to protect our elections from foreign meddling to be brought to the Senate floor, he is guilty of dereliction of duty at the very least, and possibly worse.

While his actions may not fit the textbook definition of treason, they do at least side with foreign governments against our own. Russian hackers "were in a position to delete or change voter data" (according to the New York Times) in 2016, but McConnell will not even grant bills providing necessary election security the courtesy of open debate.

He has blocked a package of bills designed to address disinformation campaigns on social media and that tie some \$600 million in funding for new election systems in the states to requirements that they upgrade their equipment to make sure they are less hackable.

He also blocked legislation that would protect our election process in other ways: to provide paper backup for ballots cast, and to require that contacts with foreign powers offering assistance regarding our elections be reported to the FBI. He does all this to stay on Trump's good side; his actions would disproportionately disenfranchise people of color.

FBI Director Christopher A. Wray has testified to the Senate that "The Russians are absolutely intent on trying to interfere with our elections" in 2020 like they did in

2016, and refusing to acknowledge and act on this is placing partisanship above patriotism - clear grounds for removal from leadership of the legislative branch of our government.

Remove Mitch McConnell now, before he can do any more damage to our democracy.

Sincerely,
Kennita L. Watson
Newsletter Chair

Libertarian Counter Point

The Libertarian CounterPoint is a weekly production put on by the Sacramento County Libertarian Party and shown on their local community network television channel. It is moderated by the National Libertarian Party's press secretary, Richard Fields. You can watch anytime you want from their [YouTube Channel](#).



Not Left. Not Right. Libertarian

Show your support for liberty with our new local LP t-shirts

Limited supply - Get your's today! www.scclp.org/shop



Show off your LP PRIDE!!

The Santa Clara County Libertarian Party is honored to be participating in 2019 San Jose Pride Festival! We will be walking in the Sunday morning parade and will also be hosting a booth at the ensuing Pride Day Festival in Cesar Chavez Park. Please join us as we celebrate 48 years of solidarity with LGBTQ rights. We encourage you to show your support by walking with us! SCCLP Members and nonmembers are welcomed.



There is no cost for volunteers

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED (Parade Walkers and Booth helpers)

If you are interested in volunteering to walk with us in the parade or help us with the booth during the festival then please contact us for more details: Jennifer Imhoff - chair@scclp.org or 408-940-5717

Date / Time: Sunday, August 25, 2019

Parade starts at 10:00am

Festival 12:00pm - 6:00pm

Parade Location: Market Street, San Jose, CA

Festival Location: Cesar Chavez Park, San Jose, CA

Golden State 2nd Amendment BBQ!

The Golden State Second Amendment Council is hosting their annual Mesquite & Skeet Saturday August 17th in Morgan Hill. This is a great opportunity for those of you who support the Second Amendment, own guns, are interested in guns, or are just looking to support liberty and enjoy good food with great company. The BBQ will feature several shooting range options, Airsoft and archery ranges, sword fighting demonstrations, live birds of prey, and an extensive raffle prize list. Tickets are selling fast so reserve yours today!


Golden State Second Amendment Council
Mesquite and Skeet BBQ
Saturday Aug 17th 2019 10 AM to 4PM
 Coyote Valley Sporting Clays Morgan Hill
 1606 San Bruno Ave, Morgan Hill, CA 95037 • (408) 776 3660

Get Fat *Win Guns*




Mosberg Patriot 300 Win Mag \$500 Sportmans Warehouse Shopping Spree !!!

Get Fat ! Win Guns !

\$ 25.00 gets you a fantastic BBQ meal with all the fixings. Tri-Tip, Chicken, Pork and more!
 BUY your ticket BEFORE SATURDAY Aug 3rd 2019 AND you ALSO GET
 3 FREE chances to win guns!
 FREE KIDS GUN RAFFLE !!!
 Kids 12 years and younger get a free hot dog lunch with all the side dishes !!!



European Sword Fighting

AIR GUN SHOOTING

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LIVE Birds of Prey

Prize drawings for... Fine wine! Shooting Gear! Knives! Optics! AND MORE!
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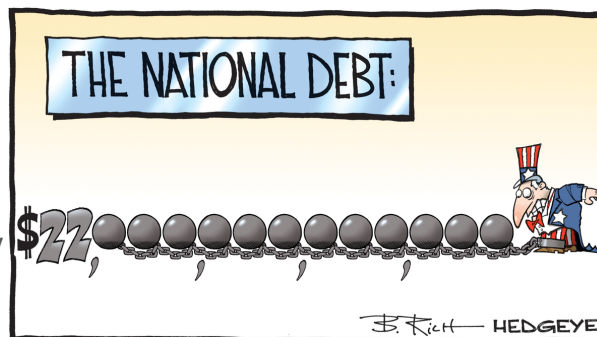
DIRECTIONS: HWY 101 to Bailey Exit Go West to Santa Teresa Hike Go South to San Bruno Ave
 WINNING GUN TICKETS ARE NULL AND VOID IF HOLDER CAN NOT COMPLY WITH ALL FIREARMS LAWS.

The Golden State Second Amendment Council is organized as a voluntary association of firearms rights advocates, hunters, and supporters of the shooting sports. To learn more about this organization, visit www.gs2ac.com

Featured Content

Staring Down the Debt Limit

In what has become a predictable cycle, policymakers meet under pressure to raise the “debt ceiling,” the legal limit on the amount of debt the federal government can accumulate. In spite of the frequency with which this situation occurs, discussion around the debt ceiling is often shrouded in confusion. Why does the United States have a debt ceiling, and what does it mean to raise it? How have debt-limit negotiations changed over time? What would happen if the debt limit is breached?.... [<keep reading>](#)



Written by By William G. Gale and Emily Merola
 Brookings Institution and Tax Policy Center
 July 22, 2019

Voters Choice means your voting experience is changing.

VOTER'S CHOICE

THE FUTURE OF VOTING

The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters is "modernizing voting and providing voters with greater flexibility and convenience." So, what does this mean for you and democracy?

With the Voter's Choice Act, voters will now be able to choose how, when, and where they can vote. Voters can choose to vote by mail, drop off their ballot at a ballot drop-box, or have up to 11 days to vote in person at any Vote Center. The Registrar of Voters has been actively working on creating an Election Administration Plan to outline how the Registrar of Voters will implement the changes related to the new voting system with input from the community. These meetings have discussed Vote Center/Drop-box Selection, Language Accessibility, Voting Accessibility, and Outreach Opportunities.

Executive Committee members of the LPSCC have been attending Election Administration Plan Consultation Meetings with the Registrar of Voters to help understand what these changes mean, how they will impact liberty, and also to understand how secure and accessible the new voting system will be. We encourage anyone with questions or concerns to participate in the next meeting:

August 30, 2019
5:30pm to 7:30pm
County Government Center
Board Chambers
70 W. Hedding St, San Jose CA 95110

[Click here to view the Election Administration Plan](#)

[Click here to register for our EAP Public Hearing](#)

California High Speed Rail - Community Open House

The California High-Speed Rail Authority invites you to attend an open house to learn about the staff-recommended State's Preferred Alternative for the San Francisco to San Jose and San Jose to Merced project sections. In September 2019, staff will present their recommendation to the Authority



Community Feedback is important and will be shared with the California High-Speed Rail Authority Board as it considers the staff-recommended State's Preferred Alternative. The California High-Speed Rail Authority Board's identification of the State's Preferred Alternative does not constitute the adoption or approval of a preferred alternative for final design or construction.

Join one of these two local meetings to learn more about the High Speed Rail plans and voice your concerns or questions.

Thursday, August 8, 2019

IFDES Lodge-Portuguese Hall
250 Old Gilroy Street
Gilroy, CA 95020
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Free Parking

Thursday, August 15, 2019

City Hall Rotunda
Mezzanine & Council Chambers
200 E Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Senator Beall will begin opening remarks at 5:45 p.m.

Save Reid-Hillview

In final preparation for the Tuesday, August 20th, 2019 presentation from Harry Freitas (Director of Roads and Airports - Santa Clara County) to the San Jose City Council about the county's plans for RHV Airport, CAAPSO is having a general meeting Wednesday, August 14th, 2019 at 7pm at the RHV Terminal Building.

Current agenda items are as follows:

- [Status update of Reid Hillview,](#)
- CAAPSO Attendance - San Jose City Council Meeting - August 20th, 2019,
- Volunteers needed Reid Hillview Airport Day (09/07/19),
- RHV DART (Disaster Airlift Response Team) Updates,
- Support for CAAPSO through membership.

HELP SUPPORT REID - HILLVIEW AIRPORT



We hope to see you 7pm on Wednesday, 8/14/19 at the [RHV Terminal Building](#) for the CAAPSO General Meeting!

P.S - Can't physically make it to the general meeting, but want to be involved? Are you interested in joining via conference call, live video streaming, etc. We'd love to hear from you! Email info@caapso.org for more details.

Join the Libertarian Party

Thank you for being a registered Libertarian or supporter of our efforts. By joining the Libertarian Party of Santa Clara County as a dues paying member you will help us further liberty in Santa Clara County and in California.

Join the LP today!

The Eagle Eye

Local focus on city issues that fortify or threaten your liberties

California

[State Updates Income Limits For Affordable Housing](#) *(Silicon Valley Voice)*

[Eshoo co-sponsors bill to end TV blackouts](#) *(Daily Post)*

[Number of California public retirees in \\$100,000 Club skyrockets](#) *(Mercury News)*

[4 voters sue to block California tax return law aimed at Trump](#) *(Mercury News)*

[Mountain View Puts RV Parking Ordinance In Reverse](#) *(Reason)*

Santa Clara County

[\\$305 Mill. Lead Paint Settlement Reached With Santa Clara Co.](#) *(Patch)*

[Union-backed groups call for limiting special interests in San Jose elections](#) *(Mercury News)*

[Santa Clara County receives \\$4M to fight wildfires](#) *(San Jose Spotlight)*

Campbell

[Two in the Running for Open Campbell City Council Seat](#) *(San Jose Inside)*

Cupertino

[State fines Cupertino Union School District](#) *(Los Altos Town Crier)*

Los Altos

[Residents launch group to educate peers on city happenings](#) *(Los Altos Town Crier)*

Mountain View

[Council eyes tweaks to rent control](#) *(Mountain View Voice)*

[Mountain View Puts RV Parking Ordinance In Reverse](#) (Patch)

Palo Alto

[City has fewer workers but payroll cost has gone up \(salaries listed\)](#) (Daily Post)

[Video released of Palo Alto police beating — 'So you think you're a tough guy?'](#) (Daily Post)

Santa Clara

[Santa Clara Adds Strict Restrictions To Smoking, Vaping](#) (Silicon Valley Voice)

[Council Appoints New Committee To Amend Charter For By-District Elections](#) (Silicon Valley Voice)

San Jose

[Does San Jose's 'sunshine' policy have teeth?](#) (San Jose Spotlight)

[Downtown Councilman Wants to Ease Liquor License Restrictions](#) (San Jose Inside)

[2020 Voters May See SJ Mayoral Election Move To Ballot](#) (Patch)

News From Our Neighbors...

Alameda

The Libertarian Party of Alameda County [monthly meeting](#) will be on August 8th. The Alameda County LP will be hosting their [Annual BBQ](#) on August 31st. Also, Mark your calendars for their [13th annual Wine & Liberty](#) Event. Learn more at: www.lpac.us/home/

Contra Costa

The next Contra Costa LP [monthly meeting](#) will be on August 13th. Check out their new Facebook page to get the latest information in their area! Learn more on their [Facebook Page](#).

San Francisco

Join the Libertarian Party of San Francisco for their [Monthly Meeting](#) & Social on Saturday, 10 August, at 3:00 pm and their "None of our Business" Happy Hour on Thursday, 25 Jul, 7:00 pm

Learn more at: <https://www.lpsf.org/>

Solano

The next Solano LP [monthly meeting](#) will be on August 13th. Check out their new Facebook page to get the latest information in their area! Learn more on their

Upcoming Events

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

- [August 10th, 2019](#)
[Libertarian Party of California Executive Committee Meeting \(Santa Clara\)](#)
- [August 10th, 2019](#)
[LPC Candidate Support Fundraiser With Jeff Hewitt \(Santa Clara\)](#)
- [August 13th, 2019](#)
[The Liberty Forum \(Mountain View\)](#)
- [August 17th, 2019](#)
[GS2AC Mesquite & Skeet BBQ \(Morgan Hill\)](#)
- [August 17th, 2019](#)
[In-Tents Unconvention - Camping with the Central Area LP \(Bradley, CA\)](#)
- [August 20th, 2019](#)
[Central Committee Meeting Q3 \(San Jose\)](#)
- [August 24th, 2019](#)
[Pride Parade & Festival \(San Jose\)](#)
**Volunteers Needed*
- [August 30th, 2019](#)
[Voters Choice Act Public Hearing \(San Jose\)](#)
- [August 31st, 2019](#)
[Alameda County Annual BBQ \(Castro Valley\)](#)

Mark your calendar for these important dates...

- [September 7th-8th, 2019](#)
[Mountain View Art & Wine Festival \(Mountain View\)](#)
- [September 7th, 2019](#)
[Reid-Hillview Airport Day \(San Jose\)](#)

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