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Double-Tap!

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BY MARC MONTONI

In the course of a conversation late last year, a colleague and I were discussing the recent election and we started talking about "taking a breather" from politics, before election season came around again in the spring.

Then it occurred to me: *What* breather?

Statists never take a break from stealing our rights -- why should we give them a break from being annoyed, questioned,

and harassed by Libertarians? Why should we give them even one minute of peace to work their meddling on innocent Americans? Why should they be able to sleep comfortably at night, when so many of their victims cannot?

With that in mind, two Libertarians have already stepped up who are ready to bring the fight to the social and economic tyrants of the Democratic and Republican parties.

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You're Invited to the LPVA State Convention!

You are cordially invited to join other active Libertarian Party members in Richmond on February 8th. Where else can you meet a room full of like-minded individuals from the state of Virginia all while trying to improve the functions of the state's Libertarian Party?

We'll be meeting the day before for a Friday night party and, for those that can make it, shooting at the range before the party. The party will start at 7:30 p.m. and is for members of the LPVA only—sign up at the table the night of! This is sure to be

a great time to relax and meet new people before the business of the next day.

Please join us at Dominion for some target practice before the party at 6:00 p.m. This is a reasonably priced range (\$8 per shooter) with 19 lanes and it has a good variety of rental guns with which to practice shooting. They offer a discount to active military and law enforcement officers (\$5 per shooter). Dominion is located at: 106 Turner Road, Richmond, Va 23225.

I hope to meet you all there for a good time for a great cause: our Freedom!

COMING UP

February 6: Business Chit Chat
Rappahannock Region Libertarians to meet in Fredericksburg for their "Business Chit Chat."

February 8: LPVA State Convention
All LPVA members are hereby invited to attend the State Convention on February 8, 2014! This is our normal business convention and please note that the agenda *may* include whether to formally endorse a Libertarian candidate for U.S. Senate. The convention will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn Richmond Airport in Richmond.

February 13: JAL Members to Appear on "Schilling Show"
Jefferson Area Libertarians members Jim Lark and Hallee Morgan will appear on the "Schilling Show" on WINA radio (1070 AM) in Charlottesville.

February 13: JAL Happy Hour
The Jefferson Area Libertarians will hold their monthly "Happy Hour" at the West Main Restaurant (333 W. Main Street) in Charlottesville.

February 17: Lynchburg Libertarians Monthly Monday Happy Hour
Please join us as we welcome VCDL president, Philip van Cleave.

March 1: 11th Congressional District General Membership Meeting and Nominating Convention
Lorton Library in Lorton, VA

March 4: Primary Day and Filing Deadline for Local Races
Are you interested in running for office as a Libertarian in any of the local races in Virginia that will be decided on May 4?

For more details, visit www.lpva.com/calendar.

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SCC Recap

BY BRIDGET ULRICH

On November 23, 2013, the room was packed at the West Main restaurant in Charlottesville. Libertarians from across the state had come to participate in the State Central Committee (SCC) Meeting. Reports were heard from committeees. James Curtis, the LPVa treasurer, discussed the upcoming year's budget and his recommendations for allocation of membership funds.

Goals for the 2014 LPVA State Convention were mentioned. Goals noted were nominating someone for US Senate, education for future candidates based on the lessons of 2013 elections, fundraising, how to increase media coverage, what organizations to reach out to for booths, and having a panel of bloggers.

There was a vigorous debate over the conduct of a local Libertarian Party group. Some members objected to their leadership being too cozy with Republicans and not supportive enough of Libertarian candidates. Ultimately no action was taken (partly because the group had already fallen out of affiliate status, and they would be holding elections before the next round of affiliations was to be considered by the state committee). There was a consensus that the leaders of the group should re-examine their actions, and look at how the local Party could be improved.

Overall, a decision was made to improve the standards which affiliates are expected to uphold.

Chuck Moulton made a pledge to be a monthly contributor and asked everyone else present to join him in pledging monthly.

Call for Donations

We need you to help us win elections. And you can do it without having to go out and run for office or campaign: donate to the party. Join Chuck Moulton in being a generous monthly pledger to the Libertarian Party of Virginia! We need **\$20,000** to be able to attain ballot access for the 2016 election. Help us reach our goal of \$1,000/month in donations from monthly pledgers. Give us one latte a week or \$25 a month to help us make sure we can successfully get a candidate on the ballot in 2016. **What are you waiting for?**

Ways to Donate:

- Call Marc Montoni at 804-592-6066.
- Visit Contribute.LPVA.com.
- Fill out the form included in this newsletter and mail it on in.

Your grandkids will thank you!

Libertarian Direct

BY PAUL JACOB

Do Libertarians support democracy? Yes and no.

As a form of government, as "pure" democracy?

No. That amounts to two wolves and a lamb voting on what's for supper.



Paul Jacob

Yet, democratic checks in the hands of the people are absolutely essential in exerting any measure of citizen control over politicians and "our" government. Yes, indeed.

Libertarians embrace democratic elections for our representatives and executive officials – we field candidates. But Libertarians are also increasingly pursuing direct democratic checks on government – the "initiative," whereby citizens can petition a new law (tax cuts, property rights, term limits, drug legalization) onto the ballot for an up-or-down vote; the "referendum," petitioning a legislative enactment onto the ballot for voters to either approve or reject; and "recall," allowing voters to remove a sitting elected official with enough petition signatures followed by a majority of the vote. In fact, at the 2012 Libertarian Party Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, Libertarians democratically voted to add support for initiative, referendum and recall into the party platform.

The initiative allows Libertarians – and anyone



of any political persuasion – to put key issues onto the public agenda by petitioning them onto the ballot and, if popular, to make real changes in public policy, in law, without electing a majority of Libertarian Party candidates to the legislature. In 26 states and most localities in the U.S., we can use the initiative or referendum to make both a small-d "democratic" and a large-L Libertarian stand on any given issue.

Unfortunately, Virginia has no statewide process for initiative, referendum and recall and, locally, only citizens in Hampton, Norfolk and Portsmouth have any initiative process at all – and those processes are relatively limited. Establishing a statewide system, where citizens can initiate or refer laws to a popular vote or recall elected officials, takes both houses of the state legislature to vote in two separate legislative sessions (with an intervening election) to place a constitutional amendment before voters, and for voters to approve – as no doubt they would.

That's a tall order given the current political stagnation among R and D legislators in Richmond, but in the recent campaign for Governor of Virginia, Robert Sarvis signed the Initiative & Referendum Pledge promoted by my organization, Citizens in Charge, promising to support just such an amendment.

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Editor's Letter: Make 2014 Great



Photo by James Henderson of the Brickhouse of Lilac Hill

BY BRIDGET ULRICH

Thank you again to everyone who contributed to this edition of Virginia Liberty. Without all the dedicated hours volunteers put into this resource, it would not be composed into an articulate piece of material resting pleasantly in your hands at this moment. This newsletter is an important community resource for Virginia Libertarians that helps us move forward as an organization. Be sure to reach out to me and keep me informed on what you want to see here.

2014 is going to be an exciting year! I hope you have made plans to visit the capitol building in Richmond to meet your elected officials. It is important to communicate

with our delegates and state senators regularly, but it is particularly important for them to interface with us in person. It is an effective means of getting the attention of policy makers! Please organize a trip with friends or your local libertarian group to go to Richmond - I promise it will be something you never forget!

Please remember to make activism a big part of your plans for 2014. Although you may think you do not have time to take action this year, there are so many small things you can do that don't require much time or money. It may seem advantageous to put off taking an active part in reforming your state and your country until the day comes and it is too late to do anything! If not now, when?

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How to Take Your Small Libertarian Group to the Next Level

BY CHRIS BROOKOVER

Back in early 2008, not sure what to expect but eager to get involved with the Libertarian Party at the local level, I attended a meeting of the Loudoun County Libertarian Meetup group. After learning that evening that we lacked an official Libertarian presence in Northern Virginia, it became clear to me and a few others that we needed to re-establish that presence, and a few months later the Libertarian Party of Northern Virginia was officially formed.

With our monthly meetups sparsely attended by a small handful of local regulars, those early days were tough for our fledgling group. It appeared that our efforts were yielding disappointing results, and we were not moving fast enough toward our desired growth objectives.



Chris Brookover

For those of you who lead local groups, you may be familiar with this frustration. Nobody said this was easy, especially when the political landscape in this country is dominated by the two major parties who offer citizens very little real choice for smaller government.

Then again, being Libertarian means we can deliver a clear alternative to the status quo and the government intervention in our lives.

No matter what your overall overall goals are as a local Libertarian group, you will want to offer your members an incentive to come to your events.

For us, attendance at our group's events dramatically increased when we started adding guest speakers to our monthly meetups. Ideally, the speaker should be someone who wishes to discuss Libertarian policy or politics, running for office, or any hot-button issue that is of concern or interest to your members.

Topical speakers tend to be a good draw; for our group, our Meetups with a guest speaker from VCDL are easily our

most highly attended events. Each speaker offers a unique opportunity to bring newcomers to the Libertarian Party.

Taxes, privacy issues, and drug policy are also issues that tend to attract strong crowds for our meetups, but every region has its own political climate so your hot-button issues may be different (i.e. Obamacare).

Once you have had some success in bringing new members and volunteers to your group, it is important to keep them motivated, and to let them know that their time and efforts are appreciated.

I suggest always having some "shovel ready" volunteer activities for new members eager to make an immediate impact. This could be something as simple as organizing the next group event, writing a letter to local newspapers regarding current issues, or collecting petition signatures.

During campaign season, this is usually fairly easy (as any campaign manager will attest), but the "election hangover" season offers your group an opportunity to

regroup, set its priorities, and set up a plan of action.

If legislative activism is something your group is involved in, this is a good time to plan a trip to the state capitol for the next Lobby Day. The post-election period is also the best time to start your group's candidate recruiting efforts, if that is an objective.

Most important, always remember that the key to a successful Libertarian group is having good people who are motivated to do something.

A small cadre of dedicated Libertarians can achieve great success at a grassroots level, increase awareness of Libertarianism locally, and eventually elect Libertarians to office. Be persistent, offer value to your membership, and give motivated volunteers opportunities to make a difference.

Oh, and one last thing: have fun!

Chris Brookover lives in Herndon, Va. He serves as the Meetup Coordinator for LPNOVA and has served as the Chairman of LPNOVA previously.

Calling all Fed-Up Libertarians!

What are YOU doing to help address the issues facing our country? What gets Democrats and Republicans elected is their ability to effectively target and energize their base to vote on Election Day! And that is what we need to do!

Are you someone who is outgoing? Have you never met a stranger? Then we need your interpersonal prowess to help us reach interested prospects of the Libertarian party of Virginia.

Nothing is quite equal to the real

thing—even in this digital world people still desire that face to face interaction with other people. You might say it is a form of communion. It helps invigorate passionate members of society to follow through with that passion and have a lasting impact on their communities. Help us reach these people.

We need volunteers who are willing to call and meet new people in their area who are interested in the Libertarian party or are new members of the

Libertarian party. Make new friends in your community today! Contact us to find out how you can help!

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Deducting Political Contributions

BY JAMES CURTIS

It's "common knowledge" that political contributions are not deductible for income tax purposes. This is true for federal tax returns, but Virginia does allow a credit for such contributions on individual tax returns.

To qualify, the contribution has to be made to a candidate for state



James Curtis
Courtesy of
Melissa Scott

or local office in Virginia, in either a primary, general, or special election in the year the credit is claimed. Contributions to the Sarvis for Governor or one of this year's House of Delegate candidates qualify. Contributions to the LPVA (or other political parties, political action committees, or other political advocacy groups) do not qualify.

The credit is calculated as one-half of the contribution(s), up to \$25 for an individual, \$50 per married couple filing a joint return. For example, if you contributed \$20 to a campaign, you can claim a \$10 credit. If you contributed \$50 or more

this year, you can claim a \$25 credit. Again, couples filing a joint return can claim twice the individual amount. Couples should consider contributions each made separately, or can split contributions that were from a joint account.

The good news is that a credit is usually more valuable than a deduction, since it reduces tax liability directly instead of reducing income before tax is calculated. The Political Contribution Credit is non-refundable, which means it cannot be used to reduce your tax liability to less than zero, and does not carry forward to a subsequent year if not used in

the current year.

Most tax software will calculate the credit, but you may have to prompt it with the right information. Tax preparers often forget, or are even hesitant, to ask about political contributions, so be sure to provide the information to your preparer even if they don't bring it up.

James Curtis has been involved in Libertarian activities since 1996, and currently serves as Treasurer of the LPVA and Vice Chair of the Roanoke Valley Libertarians. He is a two time graduate of the University of Virginia and a Marine Corps veteran.

Local Libertarian Group Profile: Rocktown Libertarians

The Rocktown Libertarians is a regional Libertarian group intended as a social outlet for Libertarians in the city of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County. We have gathered once a month since our first meeting in 2010. Attendance varies between 6 and 25 members. Marc Montoni (who also serves as LPVA Secretary), called the first meeting by sending a letter of invitation to everyone on the LPVA list in the two areas.

The Rocktown Libertarians have a few successful endeavors under their belts:

- Members of the group sponsored an LP information table at the Rockingham County Fair in August 2013, administered 400 or so quizzes, and "converted" 40 fairgoers into active prospects -- they provided their names, postal addresses, emails, and phones for further follow-up.

- An LP member who had lapsed over 40 years ago rejoined the Libertarian Party at

a Rocktown meeting -- he had been at the formation meeting of the Libertarian Party in Colorado in 1971!

- Participants have provided extensive support of the nearby Madison Liberty college group.
- A long-time conservative activist regularly attends Rocktown meetings and has begun moving closer to the group in several ways (he has helped with various projects like the fair booth).

- A Harrisonburg City Committee has already been spun off; and this group has already done a few projects on its own -- and Helen Shibus, the current chair of the Harrisonburg City Libertarian Committee, is running for Harrisonburg City Council! Contact Helen at HCLC@LPVA.com for more information about her campaign.

- A Rockingham County committee is in the works to help get LP members involved in politics at the County Board of Supervisors level. (Marc's plan is to organize the Rockingham



Photo by Lisa McCumsey

Libertarians strictly as a precinct-organized group -- in other words, organizing for REAL political activity).

There is always LP literature available for browsing by any newcomers.

To participate in this group, mark your calendar for the third Tuesdays of every month at 6:00 p.m. The location for now is the O'Charley's Restaurant in Harrisonburg; however Marc has been scouting for a better location, so please email him

first at Freedom@LPVA.com or call/text him at 804-592-6066 to confirm the location.

Here's to getting out and meeting new people!

Would you like to see your group featured?
Contact the editor at Newsletter@LPVA.com to get your group featured!

OPINION

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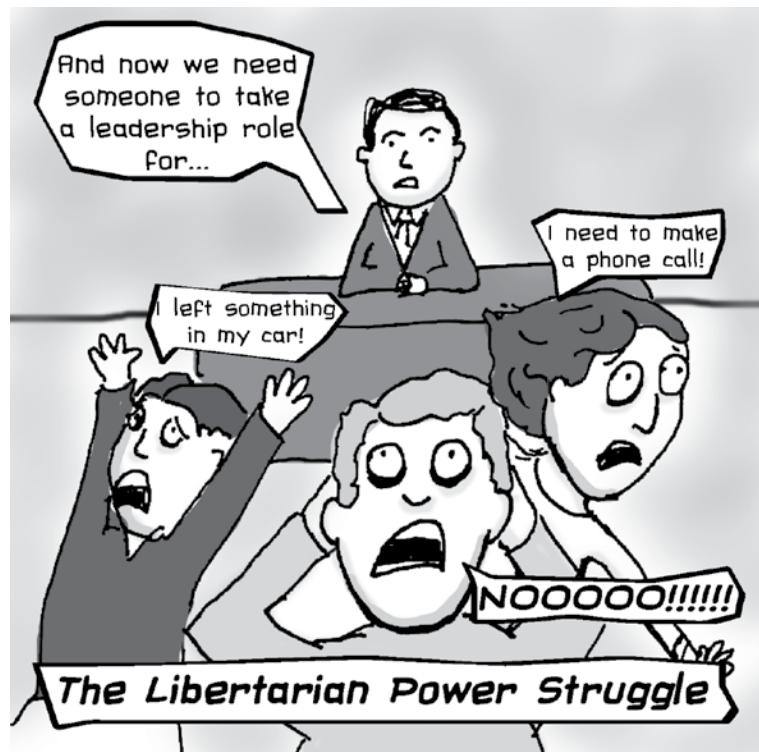
"I have a lot more faith in the people of Virginia than in politicians," said Sarvis. "Initiative and referendum would enable voters to decide on many needed reforms to our government."

Paul Jacob is president of Citizens in Charge and Citizens in Charge Foundation, two groups that work to protect initiative & referendum rights. He is also president of Liberty Initiative Fund, a group that works to place pro-liberty ballot measures before voters.

Initiative and referendum would enable voters to decide on many needed reforms to our government.

Robert Sarvis,
2013 Libertarian Candidate for Governor of Virginia

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BY JONATHAN PARRISH

The Ironies of American Drug Policy

BY NATHAN LARSON

One of the ironies of American drug policy is that a category of substances used to humanely end the lives of household pets and convicted murderers is forbidden to be administered for that purpose to consenting, law-abiding citizens.



Nathan Larson

Pentobarbital and secobarbital are barbiturates sold under the trade names Nembutal and Seconal, respectively. They were once commonly taken orally or by injection to treat insomnia, relieve anxiety

before surgery, calm aching teeth, and help with "crises in which immediate composure is imperative" (according to a 1944 advertisement).

Today, these drugs are rarely prescribed, due to their addictiveness and potential lethality. The expression "we put our cat to sleep" is apt because an overdose of barbiturates is an extremely reliable method of bringing about a peaceful death. Ohio recently carried out a pentobarbital-only execution as a more humane alternative to the three-drug cocktail that had previously been used in lethal injections.

According to the Wall Street Journal article "Americans Are Living Longer, but Not Necessarily Healthier," the average American can expect to

be disabled for 10.1 years of his life. Many people would prefer, while they are still physically capable of traveling to Mexico or other countries where barbiturates are available over-the-counter, to acquire those drugs as an "insurance policy" in case they become disabled later. However, bringing these depressants over the border into the U.S. without a prescription would violate the federal Controlled Substances Act.

Thomas Gordon writes in Cato's Letter No. 56, "It is better not to be, than to be unhappy . . . Much less can it be any service to society, to keep alive by art or force a melancholy, miserable, and useless member, grown perhaps burdensome too by age and infirmities." What is the incentive to work hard if

the government will require that the fruits of one's labor be wasted on prolonging people's suffering against their will rather than promoting one's own happiness and those to whom one chooses to extend one's generosity? The consequences of the restrictions on barbiturates are further proof that there is no separation between personal and economic freedom; full liberty to dispose of one's financial resources as one sees fit requires similar rights over one's own body.

Nathan Larson was the 2008 Libertarian candidate for U.S. Representative from the First Congressional District of Virginia. He lives and works in Catlett, Va., as a wiki software developer and system administrator.

JOIN THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF VIRGINIA

You are not alone! Sometimes it might feel like it. If you've ever spoken at your local County Board of Supervisors meeting, or sat through a state legislator's "town hall" meeting, you were likely the only one asking for less government. Everyone else was simply waddling up to the trough to feed at taxpayer expense.

But we're here, and we're growing. Increase your political clout by joining the Libertarian Party! Tell the world that you aren't fooled by the big-government parties that promise to give you things they don't own! Join the Libertarian Party of Virginia. Your annual support makes the LP into a much stronger voice for liberty.

Yes! I want to Join or Renew. *Please continue working to restore liberty and a Constitutional, limited government.*

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- I want to support the national Libertarian Party by becoming a member. I understand that members of the Libertarian Party "oppose the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals."

Signature: _____

NOTE: If you do not wish to be counted as a member, leave the check box blank and do not sign.

VIRGINIA MEMBERSHIP

- I want to be counted as a member of the Virginia affiliate of the Libertarian Party.

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U.S. citizens who, due to military service, do not reside in Virginia but are registered Virginia voters, or U.S. citizens living overseas who can prove Virginia citizenship, shall be eligible to become members of the LPVA under the same terms as above.

Any resident of Virginia who is a Life Member of the national LP shall be considered a member of the LPVA.

MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS PRIVILEGES

VIRGINIA: By donating at least \$25 to the Virginia LP, members are able to vote at LPVA conventions, seek a seat on Virginia's delegation to the national convention, and hold internal LPVA offices.

NATIONAL: Basic national membership is free, but by donating \$25 or more, you will be considered a "Sustaining" member and will be 1) counted towards Virginia's national delegate apportionment and 2) eligible to hold National Committee office.

Contributors donating at least \$50 using this form will automatically receive **LPNews**, the national Party newspaper, and **Virginia Liberty** from LPVA.

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Upcoming Elections

11th Congressional District

Any Libertarian Party member in good standing is eligible to run for district Chairman, and any member who meets the legal qualifications to run for U.S. House, Occoquan Town Council, or any other office is eligible to seek our nomination for that office. If you're interested in running for any of these offices please let me know by e-mail at mattcholko@hotmail.com, or by phone at 703-343-0047.

Primary Day and Filing Deadline for LOCAL RACES!

Are you interested in running for office as a Libertarian in any of the local races in Virginia that will be decided on May 4?

If so, not only is March 4, 2014 Primary Day for local-level elections, it is also the filing deadline to run as a Libertarian (or independent) candidate for one of those May 4 seats. Here

is a list of the offices up for election in May:

City Council

18 cities - terms vary - set by Charter

City School Boards

10 cities - terms same as City Council

Town Council

126 towns - terms vary - set by Charter

City or Town Mayor

Town Treasurer

Town Recorder (Clerk)

If required by Charter - terms vary - set by Charter

U.S. Senate

Candidates in Upcoming Elections:

Xavian Draper for U.S. House of Representatives (1st Congressional District)

Evan Bernick for Arlington County Board of Supervisors

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Xavian Draper for Congress

Xavian is running for Virginia's 1st District seat in the U.S. House of Representatives as a result of his deep concern for the future of our state and our country. Xave wants to give Virginians a different option - one based on limiting the intrusion of government into private lives, reducing wastefulness of our tax dollars, and restoring our nation's power without interfering in the affairs of others.

Three questions will guide him in performing his duty as a lawmaker.

- Is it allowed by the Constitution?

*- Can we afford it?
- Is it fair and nondiscriminatory?*

Xavian received the endorsement of the 1st District Libertarian Committee convention on January 19th. Now comes the business of paying the ballot-access troll! ~1,500 signatures of registered voters must be collected just so Xave's name can appear on the ballot against Rob Wittman's.

Contact the Draper campaign to find out where petitioners are needed. Any registered voter who lives within the 1st district, or in a neighboring district, may help Xavian circulate petitions.

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Evan Bernick for Arlington County Board

Evan Bernick's race is a special election that will be held in March or April. It is to fill the remaining term of resigning Board member, Democrat Chris Zimmerman, who intends to step down effective February 10. The election date will not be named until after the office has been formally vacated, so expect an announcement sometime on or after February 10th.

Bernick is running for County Board because he wants to ensure that our government acts, not only with good intentions, but in a way that produces good results.

When presented with a policy proposal, he will ask:

- Is there a problem to be solved?*
- Should government solve it?*
- Will the proposed solution be worth the cost -- not only financially, but in respect of its personal impact on Arlingtonians' lives?*

Bernick has criticized the all-Democratic County Board members for jaw-droppingly reckless expenditures that have been mocked in the national press.

Bernick proposes scaling back property taxes, requiring board members to be elected by districts, and ensuring that major capital projects are no longer hidden in generally worded bond referendums.

If you would like to help or donate, please contact the campaign!

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