



The Liberty Quill

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The Big Day is Almost Here

A message from Joe Dehn, County Chair:

People in Santa Clara County have been voting for several weeks already. But if you haven't voted yet, note that the option to vote "in person" at a Vote Center becomes available this Saturday. For locations of Vote Centers near you, visit the Registrar of Voters site: [Vote Center Lookup](#)

These centers will be open through Election Day, this coming Tuesday. If you haven't voted yet, please do so one way or another by then! (See below for our recommendations.)



There is a lot of speculation about how long it will take for results to become known. While the whole picture won't be complete that evening, there will probably be quite a few specific races, propositions, and measures for which the results will become

clear pretty quickly. If you don't want to rely on the mainstream media (which may not give much attention to some of the details), you can check for statewide results yourself at:

[California Secretary of State](#)

And for results of local races and measures:

[Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters](#)

However this election turns out, it isn't too soon to start thinking about how we can make a difference in the next one. In only about 14 months, the filing period for offices like Congress and the state legislature will be opening. There will also be many cities and local districts holding elections two years from now.

The Libertarians who have done best in local elections (including the ones who have been elected) have done well because they were prepared, by getting involved in local politics other ways first. There are many boards/commissions made up of appointed members – check your city's web site, or talk to a member of your city council, for more information. You can also get involved in a very low cost way – and without anybody's permission – by starting to attend meetings of your city council or district boards. Most of these meetings are currently being held online, so you don't even need to leave your house to attend.

Preparing for the next election starts now! We'll be discussing this and more about future activities at our annual meeting in January. Please plan to attend!

Joe Dehn
County Chair

Recap of Voting Recommendations

The Libertarian Party of Santa Clara County recommends the following with respect to items on the ballot countywide:

Jo Jorgensen for President
Spike Cohen for Vice President

NO on Proposition 14
NO on Proposition 15
NO on Proposition 16
YES on Proposition 17
NO on Proposition 21
NO on Proposition 23
NO on Proposition 24
NO on Proposition 25



NO on Measure RR

(no recommendation on 18, 19, 20, or 22)

With respect to local items:

Azadeh Weber for Saratoga Union School District Board

YES on Measure A - Los Gatos (finance commission)

YES on Measure B - Los Gatos (term limits)

NO on Measure C - Mountain View (parking restrictions)

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

NO on Measure F - Milpitas (sales/use tax)

NO on Measure H - San Jose (card room tax)

NO on Measure I - San Jose-Evergreen Community College District (parcel tax)

NO on Measure J - San Jose-Evergreen Community College District (bonds)

NO on Measure K - Franklin-McKinley School District (parcel tax)

NO on Measure L - Campbell Union High School District (parcel tax)

NO on Measure M - Fremont Union High School District (parcel tax)

NO on Measure N - Loma Prieta Joint Union Elementary School District (parcel tax)

NO on Measure O - Palo Alto Unified School District (parcel tax)

NO on Measure P - Evergreen Elementary School District (bonds)

NO on Measure Q - Mt. Pleasant Elementary School District (bonds)

NO on Measure R - Cambrian School District (bonds)

NO on Measure S - Santa Clara Valley Water District (parcel tax)

NO on Measure T - Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority (parcel tax)

(no recommendation on Measure G)

Central Committee Meeting Report

A regular meeting of the Central Committee of the Libertarian Party of Santa Clara County was held Saturday, 24 October. In addition to hearing reports of the various officers, there were discussions of how to proceed with several kinds of party business.

A group was formed to look into starting up a "forum" series. In the past, the LP SCC has hosted events like dinner meetings with a speaker. Other possible formats include panel discussions and debates. Of course the pandemic makes it hard to re-start any of these kinds of events in-person, but it also provides an opportunity to try new formats online. If you might be interested in helping with this, contact Joe Dehn at chair@scclp.org.

A set of amendments to our Bylaws and Meeting Rules, intended to clarify procedures for calling and conducting electronic meetings, was presented. Under our rules, changes to these documents must be presented at one meeting before they can be voted on at a subsequent meeting. A copy of this proposal can be found at: [October 2020 Proposed Bylaws Amendments \(PDF\)](#).

There was discussion of when to hold our 2021 annual meeting. This is the meeting at which we elect officers for our county organization. Of the options discussed,

ranging from January, when it will most likely need to be held using Zoom, through April, when the chance will be better of being able to have an in-person meeting at a restaurant as we have had in most past years, sentiment was very strongly in favor of January. At this point it seems that the most likely date is Saturday 23 January. Further details will be announce in a future issue of this newsletter and on our web site.

LP SCC Runs Radio Ads

The Libertarian Party of Santa County produced and ran a set of radio ads during October. The ads ran on San Jose station KSJO-FM and addressed three questions that are appearing on the ballot countywide.

You can hear these ads for yourself by playing these MP3 files:

- [No on Proposition 15](#)
- [No on Proposition 16](#)
- [No on Measure RR](#)



Thanks to Ani Das for coming up with the initial proposal for this project, doing research into what needed to be done, and serving as the main contact person with the station. The ads themselves were written and recorded by county chair Joe Dehn. Fundraising chair Mary Gingell created the messages soliciting funds to run them.

Help Document LP of Santa Clara County History

The Libertarian Party national organization and the Libertarian Party of California each have Historical Preservation Committees that are attempting to gather and organize material relating to the history of the party. But much of the activity of the party has always happened at the local level, and local activists can have an important role to play in documenting those activities.

The goal of these projects is to catalog and digitize existing documents and create summary articles, which in combination will result in an online library accessible to anybody interested in the history of the LP. This library, called "LPedia", is a collective effort of Libertarians all across the country.

Some ways you can help:

- If you have been involved with the LP for a long time, you may have documents relating to LP SCC activities that you could contribute. (Material is being

preserved by scanning, so you can still keep the original documents yourself if you wish.)

- If you were personally involved in specific projects, campaigns, or other activities, or if you personally knew the activists who were, you may be the most qualified person to write an article on that subject or about those people.
- If you are new to the LP you can still help by writing articles that organize or summarize information from existing documents, putting it into a more readable and accessible form. An important part of the overall plan is for LPedia to include biographical articles about the officers of LP organizations, Libertarians who ran for public office, and other activists. A lot of information about most of these people does exist, in places like newsletters, but it needs to be collected and organized.



Executive Committee Members - 1999

LPedia is a "wiki", which allows many people to cooperate in adding and editing material. If you know how to contribute to Wikipedia then you know how to do the same for LPedia, because it is implemented using the same software. If you don't, you can find an introduction at:

[LPedia - Getting Started as a Contributor](#)

Commentary

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

[Unmasking Paul Krugman's Misrepresentation of Ayn Rand \(fff.org\)](#)

[The Presidential Election And The Courts \(hoover.org\)](#)

[How Spreading Covid-19 Hysteria Will Backfire for the Vaccine \(aier.org\)](#)

[California Shouldn't Reverse Course on Criminal Justice Reforms \(reason.org\)](#)

[End Government's Power to Require Prescriptions \(cato.org\)](#)

[Government Should Address the Monopolies It Created Before Tackling Big Tech \(fee.org\)](#)

[Infectious Diseases and Government Growth \(independent.org\)](#)

Video Selections

Also not necessarily official positions of the LP of Santa Clara County unless so noted.

[Uncommon Knowledge: Our Inalienable Rights \(hoover.org\)](#)

[China's New Authoritarian Ideology \(cato.org\)](#)

[Capitalism vs. Slavery \(fff.org\)](#)

[The Life and Work of Ludwig von Mises \(aier.org\)](#)

[1619? 1776? How about a "490 B.C. Project"? \(independent.org\)](#)

[The Government Is Definitely Still Watching You \(fee.org\)](#)

[When Encryption Was a Crime: The 1990s Battle for Free Speech in Software \(reason.com\)](#)

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 and let's see how we can work together toward liberty!

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. Also it is possible that there will be other changes relating to events listed here, depending on how the situation evolves. Check our web site for updates.

- 3 November - [General Election](#)
- 21 November - [Third Saturday Coffee Meetup \(online\)](#)
- 19 December - [Third Saturday Coffee Meetup \(online\)](#)
- 23 January (tentative) - LP SCC Annual Meeting
- 14-16 May 2021 - [LPC State Convention \(Visalia\)](#)

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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