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# **Primary Voting Has Started!**

It's called the "March 3rd" primary, but voting has already started here in Santa Clara County. If you aren't familiar with the new "Voter's Choice" system, see below for a more detailed description. But basically everybody will have a chance to vote by mail (starting now) or in person at a "vote center" for at least a week before "election day".

In most parts of the county you will find at least one **Libertarian** on the ballot for a district office, sometimes more than one. There is also a presidential preference vote. You will also find one or more proposals that will mean higher taxes. (We hope you will vote **no** on any of those!) More details below.

# LP of Santa Clara County Endorsed Candidates

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Kennita Watson - Libertarian

State Assembly, District 24

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650-906-9371

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The LP of Santa Clara County has also endorsed the following independent candidate:

Johnny Khamis - No Party Preference State Senate, District 15 <a href="https://www.johnnykhamis.com/">https://www.johnnykhamis.com/</a>

## **Coffee Meetings Continue**

Our monthly Coffee Meet Up events are an opportunity for Libertarians to meet informally on a regular basis and talk about anything that might be of interest to them. They are also a place that other people can come to find out more about the Libertarian Party.



The <u>next coffee meeting</u> will be held at

Specialty's Cafe and Bakery in Sunnyvale on Saturday 15 February. The next one after that will be at Crema Coffee in San Jose on Saturday 21 March. For more information contact our Activities Chair, Bob Goodwyn, at <a href="mailto:activities@scclp.org">activities@scclp.org</a>.

## **Presidential Preference Vote**

If you are registered to vote as a Libertarian, you will find on your ballot a section with a list of 13 people who are seeking the LP's presidential nomination. These aren't the only candidates seeking our nomination - several candidates started actively campaigning after the deadline for this ballot. But you can indicate your preference among these by making a choice in this section. (The final selection will be made by the delegates at our national convention in May.)

Information about these and other candidates for president, including links to their web sites, can be found at: <a href="https://lpedia.org/Presidential\_Candidates\_2020">https://lpedia.org/Presidential\_Candidates\_2020</a>

## **Recommendations on Ballot Measures**



Taxpayers protesting \$900 million Morgan Hill bond measure.

The Libertarian Party of Santa Clara County recommends the following with respect to local measures:

NO on Measure E - San Jose Property Transfer Tax (majority vote)

NO on Measure G - Foothill-De Anza \$898M Bond debt (55% vote)

NO on Measure H - Foothill-De Anza \$48 parcel tax (2/3 vote)

NO on Measure I - Morgan Hill Unified School District \$900M bond (55% vote)

NO on Measure J - East Side Union High School District \$60M Bond Debt (55% vote)

NO on Measure K - Campbell Union High School District \$298 parcel tax (2/3 vote)

NO on Measure L - San Benito High School District \$30M bond (55% vote)

NO on Measure M - Moreland School District \$80M Bond debt (55% vote)

NO on Measure N - Patterson School District \$32.5M Bond debt (55% vote)

NO on Measure O - Cupertino Union School District \$125 parcel tax (2/3 vote)

NO on Measure P - Campbell Union School District \$98 parcel tax (2/3 vote)

NO on Measure Q - Union School District \$149 parcel tax (2/3 vote)

NO on Measure R - Franklin-McKinley School District \$80M bond (55% vote)

NO on Measure S - Oak Grove School District \$132 parcel tax (2/3 vote)

NO on Measure T - Mountain View-Whisman \$295M Bond debt (55% vote)

NO on Measure U - Berryessa Union School District \$98M bond (55% vote)

NO on Measure V - Evergreen School District \$125M bond (55% vote)

There will also be a state-wide bond measure, "Proposition 13". (No, not the famous Proposition 13! The state is reusing all the old numbers now.)

The Libertarian Party of California recommends a NO vote on this "Proposition 13". (More information on this proposition can be found on the <u>Secretary of State's web</u>

# **Central Committee Meeting - 7 March**

A regular business meeting of the Central Committee of the Libertarian Party of Santa Clara County will be held Saturday, 7 March.

#### Location:

- · Omega Family Restaurant
- 90 S. Park Victoria Drive
- Milpitas

#### Schedule:

- 1pm-2pm lunch
- · 2pm-4pm business meeting

### The agenda will include:

- Reports of officers and committees
- Review of the March primary
- · Amendments to bylaws and related documents
- Plans for the November election

Note: All supporters of the Libertarian Party are welcome to attend this meeting, but only central committee members can vote. If you would like to join as a central committee member, visit: <a href="https://www.scclp.org/join">https://www.scclp.org/join</a>

If you have any question about your membership status, let us know at: <a href="mailto:membership@scclp.org">membership@scclp.org</a>

## 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, booth at festivals, 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 <a href="mailto:info@scclp.org">info@scclp.org</a> and let's see how we can work together towards liberty!

## Libertarian Video

#### The Sit Down

Check out this recording of Dave Rubin of The Rubin Report talking to John Stossel (ReasonTV) about his political evolution from leftism to libertarianism, personal freedom, the role of government, the changing landscape of mainstream media, Universal Basic Income, and more: <a href="https://youtu.be/5hqzpD9drdc">https://youtu.be/5hqzpD9drdc</a>

### Georgia Presidential Debate

This debate held alst month among candidates for our presidential nomination included Dan Behrman, Kenneth Blevins, Lincoln Chafee, Erik Gerhardt, Jo Jorgensen, Adam Kokesh, Sam Robb, Vermin Supreme, and Mark Whitney: <a href="https://youtu.be/cc-6mtJ0oc">https://youtu.be/cc-6mtJ0oc</a>

#### How Libertarian Jeff Hewitt Won in California

ReasonTV reports on how Jeff Hewitt won election to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, his experience in office, and how other Libertarians can be successful in local politics: <a href="https://youtu.be/rYJjB3EYqxo">https://youtu.be/rYJjB3EYqxo</a>

## Voting in California is Changing!

(Information provided by the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters)

### What is the Voters Choice Act?

The California Voter's Choice Act (VCA), or Senate Bill (SB) 450 (Allen, D-26) was signed into law on September 29, 2016, adding Section 4005 to the California Elections Code, allowing authorized counties, upon approval of their Board of Supervisors, to conduct any election by mail, with certain requirements.

### How does this affect you?

Every registered voter will be a vote-by-mail voter and receive an official vote-by-mail ballot in the mail. Even if you voted in person before, expect your ballot in the mail. You can submit your ballot any of three ways: by mail (postage paid), at any Ballot Drop-off Location, or at any Vote Center in the county. Voters may also choose not to return their vote-by-mail ballot and instead obtain a ballot to vote in person at the office of the Registrar of Voters (ROV) or at any Vote Center in Santa Clara County.

**DO NOT** assume you can go to your usual polling location.

**DO** check your ballot envelope for the "Updated Vote Center Information" card or visit the county site to find the nearest locations by <u>clicking here</u>

For detailed questions and answers, you can access the FAQ's here.

### Important Election Dates & Deadlines in California

California Primary Election: Mar 3, 2020

Early Voting: Feb 3, 2020

Registrar of Voters closed for Presidents Day: Feb 17, 2020

Conditional Registration Begins: Feb 19, 2020

Vote Centers Open: Feb 22 - March 2, 2020

Last day to request vote by mail ballot: Tue Feb 25, 2020 5:00pm

Election Day: All Vote Centers and ROV Office are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for voting.

# **Calendar Summary**

- 15 February Coffee Meet Up at Specialty's in Sunnyvale
- 14-17 February <u>LPC State Convention</u>
- 3 March Primary Election
- 7 March County Central Committee Meeting
- 21 March Coffee Meet Up at Crema Coffee in San Jose
- 21-25 May <u>LP Presidential Nominating Convention</u>



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