



The Liberty Quill

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What About the Rest of the World?

A message from Joe Dehn, County Chair:

"America's longest war" is over, after almost 20 years. Which means this withdrawal was almost 20 years too late! But better late than never.

Thousands dead. A trillion dollars spent. And in the end, the same group is in control of Afghanistan, again subjecting the people of that country to violations of their basic rights.



What we just saw was the final collapse of a long-standing **bi-partisan** policy mistake. It was of course begun by a Republican, George Bush. But he had the support of plenty of Democrats at the time. And then it was continued for **eight more**

years by Barack Obama (or, as some now prefer to identify it in other circumstances, the "Obama/Biden administration"). Then Trump, who at least had the right idea in promising to end it, failed to end it during his four years. And now this – a bungling of the pull-out process, by Biden again.

But U.S. troops and military installations are still spread all around the world, ready to get involved in the affairs of other countries whenever a president feels enough pressure to "do something" to protect "American interests". It doesn't matter whether we put a Democrat or a Republican in charge next – they are going to keep making the same mistakes because they refuse to recognize a basic principle of a proper foreign policy. It is **not** the job of the US government to run the entire world.

From the Libertarian Party 2020 Platform: "American foreign policy should seek an America at peace with the world. Our foreign policy should emphasize defense against attack from abroad and enhance the likelihood of peace by avoiding foreign entanglements. We would end the current U.S. government policy of foreign intervention, including military and economic aid."

We need to be working now to ensure that this message is heard in future elections – first with candidates for Congress coming up in 2022 (when here in California there will be a race for US Senate in addition to every seat in the House), and then for President in 2024.

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Central Committee Meeting Set for 25 September

The next business meeting of the LP of Santa Clara County will be held, again via Zoom, on Saturday, 25 September.

Topics on the agenda for this meeting may include a review of the recall election, planning for the upcoming 2022 primary and local elections, endorsements relating to candidates or ballot measures, outreach activities, and (if we have enough members present) voting on an amendment to our bylaws concerning how to handle a vacancy in the office of Chair.

The "room" will open at 1pm for socializing – this is also a good opportunity to check your computer setup to make sure everything is working. The actual business will start at 2pm. Zoom login information will be posted on the [event page](#) on our web site.



While anyone who supports the Libertarian Party is welcome to attend, to make motions or vote you must be a voting "central committee member" (sign the membership statement, pay dues, live in California, and be registered as a Libertarian if eligible). To join, visit: www.sccfp.org/join

Hewitt for Governor Update



The deadline for voting is 14 September!

There are two questions on this ballot, and here's our recommendation on how to answer them:

1. **Vote YES to remove Gavin Newsom from office.**
2. **Vote LIBERTARIAN for Jeff Hewitt to replace him.**

Be sure to mark both sides of your ballot.

Santa Clara County Recall?

As the effort to recall the Governor finishes up over the next few weeks, a group is organizing right here in Santa Clara County to **recall the entire Board of Supervisors**.

The organizers say those currently holding these offices should be removed because of the way they responded to the COVID-19 situation, including damage to the local economy and violations of individual rights.

To qualify this recall for the ballot, organizers will have to collect signatures during a 160 day period (which will not start until petitions have been approved). The number of signatures required is 10% of the number of registered voters in the district, which is roughly 20,000 signatures for each of the five districts.

More information about this is available on their web site at: recallsantaclara.com

Is this an effort that the LP of Santa Clara County should endorse and support? You can share your ideas about this at our upcoming [informal coffee meeting](#) or if you

are a voting member make a proposal for formal action at our upcoming [central committee meeting](#).

LP Store Discount Offer

The national Libertarian Party has "redesigned" its LP Store web site, and is making an introductory offer of 20% off your entire order.

This store, which can be found at lpstore.org, sells ready-to-use literature, LP-branded clothing, buttons, and more.

To get the discount, enter the code "WELCOMEBACK20" at checkout. (*Offer expires 30 September 2021. One use per customer.*)

Commentary

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

[California Business Headquarters Now Leaving Twice As Fast](#) (hoover.org).

[Google's Plan To Disrupt The College Degree](#) (fee.org).

[48% Want Government To Restrict 'Misinformation' On Social Media](#) (reason.com).

[Weird State Laws](#) (mymodernmet.com).

[Solving The Federal Student Loan Fiasco](#) (independent.org).

[Pentagon And Generals Wanted This Disastrous War](#) (mises.org).

[Fading Rule Of Law In California](#) (hjt.org).

[40-Year-Old Warning On "Unbound Confidence" In Science](#) (fee.org).

[Safety Can Be Hazardous To Our Health](#) (libertarianinstitute.org).

[Weird California Computer Ban Isn't What It Seems](#) (reason.com).

[Three Ways Government Is Creating A Hospital Bed Shortage](#) (fee.org).

[Made In France: Biden's Fiscal And Regulatory Socialism](#) (fff.org).

[Free Market Solutions To The Opioid Epidemic](#) (independent.org).

Podcast Selections

Listen as you drive or walk – also not necessarily official positions of the LP of Santa Clara County unless so noted.

Loan Forgiveness, Eviction Moratoriums, and Recall Unconstitutionality ([hoover.org](https://www.hoover.org)).

What Is Corporate Social Responsibility? ([libertarianism.org](https://www.libertarianism.org)).

The ACLU's Free Speech Problem ([hoover.org](https://www.hoover.org)).

Why Study Greco-Roman History? ([independent.org](https://www.independent.org)).

Video Selections

Watch on your television, computer, or portable device – also not necessarily official positions of the LP of Santa Clara County unless so noted.

The Libertarian Movement Has Sunk In A Sea Of Buts ([fff.org](https://www.fff.org)).

The Americas On Fire ([lp.org](https://www.lp.org)).

Why Experts Can't Predict The Future ([mises.org](https://www.mises.org)).

Speaking Libertarian To Democrats ([lp.org](https://www.lp.org)).

How Economics Helps Us Understand Politics ([fee.org](https://www.fee.org)).

Common Sense Reforms To Increase California Housing Affordability ([cato.org](https://www.cato.org)).

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.

- 14 September - [Gubernatorial Recall Election](#)
- 18 September - [Third Saturday Coffee Meetup](#)
- 25 September - [Central Committee Meeting](#)
- 16 October - [Third Saturday Coffee Meetup](#)
- 20 November - [Third Saturday Coffee Meetup](#)
- 16 December - [Petitioning for Primary Begins](#)
- 18-20 February 2022 - [State Convention \(Long Beach\)](#)
- 26-29 May 2022 - [National Convention \(Reno\)](#)
- 7 June 2022 - [Primary Election](#)
- 8 November 2022 - [General Election](#)

Do you know of in-person opportunities for outreach in your local area that will be starting up again soon? Contact our Activities Chair, Bob Goodwyn, at activities@scclp.org with your suggestions.



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