

**LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK  
AGENDA OF THE STATE MEETING OF OCTOBER 23, 2022**

**2:00 P.M. Call to Order (Andrew Kolstee, Chair)**

**2:00 P.M. Roll Call and Confirmation of Quorum (Mark Braiman, Secretary)**

**2:05 P.M. Public Comment**

**2:20 P.M. Adoption of Special Rules of Order**

Consideration to **amend the Special Rules of Order by inserting the following text**

**Rule 5.4. When an Amendment to party Rules is on the floor, a proposal to amend the main motion is in order only if it includes a limit on the number of minutes for debate, after which time period the amendment will be automatically committed to the Rules Committee, while debate on the Main Motion will be permitted to continue.**

**2:25 P.M. Adoption of Agenda**

**2:30 P.M. Filling of Vacancies on the State Committee**

**3:00 P.M. Continuation of Rules Committee Report (Andrew Kolstee)**

Consideration to adopt proposed amendments to the Rules.

**4:00 P.M. Resolutions**

**Resolution 1 - 2022 Ballot Proposal 1**

Consideration to **adopt the following resolution.**

**WHEREAS**, borrowing is likely to occur at a time of higher interest rates, resulting in more taxpayer burden to pay off the debt.

**WHEREAS**, wastewater and sewer management should be dominantly funded by local governments, and the trend of using increased state tax dollars, including the \$650 million allotted for such projects in this proposal, results in less local fiscal thrift and discipline.

**WHEREAS**, any municipality receiving over \$25 million is required to use market-restrictive project labor agreements.

**WHEREAS**, Buy American provisions will inflate project costs and not benefit New York State but other states in the United States.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Libertarian Party of New York opposes Ballot Proposal 1 for the \$4.2 billion Environmental Bond Measure and urges New York voters to vote No on Proposal 1.

### **Resolution 2 - Platform Resolution**

Consideration to **adopt the following resolution.**

**WHEREAS**, the Libertarian Party of New York (LPNY) should use its Platform, its only form of public resolution that requires a broad supermajority to put into place, to do all of the following in a way that distinguishes it clearly from other parties: (1) to shape its public identity; (2) to state its core values (3) to guide its choice of candidates; (4) to guide its stance on specific pieces of legislation and other government action; and (5) to attract like-minded members.

**WHEREAS**, the LPNY continues to support the Libertarian National Platform, but recognizes the importance of decentralized decision-making with respect to our state Platform, in order to address issues that may rise to greater importance here than in other portions of the US.

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved, the LPNY State Committee directs the Platform Committee to **revise review and recommend revisions of** the LPNY Platform, using an overall format similar to the Libertarian National Platform, but containing state-specific positions that go beyond what is in the National Platform, to include both numbered principles as well as numbered planks pertaining to specific subjects.

### **Resolution 3 - Use of Party Resources**

Consideration to **adopt the following resolution.**

**WHEREAS**, Libertarian Party of New York (LPNY) resources are generally quite limited now after ballot access struggles, and this pattern is expected to be repeated in other years;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that in even-numbered years from June 1 through Election Day, LPNY resources may only be used to support (a) Candidates for state or local office who are both LPNY members and who will be listed on the Libertarian Party line for that office, (b) Non-LPNY members who were already nominated by the LPNY State Committee for statewide offices and who achieved ballot-access status, ~~and (c) LPNY members who were nominated by the State Committee for Governor or for President but failed to get on the pre-printed ballot and are making an effort to gain ballot access for the LPNY through a write-in campaign~~; and the LPNY Candidate Support Committee and Executive Committee shall enjoy broad discretion allocate previously-budget funds to support such candidates.

## **Resolution 4 - Write-In Campaign**

Consideration to **adopt the following resolution.**

**WHEREAS** the candidates nominated for statewide office by the Libertarian Party of New York at the Statewide Nominating Convention in Albany in February 2022 will not have their names printed on the ballot for the 2022 general election.

**WHEREAS** the Libertarian Party of New York, in support of Larry Sharpe for Governor, has exhausted all legal options in order for the statewide candidates to be printed on the ballot in said election.

**WHEREAS** the primary responsibility of the Libertarian Party of New York is to elect Libertarians to public office.

**WHEREAS** ballot access and recognized party status in New York State is crucial in order to place Libertarian candidates on the ballot through lower petitioning requirements.

**WHEREAS** the only options to place the Libertarian Presidential candidate on the ballot in 2024 is to 1) obtain more than 45,000 signatures and defeat a challenge, 2) continue litigation, 3) lobby for legislative change, and 4) obtain over 130,000 votes or 2%, whichever is more in the 2022 general election through a write-in campaign for Larry Sharpe for Governor.

**WHEREAS** the next immediate option for recognized party status is a write-in candidate for Larry Sharpe for Governor.

**WHEREAS** the success rate of a write-in campaign is low and the nature of such a campaign requires specific instructions to the average voter who are mostly unfamiliar with intricate details of the ballot access process.

**WHEREAS** a write-in campaign for all five statewide candidates nominated by the Libertarian Party of New York is likely to cause confusion and dilute any efforts to focus on the election of Governor, which is also the only race critical to ballot access.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the primary objective of the LPNY between now and Election Day is to promote a write-in campaign for only Larry Sharpe for Governor and that while writing-in the other statewide candidates is highly recommended but distracting in LPNY messaging and in conflict with the Larry Sharpe campaign for Governor's messaging.

**4:30 P.M. Treasurer's Report (William Cody Anderson, Treasurer)**

**4:40 P.M. Old business**

**4:50 P.M. New business**

**5:00 P.M. Adjournment**