



ELECTION RESULTS



SWAIN WINS SCHOOL BOARD SEAT

Former Shasta County LP Chair Al Swain, recipient of the prestigious Karl Bray Memorial Award for Activism at the 1999 LPC Convention, won a seat on the Whitmore Union School District Board, placing third out of four candidates vying for three board seats. Swain garnered 115 votes (24.47%) in his victory.

“Al has certainly been one of our most consistent Libertarian activists in the northern counties, and I am pleased that he will now have an opportunity to promote Libertarian public policy within the school board,” said LPC Executive Director Juan Ros.

Commenting on his victory, Swain remarked, “I will be filling the seat vacated by the first and only other elected Libertarian in Shasta County, John Hufford, who has served the past four years. I am looking forward with anticipation to carrying on the example set by John and helping to demonstrate that Libertarian principles are good for our schools and our kids.”

In all, ten California Libertarians ran for office in the fall elections, including John Scott Ballard’s Special Election for the 42nd Congressional District seat on November 16th. Although Swain was the only Libertarian to win in California, that’s not a reason to get discouraged.

“Running in a local election gives candidates an excellent introduction to the rigors of campaigning,” Ros pointed out. “All of our candidates are to be congratulated for putting themselves on the line for freedom. Next time they run they will be that much more prepared — and eager for victory!”

LP Political Director Ron Crickenberger agrees. “More than 90% of first-time Libertarian candidates lose. When you eliminate unopposed races, about three out of four of all candidates lose. At that ratio, if we recruit 100 nonpartisan candidates for 2000 in California, we’ll end up with another 15 California officeholders!” Crickenberger said.

Here is a run-down of the various races:

In **San Mateo County**, Jack Hickey came in fourth in a seven-way race for three seats on the San Mateo Community College Board of Trustees. Hickey received 22,757 votes (11.28%). Although Hickey just missed winning the third seat, he and fellow Libertarian candidate Margret Buckley-Schmidt received considerable local press coverage for their criticism of the College Board. Buckley-Schmidt placed seventh with 16,603 votes (8.23%).

Also in **San Mateo County**, Matt Grocott narrowly lost out in a three-way race for two seats on the San Carlos City Council. Grocott received 2,328 votes (25.16%), less than 800 votes shy of the second-place finisher.

San Mateo County’s fourth Libertarian candidate, Ray Bell, finished fifth out of five in a race for three seats on the Sequoia High School District Board. Bell received 6,541 votes (10.01%).

In **Fresno County**, Libertarian Joe Duval ran against three other candidates for two seats on the Coalinga-Huron Joint Unified School District. Duval placed fourth with 182 votes (7.78%).

In **Los Angeles County**, Rita White finished sixth in a six-way race for three seats on the Bonita Unified School District Board. White received 790 votes (8.67%).

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Question: *Should the Libertarian Platform support the California Knight Amendment (defines "marriage" as between a man and woman) in order to appeal to political conservatives?*

Our Libertarian platform is LIBERTARIAN. It NEVER intended to sell to conservatives. The right to contract (which is all marriage is about anyway) is supposed to be a private matter—so the Libertarian position is no government interference REGARDLESS of whom this makes happy or not (and regardless of whether we make "religious" conservatives want to join us or not).

Of course, one could just as easily make the argument that we should be doing things to encourage the left to join, such as supporting the progressive income tax, etc. This would be just as illogical (and just as wrong) as changing the platform to encourage the right to join.

Either way, compromising the platform to get "religious" people or anybody else to join the Party is wrong. That is why we are the Party of Principle.

I do not really understand the recent desire of some people to convert us from the Libertarian Party to another Conservative Party. There are already two conservative parties: The Republican Party and the American Independent Party. Do we really need a third conservative party at the expense of liberty?

Religious people may have their principles and, if they believe in liberty, still join us. There is no conflict as long as they do not believe their religious principles should have the force of law. Once they believe in using government to enforce their views, they are statist and belong in the American Independent or the Republican parties.

I do not care if we alienate "disgruntled Republicans". Our job is not to make "disgruntled" statist happy. Our job is to encourage those who actually believe in liberty to join us.

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**WORST Y2K THREAT IS
NOT FROM COMPUTERS**

The worst Y2K threat in California is NOT the threat of computer systems shutting down, nor the threat of government failure or even the host of new laws that will take effect on January 1, 2000.

Already qualified for the March 2000 Primary ballot is a dastardly scheme to eliminate the safety valve of Prop 13, allowing a simple majority of voters to pass taxes & bonds on everybody – taking us back to the bad old days of skyrocketing property taxes which caused the Prop 13 "taxpayer revolt."

This is being promoted as "more fair" and "more democratic" while the two-thirds majority is being attacked as "unfair" and "undemocratic."

But the facts are that even this two-thirds requirement is too LOW to be "fair" or "democratic," because it still allows a small minority to pass taxes and bonds to be paid by everybody: 2/3 of 1/3 of registered voters is only about 5-10% of the people who will have to pay the tax.

A more fair proposal would be to require the tax and bondage crowd to get the votes of (at least) a majority of the number of people who will be required to pay!

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From the Chair:

MORE TOUGH CHALLENGES AHEAD!

We, as a Party, set three main internal goals for 1998/1999:



MARK HINKLE

1. Increase our dues-paying membership to 7,000
2. Increase our monthly pledge base to \$6,000 per month
3. Maintaining ballot status (DONE!)

Goal 1: The LPC had 6430 members at the end of October. I understand that several LPC regions included membership forms with the mailers that were done to solicit signatures-in-lieu-of-the-filing-fee on behalf of our candidates. Also, the results from the latest project Archimedes mailer should be on their way to the Libertarian Party Headquarters in Washington, DC. We hope that all of these efforts will bring us closer to our goal of 7,000 members. I'll have an update in next month's column.

Goal 2: The LPC Executive Committee has set a goal of 200 candidates in the year 2000. The first hurdle, getting our candidates on the ballot while paying as little of the filing fee as possible, will be over by the time you read this. As always, there are some candidates who don't get 100% of the signatures to totally waive the filing fee. To that end, we began a telemarketing campaign to raise funds to pay those fees. While the telemarketing campaign is still in progress at press time,

we're simply delighted with your response to our appeal.

One-time contributions, to date, total \$13,195. And, cash and credit card monthly pledges have added \$425 on top of our current pledge base of \$4,753.26. So, for the first time, our monthly pledgers have now put us over the \$5,000 mark. Once again, this is a new record

high level of support. On behalf the candidates, Executive Director Juan Ros, the LPC Executive Committee, and myself, THANK YOU!

You may have received a call from the telemarketing firm that we hired. If you were reluctant to give them a credit card number over the phone, or perhaps you needed to review your finances before making a donation, please consider visiting our secure web site: <http://www.ca.lp.org/lpc-member-services.html>. There, you can give a one-time contribution or join our monthly pledge program (preferred). We now accept American Express and the Discover card in addition to Visa and Mastercard. And if you want to help with real money, our E-gold account number is 107000.

And, if you want to help your local party, monthly credit card pledges will be passed on to your region each month if you wish, or they can be split with the LPC in any way you like.

LPC has endorsed these external goals for 1999:

Goal 1: Prop 215, isn't just a good idea,

it's the law! Response to our 215NOW.com web site has been very strong since its launch last April. But to help us keep our finances on track, we've opted to scale down the LPC's level of investment in the site. Our commitment to this cause remains strong, however, and the site will continue to fight for the right of the sick and dying throughout California to use medicinal marijuana as is their right under Prop. 215.

Goal 2: The Repeal of Prop 10: the tax on tobacco users. It's official, the repeal of Prop 10 will be on the March 2000 ballot as Prop 28.

Goal 3: "None of the Above" initiative will be Prop. 23 on the March 7th 2000 ballot and has been endorsed by the LPC's Executive Committee. Associate LPC member Alan Shugart, former CEO of Seagate, financed this initiative.

Goal 4: 200 candidates in the year 2000. Ted Brown, our candidate recruiter, says we've got congressional candidates for 51 out of the 52 possible slots. It's unlikely that all of them will qualify, but with the Assembly and State Senate candidates already on the ballot, we're almost assured of a new record high for partisan candidates. Your donations have made the difference.

Additionally, we're committed to helping defeat Proposition 26 on the March ballot. This is the initiative sponsored by the California Teachers Association that would reduce the requirement for a two-thirds vote on local school bond issues to a simple majority. This safeguard in the California constitution has served property owners well for 120 years. Gutting it now opens the door to an increase in bonded indebtedness and the burdening of our children and grandchildren with additional property taxes that could make home ownership for them even more unattainable than it already is in our state. For complete details on this assault on our pocketbooks, please visit a web site sponsored by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association — SaveOurHomes.com.

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We may have 2 two-way races shaping up in L. A.

Libertarian Greg Bashem will be the only opponent of Republican incumbent George Runner in the 36th Assembly District based in Lancaster/Palmdale.

It looks like no Democrat filed in the 38th Assembly District (now held by Tom McClintock, who is running for State Senate). Thus, Libertarian Phil Baron will face a Republican opponent only.

The only others I have heard about so far are Gene Frazier in Sacramento's 5th Assembly District and Dennis Triglia in San Diego's 78th Assembly District.

It looks like the Natural Law Party is concentrating on the congressional races and doing little in the state races. The other small parties are almost non-existent on any level.

More Good News!

I submitted seven ballot arguments, and four have been accepted by the Secretary of State for publication in the March 2000 ballot pamphlet. That's the most we'll have had in one pamphlet in many years.

The LPC will be the official opposition to:

Prop. 13 - \$1.9 billion water bond

Prop. 15 - \$220 million forensics lab bond

Prop. 16 - \$50 million veterans home bond

Prop. 19 - legislative measure on peace officers

Props. 13 & 15 were signed by myself, Gail Lightfoot and Tom Tryon. Props. 16 & 19 were signed by myself, Gail Lightfoot and Larry Hines.

Ted Brown



NEW LIBERTARIANS ENCOURAGED IN KERN COUNTY

For the tenth consecutive year the Libertarian Party has been represented at the Kern County Fair. (Vicky Williams initiated the first Kern County Fair booth in 1990.) Volunteers and contributors comprised the team that presented our party to the people of Kern County. Several local members and registered Libertarians staffed the booth from September 22 through October 3. In the photo are Harry and Sharon Friend.

Photo submitted by Stanalaus Kroptain

Libertarian running for San Francisco Mayor

Dr. Michael Edelstein is pursuing a court case to allow him to run as a write-in candidate for the San Francisco mayoralty runoff election in December. (Editor's Note: Michael is a long-time Libertarian and author of *Three Minute Therapy: Change Your Thinking, Change Your Life*).

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POW! WOW! in Poway!

Wow! that was close – just 530 votes saved Poway property owners from a huge bond being passed. Libertarians wrote the opposing ballot arguments and filed two successful court actions to defeat this stealth election.

San Mateo County Defeats Tax Measure

Measure A in San Mateo County was defeated by 65% to 35%! This was the \$148,000,000 bond measure for the College District. (Unfortunately, a similar bond measure (\$248,000,000) in Santa Clara passed by 71% to 29%.)

Because of the defeat of this measure, the average family in San Mateo County has dodged a bullet in the form of an additional \$1100 in taxes (and/or rent) over the next 25 years, that would have been collected had the bond been issued.

Christopher, CVASchmidt@ACM.org

"Until the Libertarian vision is understood as a SPIRITUAL QUEST, and not merely...economic..., it will continue to face the kind of misunderstandings ...it faces today."

Nathaniel Branden 1997

Submitted by George White, Chair, Region 67



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(L to R) John Graham, Rusty Nichols, Doris Ball, Richard Rider, David Graham, George Ball, Edward Teyssier and Philip Zoebisch. Each envelope included three candidate petitions, two registration cards, a detailed cover sheet, a plug for the CA LP convention, a membership application and a return envelope.

AROUND THE STATE

ELECTION RESULTS

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Also in **Los Angeles County**, Bill Holmes placed 13th out of 13 for two seats on the Palmdale City Council. Holmes received 189 votes (1.11%).

In **Riverside County**, Larry Baird came in fourth out of five candidates in the race for Riverside Community College Board of Directors. Two board seats were up for grabs. Baird received 5,065 votes (8.63%).

In **San Bernardino County**, John Scott Ballard ran in a special election on November 16th for the 42nd Congressional District seat. Ballard placed 4th out of four candidates with 909 votes (2.0%).

"The LPC hasn't had this many local candidates in an off-year election in quite a long time," Ros remarked. "The fact that so many Libertarians felt compelled to run for office — no matter what their final vote result — demonstrates that Libertarians care about their communities and are willing to make sacrifices to live in a freer society."

If you are interested in running for local office in the year 2000, please contact:

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POLITICS AS USUAL

City Spends \$5 Million for Football Seats

San Diego's controversial guarantee of Chargers home-game attendance is now officially the worst-case scenario that the politicians and civic boosters said "would never happen." City officials drained the remaining money from a reserve fund, composed of surplus hotel-room tax revenues, established to purchase unsold Charger football game tickets. The fund began the season with \$5 million. The city has already spent \$5,077,585. This year to purchase Chargers tickets.

Associated Press, 11/11/1999

Wedding Announcement Puts Editor in Jail

The editor of Swaziland's (a small kingdom in Africa) only independent newspaper discovered that the King's newest bride-to-be had dropped out of high school — twice. He printed the information in a front-page story. Within two weeks, the editor was arrested, jailed overnight and charged with criminal defamation. Mr. Makhubu faces up to six years in prison and he has been fired from his job as editor.

The New York Times, 10/18/1999

Donations to Flood Victims are Refused

From bags of noodles to cans of chicken soup, donations collected in Baja California for natural disaster victims in southern Mexico were rejected by Mexican officials because they were made in the US. Nine states in Mexico suffered from deadly floods and mudslides.

The San Diego Union-Tribune, 11/16/1999

Anti-Noise Committee is *LOUD*!

Two members of an anti-noise squad have resigned after a raucous late-night birthday party in the town hall. Police raided the party in Crewkerne, England and found the mayor and the chairman and the vice chairman of the town council's noise abatement committee in attendance.

The San Diego Union-Tribune, 11/13/1999

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Correction:

In the November issue, Sean Harbaugh was incorrectly listed as a 1999 local candidate for Citrus Heights City Council. Harbaugh was a candidate in 1998.

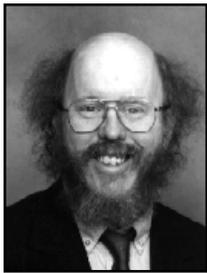
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...and more to be announced!

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"Reaching out to youth is one of the most important things Libertarians can do today to pave the way for our success tomorrow," said LPC Executive Director Juan Ros. "I wish I had attended a Libertarian convention when I was in college, so I am thrilled to be giving three students the opportunity to attend a Libertarian convention, meet fellow Libertarians, and expand their political knowledge by listening to lectures from top-notch Libertarian speakers!"

Funding for the scholarships has been made possible through the generous contributions of several San Diego-area Libertarian donors. "The LPC is very grateful to the scholarship sponsors for making this possible," Ros said. "We hope that this is the start of a tradition we can continue for many years!"

Scholarships will serve as the equivalent of the Millennium Package, allowing student winners access to all business sessions, speaking programs, and convention meal events. **Applications will be accepted until January 15, 2000.** Scholarship winners will be announced January 31, 2000.

If you are interested in sponsoring one or more students with a scholarship to the LPC Convention, please contact LPC Executive Director Juan Ros at (818) 506-0200, e-mail: director@ca.lp.org.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS

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2. To apply for a scholarship, students must submit an essay of 200 words or less answering the question: "Why do you want to attend the Libertarian Party of California's 2000 Convention?" Scholarships will be awarded based on the quality of the essay as voted by a panel of judges.
3. Essays can be submitted via e-mail, fax, or U.S. mail. E-mail essays to: director@ca.lp.org. Fax essays to: (818) 506-0212. Essays should be mailed to: Libertarian Party of California, Convention Essay Contest, 11956 Riverside Dr., # 206, Valley Village, CA, 91607-3772.
4. Essays must be received no later than January 15, 2000 or postmarked by January 15, 2000 if mailed.
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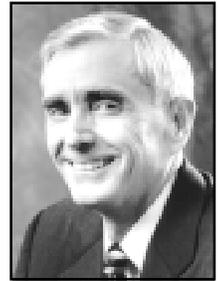


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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

LPC officers and reps met on November 21

The Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of California met in San Jose on 21 November 1999.

The minutes of the 19 September meeting were approved with one correction.

The Chair reported on his activities, including some successful major donor fundraising, and brought up some questions relating to payment of candidate filing fees. The Northern and Southern Vice Chairs reported briefly on some activities in their respective parts of the state.

A motion to prohibit videotaping of the meeting was proposed but not adopted. The Secretary was directed to try to obtain for party records a copy of the tape whenever a meeting is videotaped.

The Treasurer presented financial statements showing that the LPC had liabilities in excess of assets by about \$9,000, with two months' worth of dues still owed to the regions. He also reported on an incident involving forged checks that had required his attention, but which he expected to be resolved without a financial loss.

There was extensive discussion of the financial situation. It was decided to terminate the contract with, or otherwise end future obligations to, Web Commanders for the 215Now web site. It was decided to not print or mail the December and February issues of LPC Monthly; these issues will still be produced but will be available only online.

There was discussion of fundraising including the current telemarketing effort and fundraising letter, a possible fundraising



JOE DEHN

Regional
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letter about the newsletter, and other prospects for additional revenue.

Several motions were adopted the combined effect of which was to establish a standard for timely distribution of dues revenue to regions and a schedule for paying off the obligations already outstanding. Money from checks received from now on is to be distributed within two weeks of receipt, and all past amounts are to be caught up over the next two months.

The Executive Director presented a written report, highlighting items relating to media activity, voter registration numbers, elections and ballot measures, fundraising, and plans for the 2000 convention. There was a brief discussion of the Director's expenses.

Ted Brown reported on candidate recruitment and petitioning and said it appears that we will have a record number of candidates in 2000. There was discussion of related matters including the prospects of national help with paying filing fees, how help with filing fees should be administered, the problem that many members are not registered Libertarian, and prospects of recruiting candidates for non-partisan office.

There was discussion of documents from the 1999 convention. Minutes of the convention and the Style Committee report on the Platform are to be considered by mail ballot. A correction was noted to the previously-distributed hardcopy version of the Bylaws.

The Committee considered the propositions that will be on the March ballot and voted

to recommend a YES vote on Propositions 1A, 17, and 27 and a NO vote on Propositions 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, and 26. The LPC had previously endorsed the initiatives now known as Propositions 23, 24, and 28. The Committee decided not to take a position on Propositions 18 and 29.

Steve Marsland was appointed to serve as the Audit Committee for 1998 and 1999.

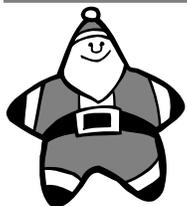
The following were appointed as a committee to draft a budget for 2000, for adoption by mail ballot by the end of this year: Steve Alexander, Rodney Austin, Joe Dehn, Mark Hinkle, and Eric Lund.

The following were elected to serve as the Bylaws Committee for the upcoming convention: Joe Dehn, Mark Hinkle, Jeff Sommer, Bob Weber, and Phillip Zoebisch, with Jon Petersen as an alternate. Ted Brown was elected to serve as the coordinator of the Platform Committee.

There was discussion of considerations for the 2001 convention, topics including: type of facility, geography, whether it should be shorter, whether it should be moved to a different weekend, what has determined financial success in the past, and whether it should be managed in-house or put out to bid.

Other topics briefly discussed included: lack of participation in some recent mail ballots; the need to find copies of some past minutes to be able to create a complete archive; whether to continue the Blue Ribbon Committee; making the list of experts and other activist information easier to find by including in the newsletter a notice of where to find them online; further encouraging the online newsletter option; and archiving of old membership forms.

The next meeting is scheduled to take place at the state convention in February.



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Executive Director Update:

ON THE AIR AND ON THE STREET, ROS PUSHES PARTY VISIBILITY

More media appearances, Campaign 2000, and the LPC 2000 convention consumed most of LPC Executive Director Juan Ros's time.



JUAN ROS

"These are all important, long-term projects critical to our strategy for success," said Ros. "All these projects feed off each other in synergy. More media means greater public exposure for the LPC. More candidates means more media, more contact with voters, and more choice in the voting booth. And more convention attendees means the media will pay attention and exposure for the LPC will increase even more!"

On October 21, Ros appeared on KNWZ's morning show with host Lou Penrose, who broadcasts out of Palm Springs. "Lou is very friendly towards Libertarianism, as an increasing number of talk show hosts are," Ros noted. Ros plugged his local appearance scheduled that night in Palm Desert, where Ros addressed the recently formed Desert Area Libertarians.

"Susan Weber is doing a great job building a Libertarian presence in the desert communities of Riverside County, and her Assembly campaign next year will surely help. I look forward to seeing that region blossom and grow!"

On October 29, Ros was one of 50 in-studio audience members for a special edition of KABC talk show host Larry Elder's afternoon program. Elder, a self-declared Libertarian and a speaker at the LPC's 1998 convention, recognized Ros and mentioned him on the air frequently, even saying, "He'll be running for President soon!"

"I don't see that happening," Ros laughed, "but I was pleasantly surprised that Larry remembered me. When he mentioned that I worked for the Libertarian Party of California, the room burst into applause! It's clear that Larry's charisma and popularity is persuading his listeners to give Libertarianism a chance. He's one of our most effective proponents, and I'm thrilled to have him on our side!"

The next day, Ros taped two episodes of a political cable access show entitled "Saving the American Dream" hosted by conservative Mark Isler. Ros was one of six guest panelists that included a Reform Party official and Larry Elder's mother, Viola. "I had just seen Mrs. Elder the day before, so it was a funny coincidence that she was booked on this show," Ros noted.

November 2 was a late night for Ros, who stayed up monitoring the election returns for the nine local Libertarians running for office. "Al Swain's race was one of the last ones I learned about,

so I was extremely thrilled that we had a Libertarian victory in '99." (See related story on front page.)

Ros also monitored the progress of a dozen partisan Libertarian candidates in the Los Angeles region, even going out for almost five hours and collecting signatures for three of them. "None of the candidates I was tracking had collected signatures in my neighborhood, so I did it myself," Ros explained. He collected 38 signatures for the three candidates.

"My goal is to ensure that as many of our committed candidates make it on the ballot as possible. We need all of them, and the voters of California need them too."

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While Ros was out collecting signatures, a West Coast producer from "Good Morning America" paged him to discuss medical marijuana. "He had received the news release I had written

commemorating the third anniversary of Proposition 215's passage and was considering doing a piece on the latest challenges facing medical marijuana proponents. I put him in touch with Peter McWilliams at his request," Ros said.

Although the story was never produced, Ros established another valuable media contact. "His phone call was evidence that editors and producers do indeed read our news releases and will call us if the right story comes along."

Ros also received a phone call from the American Civil Rights Institute, the organization headed by Proposition 209 proponent Ward Connerly. "Mr. Connerly is drafting legislation to remove race and ethnicity boxes from government forms and applications and he called us seeking our support," Ros explained. The LPC's Executive Committee approved a resolution endorsing Connerly's proposal. "I look forward to working with Mr. Connerly and the ACRI on this important legislation," Ros said.

Preparations for the LPC's 2000 convention continued to accelerate as the first promotional mailer hit 10,000 mailboxes in early November. "We mailed to all our current members, about 1,500 past members, and an additional 1,500 registered Libertarians in San Diego. Our marketing for this event is going to be more aggressive than ever!"

Ros followed up with a handful of Libertarian celebrities in an attempt to get the celebrities to come to the convention. "It isn't easy when celebrities have agents, publicists, and assistants that create a barrier against direct contact," Ros said. "But I'm hoping that we will get through and at least instigate discussion with one of our Libertarian stars!"

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