

The Liberty Quill

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Election Days Are Here

A message from Joe Dehn, County Chair:

It's that special season again -- Election Days!

We used to be able to say "Election Day", but it isn't just one day anymore. In-person voting locations will be open for four days this time, and by-mail voting will be open for about four weeks.

That shifts everything that needs to be done in a campaign. So if you want to make a difference, now is the time to act!



Please consider supporting our national ticket of Jo Jorgensen and Spike Cohen. If you'd prefer to help get a Libertarian elected to local office, Azadeh Weber's campaign for school board needs volunteers. Or you may want to join the libertarians working to defeat a pro-tax or anti-liberty statewide proposition or local ballot measure.

Read on for more information!

Jorgensen/Cohen 50-State Ballot Status Confirmed

Reports from around the country confirm that, as expected, the Libertarian ticket of Jo Jorgensen and Spike Cohen will be on the ballot in all 50 states, plus the District of Columbia.



The only other parties whose candidates will be on the ballot nationwide are the Democrats and the Republicans. The national candidate of the Green Party, Howie Hawkins, is only on the ballot in 29 states plus D.C.; no other presidential candidate is on the ballot in even half the states.

Central Committee Meeting Set for 24 October

The quarterly meeting of the Central Committee of the Libertarian Party of Santa Clara County is scheduled for Saturday, 24 October. As has been the case for recent meetings, due to the continuing pandemic and associated restrictions, this meeting will be held online, via Zoom.

For details see: www.scclp.org/central_committee_meeting_20201024

Note: This meeting is open to all supporters of the Libertarian Party, but to vote on official business you must be a central committee member. To join as a voting member, visit: www.scclp.org/join

Azadeh Weber Campaign Welcomes Volunteers

The Azadeh Weber campaign is in full swing! She is running for school board in Saratoga. With ballots about to be mailed out, she needs help to reach 100% of the registered voter households in her district. If you can walk to distribute literature, deliver lawn signs, or contribute \$25 towards the cost of mailers please contact her at dradehweber@gmail.com or 650-722-4900.



For more information visit her web site at: azadeh4saratoga.org

We Hold These Truths To Be Self-Evident...

...that all men are created equal.

Those words in the Declaration of Independence established a theme in American politics that has guided policy down through the generations.

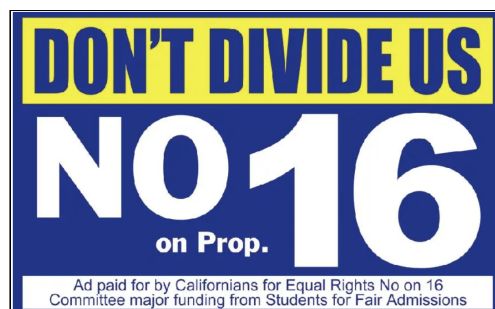
Government hasn't always lived up to this ideal, but there has been a lot of progress. The abolition of slavery in the 19th Century ended the most obvious contradiction. The Civil Rights movement of the 20th Century established the principle that, at least as far as anything done by government was concerned, basic fairness demanded that policies apply equally regardless of factors like race and sex.

Our own California state constitution now contains these words:

The state shall not discriminate against, or give preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in the operation of public employment, public education, or public contracting.

When the government has to pick and choose among its own citizens, deciding who should get a job, or who should get into college, *of course* it should be fair about it and not base that decision on their race. Is there anybody who doesn't consider that self-evident?

Apparently there are such people, because they have put on this year's ballot Proposition 16, which would *delete* those words from our constitution. They actually **want** the government to be able to discriminate on the basis of race and sex!



This would be a big step backwards. Of course as Libertarians we know that *the best way to end discrimination by government is to reduce the role of government*. If government jobs weren't such a

large fraction of our economy, nobody would care about who got them. If government didn't run colleges, government wouldn't be deciding whose children would be able to attend them.

But as long as government is hiring large numbers of people and running things like colleges – in our name and using tax money taken from all of us – it certainly has no business picking and choosing among us on the basis of race or sex.

A **NO** vote on Proposition 16 has been endorsed by the Libertarian Party of Santa Clara County and the Libertarian Party of California. Help say no to government discrimination. For ways you can help, visit:

stopprop16.org

School Bond Measures - Just Vote No!

School districts across the county have put bond measures on the ballot.

This is not the time for "borrowing as usual".

Selling bonds now means higher taxes in future years. But many people have lost their jobs. Others are working reduced hours. Many businesses have reduced revenue, and some have been forced to shut down entirely. Some may never re-open. The last thing they need as they try to recover is higher taxes for years to come!

While most individuals understand the danger of debt, and have responded by trying to cut debt along with expenses, governments at all levels just keep piling it on!

Borrowing by the federal government has grown by more than \$3 trillion this year alone. The State of California has borrowed and is planning to borrow billions more!

This is not the time for "borrowing as usual".

Nobody knows what kind of school facilities will make sense going forward, as society adapts to this virus (and the possibility of future pandemics). Buildings being used in different ways, some school-related activities just no longer practical, and more parents switching to home schooling – all these things mean changes to what facilities will be good investments.

This is not the time for "borrowing as usual".

This is the time to demand that school boards take a fresh look at what facilities will really be useful in the future, not sign us up for years and years of taxes to pay for facilities that may in fact already be obsolete.

School Bonds - Just Vote No.

Jennifer Imhoff Interview

As many of you know, past LPSCC Chair Jennifer Imhoff is now living in Idaho. She has continued her involvement with the LP by taking on the job of state chair there. Watch this interview, which was conducted by California State Senate candidate Jamie Dluzak, to find out more about her views on libertarianism, her family's move, and some differences between California and Idaho.

www.facebook.com/103067204639477/videos/331253311639329



Ways to Support the Jorgensen/Cohen Campaign

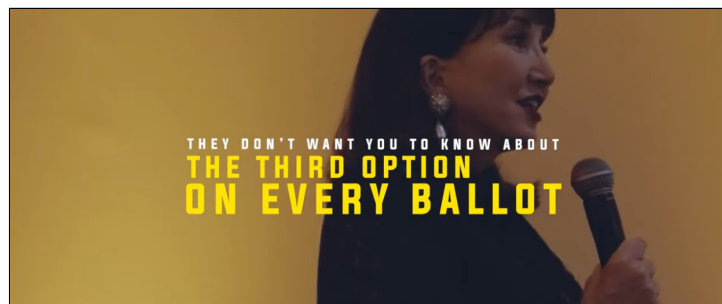
Put a Sign on Your Lawn

Let your neighbors know about the Jorgensen/Cohen campaign by posting a sign on your lawn (or in your window, or wherever you can make one visible to people passing by). If you have a place to put a sign, we can get you one. **Just let us know!**

Share a video!

Check out this new video ad. This one is about how the Democrats and Republicans have failed -- and we are the party of change, choice, and hope. Then pass it along to your friends!

www.youtube.com/watch?v=-KGq_gR2TwE



Help Distribute Literature

Volunteers will be distributing campaign literature all around the county, door-to-door and at events. If you would be willing to help with this, the campaign can provide a supply of literature! But we need to know how many you think you can distribute, so we can figure out how much to order.

Can you help with this? [Please let us know!](#)

Display a sticker on your car!

Here are some sticker designs that you can get printed and shipped to you at the "Build A Sign" site. This company is not (as far as we know) associated with the campaign or the LP. They just offer a variety of sticker designs, including custom designs like these ones, for a pretty reasonable price (about \$2.50 each) even in very small quantities. So you can order just one or two of these for your own car(s), and not need to wait for somebody else to order a big batch or bring one to you. Order now and you can have one on your car in less than two weeks!



www.builddesign.com - order form



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Meet with local campaign volunteers on Facebook!

You can connect with other local activists working to support the Jorgensen/Cohen campaign by joining the "Silicon Valley for Jorgensen/Cohen 2020" Facebook group:

www.facebook.com/groups/257891135481914/

Make a financial contribution!

If you don't have time to help as a volunteer, you can still help the campaign get the Libertarian message out by making a financial contribution. An online form through which you can make either a one-time contribution or a monthly contribution is available on the official campaign web site:

jo20.com

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

[It's Not Just Property: How Looting Destroys Lives and Neighborhoods](#) ([mises.org](#)).

[A Technological Revolution in Education](#) ([aier.org](#)).

[Clearing a Path to Economic Freedom](#) ([hoover.org](#)).

[What is a "Libertarian-Conservative"?](#) ([fff.org](#)).

[President Trump's Ban On Critical Race Theory Explained](#) ([fee.org](#)).

[The Danger of Our Left-Right Political Divide](#) ([aier.org](#)).

[The False Appeal of Socialism](#) ([hoover.org](#)).

Video Selections

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

[The Bill of Rights: Constitutional Law and Natural Rights](#) ([hoover.org](#)).

[The Persecution of Julian Assange](#) ([fff.org](#)).

[LPTV Presents Libertarian Mayors](#) ([lp.org](#)).

[Millenarian Mobs, Wildfires, Woke Football, and Milton Friedman](#) ([independent.org](#)).

[How Government Policy Inflates Health Care Costs](#) ([hoover.org](#)).

Look for Ballots in the Mail Soon

Ballots will be mailed out to all registered voters in Santa Clara County starting 5 October. You can return your ballot by mail, drop it off in an official collection box, or turn it in at any of the "vote centers" around the county between Saturday 31 October and Tuesday 3 November. (Note that these are not "precinct polling places" -- you can turn in your ballot at any of them.)

For more details, visit the Voter's Choice page on the Registrar of Voters web site:

[Voter's Choice Details](#)

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.

- 17 October - [Third Saturday Coffee Meetup \(online\)](#)
- 24 October - [Central Committee Meeting](#)
- 3 November - [General Election](#)
- 21 November - [Third Saturday Coffee Meetup \(online\)](#)
- 19 December - [Third Saturday Coffee Meetup \(online\)](#)
- Early 2021 - 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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