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PM.

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Meeting
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Want to Run for Office?

The Libertarian Party of Nevada is always looking for dedicated and enthusiastic candidates to run for office. To learn more about running for office, please fill out our Run For Office form online at www.LPNevada.org/run.

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Here are the lists of offices available in 2016 for Clark County and Washoe County:

http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/election/Documents/2016/OfficesAll_16.pdf

<https://www.washoecounty.us/voters/electioninformation/officesup2016.php>

Process: Each potential candidate will be vetted by our Political Division and will have to attend the 2016 State Convention as a dues paying member. Candidates are selected by the Libertarian Party of Nevada Delegates during the convention. All candidates must either nominate themselves or have someone nominate for them. The Delegates will vote to select the best candidate for each office. NOTA (None of the Above) is available for all offices.

Please contact our Political Director with any questions.

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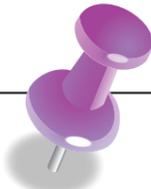
A Message From Assemblyman John Moore

I'm thrilled to be the first Libertarian State Legislator in Nevada history. Until recently, the Libertarian Party was not a viable option in this state. Over the past few years, the Libertarian Party of Nevada has developed from a non-entity to the most organized and professional

political operation in the state. In 2014, I had to be a Republican to beat a two time incumbent in a 2-1 Democratic district. In 2016, I will be able to win as a Libertarian.

For the first time, a Libertarian Party affiliate has an office with full time staff, a solid base of institutional knowledge, sustaining contributing membership, a solid base of trained, motivated volunteers, an active youth organization, several active caucuses, a phone bank,

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major fundraising connections and capabilities, and the most professional, organized, effective, political operation in Nevada.

In 2016, I will be the first incumbent, elected Libertarian official to run for office at this level in decades. I am the first Libertarian candidate in history with a position this strong to run for a state legislative seat. There's no reason to think that I won't also be the first to win.

Without a viable libertarian option, people have to choose between a party that ostensibly protects economic freedom (the Republican Party) and a party that ostensibly protects personal freedom (the Democratic Party). After taking control of both legislative houses and the Governor's office, the GOP passed the largest tax and spending hikes in Nevada history! They added 1.4 billion dollars in spending, supposedly for education, but still found a way to have a 67 million dollar shortfall; they froze teacher salaries. Their new taxes come with different rates for different sectors, massive exemptions for special interests, and a complexity best described as byzantine. This isn't economic freedom, it's mercantilism. Free markets take the blame, and Democrats and Republicans get together to make it worse.

The Democrats, who controlled the State Legislature before they were punishingly swept out of office in 2014, never passed tax and spending hikes as destructive as the GOP did in 2015. Their promises to deliver personal freedom, however, were no less true than Republican claims about fiscal responsibility. They had every opportunity to legalize gay marriage, marijuana, and promote even the most basic criminal justice reform. But they gave nothing but lip service, year in

and year out, on each issue until the Supreme Court had no choice but to act on gay marriage and the voters themselves brought marijuana reform to the ballot. The Libertarian Party is the only viable option to affect real policy change. The Libertarian Party wants to reduce government spending and taxation, and streamline regulation so that we can create jobs, create opportunities, promote innovation, lower prices, and raise wages. The Libertarian Party has led the charge on gay rights and legalization of marijuana since 1971.

During the 2015 legislative session, I met Brett H. Pojunis and some of the staff of the Libertarian Party of Nevada. I was very impressed with what I saw: a well organized, professional, and effective political operation. The best in the state, bar none. When I ran for office as a Republican, I raised nothing and the little amount of money I was able to spend came out of my own pocket - that's how little the GOP believed in me. I received no support, no training, no assistance, nothing--in fact I was told to “go away, we are not interested in your race, you can't win.”

Despite their indifference, I was elected, with a mandate to protect my constituents from punitive taxes, and to address the crippling regulations that have driven up unemployment and stagnated wages. I voted against the GOP time after time, fighting to keep the government out of my constituents' pockets, out of their bedrooms, and out of their businesses.

The GOP fought me tooth and nail - but you know who didn't? The Libertarian Party of Nevada. They called to offer support. They offered to help me sell it to my colleagues and my constituents. They were far more supportive and profes-

sional than the GOP. When Brett asked if he and the Libertarian Party of Nevada could help me seek reelection as a Libertarian, I was excited to say “yes.”

I've always been a libertarian, and now, I love being a Libertarian. I love that I don't have to compromise my principles. I can promote personal freedom alongside economic freedom. I love that I don't have to give special interests tax exemptions and guarantees that make competition impossible. I can work toward putting common sense ideas into practice that will make us a freer, better-educated, and more prosperous state.

I am running to be reelected, and that's where you guys come in. We have as good a campaign staff as any. We have the best ideas, the best message, and the best values of any campaign in the country. But we can't sell a great product without a sales team. Campaigns cost money and without the special interest money that Democrats and Republicans are given by the people they're favoring at your expense, we need an alternative source of funding. We need you to go to reelectjohn.com/donate. Even a small donation like \$25 goes a long way.

We also need volunteers to make phone calls, send mail, and knock on doors. Make more phone calls. Knock on more doors. Bring friends and family. Knock on doors. Invite acquaintances. Knock on doors. Get a pair of nice walking shoes, and knock on more doors.

Join with me, and together, we can make 2016 a year for the history books -- the year liberty wins in Nevada.

Thank you,
Assemblyman John Moore
District 8, Nevada

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Nevada Caucuses a Huge Opportunity for LP

Both major parties have caucused in Nevada. The respective winners are Hillary Clinton, taking the Democrat delegates, and Donald Trump, taking the Republican delegates. The preliminary state elections are far from over, but Clinton and Trump are piling up victories compared to Bernie Sanders, Ted Cruz, and Marco Rubio. This political climate creates a fantastic opportunity for the Libertarian Party!

More and more voters from both parties are becoming disgruntled and disillusioned. They justifiably feel like both parties are beginning to resemble one political establishment in which elections are bought and sold. This is a fabulous opportunity for the Libertarian Party to reach out to these disgruntled voters.

The Libertarian Party of Nevada already has a positive and productive working relationship with members of the two major parties. Libertarian Assemblyman John Moore has colleagues from the two parties he still works with at the State Assembly. LPN coalitions have working relationships with the two parties in Reno and in Clark County. LPN is also exposed to Sanders, Cruz, and Rubio supporters through its strategic partnership with Young Americans for Liberty at UNR, UNLV, and CSN.

Many of these angry voters might still cling to the statist, two-party us-versus-them ideology. We in the LP have a valuable but narrow opportunity to channel their disillusionment and anger and cure them from total apathy. Most LP and LPN members would agree with the phrase



“Ron Paul cured my apathy.” This is exactly what we need to do for disgruntled Sanders, Cruz, and Rubio supporters. The beauty of Libertarian philosophy and the Party platform is that it contains elements that strongly appeal to both sides of the aisle. We can appeal to the Sanders supporters with our fervent opposition to unjust war, opposition to the war on drugs, and opposition to taxpayer-funded corporate welfare. We can appeal to the Republicans with our Party’s proven record of advocating for free markets and private commerce, low or no taxes, gun rights, and respect for the US Constitution and Bill of Rights.

This is not to mention the fact that voters who oppose Hillary or Trump believe one or both of the above to essentially be egoistical caricatures of themselves. Again, their emotions make them prime candidates for recruitment. Every poor or shady move by the political establish-

ment alienates more and more people from the façade of the two parties. However, it is our responsibility as LP members to [recruit people now](#).

We use the politicians’ gaffes, the candidates’ unpopular positions, and the poor leadership in both parties as ammunition to shake their loyalty to the two-party system. Furthermore, our recruiting tools are the many platform points of libertarianism an individual agrees with, no matter if on the Left or the Right, as well as endless opportunities for ordinary people to get directly involved and make a real difference in the political process.

All of this starts with each and every Party member talking to people and bringing new faces to Libertarian meetings and events, especially rallies and socials.

**By Zach Foster, Contributor,
Libertarian Party of Nevada**

One of the advantages of focusing on local and state politics is the number of statutes and regulations passed at the state and local levels are small enough where it’s possible to skim through most of them over the course of a week or two. Another advantage is that hardly anyone else bothers, which is how you end up laws like NRS CHAPTER 556 - GARLIC AND ONIONS, which spends the entire chapter creating a “Garlic and Onion Growers’ Advisory Board”, consisting of five members (that, thankfully, serve without pay) to “prepare and present

to the State Board of Agriculture a program for research in the production, harvesting, processing, distribution and market promotion of garlic and onions. The program must contain a recommendation of a natural person or agency to conduct or manage each project, the time period for each project and the budget allocation for the project.”

So, why does Nevada need a Garlic and Onion Growers’ Advisory Board?

It doesn’t.

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The Libertarian Millennial Caucus, a national caucus comprised of Libertarian leaders throughout the United States, announces it has officially launched and its new website www.lplmc.com is ready for people to start signing up.

The Libertarian Millennial Caucus (LMC) Core Values call for a fundamental change in the way we engage in the political process as Libertarians. LMC goals are to modernize technology, develop efficient business processes and organizational structure and dramatically improve the Party’s image through marketing and branding. Please visit www.lplmc.com/our-mission to review the Statement of Purpose.

LMC Leadership is comprised of national and state leaders and elected officials spanning across 18 states and growing. Please visit www.lplmc.com/members to

Strange Statutes (continued)

Chapter 556 exists solely to require every single garlic and onion grower in Nevada to contribute to the Board so everyone is chipping in on marketing and research. Thing is, though, if the Board was doing such a fantastic job, it wouldn’t need the legislative power of the State of Nevada to require every grower to chip in - they’d do so because it made excellent business sense to. Nevada garlic and onion growers interested in maintaining a voluntary association could even encourage wholesalers to refuse to do business with Nevada growers that refuse to participate in such an institution by preferentially selling to wholesalers that respect the Board. If the Board was indeed supported by “all the onion and garlic growers in the state of Nevada” - all “15 to 20 of them”, according to the minutes from the 68th Session’s Senate

view the initial list of leaders.

“So many young people are excited about Libertarian ideals and want to work toward liberty, and yet the party of liberty has remained very much a party of old thinking and old approaches,” said Libertarian Party of Texas Chairman Kurt Hildebrand. “We must give millennials a home within the party, but more importantly we must become the party of all-ages in the new millennium. Liberty is popular - and with the energy of young people and new ideas I am confident that the Libertarian Party can become the party of the future.”

“The goal of the LMC is to make the Libertarian Party more appealing so we can attract new members and earn the confidence of donors. We need to significantly change how we market and brand ourselves while being more professional

Committee on Natural Resources - why did they need binding legislation from the State of Nevada to create one?

To be clear, the Garlic and Onion Growers’ Advisory Board is not a direct threat on the liberty of most Nevadans. Its regulations apply to a couple dozen growers and maybe 2,000 acres of crops. It is - pardon the expression - small potatoes. However, the mindset that led to its creation - that led the Assembly to create a new Chapter in the Nevada Revised Statutes, create a new Board ex nihilo, and create a mandate requiring every garlic and onion grower to do something that, supposedly, they were ready to do of their own volition - is the sort of mindset that has led Nevada to have one of the worst occupational licensing schemes in the United States.

Libertarian Millennial Caucus Announces Official Launch

in order to create a viable option for voters,” said Brett H. Pojunis, Chairman of the Libertarian Party of Nevada.

“The political process does not work when we don’t show up,” said Libertarian National Committee member Kevin Ludlow. “The Millennial generation knows this and is unleashing a political power in this country that we haven’t seen in decades. The LMC wants to let young people know that we’re here, we’re organized, and we’re showing up to oust the establishment and make the Libertarian Party a serious organization.”

The LMC is looking for Libertarians who are active in the party and want to enact change. The LMC is highly organized, well-funded, and action oriented. With your help, the Libertarian Party will see change this year. Please visit www.lplmc.com/join to join the LMC today!

Perhaps garlic and onion growers in 1995 thought there was wisdom in creating a common Board to further their interests, but there was no need to bind future growers in 2015 and beyond if they didn’t find value in participating.

That’s the beauty of voluntary associations - unlike government boards, they can be dissolved when they’ve outlived their usefulness. The Libertarian Party supports the rights of all workers and producers to create voluntary associations that benefit each other and encourages everyone to exercise those rights as they deem fit. The government need not be involved whatsoever.

By David Colborne, Northern Nevada Regional Representative.

Strange Statutes

LP Nevada On The Road Again!

The Libertarian Party of Nevada (LPN) went to Phoenix Arizona to attend the LNC Meeting (Libertarian National Committee) that took place during February 20-21, hosted at the Arizona Grand Resort & Spa.

The LPN was represented by LPN Chairman Brett Pojunis and special guest Nevada Assemblyman John Moore. Also in attendance were several LPN divisional leaders: Alexander DiBenedetto (Administrative Director), Jason Weinman (Political Director) and myself (Membership Director). Performing their duties on the LNC were LPN members

Tim Hagan (Treasurer) and Alicia Mattson (Secretary).

The core reason for this trip was to introduce Assemblyman John Moore to the National Libertarian Party leadership and gain their support for the campaign of the highest-ranked Libertarian in the country, who is seeking reelection this November. Assemblyman John Moore spoke in front of the LNC twice, explaining his positions and how he will win his reelection. LPN leadership also took to the floor, explaining the importance of Assemblyman John Moore's reelection and the positive effect his victory will

have on the LP as a whole.

All in all, Assemblyman John Moore was well received and the trip was a success. Future trips to promote Assemblyman John Moore and grow our network are already in the works.

We are at a tipping point. The Libertarian Party is finally achieving the legitimacy it has sought for years. Assemblyman John Moore is the first of many more to come. We at the LPN will continue the fight with real substance –we will continue fanning the flames of liberty.

By Miles Dunn, Membership Director, Libertarian Party of Nevada



EVENTS

MAR 2016

01 FIRST TUESDAY LIBERTARIAN SOCIAL

Our March 1st Tuesday get together at Jalisco Mexican Cantina. Free food and great conversation, 6-9 PM.

10 OUT FOR LIBERTY (LGBTQI) CAUCUS MEETING

@ The Phoenix Bar and Lounge from 6-8 PM.

12 LEADERS AND ACTIVISTS CERTIFICATION TRAINING

@ LP Nevada headquarters from 2:30-4 PM.

17 LEGALIZE EVERYTHING LIBERTARIAN PARTY (STUDENT CAUCUS MEETING)

@ LP Nevada headquarters from 7-9 PM.

03 WOMEN IN NEVADA CAUCUS

Our First Meeting will be held at LP Nevada headquarters from 6-7 PM.

12 2016 LP NEVADA STATE CONVENTION - SOUTH

@ LP Nevada headquarters. 10 AM-2:30 PM. Volunteers arrive at 9 am.

13 LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE CANDIDATE TRAINING

@ LP Nevada headquarters from 11 AM-6 PM.

26 LP NEVADA DIRECTORS MEETING

@ LP Nevada headquarters from 9 - 11 AM.

05 YOUNG AMERICANS FOR LIBERTY (YAL) NEVADA STATE CONVENTION

@ UNLV, 10 AM-7 PM.

12 2016 LP NEVADA STATE CONVENTION - NORTH

@ Mound House. 11 AM-2:30 PM. Volunteers arrive at 10 am.

15 THIRD TUESDAY LIBERTARIAN SOCIAL

@ Rounders Bar & Grill from 5:30-8:30 PM.

30 LAST WEDNESDAY LIBERTARIAN PHONE BANK

@ LP Nevada headquarters from 5:30-8:00 PM.



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Trump's Victory a Loss for US Future With China

In Beijing, during a Regular Press Conference on February 24th, 2016, Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying told reporters, "we are following with interest the U.S. presidential election." With the fiasco that a lot of the presidential race of 2016 has been, these words can be less than encouraging, especially when the specific candidate is Donald Trump.

"But I want to stress that China and the US, as world's largest developing and developed countries, shoulder major responsibilities in safeguarding world peace, stability and security and driving world development. The sustained, sound and steady growth of China-US relations serves the fundamental and long-term interests of the two countries and benefits the world. We hope and believe that the US government will pursue a positive policy toward China in a responsible manner," said spokeswoman Hua Chunying.

Donald J. Trump has not made his feelings toward China a secret by any means in public forums. In fact, his website has



it listed as his top position:

What are his plans to get that reform "deal" done?

- 1. Bring China to the bargaining table** by immediately declaring it a

currency manipulator.

- 2. Protect American ingenuity and investment** by forcing China to uphold intellectual property laws and stop their unfair and unlawful practice of forcing U.S. companies to share proprietary technology with Chinese competitors as a condition of entry to China's market.
- 3. Reclaim millions of American jobs and reviving American manufacturing** by putting an end to China's illegal export subsidies and lax labor and environmental standards. No more sweatshops or pollution havens stealing jobs from American workers.
- 4. Strengthen our negotiating position** by lowering our corporate tax rate to keep American companies and jobs here at home, attacking our debt and deficit so China cannot use financial blackmail against us, and bolstering the U.S. military presence in the East and South China Seas to discourage Chinese adventurism.

Reading through the detailed section of the above listed actions is rather interesting. "We need a president who will not succumb to the financial blackmail of a Communist dictatorship" and "China's ongoing theft of intellectual property may be the greatest transfer of wealth in history."

He's also been quoted in admitting, "I would tax China on products coming in. I would do a tariff, yes — and they do it

to us."

He assures America that his plan will achieve 3 things:

- 1. Lower the corporate tax rate to 15%**
- 2. Attack our debt and deficit**
- 3. Strengthen the U.S. military and deploying it appropriately in the East and South China Seas.**

If you are unsure of why tariffs are unhealthy for an economy, you should pick up a copy of "Economics in One Lesson" by Henry Hazlitt to understand just how much damage can be done by aggravating countries you do business with. Often, those countries do jobs more efficiently and trying to force another country's workers out of a job to create those jobs at home where they may be done less efficiently – also causing workers in the U.S. to be taken away from jobs that they could be doing more efficiently in order to do so – is not a great idea.

Whether you agree that China is operating with the U.S. unethically or not, Trump has painted a target on the country's back that is so large that he felt that they should be at the very top of his Positions list. He has already created an enemy with a country that we do a lot of trade with and he has not even secured the GOP nomination yet.

If Donald J. Trump becomes the next President of the United States, this "take my ball and go home" attitude may do more harm than help.

By Kimberly Schjang, Contributor, Libertarian Party of Nevada

LP Nevada Activists Train for a Busy Campaign Season



During a small group activity, LP Nevada Volunteer Director, **William Moffat**, goes over recruitment and volunteer strategy.



Jay Layman, Communications Director, answers questions about overall social media strategy.



A welcoming activity is introduced by **Alexander DiBenedetto**, Administrative Director.

The Libertarian Party of Nevada is arguably the most active state chapter of the Libertarian Party in America. I was incredibly proud to take part in this weekend's activist training at the Libertarian Party of Nevada headquarters in Las Vegas. When I originally joined this band of freedom activists in the desert, I never imagined I'd get a front row seat at a third party's historic growth.

Dozens of activists showed up Saturday on their own time to train, be trained, and coordinate with fellow Libertarian Party members on traveling the road ahead. I stopped counting attendees after four dozen. The training was done in a seminar format with multiple groups and presenters rotating in a round robin. I would even dare compare it to the quality of instruction at Young Americans for Liberty's famous campaign training boot camps.

Special guests who participated in the training seminars included Nevada Assemblyman and Libertarian Party

member John Moore, and Steve Sanson, Director of Veterans In Politics International. What inspired me most was seeing members LPN's veterans caucus, LGBT caucus, nightlife and entertainment caucus, Hispanic caucus, and other individual members from different walks of life, all gathered together, going out of their way to be productive, and all getting on the same page.

"I'm really pleased and humbled that so many people came out today on their own time so we could educate each other and get on the same page," said state chair Brett Pojunis. "We have major events coming up this year and the Libertarian Party of Nevada is leading the way in liberty activism." Even the party's state chair came out to be trained!

"I'm so excited about all the people and the presentations," said Alex DiBenedetto, Editor-in-Chief of LPNevada.org and LPN publications. This successful activist training boot camp was his brainchild. "This is not the Libertarian Party of 2002.

What we see today is a brand that's respected in Las Vegas, that's engaged and very active across Nevada, and it's a brand I'm very proud to associate with."

It's a brand I'm proud to attach my name to as well. Frankly, I'm excited. On the menu this year for the LPN are legalizing marijuana, protecting gun rights, the Libertarian National Convention, and the 2016 election cycle. The most important race the LPN will focus on is reelecting Assemblyman John Moore, the first Libertarian state legislator in twenty years (but not the last!). 2016 is a big year for the Nevada party and the national party.

Anyone reading this who isn't yet a member of the fastest growing political party in America is welcome to join me. The Libertarian Party truly is the party of the people. Get involved today at www.LPNevada.org/volunteer/

By Zach Foster, Contributor, Libertarian Party of Nevada.

The Mob Museum Continues to Whack Taxpayers

Serving as an attorney for some of the most infamous mobsters and worst con men in history must have rubbed off on former Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman. In his waning days in office, Goodman proved to be as big of a scam artist as the crooks he notoriously represented when he swindled local, state and federal taxpayers out of \$42 million to build a monument to himself: The Mob Museum.

The museum, known officially as the National Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement, may be one of the most outlandish, offensive and frivolous uses of taxpayers' money anywhere in America in recent years.

Goodman, apparently yearning for his glory days surrounded by mobsters, call girls and dirty money, cooked up a cockamamie idea for a museum celebrating the mafia. The museum, Goodman decided, would even have a display dedicated to his efforts to make sure that some of the most violent and notorious villains in American history managed to evade prison time.

Instead of reaching into his pocket to fund the Mob Museum, or asking some of his wealthy friends to help pony up, Goodman raided government coffers to pay for the project. He was clearly unconcerned that many taxpayers would be offended at the idea of paying for a museum featuring the barber's chair in which mob boss Albert Anastasia was shot dead and the blood-stained wall

against which seven men were killed during Chicago's St. Valentine's Day Massacre in 1929.

Federal taxpayers spent \$2.7 million on the project. Nevada state taxpayers chipped in another \$87,000 from the State Historic Preservation Office and \$15,000 from the Nevada Commission for Cultural Affairs to finance the museum. Local tax revenues funded the remaining \$39 million needed to turn Mr. Goodman's pet project into a ridiculous reality.

When, in a Las Vegas Review-Journal op-ed, I expressed concern over the cost of the museum to taxpayers, Goodman called me a "moron," an "idiot" and, oddly, a "monkey," and argued the project was justified. He promised the museum would help revitalize downtown Las Vegas and become a huge moneymaker and tourist draw in the process.

Goodman used tax dollars to commission a study to calm public concern over the city's plan to pour tens of millions of tax dollars into what was obviously a dopey idea. That study claimed the Mob Museum would draw 800,000 visitors a year — that's three-times more people than visit the Basbeall Hall of Fame in an average year.

In a television interview with Jon Ralston the day before the museum's grand opening in 2012, I promised to jog through the Mob Museum naked, while singing Madonna songs if the Museum ever drew 800,000 visitors in

a year. Despite a massive ad campaign and an avalanche of coupons and other discounts, the museum has yet to bring even 300,000 people through the turnstiles in a single year. Sadly, it looks like my nude version of "Papa Don't Preach" isn't happening anytime soon.

Instead of being a boon for downtown, like Goodman promised, the museum turned out to be a boondoggle.

While downtown Las Vegas is undergoing a revitalization, that renewal is based almost exclusively on the vision and resources of Zappos CEO Tony Hsieh and the entrepreneurs who are building small businesses in the area. It has almost nothing at all to do with turning a former federal courthouse into an underperforming tourist trap.

And instead of becoming a lucrative cash cow for the city, the Mob Museum fails to generate enough money to cover its own operational expenses. Taxpayers are forced to spend thousands of dollars each year bailing out the museum just so it can afford to keep the doors open.

In a city built on bad bets, Goodman's Mob Museum may have been the worst financial decision in Las Vegas history. The museum is one of America's most embarrassing monuments to reckless government and wasted tax dollars.

By Drew Johnson, Columnist for The Washington Times and Senior Fellow at the Taxpayers Protection Alliance.

This misrepresentation has led more than a few libertarians (and I suspect, some trolls) to jump ship from the recently abandoned presidential campaign of Rand Paul to Bernie Sanders. Though there are plenty of news sources that have been feeding into this, the overwhelming narrative has been, "Bernie Sanders is a great idea because he is not a neoconservative that plans on making sand glow, is a man of the gay and all color people and though his economics are way off and will have to deal with the warring battle that is our Congress that will have frightened Republicans wanting to shut down everything! And that makes voting for Sanders a grand idea!"

I'll present to you what this sounds like:

Libertarian Case (continued)

"I don't like Hillary and I don't like Trump. Jeb seems nice. He seems less evil. I'll vote for him!"

"I'm tired of men! They run everything and they run it terribly! It's time for a woman in the office!"

Before anyone has a fit, this is where I am going with this, does anyone see a familiar theme? The libertarian movement is heading toward the lesser of two evils just like everyone who votes in the two party system! Is the libertarian party a two party system? We are not even considered a 1st or 2nd party! We are a 3rd party! Yes, we do have a messaging problem that we are trying to overcome, but names such as Gary Johnson are not unheard of outside of our movement.

We are still smarting and hurting over Ron Paul's big run at the presidency and Rand Paul needs much more seasoning to even get to that level (he has a long way to go), and the infiltration of the

Republican party is a sore spot within the libertarian movement, so much so that it has split some members into two party system voters. The libertarian party is a party of principles, not presidential cycles. The libertarian movement has been fighting for visibility for a long time and it is growing. It is a pity that the sight has been lost so quickly after so much work and that people are abandoning it so quickly due to Rand dropping out. Yes, Ron Paul did not win, we had 8 years of Obama, and maybe letting a socialist in to possibly speed us into our demise seems like a path to liberty (while some of us hold onto our hats and principles), but supporting a socialist in the primaries to draw votes anywhere and then voting him into office? How does that advance liberty by adding our voice into the destruction of our freedom? To the freedom of all Americans? To add our voice to the demise? There will be plenty of people that will be at the ballot box

wanting to vote in their favorite socialist or progressive or neoconservative and they will not need assistance from libertarians to add to the voting numbers and the focus should be on letting them know there is a better way to gaining their freedom.

One may call it a "wasted vote" to vote Libertarian or to not vote at all, however, not voting your principles is much more of a waste. A movement will always be small when people spend more time supporting something else in greater numbers. A movement will always have messaging problems if people spend more time criticizing the message instead of joining in numbers and using their skills to help fix the problem. Speeding everyone's way to demise and less freedom of our own volition via ballot box (or even "supporting" it willingly) is not very libertarian.

By Kimberly Schjang, Contributor, Libertarian Party of Nevada

Caucus Spotlight: Nevada Young Libertarians

The backbone of any effective, political effort is a strong, grassroots, student network. Nevada Young Libertarians, the youth caucus for the Libertarian Party of Nevada, is geared and ready to take the fight into our communities and onto Nevada campuses this election cycle.

Within the first week of this academic semester, provisional student chapters have been established at both UNLV (University of Nevada Las Vegas) and CSN (College of Southern Nevada). An executive board consisting of some of the brightest and most passionate young liberty warriors stands ready to lead the charge. It currently consists of Caucus Chair Andrew Lea, as well as Vice Chairs Lesley Chan, Miles Dunn, Aaron Morton, and John Brotherson.

"We are all really excited," says NYL Vice Chair and LPNevada Membership Director Mile Dunn. "Nevada Young Libertarians is not only going to be a resource for door-knocking or for phone calls. We are going to be a mechanism for activism in our community. We are going to cause real change. We are going to get things done."

The caucus has several large-scale projects in the works. A printed publication, educational workshops, and chapters at the other colleges in the state are all current priorities. Above all else, the goal of the caucus is to convert passionate, small-I, liberty activists into effective grassroots operatives. Nevada Young Libertarians is already on track to become the most effective student political group in the state of Nevada.

"One of our primary goals is providing activists access to quality training and resources," says NYL chair Andrew Lea. "It is a theme very prevalent in the LPNevada affiliate. Yes, we want to educate and exist as a way for activists to learn and get involved, but it is about more than that. We can't stop with

learning. We have to focus on doing."

And "doing" is what the caucus has started off focusing on. Though only a couple months old, NYL is more active than all of the Republican and Democrat student groups in Nevada combined!

"We are going to win," Lea says. "This is going to be our year. The Libertarian Party is going to win big in Nevada, and Nevada Young Libertarians is going to be a part of it."

By Andrew Lea, Chairman, Nevada Young Libertarians



Students hang out for their monthly meeting at the LP Nevada headquarters.

Is There a Libertarian Case for Not Making a Case?

To outsiders in the libertarian community, we are often viewed as cold and unfeeling, analytical and emotionless. The appeal of socialism is an appeal to emotion. I have seen it tear at the heartstring of newcomers to the movement and even some libertarians who have been in the movement a long while. I maintain the position that the perception of a cold and unyielding people is one built upon a misunderstanding or a shaky devotion to libertarian principles (See Jason Stapleton's The Power of Principle, or actually take the time to sit down and have a conversation with a libertarian with the intent of the conversation being open and not antagonistic – I am told I can be pretty friendly).



LIBERTARIAN PARTY of NEVADA



2016 Libertarian Party of Nevada State Convention March 12, 2016 - 11am - 4pm

Basic Agenda: Business Portion

11:00 am | Credentialing begins

1:00 pm - 1:30 pm | Approve agenda, minutes, bylaws

1:30 pm - 2:00 pm | Candidate Selection for all state and national offices (delegates)

2:00 pm - 2:45 pm | Directors' Report to Executive Committee & officer reports

Non-Business Portion

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm | Certification training

5:00 pm | Dinner & Cocktailing

2016 Libertarian National Convention



Dates:
Friday, May 27 - Monday, May 30,

Location:
Orlando, Florida

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From the Editor

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Respectfully,

Alexander M. DiBenedetto
Editor-in-Chief, LPNevada

FUN FACTS:

The [electoral process](#) to nominate a candidate for a presidential election is usually called "the primaries," but there are two different systems that states use: caucus and primary.

Unlike a primary, where residents simply cast their ballots, a caucus is a local gathering where voters openly decide which candidate to support. The caucus format favors candidates who have a dedicated and organized following because a small band of devoted volunteers can exert an outsized influence in the open setting of a caucus.

States choose whether they want to hold primaries or caucuses. Most states hold primaries but states like Iowa, Louisiana, Minnesota and Maine use the caucus system. (Diffen.com. Retrieved 2/29/2016).

The Libertarian Party of Nevada selects candidates using a caucus system at their State Convention. A simple majority determines the candidates for that office. Be warned - NOTA (None of the Above) is always able to run as a candidate!



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