If any of you are curious what sort of report I submit to my membership here in Arizona and wish to use it as a template for your own, below is what I sent them for the month of May 2017.

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From: **Kimberly Ruff** < <u>kim.ruff2016@gmail.com</u>>

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Subject: LPRC Arizona State Coordinator Report - May 2017

To: Kimberly Ruff < kim.ruff2016@gmail.com >

Greetings!

You are receiving this message because you are currently a member of the <u>Libertarian Party Radical Caucus</u>, and I am the <u>State Coordinator for Arizona</u>. If you haven't already, please consider following our state-specific <u>Facebook page</u>, as well as joining our two discussion <u>groups</u>, one of which is for <u>members only</u>.

As your State Coordinator, it is my duty to not only represent the interests of radical libertarians here in Arizona during our Board Meetings, but to also ensure Arizona members are cognizant of relevant activities, events, and party business.

MEETINGS

Board Meeting

We have a <u>Board Meeting</u> scheduled for Sunday, May 21st, 2017 at 8pm EST (5pm EST.) During this meeting, we will be doing our second round voting on two bylaws proposals and considering the appointment of several members to State Coordinator positions.

All members are invited and encouraged to attend. We utilize **Zoom** teleconferencing software, which you can download online or using an app store on your smart phone, tablet, or personal computer.

If you don't wish to utilize this software but you still desire to attend the meeting, there is a call in number that will be provided in advance of the meeting to anyone who inquires. You can get that information by emailing board@lpradicalcaucus.org.

Annual Member Convention

We have our annual Membership Convention scheduled for Sunday, June 23rd, 2017 at 2pm EDT. All members are encouraged to attend, and voting members (e.g., dues-paying members) will be able to weigh in on a variety of important issues, including platform changes, bylaws proposals, leadership positions, etc. In addition, we will be discussing our strategy leading up to the 2018 LNC Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana scheduled for June 29 - July 3rd.

GET INVOLVED

Libertarian Party Radical Caucus

We are always in need of volunteers to assist with a variety of projects that range from contributing content to our website and social media accounts to updating our information on the <u>LPedia.org</u> page to drafting letters to members of the LNC to membership outreach. If you are interested in getting more involved, whether here in Arizona or on a national scale, let me know.

Libertarian National Committee

If you don't currently follow LNC Business, I strongly encourage you do. You can stay abreast of issues and votes by

getting updates from our <u>LNC Region 1</u> Representative, <u>Caryn Ann Harlos</u>, and following the <u>LNC Business</u> - <u>Discuss</u> page on Facebook. In addition, you can follow the entire <u>LNC list</u> and see how each member votes (and discusses issues prior to voting.)

In 2018, we will be electing officers for the LNC, and we strongly encourage all of our radicals to consider running. In addition to Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer, we have Region 1 Representative and Alternate, and five At Large positions that will be coming up.

I personally plan on running for Secretary against the moderate incumbent, but don't let my desire to run for that position discourage you should you desire to seek that seat. We utilize <u>Approval Voting</u> for these positions wherein members can vote for as many candidates as they personally wish with the seat going to the candidate who has the highest tally of votes.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Grassroots Citizens Concerned: #Refer2404

AZLP Secretary, Mike Shipley, and I formed the group, Grassroots Citizens Concerned, to gather signatures to refer HB2404 back to the Arizona voters on the 2018 ballot. HB2404, if you're unaware, is a piece of legislation signed by Governor Ducey during the 2017 legislative session that changes the manner in which petition circulators are paid from being "per valid signature" to "hourly." Signature gathering is a time-consuming task and oftentimes, in order to offset the deficit left by the absence of volunteers, organizations such as the Libertarian Party have to pay professional petition circulators to gather signatures. Typically, we pay anywhere between \$1 - \$3 per signature. Shifting their pay to hourly at current minimum wage de-incentivizes the circulators from "worker smarter, not harder" and makes signature gathering even more cost prohibitive than it already is. Regardless of the intention, the net result is that grassroots organizations are crowded out even more from an integral part of the political process.

We have less than 90-days to gather 75,000 valid signatures to get this on the ballot. We have partnered with multiple other grassroots and volunteer organizations throughout Arizona and have 7 of our 15 counties mobilized in our race against the clock, but we always need more support.

If you are interested in getting involved with this referendum, you can visit our <u>webpage</u> or our facebook <u>page</u> or <u>group</u> for more information. If you would like to donate to help offset the cost of this endeavor, we have a paypal (<u>refer2404@gmail.com</u>) and <u>GoFundMe</u> campaign.

In Liberty,

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