



Legislative candidates needed for 2004

September 18 meeting will be caucus for 2004 elections

By Robert Giedt

Even numbered years are important for our party, and we're looking for qualified Libertarians to run for state and federal office. Assemblyman, State Senator, and U.S. Representative are just some of the prominent political offices open for the right individual.

To qualify as a state or federal candidate with the Libertarian Party, you must be a U.S. citizen, a registered voter, a registered Libertarian for at least the previous three (3) months, and not have been registered with another political party within

the last 12 months.

On September 18, we will conduct our caucus for 2004 in addition to holding our regular meeting. If you feel up to the challenge of running for state or federal office or are seriously considering the opportunity, please attend this meeting and we can provide information and resources to help you with your decision. You can also contact Jack Hickey with questions at 650/368-5722, or send email to any office in the masthead prior to the meeting. Additional information is on the web at www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections_b.htm and

www.ca.lp.org.

The next step takes place October 4, where we will conduct a petition mailing to try to defray the cost of candidacy filing. All filing fee petitions must be turned in by early November, and nomination documents by early December. The 2004 primary is in March, while the general election takes place in November 2004.

We need you to help effect change and make 2004 the breakthrough year for Libertarian politics! ☺

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Some notes from your Secretary/Publisher

by Christopher Schmidt

As your Secretary and Publisher, I'd like to jot down a few notes to let you know what we've been up to, since our last issue, in October.

We have not been inactive—quite the opposite, in fact. We've been too busy for our small numbers, and this has caused us to let the newsletter slide a little. We can always use more volunteers (*hint, hint!*).

In November, we opposed a number of taxes, authoring ballot arguments, talking to the press, etc., and succeeded in defeating a parcel tax in the Belmont/Redwood

Shores Elementary School District. This time we saved local taxpayers \$1,400 per household (or about \$16 million total), over 10 years.

Over on the coast, member Don Pettengill almost single-handedly defeated two more parcel taxes, saving taxpayers there \$1,250 per household, over 5 years, and he did it *twice*. His greedy school district put this measure on the ballot twice before 2003 was half over!

Each of our legislative and nonpartisan candidates did us honor in November, and garnered many more votes than there are registered Libertarians. Maad Abu-Ghazalah picked up 7.1% of the vote, in fact—more than any other 3rd party legislative candidate in the state (in a 3-way race)!

Jack Hickey won election to the Sequoia Healthcare District board, and has been very busy trying to curb the excesses engendered by having all that tax money burning a hole in their pockets. (The District is hot to use a law requiring seismic upgrades—originally estimated to cost less than \$30 million—as an excuse to build an

all-new hospital in a very crowded market, at a cost of over \$200 million.

Always busy, Jack is also running for Governor, and he just finished 3 ballot arguments for the November election, on behalf of the LPSM.

Other officers have been busy with recall and anti-war activities.

I hope I can look forward to seeing some new faces at the next 2 meetings! ☺

Schmidt and Pettengill review winning election results.



NEXT 2 BUSINESS MEETINGS :

**Thursday, August 21 and
Thursday, September 18**
IHOP

510 El Camino Real
Belmont

(west-side, 1/2 mile north of Ralston)

Dinner (optional):

6:30–7:30PM in the private dining room

Business meeting:

7:30–8:45PM in the private dining room

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Ballot Box Victory!—

Jack Hickey congratulates the victorious signers of the LPSM argument against a Belmont-Redwood Shores parcel tax in November. 🗳️

Clockwise: Christopher Schmidt, Jack, Harland Harrison, Fred Graham, Linden Hsu.



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