



Campaigns gear up for November

Local Libertarians focus on November after their successful March primaries

By Robert Giedt

With the March primaries over, the candidates for offices in San Mateo County are ramping up their campaigns for the November general election. San Mateo County Libertarians are hosting a full slate of candidates for state and federal offices this fall. A complete list of candidates, their websites and e-mail addresses can be found at the LPSM website at <http://www.lpsm.org>.

Maad Abu-Ghazalah has been very busy in his quest to dethrone the incumbent Tom Lantos from his seat in Congress. Not only is he receiving a bevy of media coverage, in February/March, he displayed a racy billboard on southbound Highway 101 near Oracle in Redwood City. Maad has recruited volunteers (and hired the noted Douglas Friedline of Jesse Ventura fame for his cam-

paigned manager), travelled across the country for fundraisers, and started gathering endorsements, including one from MAPA (the Mexican American Political Association). Check out Maad's website at <http://www.maad4congress.org>.

In addition, Robert Giedt has been featured in both the *Half Moon Bay Review* and *San Mateo County Journal*, and is preparing

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April, May, and June meeting notes

by Linden Hsu

April notes

There were not enough officers present to form a quorum for business in April.

May notes

Attendance: Chair (Jack Hickey), Vice Chair (Christopher Schmidt), Secretary (Linden Hsu), Campaigns (Maad Abu-Ghazalah), Fundraising (Harland Harrison), Fred Graham, Danielle Rice, Travis Ebert. A quorum was present. The March minutes were approved as read. (4-0-1).

Officer reports

Chair: Jack said that he was still being prolific in writing LTEs (letters to the editor) and had several letters published in local papers recently.

Vice Chair: Christopher presented a certificate to Maad from the County Registrar in commemoration of his being elected to the Central Committee. Christopher noted that had several other certificates but the winners were not present.

Campaigns: Maad indicated that he would be compiling a summary of "lessons learned" from his campaign for the benefit of future candidates.

Announcements

Danielle expressed interest in helping the libertarian cause and will present a plan to increase membership at the next meeting.

Linden and his wife are relocating to San Jose. Linden will stay affiliated with Region 41 and complete his term as Secretary for the year 2002.

Jack encouraged everyone to watch the utility tax measure in Santa Barbara. It may serve as an example for potential future action.

New business

Approved the continued use of the domain name "lpsm.org" and to switch to the Easy DNS provider for \$55/year. [1] (5-0-0)

Approved the renewal of the "california.com/~lpsm" web hosting for an amount not to exceed \$120. [2] (5-0-0)

Approved the renewal of the LPSM postal permit for an amount not to exceed \$200. [3] (5-0-0)

Footnotes:

[1] Note that a \$200 donation was made during the summer of 2000 to reserve the "lpsm.org" domain name and pay for future fees. Any amount unspent will be applied first to the yearly fee. The Easy DNS service includes e-mail forwarding for up to 100 addresses. The mail forwarding of "<your

name>@lpsm.org" will add a professional touch for officers, candidates, and active members.

[2] The expected cost is \$99/year.

[3] The expected cost is \$120. The savings from a 1,000 piece outreach mailing more than covers the fee.

June notes

Attendance: Chair (Jack Hickey), Vice Chair (Christopher Schmidt), Secretary (Linden Hsu), Campaigns (Maad Abu-Ghazalah), Fundraising (Harland Harrison), Fred Graham. A quorum was present. The May minutes were approved by acclamation as amended.

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NEXT 2 BUSINESS MEETINGS:

Thursday, July 18 and
Thursday, August 15
Hobee's Restaurant
1111 Shoreway Road
Belmont

(off Ralston on the bay side of 101)

Dinner (optional):

6:00-7:30PM in the dining room alcove

Business meeting:

7:30-8:45PM in the dining room alcove

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Officer reports

Chair: Jack warned of a ballot measure that would extend the Measure A sale's tax and another that would place some coastal communities under the Mid-Peninsula Open Space District's jurisdiction. He plans to investigate a strategy for action for both.

Vice Chair: Christopher reported that the LPSM web hosting and e-mail forwarding service did cost \$99, the LPSM.org domain name transferred for \$55, and that the post office mailing permit renewal was in progress.

Campaigns: Maad said that he was planning targeted outreach, registration, and fundraising. He said that he was making contacts that may be useful for future LPSM candidates. He also indicated that there might be a documentary about his campaign.

Membership Form
(includes membership in the national, state & local Libertarian Party)



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Please print:

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The Libertarian Party is the Party of Principle. To assure and affirm that our party never strays from its principles, we request our members to sign the pledge below. (Non-signers cannot vote on party business.)

I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals.

Signature: _____

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for a couple of candidate forums in September. He's also working to set up an online store, collecting campaign contributions to defray the candidate statement cost in the voter's ballot, and writing an article on low-cost ways to conduct a political campaign. His website can be found at http://www.giedt2002.org.

Many of our local candidates are looking for volunteers to help their campaigns, so if you have spare time, they'd love to hear from you!

I choose to set my dues at:

- \$10 Local newsletter only
(signature/pledge not required)
- \$25 Basic
- \$100 Sustaining
- \$250 Sponsor
- \$500 Patron
- \$1,000 Life

Add'l contribution to the San Mateo Region:

- \$ _____ Monthly Pledge
- \$ _____ One-time Donation

TOTAL:

Payment method:

- Check (payable to the Libertarian Party)
- Visa MasterCard
- Credit Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____
- Name on Card: _____
- Signature: _____