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LPSM (113 members, 1730 reg'd) is the county's only organized opposition to tax hikes. Since 1990 we've helped stop about \$500M in new taxes LP-CA (86K registered) has ~70 office-holders, and contests far more seats than the Greens: 24-11 US House, 12-1 CA Senate, 35-4 CA Assembly LP-USA (~25K?, 235K): most candidates (1800), unique voters (3.3M), prez ballot access (49 states to 38), elected officials (>300) of all 3rd parties

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Sequoia Health Care District – late-breaking news

LPSM Slate On Brink Of Board Control

The *Palo Alto Daily News* on Oct 22 endorsed Warren Gibson and Sonya Sigler to join Libertarian board member Jack Hickey in his effort to disband the district: "Two civil grand juries have issued reports saying that the district should dissolve because it no longer has a hospital or a purpose to exist. But county political leaders, eyeing the \$5 million a year the district collects in property taxes and its \$55 million in reserves, want that money for health-related programs. Warren Gibson and Sonya Sigler promise to dissolve the district and end the tax. [We] think highly of Warren Gibson and Sonya Sigler, who are up to the task of dissolving this district. Gibson, the founder of an engineering company and the chairman of the Belmont Planning Commission, completely understands the issues in this race and has the determination it will take to fight with other government bodies to bring about the dissolution of the district. Sigler, an attorney who heads a local law firm, also is capable of guiding the district through the process of disbanding. She's bright, energetic and pragmatic. [...] Hickey needs two more votes on this board to begin the process of dissolving this district." More at capp.info.

Calendar

Tu Nov 2, 2004	General Election
Th Nov 18, 2004	Supper Club/ Business Meeting
Th Dec 16, 2004	Supper Club/ Business Meeting
Th Jan 20, 2005	Supper Club/ Annual Meeting

Join us for food and fun at the Belmont IHOP, 510 El Camino Real, ½ mile N. of Ralston. Agenda:
 6:30pm Discussion & dining (all welcome)
 7:30pm Business (dues-payers only)

Dinner is FREE if you join or renew your membership at the meeting!

Apologies for our hiatus! I've been pretty lame as newsletter chair this year, but as punishment I'm going to ask for another chance next year. -- Brian

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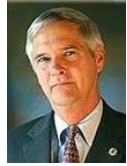


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Ballot Recommendations



U.S. President: Michael Badnarik vs. Pres. George Bush (R)
He came from a distant 3rd to win the LP nomination on the strength of his eloquent debate performance at the Convention. A self-taught constitutional scholar, he emphasizes strict constructionism and a non-interventionist foreign policy. He used to dabble in civil disobedience regarding income taxes and driver licensing. See [badnarik.org](#)



U.S. Senate: Judge Jim Gray vs. Sen. Barbara Boxer (D)
A Superior Court Judge in Orange County, Gray wrote a book on the failed Drug War and wants to treat marijuana like alcohol. He would roll back the Patriot Act and internationalize the mission in Iraq so as to withdraw our troops before 2005. Gray is taking a yearlong leave of absence from the bench to campaign. See [judgegray2004.com](#)



U.S. House (12th): Harland Harrison vs. Rep. Tom Lantos (D)
“I join Pat Gray, a Green, and Mike Garza, a Republican, in opposing the war in Iraq. Our government lies, kills, steals, and tortures, and both major parties share the guilt. Unlike the other peace candidates, I point out that no 'war money' exists to divvy up; the deficit already exceeds the entire defense budget.” See [harrison2004.lpsm.org](#)



U.S. House (14th): Brian Holtz vs. Rep. Anna Eshoo (D)
Within the LP, I promote economics-based minarchism over the extremist anarchism implied by the Pledge's simplistic non-coercion. To voters at large I promote the LP as the modern alternative to discredited liberalism and obsolete conservatism. I'm betting voters \$5 they can't read [marketliberal.org](#) and still not vote for me. Still no takers!



CA Senate (11th): Allen Rice vs. Assemblyman Joe Simitian (D)
“Balance the state budget. Restore local control of schools. End redistricting by Sacramento. More local control of redevelopment agencies. The purpose of government is to maintain the legal system, police, military, currency, and basic safety net. To get from What Was, to What Will Be, you must first go through What Is.” See [rice4sd11.org](#)



CA Assembly (12th): Chris Maden vs. Asm. Leland Yee (D)
“I want to be your representative in Sacramento not because I know how to run your life. Instead, I believe that you best know how to run your own life, and that our cities will be better places to live with less interference from the state. I promise to uphold libertarian principles on every vote that comes before the legislature.” See [lpsf.org/maden04](#)



CA Assembly (19th): Miles Gilster vs. Asm. Gene Mullin (D)
Miles is a newlywed technical writer living in Moss Beach. He opposes Measure A because it will divert scarce taxpayer dollars from proven transit (e.g. buses) to low-use new ones (e.g. BART), isolating residents who live on the coast side. The existing tax was for capital assets, but Measure A will fund operations that should be self-financing.



Sequoia Health Care District: Warren Gibson +SS vs. 2 incmbts
“1. Stop the handouts of tax money to private charities, a practice criticized by two separate Grand Juries. 2. Finish the privatization of Sequoia Hospital. 3. Abolish the District and free up its \$50 million. 4. Audit the District, and stop the dirty tricks like the recent cancellation of the election for the 2-year seat.” See [gibson2.com](#)



Sequoia Health Care District: Sonya Sigler +WG vs. 2 incmbts
“As the Grand Jury says, the District has outlived its purpose, collecting taxes for a hospital it sold in 1996. The current owner doesn't need our tax money, and at least two competitors are willing to build new hospitals here with their own money. The District's \$50M stash needs to be spent on healthcare or returned to the taxpayers.” See [capp.info](#)



SM County Board of Education: Jack Hickey vs. Ted Lempert
Education is too important to be a government monopoly. Jack would: Allow property tax credits and private vouchers for alternatives to public schools. Preserve the Jarvis-Gann property tax and spending limits. Ballot-directed spending initiatives with less than 2/3 voter approval should be financed from the existing 1% property tax.

State Ballot Measures

LPCA Recommendations

1A: Protect local revenue from Sacramento	Yes?
59: Access to government information	Yes
60: Allow 3 rd parties in general elections	Yes!
60a: Surplus state property	Yes
61: Children's hospital projects & bonds	No
62: Exclude 3 rd parties from general elections	No!
63: Mental health services. Tax millionaires	No
64: Limit frivolous lawsuits	Yes
65: Protect local revenue from Sacramento	Yes
66: Limit 3 Strikes law to violent crimes	Yes
67: Emergency medical services; phone tax	No
68: Relax gambling laws for racing, card clubs	---
69: DNA database for felons, some arrestees	No
70: Relax gambling laws for Indians	No
71: Regulate & fund stem cell research	No
72: Mandate employer health care coverage	No

Prop 62 Threatens LP Ballot Access!

Excerpt from Richard Winger, Ballot Access News

Proposition 62 will trample on the rights of minority parties, a vital source of fresh political thinking. It provides that all voters would receive the same ballot in the primary, containing all the candidates for federal and state offices, regardless of party. Then, only the top two vote-getters for each office would appear on the November ballot. Prop 62 backers say their system would elect a more moderate set of legislators. But all of our state legislators who held office during the 1999-2002 period had been elected in the blanket-primary system, as was Gov. Gray Davis in 1998. Partisanship was just as rife then as it had been earlier. Prop 62 confines the general-election ballot to only two candidates. We would have fewer choices on our November ballots than the voters of any other state. The 700,000 members of minor parties would virtually never have anyone from their own party to vote for in November.

Local Ballot Measures

LPSM Recommendations

(and editor picks on measures w/ no LPSM position)

A: Sales tax for transit operations	No
B: No sex preference discrimination by county govt	(Yes)
C: Acting county mgr needn't be county employee	(Yes)
D: Classify county's >3-yr "temps" as civil servants	---
E: Annual grand jury salary review for Supervisors	(No)
G: Belmont/RedShores school parcel tax	No
H: Sequoia High School bonds	No
M: Daly City sales tax for transit	No
N: Daly City business license tax increase	No
P: San Mateo city height/density rules	(No)
Q: Relax Redwood City marina height rules	(Yes)
S: Burlingame parcel tax for schools	No