

Region 4 / California Report

by LNC Regional Representative Daniel Wiener (11/8/2015)

The 2016 Libertarian Party of California state convention is scheduled for April 1-3 at the LAX Hilton Hotel near Los Angeles International Airport, with a room rate of \$119/night. Details are not yet available, but there will be an exciting array of speakers and a forum for LP Presidential candidates, mixed in with the usual convention business.

The LAX Hilton Hotel has offered the national LP the same discount room rate if we want to hold an LNC meeting there.

A membership recruitment mailing has gone out to national members who are not LPC members (plus former LPC members). The national LP News will have the LPC News inserted in an upcoming issue, directed at California state and national members. And the revamped LPC website is expected to be finished soon (there are still some administrative and database issues which need to be ironed out).

The LPC is recruiting candidates for the 2016 elections, despite the new burdens placed on minor parties by California's "Top Two" election system. Unfortunately the courts have upheld that system, which makes it very expensive for candidates to get on the primary ballot and very difficult to get past the primary election to appear on the November general election ballot. Of course the Libertarian Party's Presidential candidate is guaranteed to be on California's general election ballot.

Numerous county organizations are active:

- Alameda County is holding a meeting and elections on November 12th (tinyurl.com/pvwwwnwa).
- Butte County holds several meetings each month (tinyurl.com/nq4l7og).
- The LP of Los Angeles County (LPLAC) will be holding meetings throughout the area (tinyurl.com/q3s5wn4), in the Foothills Region on November 11th; in San Pedro on November 19th; in the San Fernando Valley on November 20th; in Downey on December 3rd; and in Pasadena on December 9th. Its newsletter is at lanewsrag.com.
- The LP of Sacramento (lpsac.org) is holding a mixer on November 12th and a holiday party on December 12th.
- The San Bernardino County LP has its monthly business meeting with a speaker on November 14th (tinyurl.com/qhxxtmr), and the annual regional conference on January 23rd.
- The San Diego LP (sdlp.org) had a booth at the Del Mar Gun Show and holds monthly supper club meetings.

- The LP of San Francisco will have its monthly meeting and social on November 14th (tinyurl.com/nsytrpk).
- The San Luis Obispo LP holds informal meetings at their booth in the Farmers' Market each Thursday (tinyurl.com/pn44c5g).
- The LP of Santa Clara County holds their monthly meeting on the last Thursday of each month (scclp.org).
- The LP of Santa Cruz meets on the last Wednesday of each month (tinyurl.com/p8u9l6m).
- Sonoma County Libertarians will be getting together for a happy hour on November 13th (tinyurl.com/qguspm6).
- The LP of Ventura County (lpvc.org) holds monthly meetings in different cities throughout the county.
- Also, California College Libertarians, the official student arm of the Libertarian Party of California, has put out its latest electronic newsletter (tinyurl.com/nabjkoe).