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## LP Indiana scores ballot access victory

### Bill would have held minor parties to major party petition thresholds

**Evan McMahon**

LP Indiana Development Director

On Tuesday, February 2, State Rep. Ethan Manning (R) pulled his bill, HB 1134, from the Indiana House calendar. The bill sought to add the same signature requirements to minor party candidates seeking nomination at a closed convention as those the major parties' candidates are required to submit to get on the primary election ballot.

Timothy Maguire, chair of the Libertarian Party of Indiana, said he believes that HB 1134 was retaliation by disgruntled Republicans for how well Libertarian candidates did in the November election.

"It's obvious to anyone paying attention that the party of Trump has abandoned any notion of small government principles and is hemorrhaging supporters. Instead of looking inward and reforming themselves, they blame third parties for their failures," Maguire said.

For the first time in modern history, a third-party candidate received more than 10% in a three-way statewide race in Indiana. Donald Rainwater, the 2020 Libertarian candidate for Governor, received nearly 12% of the vote and came in second place in 32 of Indiana's 92 counties.

But how was HB 1134 an assault on the Libertarian party if it just seeks to make the system fairer, as Rep. Manning has stated? Rep. Manning pointed out that Republican and Democrat candidates



**Donald Rainwater (bottom left) and his campaign team celebrate on election night.** Photo by Zeke Davidson

have to gather 4,500 signatures with at least 500 of them being from each Congressional district. Why shouldn't Libertarian candidates have to do that?

First you have to understand that Republicans and Democrats are nominated through a publicly funded primary election held in the spring. To keep each party's primary ballot from being jammed with dozens of candidates for each race, the legislature has imposed rules that require each candidate to

gather enough valid signatures to show a minimum level of support from the voters.

But Libertarians don't participate in the primary election. In fact, Libertarians are barred by law from participating in the primary system. So, they nominate their candidates at an annual convention paid for and attended by party members.

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## FROM THE CHAIR

# Connections, campaigns, and camaraderie

**Joe Bishop-Henchman**  
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Once upon a time, in the pre-COVID times, I was waiting to cross G Street in downtown Washington, D.C.

Across the street, a businesswoman was moving briskly along the sidewalk. As she crossed a large grate in the sidewalk, she slumped down, hobbled on one foot. Her heel had snapped off in the grate. She angrily yanked the shoe off her foot, held up the shoe and the broken bit of heel.

She then shouted, to no one in particular: “God damn Mayor!”

All politics is local, the saying goes. You may align with your constituents 100 percent on vital national issues, but if you’re a mayor and the roads aren’t plowed and the trash isn’t picked up, you’re not winning reelection. If someone is running for local office but doesn’t talk with voters about how they will impact their daily lives for the better, they won’t win. As Apollo Pazell at LPHQ has told me many times: “For every 13 doors you knock on, you get one vote. For every 38 calls you make, you get one vote. For every 68 literature drops, you get one vote.”

Nationwide, there are 224 Libertarians holding elected office in 37 states: 96 partisan offices, and 128 nonpartisan offices. (I’m proud to say that is an upward trend, and of course we now have two state legislators in that mix for the first time in decades: State Rep. Marshall Burt (L-Wyoming) and State Rep. John Andrews (L-Maine). Since becoming your national chair in July 2020 on a platform of creating a culture of winning and action and getting more Libertarians elected, I’ve talked to many — but no means all — of



**Bishop-Henchman**

those 224, asking them about their journey, how they won, and their assessment of being a Libertarian officeholder. I highly recommend it: they have amazing stories.

Having even one Libertarian as the voice of principle and common sense at the legislative negotiating table is truly a game changer. Later in this issue, you’ll hear about Rep. Burt’s legislative agenda and how ensuring that your bill is tripartisan is now all the rage in the Wyoming House. At the local level, I’ve talked with Libertarian officials who are working to keep small businesses open, who are focused on getting people safely back to work, who are making sure kids’ educations aren’t forgotten, who are challenging harmful regulations and asking questions no one will about line items in the budget.

I always ask what national HQ could be doing to help them. From their feedback I’ve gotten quite a few great ideas. But three keep popping up.

First is one I didn’t expect: camaraderie.

Elected Libertarians are brave, principled, and eager, but often alone in office against a sea of Democrats and Republicans. Those parties provide staff support, messaging and strategic advice, and frankly strength in numbers to the officials and legislators from their parties. How do we make sure they are less alone? Late last year, I asked a working group of our elected officials — co-chaired by Montana city councilmember Sid Daoud and Tennessee city councilmember Trisha Butler, and assisted by Apollo Pazell — to develop a solution that can help close that capabilities gap.

The result is LESS: the Libertarian Elected Support System. LESS is a brand new initiative, an association for our elected officials to communicate with each other, trade best practices and good ideas, fundraise under the LNC umbrella while remaining autonomous in their operations, and generally ensure that Libertarian elected officials have the support and the tools to excel in office.

Second is a bigger pool of skilled campaign staff. On the back page of this newspaper, Cara Schulz outlines our new campaign certification program where you can take 16 classes on field ops, strategy, fundraising, volunteer recruitment and more, and be recognized as someone certified to lead a Libertarian campaign. Thanks to generous financial support from many of you, Cara and Apollo will be taking this training all over the country in 2021 and 2022 in two-day sessions. Contact Cara to sign up or donate. More donations mean more trainings and more successful Libertarian campaigns.

Third is making sure that our party has a culture of respect to go alongside our culture of winning and action. As one elected official put it to me: “You can argue on Facebook until you’re blue in the face but it’s not going to result in change. As an elected official, it’s frustrating wanting to make that change happen but not having the base of support to do so.” Here’s what I ask. If you don’t run, commit to knocking on doors, in the hundreds. And open your wallet.

On pages 6–8, I share the stories of eight extraordinary Libertarians. I promised if elected Chair that I would celebrate an activist each month and celebrate their achievements at the grassroots level.

Christopher, Kasie, Ford, Martha, Alicia, Aaron, Jennifer and Trisha don’t spend their time complaining online. Instead they are acting and achieving results. I highlight their stories to give examples for me and the rest of us to follow and help make our unsung heroes a little more sung. If you have a nomination for Activist of the Month, please email me at chair@lp.org.

It’s a crazy time. I know many people are hurting. Experiencing 2020, and seeing government oscillate from ambivalent tragicomic incompetence to frightening militaristic overreaction, it only makes me double down on the Libertarian Party being the only hope for principled leadership, sane solutions, and a free world in our lifetime. Thank you!

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## LP NEWS BRIEFS

### LP Headquarters mortgage paid off

The Libertarian Party's office space at 1444 Duke Street in Alexandria, Virginia, is officially paid off as of February.

According to LNC Treasurer Tim Hagan, the LNC purchased the office in April 2014 for \$825,000 using earmarked donations for the down payment.

Hagan also explained that the LNC took out a \$500,000, 25-year mortgage with a balloon payment due July 2024. The LNC's prudence, donations to the building fund, dedicated fundraising for the office, and the

Weiner Rule accelerated paying down the mortgage's principal. As a result, the balance was paid off after less than seven years.

However, if you were considering donating to the building fund, don't let this bit of good news stop you. Money which is earmarked for the building fund will be used for maintenance, upkeep, repairs, utilities, property taxes, renovations, furnishings and other allowable expenses in accordance with Federal Election Commission (FEC) guidelines.

In an announcement on social media, LNC Chair Joe Bishop-Henckman indicated a more formal mortgage burning ceremony will take place later in the year.

### Convention minutes available for download

LNC Secretary Caryn Ann Harlos announced the minutes from both sittings of the 2020 Libertarian National Convention are available and can be found on the party website at:

**[LP.org/lnc-meeting-archives](https://lp.org/lnc-meeting-archives)**

All members are invited and encouraged to follow along with the votes and discussion of the National Committee.

A brief tutorial on how to access this information can be found at: **[tinyurl.com/lp-transparency](https://tinyurl.com/lp-transparency)**

### Three appointed to serve on COC

Jeinay LeBlanc, Angela Pence and Jim Turney have been selected to serve on the 2022 Convention Oversight Committee.

Together with the LNC members on the committee, Erin Adams, Whitney Bilyeu, Erik Raudsep and David Sexton, the new appointees will be in charge of putting on the 2022 Libertarian National Convention to be held in Reno/Sparks, Nevada, May 26 through May 29, 2022.

# Meet Tyler Harris: A conversation with the party's Interim Executive Director

**Gideon Oakes**  
Publications Editor

**T**yler Harris has worked in corporate America and in small business. He's been a manager and an entrepreneur. He worked his first political campaign at the age of 16 and fell in love with activism. He's knocked doors, made phone calls, waved signs and circulated petitions. He's a loving father and husband. He's played guitar for 20 years — and he's confident he'll soon actually do it well.

As do so many of us in this party, he yearns for a world set free in our lifetime, and is willing to commit his time and talents to making it happen.

Last November, Harris became the Interim Executive Director of the Libertarian Party. I sat down with him recently to have a conversation about his past life, his present course and his goals for the future.

**Where did you grow up? How has that influenced your worldview?**

"I grew up in Santa Rosa, California. Back then, I considered myself a Republican in one of the most liberal parts of the state. So I learned a couple of lessons very early on. Firstly, someone being a fundamentally good person, good friend, good neighbor, etc., isn't predicated on having political beliefs that align with your own particular view on things — that we all have an inherent dignity as human beings that merits respect, and that ideas worth considering can sometimes come from unexpected places. And secondly, I learned to be secure in myself, my beliefs, my own process of self-reflection and discovery — without necessarily needing my opinions and perspectives validated by many of those around me. I got pretty used to being in the wilderness, so to speak, which it turns out would come in pretty handy in my life.

"Oh, and I learned a lot about wine. Some of the best wine on this planet is grown in Sonoma County. It's essentially the birthplace of California's modern wine industry. Growing up with that industry right in my backyard — I'm still a bit of a wine snob."

**What brought you into the Libertarian Party?**

"Joining the Libertarian Party for me felt like a long-awaited homecoming. I've been Libertarian in principle for virtually all of my life, but spent a long time and experienced a lot of frustration working within the old-party system. I got to a breaking point in 2012 where I promised myself and anyone who would listen that I'd never again hold my nose for another candidate I didn't believe in. I was done voting for the lesser evil. The next cycle came around and the old party candidates were predictably terrible. So it was time for me to put my money where my mouth was. I've never looked back and never been happier."



Tyler Harris, the Libertarian Party's Interim Executive Director. Submitted photo

**Who have been the biggest influences in your life?**

"My parents were incredibly big influences for me. When I was young, my dad moved from California to Montana. He owned a series of ranches there over the years. It had been a dream of his since he was young. Growing up, I'd go spend summers working there with him. I feel very fortunate to have had a front row seat to watch him chase his dream. It instilled in me a willingness to take big chances, and not to shy away from an opportunity even if it means risking big changes to your life.

"My mom was always very entrepreneurial as

well. She worked in real estate for a number of years, and even when making ends meet with other jobs, she often would have a side business of some sort going to supplement our income. I watched her juggle family and work and household finances in a way that I still find almost mystical. I'm pretty sure I inherit my analytical streak from her.

"Finally, I have an incredible step-dad, who caught all of my angsty teen years without the benefit of knowing me when I was young and cute. He owned his own business, in construction, and I got to see close up what it looked like to shoulder all the burdens of running a small business — something I myself would come to experience later in life."

**Where did you go to school? What was your major? What degree(s) do you hold?**

"I went to the University of Arizona (Go Wildcats!). I started out my academic life as a mathematics major, but discovered economics for the first real time in an intro course and was instantly enamored. I graduated with a bachelor's in economics, a minor in business administration, and a whole lot of extra math credits I didn't need but am glad to have taken."

**How would friends describe you? How would your employees describe you?**

"I'm not sure I'm particularly qualified to answer for what others think of me. Friends would probably describe me as easygoing and quick with a joke. Probably a little pedantic if I get going on some subjects. I'd hope that friends and

employees alike would describe me as supportive. Nothing makes me happier than seeing others around me succeed."

**Tell us about your career prior to working for the LP. What accomplishments brought you the most pride and/or fulfillment?**

"Prior to working for the LP, I was a manager within the U.S. payments division of a multinational FTSE 100 company. I led the merchant underwriting department of about a dozen people, which I found to be fascinating work. I loved leading people there and helping them shape and accomplish their own professional goals. I also soaked in a lot of corporate



culture, the best of which I like to think I've retained.

"In 2012, I left to start my own business, Harris Bankcard Consulting, as a merchant services consultant to local small businesses. The most fulfilling aspect there was getting to really network in my local community. I made connections and relationships through that business that are still very important to me. I also built up enough of a book that I was able to scale it back when my daughter was born and pursue some other interests, which included eventually seeking full-time work in the liberty movement."

**When, and in what position, did you start at LPHQ? What steps have led to the Interim Executive Director role?**

"Well, I started not just figuratively, but literally in the mailroom — first as a volunteer and then part-time helping out in our operations center with various needed tasks, including assisting with processing mail. From there, I came on full time in our operations department providing member services — a significant portion of which involved managing our inbound contacts via [info@lp.org](mailto:info@lp.org), our party's main public-facing email box. If you emailed the party at that email address during that particular period in time, it's highly likely that we've interacted. In 2018, and again in 2020, I served as the liaison between our HQ in Alexandria and our campaign field team operations working to win targeted races. In 2019, I started the Member Welcome Hangout series to welcome our new members into the party, provide an access point to staff for questions and topics of discussion, and to facilitate connecting new national party members with their state and local affiliate organizations. Most recently, I served as Deputy Director of Operations."

**What are you most proud of in your time prior to being named Interim Executive Director? And since?**

"Prior to stepping into this role, that's an incredibly tough question. I'm so proud of the work I've done since 2018 to support our field team efforts for key races — what we now call the Libertarian Frontier Project. Just being a part of that team feels like a tremendous honor. They're accomplishing such great things, the election of Marshall Burt to the state legislature in Wyoming being a prominent example, and are running a really sophisticated playbook in a really professional way. Building that expertise in the LP is going to be felt for many cycles to come."

"Being a part of the team charged with figuring out how to pull off the 2020 virtual presidential nominating convention was another huge one. We

had just 12 days to figure out how to pull off something no other nationwide political party had ever done before, using tools we'd never used before for that purpose. It was an incredible team to work with and what we were able to make happen, though not perfect, was remarkable, all things considered. That was a history-making effort, and I'm proud of what we were able to accomplish."

"Since taking this job, there's been nothing I've been more proud of than our LP staff. They've come into this year with a mandate for a lot of big



Harris with his wife, Heather, and daughter, Charlotte. Submitted photo

structural and organizational changes and some big challenges laid out for us. They've not just taken it in stride, but embraced it with gusto. We've got some big priorities and initiatives this year, and staff couldn't be tackling them with greater energy or determination. We've launched LESS, the Libertarian Elected Support System for our elected officials, we're planning major campaign and activist training programs around the country, we're expanding our staff to include dedicated activism and communications roles, and we're building out new development structures and approaches. Our staff really amazes me. More than anything, what gets me out of bed in the morning and keeps me working late into the night, is the commitment I feel to be the executive director that they deserve."

**What would you do differently if you had a chance?**

"Nothing. Don't get me wrong, I've made plenty of mistakes (and I'm probably due to make a few more), but if I gave up those mistakes I'd lose the lessons I've learned from them along the way. That wisdom is hard to come by, and so is the humility it inspires when we remember we're all fallible. I've

always said in business and in politics that it's not the mistake, but what you do to rectify it, that reveals something about your character."

**Understanding that the LNC chair steers the vision for the party as a whole, please paint a picture of your vision for LPHQ if you're offered the permanent Executive Director role.**

"On the staff side, as in so many other respects, we're at a really exciting time as a growing organization. We're starting to outgrow a lot of the habits that form in small offices and grow into the needs that larger organizations confront. We've got great, experienced, savvy professionals on staff. One of our challenges as we grow our team is going to be to ensure that we have professional institutions and practices in place on the staff side to support their amazing work. My vision is to put into practice a framework that is scalable for even more future growth."

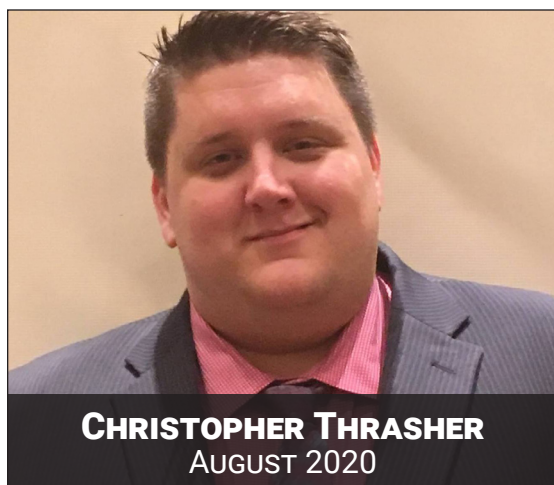
"It's not flashy work, and from the outside, if done right, just looks like everyone doing their job really well, initiatives and projects running smoothly, and functional areas coordinating effectively. It's about providing the foundation necessary for a bunch of really talented people to succeed at accomplishing the overarching vision articulated by the chair and LNC."

**Is there anything else you think we should know?**

"We have staff doing really amazing work. Our candidate support and campaigns team is working to recruit and support candidates, train campaign activists and elect Libertarians to office. Our affiliate support team is working to build out our 50-state infrastructure, recognize and support our dedicated grassroots activists, and put the tools in the hands of our state and local parties that they need to thrive. Our development team is building new relationships every day to expand the base of support for the party and creating valuable and positive experiences for our current members and supporters. Our operations team is tirelessly supporting our day-to-day functions and supporting the needs of our members. And our communications team is hard at work spreading the message of liberty that animates so many of us to meaningful action, including through publications like the one you are currently reading."

"It would mean a lot to me and to them if you would consider supporting their work with a contribution at [LP.org/donate](https://lp.org/donate). You can leave a note via the form thanking them for their efforts. Staff reads every comment we receive, and I guarantee you it will make their day."





**CHRISTOPHER THRASHER**  
AUGUST 2020

In August, Maine officials were reviewing our submission of 4,400 signatures to get our presidential ticket on the ballot, and judges had a number of legal challenges to petition gathering in a pandemic before them. However, we prevailed in getting on the ballot in the Pine Tree State — and consequently in all 50 states — and it was due in no small part to the hard work of Chris Thrasher.

In mid-July, Chris, a Libertarian campaign and ballot access organizer familiar to many of us, was preparing to start the next phase of his life: his first year at law school in Omaha, Nebraska. He had just moved across the country and was preparing for classes starting in mid-August. But when a judge denied our motion for immediate relief in Maine, and the call went out for help on the ground to get the required 4,000 signatures, Chris answered it.

He drove from Nebraska to Maine to be on the ground to help. He stood in the rain getting signatures from voters turning in ballots on primary day — hopefully boosting our validity rate! Faced with Maine's archaic requirement that signatures be brought to the home town of the voter for verification before being sent to state officials, he organized drivers to hundreds of Maine towns, handling many of the trips himself — driving for days all over Maine. He joined the Maine party's late nights checking petitions and updating counts, and helped keep volunteers from national HQ and New Hampshire LP hopping.

Chris went above and beyond, throwing himself into a crisis situation and rolling up his sleeves because he knows 50-state ballot access is essential. Chris has sought no special recognition for his efforts and focused entirely on getting the job done, which is all the more reason I am proud to name Christopher Thrasher as Activist of the Month for August 2020!



**KASIE DAILEY**  
SEPTEMBER 2020

On August 8, Libertarians across the country participated in over 150 convoys in all 50 states to promote #LetHerSpeak. Cars drove around parade-style to become mobile billboards, getting on-the-ground community attention for Jo Jorgensen. The hashtag became a top trend on Twitter, local news covered the convoys, and we reached lots of people who had never before heard of Jo Jorgensen.

Many of you participated. Not all of you may know that the person who made it happen is Kasie Dailey.

Kasie lives in Texas and holds no party office, but in spite of that (or perhaps, because of it!), she didn't stop on her vision of an event large enough to get noticed nationally but small enough to directly impact neighbors and help promote local candidates as well.

In Kasie's words: "I did not have resources, funds, connections, or experience in politics. But many grassroots supporters liked the idea, and volunteered to help me bring the Let Her Speak Convoys to life. The landing page, video, graphics, flyers, press releases, facebook resources, and the 'convoy finder' database were created with 100% volunteer support. A step-by-step checklist of instructions and training video made the complex web of information and materials easy to digest."

Kasie's enthusiasm brought in others to help with design, promotion, coordination, and resources. Her words again: "The torch has been lit, and the Let Her Speak resources are open to anyone who wants to make their own events, either national or local, online or in person. You do not need to wait for permission to make a difference. Just make a detailed plan, start pulling together resources, and lead the way."

Kasie organized questions for the Commission on Presidential Debates press conference, organized a September media protest, and I'm sure more to come. The September event was truly an "event-in-a-box" for organizers, with ready-to-use Facebook event instructions, graphics, printable flyers, messaging tips, talking points, police interaction Q&A, press release and car decoration tips.

I got to chat with Kasie in Austin and she was quick to give credit to everyone else who has helped with these efforts, which is all the more reason I am proud to name Kasie Dailey as Activist of the Month for September 2020!



**FORD FISCHER**  
OCTOBER 2020

It's harder and harder to find news sources that separate facts from analysis. Everyone wants you to know what you should think, and many people want to be told what to think, rather than get the facts so we can make up our minds for ourselves.

On September 21, Ford Fischer received his Emmy award for a documentary on Charlottesville he helped produce (called "Charlottesville"), and which used 16 minutes of footage he shot of the riot and murder in 2017 there at great personal risk to himself.

It is an incredible achievement for Ford, a freelance journalist and photographer who often finds himself in dangerous breaking news situations, putting himself there so we can see what's happening firsthand. In 2013, he co-founded News2Share, to provide objective and engaging raw video journalism content to viewers and to news networks, and his work has been featured on CNN, Fox, MSNBC, ABC and more. Spike Lee's film "BlacKkKlansman," which used 6 seconds of his footage, won an Oscar.

If there is a protest going on in the United States, there's a good chance Ford is there making sure it's documented. In September 2020 alone, Ford provided in-person video coverage of pre-dawn protests at Lindsey Graham's home, an attempted eviction of a homeless camp in Philadelphia, activists and police battling in Louisville, an anti-Barrett demonstration on the steps of the Supreme Court, and contentious rallies in Portland, Oregon. Ford has his opinions (he is a former Reason TV intern and member of the D.C. Libertarian Party) but when the camera is on he focuses matter-of-factly on covering what's happening and relaying the facts of the situation.

That is why I am proud to name Ford Fischer as Activist of the Month for October 2020!



# ACTIVISTS OF THE MONTH

BY JOE BISHOP-HENCHMAN  
LNC CHAIR



**MARTHA BUENO**  
NOVEMBER 2020

Many libertarians were doing get-out-the-vote efforts in November and among them was Martha Bueno, vice-chair of the Miami-Dade Libertarian Party. She saw a missed opportunity to reach Hispanic voters and rolled up her sleeves.

For months, Martha spearheaded Hispanic outreach for the Jorgensen/Cohen campaign. She did media appearances in the trade press. She's made sure our materials and message speak to Spanish-speaking voters. Bueno also runs *Libertarios Hispanos*, a Facebook page and LPTV program at [facebook.com/libertarioshispanos](https://facebook.com/libertarioshispanos)

"Hispanic immigrants tend to arrive in the U.S. without thinking that the government owes them anything. The Hispanic community is so aligned with libertarian values that it should be the easiest group to reach," she states. "The problem is that not many Hispanics are aware that the Libertarian Party exists."

The efforts by her and so many others are having an effect: polls indicate a stronger than usual performance for Libertarians by Hispanic voters. When the Miami event got disrupted, Martha helped solve the problem. When an activist was arrested, Martha helped get her released. Her hard work makes me honored to name her as November 2020's Activist of the Month!



**ALICIA MATTSON & AARON STARR**  
DECEMBER 2020

Corrupt city officials in Oxnard, California, have met their match in a Libertarian duo who have rallied public support against a series of unlawful actions. Alicia and Aaron, through ballot measures, appearances at city meetings, running for Mayor and lining up a slate to run for other offices, and litigation, have pushed back hard on efforts to impose an illegal sewage tax on the residents of the city, prevent transparency, and avoid accountability.

Thanks to Aaron and Alicia, Oxnard meetings in 2021 for the first time must hold meetings open to the public after 5 p.m., follow meeting procedures, and allow public speakers for up to three minutes. Oxnard voters approved their initiative last November with 57% of the vote, although city officials are gearing up to challenge it in court.

Millions of dollars are also on their way back to Oxnard residents. In December, a judge ruled in favor of Aaron and Alicia, ordering (in Aaron's words) "the City of Oxnard to IMMEDIATELY repay all of the money siphoned since March 2014 — now over \$34 million! — back to the city's three utility enterprises." The city put out a press release denouncing Aaron, and is appealing that one too.

They may be considered a "PITA" but everyone knows Oxnard will be better off with the reforms they are pushing through despite city officials' opposition. That's why I am honored to name them as December 2020's Activists of the Month!



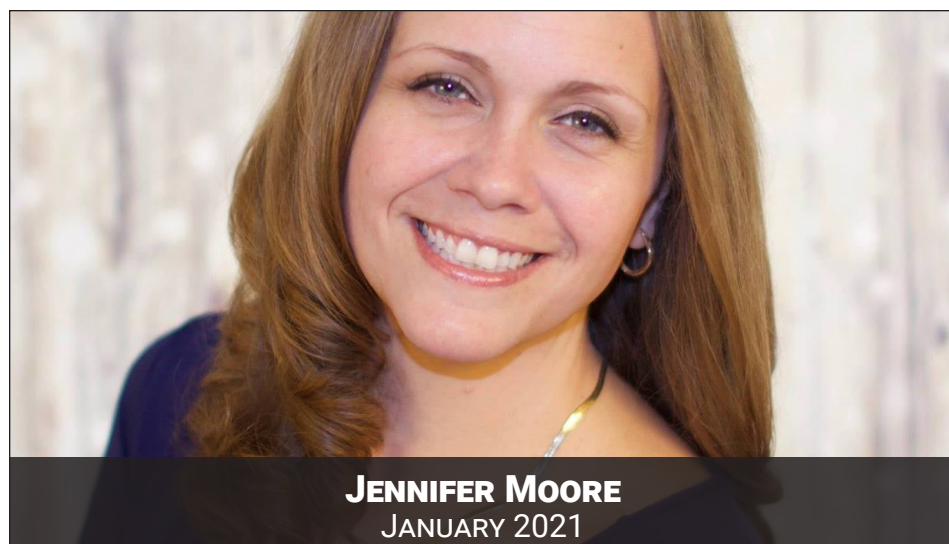
I promised if elected Chair that I would celebrate an activist each month who had extraordinary impact. By recognizing these achievements at the grassroots level, I hope we can give examples to follow and make our unsung heroes a little more sung.

If you have a nomination for Activist of the Month, please email me at [chair@lp.org](mailto:chair@lp.org).

**Joe Bishop-Henchman**  
LNC Chair

**See page 8 for more  
Activists of the Month**





Jennifer Moore is among the most dedicated and effective activists in the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania and the entire Libertarian Party:

Since becoming Eastern Vice Chair of the LPPA three years ago, she has organized 10 county affiliates, including six within the past three months alone.

She coordinated paid and volunteer petition drives in 2018 and 2020, earning the attention of the national party and a spot on the LNC ballot access committee.

As candidate for Auditor General in 2020 she gained 3% of the vote, guaranteeing the LPPA minor party status. She herself is an elected auditor and serves as chair of the board of auditors.

Her work on the LPPA elections committee has resulted in 47 electoral victories! She has built bridges and has

become a universally liked and respected member of her community. She has accomplished all of this while holding a full-time professional career and raising two delightful children.

My good friend Adam Christian Reinhardt adds, "Few people in this party have served a more vital role in my formation as an activist and leader in this party than Jennifer has, and I know countless other Libertarians in Pennsylvania can say the same. Jennifer Moore is a mentor and an inspiration to everyone she works with."

Jenn's passion for liberty and her vision for the party have taken the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania to heights we've never seen before, and makes me honored to name her as January 2021's Activist of the Month!



Trisha Butler is one of the hardest-working Libertarian activists. She has been closely involved in the Frontier Project, and was elected last year to the City Council of Clarksville, Tennessee's fifth-largest city with a population of over 130,000. On the Council, Trisha has already worked to cut spending and regulations, including introducing a total repeal of the city's restrictive regulations on short-term rentals like Airbnb.

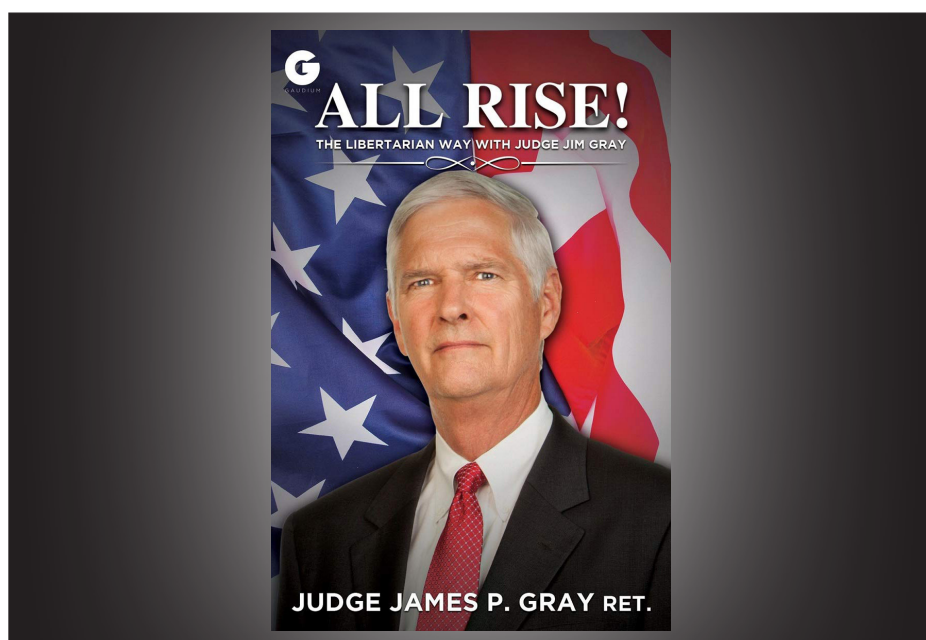
Trisha is also an active leader in the Tennessee party, and through the Frontier Project has been energetically involved in helping other Libertarian candidates across the country. She's also taking the lead on establishing one of the LP's next big projects: the Libertarian Elected Support

System (LESS), which will bring together elected Libertarians to provide mutual support and expert policy advice. Additionally Trisha has also been involved in issues at the national level, traveling to Washington, D.C. to lobby members of Congress to end America's endless wars overseas.

The Libertarian Party's future is built on dedicated members like Trisha Butler, which is why I'm proud to have her in the party and to recognize her as February 2021's Activist of the Month!

**Are you an elected  
Libertarian official?**

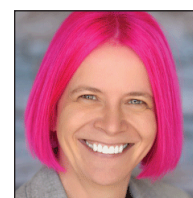
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## Review: "All Rise! The Libertarian Way with Judge Jim Gray"

**Caryn Ann Harlos**  
LNC Secretary

Judge Gray has put out another very reader-friendly book explaining libertarian reforms that can be made today and drastically improve our lives. It is an ideal book for friends and family that may not be familiar with these



**Harlos**

ideas and would be put off by more radical philosophy, at least at this time. Judge Gray presents these ideal in a very practical and friendly manner from a moderate libertarian perspective that is ideally suited to start these conversations. There are twelve self-contained chapters that can be used on their own including such topics as healthcare, immigration, education and the war on drugs. At no point does the reader feel out of their depth or that these are utopian pipe dreams that are too far-off to be relevant to the problems they face today.



# Indiana

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HB 1134 would have required Libertarian candidates to gather and submit 4,500 signatures to the state and county election boards prior to being nominated at the party's convention. Those signatures would then be reviewed, verified or rejected, and possibly challenged by their Democrat and Republican competitors.

"Getting a reasonable amount of petition signatures to appear on a ballot is logical to keep a ballot from being too crowded, but parties that nominate candidates at convention don't have ballots that could be crowded. So, there is no reason for such signatures. It would be like requiring someone to collect ten signatures before being allowed to enter their local church," said Richard Winger, editor of Ballot Access News and a nationally recognized ballot access expert.

Rep. Curt Nisly (R), with the full support of the Libertarian Party of Indiana, submitted an amendment to HB 1134. The Nisly amendment would have kept Rep. Manning's signature requirements, but in exchange it would have granted any party with ballot access an automatic seat on the state and county election boards.

"If we are going to require minor parties, who have achieved ballot access, to submit signatures to election boards prior to nominating their candidates, then they should have a voice on that board," Nisly said.

HB 1134 would have saddled Libertarian candidates with the primary election requirements without the benefit of being in the primary or a voice in the review process. That is neither fair nor equitable.

"The Libertarian party of Indiana is grateful to Rep. Curt Nisly for his tripartisan action and for championing our cause in the legislature. Having the integrity to work with your opposition to ensure that they aren't being legislatively bullied is a characteristic lacking in many state legislatures across the country," Maguire said.

## Leave a Legacy of Liberty



### Have you considered designating the Libertarian Party in your will?

Many Libertarians have done this and we are very thankful for their generosity. Their bequests have done tremendous good by growing the Party and spreading the timeless and precious message of Liberty.

To better honor these special folks, we have created a program called Legacy Libertarians. The Libertarian Party will honor these generous supporters by listing their names on a permanent plaque at our headquarters.

Please know that current law places limitations on the amount we accept per year from any donor, including estates. So, when generous Libertarians leave sums larger than the yearly limitation, the remainder goes into a trust that then transfers funds each year until all the money has been transferred.

But the important point is that there is no maximum limitation on the amount of money you can leave to the Libertarian Party in your will. Use the following information to include the party in your will.

**Beneficiary name: Libertarian National Committee, Inc. Address: 1444 Duke St., Alexandria, VA, 22314. Tax ID number: 52-1170810**

Learn more at [LP.org/legacy](https://LP.org/legacy)

# A former candidate's guide to helping candidates

**Amber C. Beltran**

Idaho

**D**o you want to help spread liberty but your current job isn't conducive to running? Do you find yourself wondering what you can do to help a candidate? Here are some suggestions I have compiled through personal experience, speaking with other candidates and reading about others' experiences. I wanted to compile this list to generate ideas. It certainly isn't the end-all list, but I wanted to help people think outside the box and reach out to candidates that have inspired them.

As a candidate for the Utah House of Representatives in 2018, I was able to see what is helpful for the candidates. I appreciated everyone that donated, assisted, volunteered during my campaign. I wanted to share what was helpful for me locally but also ways that people in other states can help too.

## For local candidates:

- Make/buy them dinner. They will be spending long hours on their campaign. Providing dinner can be a great help.

- Offer to babysit. One of my closest friends is "not into politics" but she offered to watch my children so I could spend a couple hours in her neighborhood canvassing.

- Knock doors/canvass. (I recognize, this could be affected due to COVID-19. Some rural areas are not as affected by the virus so the constituents are more open to people at the door.) Canvassing isn't for everyone, especially if you are shy or if hygiene and human interaction aren't your strong suits. Let's be honest, you will be representing someone who is basically applying for a job, you need to be showered and clean if you are representing them. Find out if they have campaign t-shirts you can wear. I understand the come back, "Don't tell me what to do." But keep in mind you will be the face they associate with the candidate, so be positive. Keep track of constituents who want yard signs and

have questions for the candidate. It's not your responsibility to answer all their questions, that's the candidate's job. This is easiest in a canvassing app but a small note book works too.

- Literature drops: This is about quantity. It's placing door hangers or postcards on doors of registered voters in their district to reach as many voters as possible in a short amount of time.

## Candidates close by or who live far away:

- Writing/proofreading. Is writing in your wheelhouse? Offer to proof-read social media posts and press releases. Are you great at getting press releases published? Offer to write them up for the candidate. Have the candidate send you a picture and the basic outline and you can "make it shine."



**Amber's favorite campaign volunteers pose for a quick photo op. Rumor has it they may have been bribed with Oreo cookies.** Submitted photo

- Sign wave. Gather some friends and wave both official and homemade signs of support for your candidate. This is a great way to introduce the candidate to several people at once. Have at least three people waving or it appears they have minimal support. Many drivers honk and wave as they pass by. If you are at a large intersection be sure to not block traffic. Wave and cheer, "Vote for \_\_\_\_\_."

Offer to host a meet-the-candidate night in your home or back yard. Invite your friends to talk to the candidate. Keeping the groups small can allow for more questioning and answering, and people will feel more comfortable with social distancing.

- Make calls. I recommended setting up a Google Voice account so you don't have to use your personal number. Some candidates have call services set up, like CallHub, which automatically dials and uses the candidates number — it's a great resource but can be costly. If they have current voter lists that include phone numbers, you can call on their behalf and invite people to vote for them. This is not the time for arguing, it's an opportunity to introduce and give the "elevator pitch" of the candidate.

- Texting. You can text invites to events, invite voters to learn more including the candidates' website and reminders of polls opening.

Follow on them on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Click that you're "going to the event" and share their posts. Comment and like their posts to help their algorithms. Be courteous and do not get into an argument in the comments. It's OK to defend candidates, but don't resort to name calling or "troll" tactics. Also, do not go to their opponent's page and use the candidate's name in arguments. It's fine to question their opponents, but be sure you do that as yourself and not representing the campaign.

Webpage design. Do you have experience creating websites? I know when I was running, compiling and updating the information for my website to took much longer than I anticipated. This is a great help to someone who is new to web design or if they are more of a "people person" and their strengths are better suited for personal outreach.

Donate. I know we are asked frequently and I realize money is tight. As a party, we have so many amazing candidates and we have to be selective about where our overly-taxed money goes. I heard a candidate speak during national convention and I was inspired by his campaign. I sent him a message on Facebook and told him I wanted to donate, but my funds were limited. I decided to sell some things on Facebook and donate the proceeds to his race. It ended up only being \$10, so it wasn't a lot but what if 40 people donated \$10? It would start to add up.

Last but not least, ask the candidate what they need help with specifically. If they are using an app to track constituents, perhaps you can sponsor a month of use. I spent around \$50 a month on Ecanvasser, an app that allowed me to enter voter records, track their reactions and record if they requested yard signs or had questions. Perhaps the candidate needs help addressing and mailing envelopes. If you've been a candidate before, maybe offer some tips and/or share your data.

The work of volunteers is inspiring in our party. Let's keep up the great work and help more Libertarians be elected in 2020.



# Rep. Burt makes strides in Wyoming legislature

**A**head of our party's 50th anniversary, history was made when Wyoming's House District 39 was won by the first Libertarian to ever win a state-level seat. Unseating a 14-year incumbent Democrat, Marshall Burt won his first-ever run for public office with a 9% margin.

Before a life of politics was ever a thought, Rep. Burt was actively engaged in his community, volunteering with several veteran organizations and community projects to promote a better quality of life. Before the Libertarian Frontier Project's creator, Apollo Pazell, came knocking on the future representative's door, Burt enjoyed studying how politics was supposed to work and not how it was working. When Pazell first contacted Burt back in August 2019, Burt recalls how he thought it was someone playing a joke on him. "One day out of the blue I got this friend request from someone named Apollo Pazell," Burt said. "I saw his party affiliation and thought it was a bit odd. After a few days Apollo reached out and asked if I would consider running for office and that's where I was certain a buddy of mine was trying to play a joke on me."

"I ignored him for a couple of weeks thinking the novelty of it would wear off, but I was wrong. After some messages back and forth and still being certain I was being played, Apollo was finally persistent enough to get me to agree to attend the first Frontier Summit where I officially came on board as a candidate."

During the 2020 campaign cycle, Burt started working on the Sweetwater County Libertarian Party to build an educational platform for the party in his district. The educational aspect was just one part of the county party's mission. Wyoming has never had a Libertarian win a statehouse seat. Educating the public on the party's platform would be enough of a challenge for anyone. Running a new political campaign with no public office experience and no political name recognition seemed overwhelmingly difficult. Throughout the campaign, building the county party was put on the back burner to be able to focus on the trail ahead. "We still had volunteers and workers that helped us along the way, we just didn't have a local organization as backing."

Burt credits his win to another Libertarian in Wyoming that blazed the path for the party just one election cycle before. "When Theresa (T, for short) and I made it to the Frontier Summit, we were introduced to Bethany Baldes," Burt said. "I had already heard of how close Bethany came to winning her first campaign, and that set the tone and expectation of what I had to put into this in order to win my race. Without Bethany putting her neck out there and showing that Libertarians had a chance of winning, I



**State Rep. Marshall Burt (L-Wyo.), center, takes the oath of office Jan. 12.** Facebook.com/MarshallBurtWY

don't know if Apollo would have been as convincing that I also had a chance to win."

Since Rep. Burt's win on Nov 3rd, Wyoming has seen not only Sweetwater County form an affiliate party, but additional affiliates have been started across the state to continue the liberty movement through the grassroots effort.

Rep. Burt swore his oath of office on January 12 in the state capitol on the House chamber floor. "Even while I was standing there watching the morning unfold, it was all surreal and humbling to be there," he said.

During the first eight-day hybrid session, Rep. Burt managed House Joint Resolution HJ0001 on the floor. This resolution called on Congress to direct the Department of Veterans Affairs to expand and authorize new and additional treatment options to better treat Veterans with traumatic brain (TBI) and post-traumatic stress injuries. The main talking point of the resolution introduced hyperbaric oxygen treatment (HBOT) as a new type of TBI therapy.

Since there wasn't a lot of information known about HBOT, it took some studying of the information that has been published to be able to present the best argument in favor of the bill. Once the resolution passed the House it met some resistance in the Senate. There were several opponents that never looked at the data provided. They attached an amendment to remove the HBOT provision and argued that the state shouldn't be in the business of directing which treatments should be offered. Rep. Burt found some strong allies on the Senate floor who had their own solid arguments in favor of all treatments that should

be offered, and asking the VA to authorize those treatments showed that the state backs its veterans 100%. The amendment was defeated and the resolution passed.

Rep. Burt's second political win came when a bill came to the House floor that would require the state to pay for all new roadside military memorials. A nine-year Marine Corps veteran, Burt understands that all military members that have given the ultimate sacrifice should be remembered at a level higher than the average Armed Forces member, but the funding model didn't make sense.

"It doesn't matter which branch of service we joined, when we swore our oath to defend the Constitution, we were also signing our name to a blank check," Burt said. His contention with the bill was that Wyoming's Department of Transportation (WYDOT) already had a system in place to honor those that had fallen. The agency had already required individuals or organizations that wanted to place a memorial to fully fund that project. This bill would have shifted the burden of funding memorial projects to the state agency and away from the private sector. At a time when the state is facing devastating budget shortfalls in every department, he argued it was not fiscally sound to add additional financial burdens. Rep. Burt introduced and successfully passed an amendment that removed all public funding from the bill reducing future tax burdens on all of Wyoming's residents.

Looking into March ahead of Wyoming's state convention, Burt is looking at running three major bills as primary sponsor and two dozen additional bills from both the House and Senate as a co-sponsor. His main bill for this upcoming session that begins in late February would repeal a state-issued mandate that 1% of all construction costs for any new public building be used for art in that building. In the face of a budget crisis, Burt says this one step toward reigning in excessive government spending and to begin to balance the budget. The bill already has tri-partisan support with nine co-sponsors in the House and three co-sponsors in the Senate.

Being the sole porcupine in a sea of elephants and donkeys has its unique challenges and has been challenging for him at times. But being the first third party candidate to win a state-level seat in over 100 years has shown many within the historic halls of Wyoming's legislative chambers that it is possible to be a bridge within a divisive system.

Despite the challenges, Rep. Burt is committed to pushing forward and forging his own path for others to follow. Session will resume in Cheyenne on March 1, when Rep. Burt will continue fighting for liberty.



## OBITUARY



**John L. Mason, Jr.**  
Highlands Ranch, Colorado

Longtime Denver resident and local architect John L. Mason, Jr., brother, father and friend took his last breath on December 31, 2020, at his residence in Highlands Ranch, Colorado, after a long illness. He was born in Washington, D.C., on November 4, 1946, to Commander John (Jack) L. Mason and Ingrid Mason. He was the oldest of seven children. Together they traveled the length of the country and across the ocean to Europe. John went to dozens of public schools until graduating from Mount Vernon High in Alexandria, Virginia as an honor student and athlete. He served briefly in the U.S. Navy to fulfill his obligation to NROTC (at Columbia University).

The luckiest year of his life was when he met Sally Terrill and they both settled in Ames, Iowa, attending Iowa State. John earned a degree in architecture, while Sally earned one in interior design. During their college years, they married twice, secretly in 1968, and again with family on July 26, 1969. After graduation, John and Sally moved to Denver, Colorado, never looking back. Eventually they moved to the Alamo Placita

neighborhood, an historic residential area and both were engaged with local architectural firms. In 1989, John and Sally announced the birth of their daughter Casey, the “Miracle on Corona Ave.”

John liked baseball, beer, western boots and buildings (in any order). He didn’t like authority, budgets, deadlines and YOUR opinions. Some of his favorite projects in the area were the Denver Central Library, a high-rise at 1999 Broadway, and in particular, the University of Denver Magness Arena. To John, the DU Arena was all about sports, buildings, and, thanks to the proximity to the Campus Lounge, beer.

John was a longtime supporter of Denver sports. He was a season ticket holder of the Colorado Rockies, always attending games with his daughter, as well as the DU Pioneers hockey and basketball programs. If he wasn’t in the stadiums or arenas watching his favorite teams, he would most likely be found at the Campus Lounge watching the games with his closest friends.

John’s roots were planted in the suburbs, but his branches and limbs grew to embrace the city. He loved the city. He never missed a chance to talk with interesting strangers, doing interesting jobs in his city. He was always interested in the opinion of others and felt he could correct them by persuasion. He ran (unsuccessfully) for the opportunity to represent the people of Denver as a Libertarian in the House of Representatives. Ever the idealist, never the pragmatist.

John was a Libertarian, contrarian and egalitarian. He was an agitator, procrastinator and inspirator. John will be remembered by daughter Casey (Justin Troche) and granddaughter Charlie; brother Richard Mason (Betty Mason); sisters, Karin Mason, Victoria Mason, Elizabeth Folland (Geoff Folland) and Berit Dotts (Dan Dotts); so many other loving relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Sven, and wife Sally.

*“Johnny we hardly knew ya”*



Presidential candidate Jo Jorgensen’s bus at a stop at Kiwanis Park in Tempe, Arizona. Photo by Gage Skidmore

## ‘Spoiled again!’ The importance of LP spoilers and how the two old parties could avoid them

**Lex Hannan**

LP Kentucky  
Communications Director

The 2020 presidential election could have ended very differently if Libertarian Jo Jorgensen had not been in the race. Jorgensen covered the spread in three key swing states: Arizona, Georgia and Wisconsin. That is to say, if the Republican candidate who finished second had won the popular votes that went to Jorgensen, he would have won all three states and their 37 electoral votes. Those states would have flipped from Democrat Joe Biden to Republican Donald Trump. The electoral vote would have ended in a tie with 269 votes each.

If the Republican Party ever hopes to win another presidential race, it appears they will need to court the Libertarian voters. In 2020, Libertarians preferred to vote for their own long-shot third-party candidate rather than either side of the bi-polar duopoly. This is because Libertarians vote for principles, not personalities.

Will both of the old parties court Libertarian voters in future races? We

will know if we see them change strategies and adopt libertarian principles.

Here are some things Republicans and Democrats might do (not just promise but do) to attract Libertarian voters:

1. Remove U.S. soldiers from endless wars and police actions
2. Remove barriers to free trade
3. Reduce the budget deficit
4. Shrink the federal government
5. Lower federal taxes
6. Get the government out of the healthcare and insurance industries
7. Defend personal freedom and individual rights
8. Stop awarding contracts to cronies
9. Stop using lobbyists to write legislation
10. Encourage new ideas and more political parties
11. End prohibition
12. Tell the truth

If the duopoly is not inclined to adopt these libertarian principles, then we can look forward to voting for Libertarian candidates who have proven at the ballot box their ability to influence the outcome of presidential elections.



## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### ‘Silk Road’: Film adaptation of Ross Ulbricht story released

In mid-February, Lionsgate Films released a movie adaptation of the story of Ross Ulbricht, founder of Silk Road, an online black market platform.

Ulbricht was arrested in 2013 and convicted of seven charges related to Silk Road in the U.S. Federal Court in Manhattan, ultimately being sentenced to life in prison without possibility of parole. He has gained both sympathy and advocacy from libertarian groups who have requested his pardon.

A synopsis of the film by Joe Yanick posted on TribecaFilm.com reads: “Young, affluent, and highly motivated, Ross Ulbricht has an ambitious goal: to launch the Internet’s

first completely anonymous and unregulated marketplace. Based on the larger-than-life true events of Ulbricht’s life, Silk Road re-situates the story to the tune of a thriller when Ulbricht ends up the focus of a disreputable DEA agent and spurs an elaborate cat-and-mouse game between them. The men are polar opposites. Ross speaks enthusiastically about the possibilities his invention offers the world; Bowden, the agent, has to learn to abandon his street-smart approach while struggling through tutorials on how to use the Internet.

“As the hunt continues, both men’s private lives begin to erode, causing them to cling to their jobs. Growing paranoia leads Ross to consider choices formerly unthinkable, and Bowden similarly finds himself in over his head, leading to the question: how far can idealism take you?”

A trailer can be viewed at: [Lionsgate.com/movies/silk-road](https://www.lionsgate.com/movies/silk-road)

### Congress kills attempt by Massie, Gabbard to repeal Patriot Act

Congress failed to vote on a measure by Reps. Thomas Massie (R-Ky.) and Tulsi Gabbard (D-Hawaii) designed to repeal the Patriot Act and limit government surveillance of people without warrants and probable cause.

The Protect Our Civil Liberties Act (HR 8970) would have repealed both the Patriot Act and the FISA Amendments Act that permit government agencies to collect mass telephone and email data. Gabbard and Massie have argued that this surveillance violates Americans’ right to privacy and their civil liberties.

It is unknown if the measure will be reintroduced in the 117th Congress.

### S.D. judge rejects voter-approved amendment legalizing marijuana

A South Dakota judge struck down a voter-approved constitutional amendment that legalized recreational marijuana after Gov. Kristi Noem’s administration challenged it.

Judge Christina Klinger’s ruling sets up what is likely to be an increasingly contentious legal battle over the state’s Amendment A, which allows residents to grow, license and sell cannabis.

Brendan Johnson, a lawyer who represents South Dakotans for Better Marijuana Laws, the group that put the measure on the ballot, told the Sioux Falls Argus Leader that he planned to appeal the ruling to state Supreme Court.

Often, new affiliates don’t know the best tools or resources to leverage to be most effective. They could use a guide to best practices and a list of the first things to spend money on to grow their affiliate. We call the collection of these guides an “Affiliate in a Box”.

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## AFFILIATE IN A BOX



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# Updates from our local affiliates

## KANSAS

### Allison Ross

LPKS Communications Director

Kansas Libertarians made significant waves this year, despite challenges of virus restrictions. After a temporary shift to virtual events, we resumed meeting in person by fall, where our numbers continued to rise. We met the first Saturday of most months for a luncheon/social gathering, and hosted various events for protests on government and healthcare issues — including supporting local businesses who refused to comply with crippling lockdown orders. Regular mixers and debate watch parties allowed us to welcome new members and “liberty-curious” individuals into our circle. December’s holiday spirit inspired a Libertarian white elephant gift exchange, where attendees were encouraged to trade gifts voluntarily (rather than stealing).

The impending presidential elections meant a ramped-up effort to make our voices heard — and they were! Weekly sign waves and door-knocking events helped us reach our own communities with a message of alternative voting options at the polls. When Jo Jorgensen and Spike Cohen’s bus tours stopped

near us, we enthusiastically rallied to publicize and volunteer for the campaign. With the direction of campaign director Mary Gerlt, we garnered double the national average of votes for Jorgensen in our state, making us the sixth-highest percentage earner in the country! Notable local campaigns include five contenders for Kansas State House, two for the U.S. House and one for District Magistrate.

As Kansas covers a sizable distance with many rural areas, it’s invigorating to connect regularly with those separated from us by many hours’ drive. What is traditionally a red state became saturated with tints of “gold” as we canvassed far and wide with our message. Seeing the cause of liberty grow from one border to another gives us hope — not merely for the next election cycle, but the advancement of liberty everywhere.

### JANUARY

- 1/27 Bailey Parker support rally (Linwood) Local LPKS members staged a “pigget” line outside the Linwood courthouse, to protest the case of a pot-bellied-pig owner told she was in violation of a city ordinance.

### FEBRUARY

- 2/11 Liberty Mixer (Westwood)

### MARCH

- 3/07 Libertarian Luncheon (North Kansas City, Mo.)  
3/26 Liberty Mixer (virtual)

### APRIL

- 4/04 Libertarian Luncheon (virtual)  
4/14 Liberty Mixer (virtual)

### MAY

- 5/12 Liberty Mixer with Jason Buckley for U.S. Senate

### JUNE

- 6/06 Libertarian Luncheon (North Kansas City, Mo.)  
6/16 Liberty Mixer (Westwood)  
6/22 Canvassing event Matt Clark for Kan. House District 23 (Overland Park area)

### JULY

- 7/21 Jorgensen sign wave and mixer (Mission)

### AUGUST

- 8/01 Libertarian Luncheon (North Kansas City, Mo.)  
8/04 Jorgensen sign wave and mixer (Mission)  
8/04 LPKS Executive Committee meeting (virtual)  
8/08 Let Her Speak convoy (Kansas City, Mo.)  
8/13 Jo Jorgensen bus tour/rally (Kansas City, Mo.) Several LPKS members volunteered at this event.  
8/18 Jorgensen sign wave and mixer (Mission)  
8/24 Spike Cohen rally/bus tour (Wichita) Several LPKS members volunteered at this event.  
8/29 Door-knocking Saturday Matt Clark for Kan. House District 23 (Lenexa area)

### SEPTEMBER

- 9/01 Jorgensen sign wave and mixer (Overland Park)  
9/01 Commission on Presidential Debates watch party (virtual)  
9/05 Sign wave and Libertarian Luncheon (North Kansas City, Mo.)  
9/10 Jorgensen campaign meeting (virtual)  
9/12 Door-knocking Saturday Matt Clark for KS House District 23 (Lenexa area)

- 9/15 Jorgensen sign wave and mixer (Overland Park)  
9/17 Unmask JOCO rally (Olathe) LPKS members were involved in this protest.  
9/22 Jorgensen sign wave and mixer (Overland Park)  
9/24 Jorgensen Campaign Meeting (virtual)  
9/29 Door-Knocking Saturday Matt Clark for KS House District 23 (Overland Park area)  
9/29 Jorgensen sign wave, Auto Convoy and Debate Watch Party (Mission)

### OCTOBER

- 10/01 Jorgensen Campaign Meeting (virtual)  
10/03 Jorgensen sign wave and Libertarian Luncheon (North Kansas City, Mo.)  
10/06 Jorgensen sign wave and mixer (Overland Park)  
10/08 Jorgensen Campaign Meeting (virtual)  
10/09 Sidewalk chalking (Kansas City, Mo./Westwood) Adults, kids, and families gathered to spread a public message of freedom via chalk art, complete with colorful pro-Jorgensen and pro-liberty messages.  
10/13 Jorgensen sign wave and mixer (Overland Park)  
10/15 Jorgensen Campaign Meeting (virtual)  
10/18 LPKS Executive Committee meeting (virtual)  
10/20 Jorgensen sign wave and mixer (McPherson)  
10/20 Jorgensen sign wave and mixer (Kansas City, Mo.)  
10/22 Overpass Sign wave (Wichita)  
10/22 Jorgensen Campaign Meeting (virtual)



James Doyle, elected to Belleville, Kan., City Council. Submitted photo



(Kansas continued)

- 10/24 Jorgensen sign wave and mixer (Independence/Lee's Summit, Mo.)
- 10/25 Jorgensen sign wave and mixer (Hutchinson)
- 10/27 Costume Sign wave and mixer (Overland Park)
- 10/29 Jorgensen/Cohen Sign wave (Sedgwick County)
- 10/29 Jorgensen campaign meeting (virtual)
- 10/31 Sign wave (Salina)

### NOVEMBER

- 11/02 Jorgensen sign wave and mixer (Mission)
- 11/03 Election Night Watch Party (Lawrence)
- 11/03 Election Night Watch Party (Mission)
- 11/07 KC Area Libertarian Luncheon (North Kansas City, Mo.)
- 11/15 LPKS Executive Committee Meeting (virtual)
- 11/19 Miami Co. Meet and Greet (Miami County)
- 11/19 Johnson County Board of Commissioners Meeting Rally (Olathe) LPKS members were involved in this public protest of Resolution No. 108-20, which would force local masking and social distancing orders.

### DECEMBER

- 12/05 KC Area Repeal Day Libertarian Luncheon (North Kansas City, Mo.)
- 12/05 National Repeal Day Celebration (virtual)
- 12/05 Movie Night (Olathe) A fundraiser to benefit Oasis International Academy.
- 12/15 Holiday Party (Mission) The LPKS introduced a "Libertarian White Elephant" gift exchange in which members could voluntarily trade but not steal one another's gift choices.

## LOUISIANA

**Amy Misko**  
Campaign Manager,  
Mindy McConnell

Local educator and political activist, Mindy McConnell, will enter the race for U.S. Representative in Louisiana's 2nd Congressional District.

McConnell's goals for office are to prioritize the rights and needs of Louisiana residents and be the guiding light leading away from corrupt party politics.

"The two main political parties have taken the power away from the people and have turned us against each other," she said. "As Louisianians and Americans, this is the time to take a stand against big money and big government controlling our lives. I am ready to be a strong voice for the children I educate, the families I serve, and the friends, neighbors, and fellow citizens who have lost trust in our government."



**McConnell is running for U.S. House in Louisiana.** [MindyMcConnell.org](http://MindyMcConnell.org)

McConnell's platform focuses on government corruption, deregulation, decriminalization, and economic freedom. She is also committed to the protection of the Mississippi River and maintenance of the levee system.

McConnell lives in New Orleans with her son, Grayson. She is a proud graduate of Archbishop Hannan High School and attended Northwestern State University and Western Michigan University Cooley Law School.

## 2021 State Convention Dates

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|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Dec. 5, 2020</b> | <b>Maine</b>                |
| <b>Jan. 23</b>      | <b>Arizona</b>              |
| <b>Feb. 20</b>      | <b>Mississippi</b>          |
| <b>Feb. 21</b>      | <b>Tennessee</b>            |
| <b>Feb. 27</b>      | <b>District of Columbia</b> |
| <b>Mar. 6</b>       | <b>Kentucky</b>             |
| <b>Mar. 12</b>      | <b>Georgia</b>              |
| <b>Mar. 13-14</b>   | <b>Wyoming</b>              |
| <b>Mar. 19</b>      | <b>New Jersey</b>           |
| <b>Mar. 19-21</b>   | <b>New Hampshire</b>        |
| <b>Mar. 19-21</b>   | <b>Alabama</b>              |
| <b>Mar. 20</b>      | <b>South Dakota</b>         |
| <b>Mar. 26-28</b>   | <b>Indiana</b>              |
| <b>Mar. 27</b>      | <b>New Mexico</b>           |
| <b>Mar. 27-28</b>   | <b>Oklahoma</b>             |
| <b>Apr. 10</b>      | <b>Utah</b>                 |
| <b>Apr. 16</b>      | <b>Iowa</b>                 |
| <b>Apr. 17</b>      | <b>Alaska</b>               |
| <b>Apr. 17</b>      | <b>West Virginia</b>        |
| <b>Apr. 23-25</b>   | <b>Wisconsin</b>            |
| <b>Apr. 24</b>      | <b>Washington</b>           |
| <b>May 1</b>        | <b>Kansas</b>               |
| <b>May 14-16</b>    | <b>Pennsylvania</b>         |
| <b>May 14-16</b>    | <b>California</b>           |
| <b>May 21</b>       | <b>Colorado</b>             |
| <b>Jun. 5</b>       | <b>Delaware</b>             |
| <b>Jun. 18-20</b>   | <b>North Carolina</b>       |
| <b>Sep. 17-18</b>   | <b>Montana</b>              |
| <b>Nov. 13</b>      | <b>South Carolina</b>       |

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## Campaign trainings announced

### Cara Schulz

LPHQ Candidate Recruiter

To prepare for aggressive growth and electoral wins, the Libertarian Party is rolling out some of the most intensive training for all levels of the party, for candidates, staff, and state officers all over the country. The weekend trainings take place in each of the eight LNC regions and offer two different education tracks: one track for state and county affiliate leaders, and one for candidates and campaign teams. Attendees who complete the sessions are eligible to be awarded a certification in Campaign Fundamentals or Affiliate Leadership Fundamentals.



Schulz

"I asked our team what's holding us back from electing more local officials in 2021 and more state legislators in 2022," said LNC Chair Joe Bishop-Henchman. "Number one on the list was a bigger pool of trained campaigners so our candidates can deploy more effective campaign teams. Cara's taking what LP National has been doing but scaling it up and rebranding it to make a much bigger impact on getting Libertarians elected."

Caitlin Cloven, who has worked on several high profile campaigns, agrees. "As someone who's done onboarding and campaign managing, it's really hard to find skilled people, or those who stick around."

A lighter version of this training model was tested in 2019 in Regions Five and Six. Three trainers were brought in to present nine topics to 59 attendees for a full day. The positive feedback resulted in LNC approval to roll out the training to at least six of the eight regions in 2021. Fundraising has started and as each region hits their goal of \$3000, they are scheduled for training. If all eight regions hit their funding goal, all eight are eligible for the regional training.

LPIA Chair Mike Connor, Jr., attended the Region Six training and

said, "It was incredible. It ultimately encouraged me to run for chair in Iowa and gave some amazing advice for both candidates and regional affiliate leaders." He said he looks forward to attending in 2021.

The 2021 regional training offers upwards of 16 different classes plus seven best-practices roundtables conducted over two days. There are five or more instructors, drawn from LP staff and from experts around the country. Some of the classes for candidates and campaign teams include Field Ops, Planning and Strategy, Fundraising, and Volunteer Recruitment. The Affiliate Leaders Track offers classes such as Management and Leadership, State Affiliate Basics, Communications and Events.

Attendees not only earn a certification, they are listed on LP.org as having completed the training. This list is designed to be used by candidates looking to fill out their campaign team.

LPKS member Mary Gerlt said having access to a list of trained campaign staff would be huge. "Especially finding reliable campaign managers and fundraising help, both of which are extremely difficult to find."

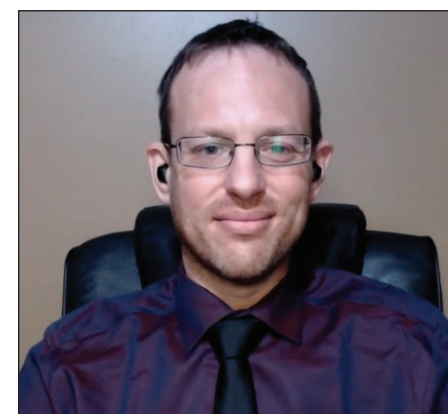
Newly elected Clarksville City Councilmember Trisha Butler is a strong supporter of the upcoming regional training. "My sister attended [the] training in Kentucky which was extremely valuable. EXTREMELY."

She said she is happy to see the training takes place in person in each region because, "It would be good to gather and network with others doing the same things."

The training offers attendees a strong base of education which they can then build on by taking higher level courses in more specialized areas, such as Campaign Management or Treasurer, at the 2022 National Convention.

As of press time, Region Seven is closest to hitting the fundraising goal with Regions Four and Eight tied for last.

If you would like to donate to help your region achieve their goal, you can go to [LP.org/donate](https://LP.org/donate) and add "Regional Training" in the comments.



## Cohen and Kennedy discuss fallout of Capitol riots

Former Vice-Presidential candidate Spike Cohen appeared Thursday, Jan. 14, on the FOX Business channel's "Kennedy" to discuss what the fallout may be from the Capitol riots of January 6.

"This is what government does: They fail, they use their failure as an excuse to push for more laws that give them more control over our lives, and then they fail even harder," said Cohen, who alongside Jo Jorgensen appeared on the ballot in all 50 states and D.C. in 2020.

"We've got Joe Biden, the 'top cop,' and his running mate, one of the most brutal enforcers of the laws that he helped shepherd through D.C. to become law, and they've now been handed on a silver platter yet another pretext to do these types of things. It's not going to make us any safer. It's not going to make them any safer. It's just going to make lots of money for all of the contractors and the cottage industry built around the military and surveillance industrial complex."

Watch the full interview:  
[tinyurl.com/cohen-kennedy](https://tinyurl.com/cohen-kennedy)

## Thinking about running for office?

Go to [LP.org/run](https://LP.org/run) and send us your inquiry. You'll receive information from your state LP affiliate or from the national LP headquarters that you need to get started on your campaign.