

**Libertarian Party of California  
Minutes of the 2021 Convention  
15-16 May 2021**



**Marriott at the Convention Center  
300 South Court, Visalia CA 93291**



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## **Call to Order Day One: 15 May 2021**

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Per the Convention Rule 1: Officers; incumbent Chair, (Mimi) Honor M. Robson and incumbent Secretary, Paul Vallandigham, were the Chair and Secretary of the Convention respectively.

The Chair called Day One of the convention to order at 9:15 am on 15 May 2021. The convention was held at the Visalia Marriott at the Convention Center, 300 South Court, Visalia CA 93291.

The Chair appointed Richard Brown, RP, as Convention Parliamentarian.

The Chair appointed Rittenhouse Hayes as Sergeant at Arms and Daniel Hayes as Assistant Sergeant at Arms.

## **Credentials Report #1**

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Credentialed Delegates:	92
Quorum/Simple Majority:	47
2/3 Majority:	62
Standing Second Required:	10

## **Chair's Report**

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The Chair submitted an oral report and fielded questions.

## **Vice Chair's Report**

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Vice Chair Olsen submitted an oral report and fielded questions.

## **Secretary's Report**

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Secretary Vallandigham submitted a written report in advance, provided a verbal report, and fielded questions.

## **Treasurer's Report**

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Treasurer Haug submitted a written report in advance, provided a verbal report, and offered to field questions. There were no questions. Treasurer Haug reported that he is retiring from his position with the LPC and moving to Idaho. Members present gave him a standing ovation and thanked him for his years of exemplary service to the LPC.

## **Northern Area Coordinator's Report**

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Northern Area Coordinator Nelson was not in attendance. There was no report.

## Central Area Coordinator's Report

Central Area Coordinator Prosser submitted a written report in advance, provided a verbal report, and fielded questions.

## Southern Area Coordinator's Report

Southern Area Coordinator Hewitt provided an oral report and offered to field questions. There were no questions.

## Credentials Report #2

Credentialed Delegates:	122
Quorum/Simple Majority:	62
2/3 Majority:	82
Standing Second Required:	13

## Bylaws Committee Report

**Motion** David Naranjo (Chair Orange County) moved to suspend the rules to consider an amendment to Bylaw 9.

The motion died for lack of a sufficient standing second.

Bylaws Committee Chair Rachel Nyx submitted a written report in advance and presented proposed changes to the Bylaws as follows (see the Bylaws Committee Final Report attached):

### **Recommendation 1: Bylaw 26: Amendment of Bylaws**

Amend Bylaw 26 as follows:

#### **Bylaw 26: Amendment of Bylaws**

Except as indicated in a particular Bylaw, these Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of all the registered delegates **present and voting** at a convention with previous notice. Bylaws changes proposed from the convention floor without prior notice, or substantive, non-technical amendments made to the Bylaws Committee Report by the Bylaws Committee subsequent to the report adoption deadline, shall require a two-thirds vote of registered delegates **present and voting** to pass.

**Motion** Aaron Starr moved to remove “of all the registered delegates present and voting” from the first and second sentences.

The motion to amend died for lack of a sufficient standing second.

**Motion** Kevin Moore (Contra Costa County) moved to add “but not less than 1/3 of the delegates registered”.

The motion to amend died for lack of a sufficient standing second.

**Substitute Motion** Aaron Starr (Ventura County) moved to amend the existing bylaw to state, “Except as indicated in a particular Bylaw, these Bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote at a convention with previous notice.” Standing second achieved.

**Vote** The amendment failed on a voice vote.

**Point of Information** David Bowers (Los Angeles) asked when this amendment would take effect and the Chair answered that it would take effect immediately.

**Vote** The motion (proposal as presented) passed on a standing vote.

**Call for Division** The motion passed with a counted vote of 71-17.

**Recommendation 2: Bylaw 5: Membership, Section 1:**

This would require all State Central Committee Members to be registered as Libertarians, if eligible, and to reside in the state of California.

Amend Bylaw 5 as follows:

**Bylaw 5: Membership**

***Section 1***

Individuals may become members of the State Central Committee by:

**A. Residing in California, and**

**B. Being a registrant of the Libertarian Party if eligible, and**

**A.C.** Becoming a holder of California public office that is subject to election other than County Central Committee, or

**B.D.** Making application and paying such dues as prescribed by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may authorize participation in a joint membership arrangement with the national Libertarian Party for the purpose of satisfying the dues requirement.

No State or County Central Committee member shall be a registrant of or hold office in any political party other than the Libertarian Party.

All Party officeholders are required to be members of the State Central Committee.

**Motion to Amend** Alicia Percell (Ventura County) moved to add a proviso to the proposal to have it take effect at the end of this convention. Standing second was achieved.

**Question Called** by Starchild (San Francisco County) without objection.

**Vote** The amendment passed on a voice vote.

**Motion** Aaron Starr (Ventura County) moved to amend the proposal to replace C. and D. and add “and either 1. or 2.” to the language in Section 1.B. as follows:

## **Bylaw 5: Membership**

### **Section 1**

Individuals may become members of the State Central Committee by:

**A. Residing in California, and**

**B. Being a registrant of the Libertarian Party if eligible, and either**

~~CA~~ **1.** Becoming a holder of California public office that is subject to election other than County Central Committee, or

~~DB~~ **2.** Making application and paying such dues as prescribed by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may authorize participation in a joint membership arrangement with the National Libertarian Party for the purpose not satisfying the dues requirement.

No State or County Central Committee member shall be a registrant of or hold office in any political party other than the Libertarian Party.

All Party officeholders are required to be members of the State Central Committee.

Standing second was achieved.

**Question Called on the Amendment** by June Genis (Riverside County) without objection.

**Vote** The motion to amend passed on a voice vote.

**Question Called** by Michael Lema (Alameda County). Opposition was heard.

**Vote** The motion to end debate failed on a voice vote.

**Motion** Aaron Starr (Ventura County) moved to extend time by 5 minutes.

**Vote** The motion to extend time by 5 minutes passed on a voice vote.

**Motion** Aaron Starr (Ventura County) moved to amend the proposal to add “Current Lifetime members shall retain lifetime membership.” Standing second was achieved.

Time having expired,

**Vote** The amendment passed on a voice vote.



**Vote** The main motion as amended passed on a voice vote. This proposal will take effect at the end of this convention.

**Recommendation 3: Bylaw 15, Section 2: Bylaws Committee**

Amend Bylaw 15, Section 2 as follows:

**Bylaw 15: Committee**

***Section 2: Bylaws Committee***

Not later than sixty days following the close of each convention, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Bylaws Committee of five State Central Committee members to recommend changes in these Bylaws and Convention Rules. The Bylaws Committee shall adopt its **initial** report not less than seventy days prior to the convention and the Secretary shall cause it to be published on the Party's website not less than sixty days prior to the convention. **The Bylaws Committee shall adopt its final report, which may include corrections or improvements to proposals in the initial report but shall not introduce new proposals, not less than twenty days prior to the convention and the Secretary shall cause it to be published on the Party's website not less than fifteen days prior to the convention.**

**Question Called** by Alicia Percell (Ventura County). Objection was heard.

**Vote** The motion to end debate passed on a voice vote.

**Vote** The main motion passed on a voice vote.

**Motion** June Genis (Riverside County) moved to suspend the rules to change the order of the Bylaws Committee proposals to bring up a proposal that would take less than 15 minutes [anticipating a lunch recess].

The motion died for lack of a sufficient standing second.

Meeting was recessed for lunch at 11:46 am.

Meeting was called back to order at 1:47 pm.

**Credentials Report #3**

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Credentialed Delegates:	138
Quorum/Simple Majority:	70
Standing Second Required:	14

**Bylaws Committee Report (cont'd.)**

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#### **Recommendation 4: Bylaw 7: Dues Sharing**

Amend Bylaw 7 by deleting Section 1 and renumbering, and amending Section 2 as follows:

##### ***Section 1: New Membership Dues***

*A new member is one who has no membership record in the state Party's database at the time they pay annual membership dues. The state or county Party organization that collects annual membership dues from a new member shall retain 100% of that member's dues for their first year of membership.*

##### **Section 1 2: New and Renewing Membership Dues**

A new member is one who has no membership record in the state Party's database at the time they pay annual membership dues. A renewing member is one who has a record of membership in the state Party's database at the time they pay their dues. The state and county Party organizations shall split the new and renewal membership dues 50/50.

**Question Called:** by Michael Tishler (Sonoma County)

**Point of Information:** June Genis (Riverside County) asked if we have statistics to determine if county organizations are benefitting from the current dues sharing arrangement. The Chair answered we do not have statistics.

**Vote** The motion passed on a voice vote.

#### **Recommendation 5: Amendments of LPC Bylaws**

This recommendation would impact a majority of the sections of the Bylaws, therefore refer to the Bylaws Committee Report included as an appendix to these minutes.

Discussion ensued.

**Motion** Alicia Percell (Ventura County) moved to postpone indefinitely. Standing second was achieved.

**Vote** The motion to postpone passed on a voice vote.

#### **Recommendation 6: Bylaw 22: Nominations and Endorsements of Candidates for Public Office**

Amend Bylaw 22 as follows:

**Bylaw 22:** ~~*Nomination for Partisan Public Office*~~ Nominations and Endorsements of Candidates for Public Office

##### ***Section 1***

Unless otherwise necessitated by the laws of the state of California, or by decision of the Executive Committee, nominations for partisan office shall be made by statewide nominating convention and by district caucus. Endorsement of candidates for any elected public office shall be made at the time of the statewide nominating convention.

- A. Nomination for statewide office shall be made by a statewide nominating convention.
- B. Nomination for U.S. House of Representatives, California State Legislature, and California State Board of Equalization shall be made by district caucus.

### ***Section 5***

The Chair shall forward a list of all candidates nominated in convention and caucuses to the Secretary of State no later than thirty days after the convention or caucuses. The Chair shall forward a list of all candidates endorsed in convention to the appropriate County Registrar of Voters by the deadline issued by the Secretary of State.

**Motion** June Genis (Riverside County) moved to amend the proposal to add at the end of the section: “Should a second independent nominating convention be required in addition to the regular annual convention, that convention may be conducted electronically.”

**Call All Previous Questions** by Tom Nichols. Objection was heard.

**Vote** The motion to end debate passed on a voice vote.

**Vote** The the amendment passed on a voice vote.

**Vote** The main motion failed on a counted vote of 26-51

### **Recommendation 7: Bylaw 14: Judicial Committee**

Amend Bylaw 7 and Convention Rule 4 as follows:

#### **Bylaw 14: Judicial Committee**

##### ***Section 1***

The Judicial Committee shall consist of five State Central Committee members elected at a convention of the Party by the attending delegates. The term of a Judicial Committee member shall begin at the close of each convention held in an even-numbered year and end at the close of the next convention held in an even-numbered year after a new committee has been elected. Two Alternates, in ranked order, shall be elected at a convention of the Party by attending delegates to ensure a full committee in the case of a vacancy or recusal. ~~The~~

~~remaining Judicial Committee members shall by appointment fill any vacancy in the Judicial Committee until a successor shall be elected at the next convention.~~

### **Section 3**

The Judicial Committee review of a Party action or inaction shall be limited to the consistency of that action or inaction in accordance with the governing documents of the Party, including these Bylaws and documents to which they refer, with the only exceptions being Judicial Committee duties mandated by these Bylaws, and arbitration of Party contracts that explicitly call for arbitration by the Judicial Committee.

~~At least two~~ A majority of the Judicial Committee members shall by vote agree to hold a hearing or to consider an appeal. The Judicial Committee may choose to hold hearings in person, by teleconference, or by videoconference.

### **Section 8**

The Judicial Committee shall provide a written ruling within ~~two~~ seven days of the conclusion of the hearing, unless otherwise specified. That ruling shall state either that no action is necessary, or shall state specifically what violation of the governing documents justifies the action or remedy sought by the appellant(s). In the event that the Judicial Committee fails to issue a written ruling within the timeframe required, and in as much detail as necessary, the Judicial Committee shall be considered to have taken no action on the matter at hand.

## **Convention Rules**

### **Rule 4: Agenda**

The business of the convention shall consist of the following items, and shall be conducted in the following order:

- A. Elections, in the following order:
  1. In odd-numbered years, Party officers and Area Coordinators and in even-numbered years to fill the unexpired terms of vacated Party officers or Area Coordinators;
  2. At-large Executive Committee members;
  3. At-large Executive Committee alternates;
  4. Judicial Committee members;
  5. Judicial Committee Alternates;

~~5.6.~~ At party convention immediately preceding national conventions, national convention delegates, Libertarian National Committee representatives and alternates.

**Motion** Alicia Matson (Ventura County) moved to amend by striking “in as much detail as necessary”. Standing second achieved.

**Vote** The amendment passed on a voice vote.

**Motion** Aaron Starr (Ventura County) moved to amend by leaving the first sentence in Section 3, paragraph 2 as it was originally. Standing second achieved.

**Call All Previous Questions** by Jessica Tewksbury (Riverside County). Objection was heard.

**Vote** The motion to end debate passed on a voice vote.

**Vote** The amendment passed on a voice vote.

**Vote** The main motion as amended passed on a voice vote.

**Recommendation 8: Bylaw 24: National Convention Delegates**

Add Section 3 to Bylaw 8 as follows:

**Section 3**

**The seat of any delegate who has missed two consecutive votes shall be considered vacant and eligible to be replaced by the delegation chair with the next available Alternate.**

**Motion** Alicia Percell (Ventura County) moved to amend by replacing “vacant” with “absent”. Standing second achieved.

**Question Called** by Reinita Susman (Los Angeles County) called the question on the amendment. Objection was heard.

**Vote** The motion to end debate failed on a voice vote.

**Vote** The amendment passed on a voice vote.

**Motion** Scott Lieberman (Santa Clara County) moved to postpone further action on this item, making it the first order of business on Day Two of the convention. Motion failed for lack of a second.

**Motion** Ken Moellman (Riverside County) moved to amend by replacing the word “shall” with the word “may”. Standing second achieved.

**Call All Previous Questions** by Mimi Robson (Los Angeles County). No objection heard.

**Vote** The amendment passed on a voice vote.

**Vote** The main motion as amended failed on a voice vote.

**Recommendation 9: Bylaw 14: Judicial Committee**

Add Section 10 to Bylaw 9 as follows:

### Section 10

- A. The appellant shall open and may conclude the oral argument.
- B. Each side shall be allowed up one half-hour for argument. Any request for additional time to argue shall be submitted no less than 7 days prior, and shall set out specifically and concisely why the argument cannot be presented within the half-hour limitation.
- C. Following the argument of Appellee, the appellant shall be allowed an additional 5 minutes for rebuttal.
- D. Following rebuttal, if any, the Judicial Committee shall be allowed twenty minutes to ask questions of either party.
- E. Both parties shall then be allowed up to two and one-half minutes (150 seconds) of closing statements.

**Motion** Alicia Percell (Ventura County) moved to postpone indefinitely. Standing second achieved.

**Vote** The motion to postpone indefinitely passed on a voice vote.

### **Recommendation 10: Bylaw 5: Membership**

Add Section 7 to Bylaw 5 as follows:

### Section 7

- A. Any individual wishing to renew their membership, having previously requested the termination of their membership through the means prescribed in Section 4, shall do so in an associate, non-voting member role, and shall be eligible for full reinstatement as a Central Committee member following a period of 12 consecutive months.
- B. Full Central Committee membership status may be reinstated at any time by a majority vote of the Executive Committee or by a majority of those Central Committee delegates present and voting at Convention.
- C. This rule shall not apply to any membership terminated through Sections 5 or 6.

**Vote** The motion passed on a voice vote.

**Point of Order** Aaron Starr (Ventura County) questioned the use of the Porcupine app for elections on Day Two stating the Bylaws don't authorize electronic balloting.

**Motion** Avens O'Brien (Los Angeles County) moved to suspend the rules to amend the agenda to go immediately to Platform Committee proposals. The motion died for lack of a standing second.

**Point of Order** Aaron Starr (Ventura County) restated his previous Point of Order.

**The Chair ruled that balloting is covered by Convention Rules, not Bylaws. Therefore, Convention Rules regarding voting procedures can be changed to use electronic balloting with a motion to do so.**

### Adjournment Day One

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Day One of the convention was adjourned at 3:29 pm.

### Call to Order Day Two: 16 May 2021

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The Chair called Day Two of the convention to order at 9:13 am on 16 May 2021.

### Credentials Report #1

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Credentialed Delegates: 81  
Quorum/Simple Majority: 41  
Standing Second Required: 9

### Bylaws Committee Report (cont'd.)

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**Motion** Bob Weber (Los Angeles County) moved to amend Bylaw 14 to read “The report shall be confidential and shall be presented to the next convention in executive session.” Standing second achieved.

**The Chair suggested that this sentence be added at the end of the paragraph in Section 8.**

**Motion** Aaron Starr (Ventura County) moved to amend the motion to include “If the matter involves suspension of membership,” at the beginning of the added sentence. Standing second achieved.

**Vote** The amendment passed with no objections.

**Motion** Aaron Starr (Ventura County) moved to amend the motion to include “and the member requests it” before the comma. Standing second achieved.

Time having expired,

**Motion** Alicia Percell (Ventura County) moved to extend time for one minute. There was no objection heard.

Time having expired,

**Motion** Bob Weber (Los Angeles County) moved to extend time for 6 minutes. There was no objection heard.

Time having expired,

## **Credentials Report #2**

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Credentialed Delegates: 113  
Quorum/Simple Majority: 57  
Standing Second Required: 12

## **Bylaws Committee Report (cont'd.)**

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### **Motion as Amended:**

Insert at the end of Bylaw 14, Section 8, "If the matter involves suspension of membership and the member requests it, the report shall be confidential and shall be presented to the next convention in executive session."

**Vote** Main motion as amended passed on a voice vote.

**Motion** Kenneth Brent Olsen (Kings County) moved to suspend the rules to permit the use of the Porcupine app for elections at this convention in addition to paper ballots.

**Vote** The motion passed on a voice vote with a greater than 2/3 majority.

The Chair called a 10 minute recess at 9:58 am to allow members to log onto the Porcupine app.

The convention returned to order at 10:20 am.

## **Officer Elections**

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The Chair passed the gavel to the Vice Chair, Brent Olsen

### **Chair Election**

Nominations for Chair were opened.

**(Mimi) Honor M. Robson** was nominated by Jeff Hewitt, seconded by Wendy Hewitt.

**James Ogle** was nominated by James Ogle.

**Point of Information** Ed Wimmers (Santa Clara County) asked if it was allowed to vote for candidates and NOTA. It was answered that if you vote for NOTA you cannot vote for any other candidate.

Nominations for Chair were closed.

**Nomination speeches were given by James Ogle and (Mimi) Honor M. Robson in that order.**



**Point of Information** Mimi Robson (Los Angeles County) asked if nominations for Vice Chair can be taken while waiting for Chair election results.

### **Vice Chair Election**

Nominations for Vice Chair were opened.

**Anna Mosashvili** was nominated by Richard Fast.

**Rachel Nyx** was nominated by Kalish Morrow.

There were no other nominations for Vice Chair.

**Nomination speeches were given by Anna Mosashvili and Rachel Nyx in that order.**

**Motion** A recess for 10 minutes was called at 11:05 am with no objections.

Business resumed at 11:15 am.

**Motion** Jillian Olsen (Kings County) moved to close nominations for Vice Chair.

**Vote** The motion passed on a voice vote.

### **Credentials Report #3**

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Credentialed Delegates: 121

Quorum/Simple Majority: 61

Standing Second Required: 13

### **Officer Elections (cont'd.)**

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**The start of the ballot for Chair was announced.**

The Chair reclaimed the gavel.

### **Secretary Election**

Nominations were opened for Secretary.

**Jessica Tewksbury** was nominated by Angela McArdle.

**Jillian Olsen** was nominated by Kalish Morrow.

There were no other nominations for Secretary.

Nominations for Secretary were closed.

### **Chair Election Results**

115 votes cast, 58 majority

**(Mimi) Honor M. Robson 108 (87 Porcupine, 21 Paper) Elected**

James Ogle	1 (1 Paper)
NOTA	4 (3 Porcupine, 1 Paper)
Rachel Nyx (write-in)	2 (1 Porcupine, 1 Paper)

**(Mimi) Honor M. Robson was elected Chair of the Libertarian Party of California.**

**Motion** Sandra Kallander (Contra Costa County) moved to suspend the rules to consider the following resolution. Standing second was achieved.

Whereas the WHO, CDC, NIH, FDA, and other unelected bodies and bureaucrats have major conflicts of interest, have put politics and their own interests above science and common sense actively opposing existing treatments for disease in favor of delayed, new, expensive, and unproven remedies, and

Whereas the international free market of medical and research professionals and data analysts rapidly found and developed treatments that have substantially prevented, resolved illness, and wiped out disease in whole countries without waiting for permission, despite threats and opposition, did so quickly, cheaply, safely, effectively, and without refrigeration, and

Whereas doctors who face sick and dying patients and their families, and are willing to risk their reputation and government licenses to speak and act for their benefit, and based on scientific and observational data are substantially more aligned with the needs of those they treat:

The Libertarian Party of California does hereby applaud and uphold the efforts of frontline critical care professionals and the many volunteer data analysts, teachers, researchers, and study participants, who have, and are, contributing to lives saved, and health restored, and calls upon local, county, and state health authorities, and hospital administrators to take personal responsibility, and to follow the data to consult these experienced and knowledgeable professionals, and to ignore advice from dysfunctional and corrupted bodies having conflicts of interest.

**Vote** The motion passed on a voice vote.

Meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:02 am.

Meeting was called back to order at 1:34 pm.

### **Credentials Report #4**

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Credentialed Delegates:	124
Quorum/Simple Majority:	63
Standing Second Required:	13

## **Officer Elections (cont'd.)**

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**The start of the ballot for Vice Chair was announced.**

**Nomination speeches for Secretary were given by J. Tewksbury and J. Olsen in that order.**

### **Vice Chair Election Results**

111 ballots cast, 56 majority

<b>Rachel Nyx</b>	<b>93 (83 Porcupine, 10 Paper)</b>	<b>Elected</b>
Anna Mosashvili	17 (10 Porcupine, 7 Paper)	
NOTA	1 (1 Porcupine)	

**Rachel Nyx was elected Vice Chair of the Libertarian Party of California.**

### **Treasurer Election**

Nominations for Treasurer were opened.

Paul Vallandigham was nominated by Brent Olsen, seconded by Wendy Hewitt.

There were no other nominations for Treasurer.

Nominations for Treasurer were closed.

**A nomination speech was given by Paul Vallandigham.**

**Vote:** **Paul Vallandigham** was elected Treasurer of the Libertarian Party of California by a majority in a voice vote with one “No” vote.

## **Credentials Report #5**

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Credentialed Delegates:	132
Quorum/Simple Majority:	67
Standing Second Required:	14

## **Area Coordinator Elections**

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### **Northern Area Coordinator Election**

Nominations were opened for Northern Area Coordinator.

**Kevin Moore** was nominated by Chris Minoletti, seconded by Mark Hinkle.

**Jia Christopher** was nominated by Joe Christopher.

There were no other nominations for Northern Area Coordinator.

Nominations for Northern Area Coordinator were closed.

**Nomination speeches were given by Jia Christopher and Kevin Moore in that order.**

**The start of the ballot for Northern Area Coordinator was announced.**

**Secretary Election Results**

111 ballots cast, 56 majority

<b>Jessica Tewksbury</b>	<b>65 (53 Porcupine, 12 Paper)</b>	<b>Elected</b>
Jillian Olsen	61 (56 Porcupine, 5 Paper)	
NOTA	1 (Porcupine)	

**Jessica Tewksbury was elected Secretary of the Libertarian Party of California.**

**NOTE–Alicia Percell noted that there were more votes than voters in the Porcupine results so an audit of the vote totals was ordered.**

**Central Area Coordinator Election**

Nominations were opened for Central Area Coordinator.

**Jon Prosser** was nominated by Michael Noguera.

**Tom Nichols** was nominated by Matthew Butts.

There were no other nominations for Central Area Coordinator.

Nominations for Central Area Coordinator were closed.

**Nomination speeches were given by Jon Prosser and Tom Nichols in that order.**

**Northern Area Coordinator Election Results**

33 ballots cast, 17 majority

<b>Jia Christopher</b>	<b>19 (17 Porcupine, 2 Paper)</b>	<b>Elected</b>
Kevin Moore	15 (14 Porcupine, 1 Paper)	
NOTA	0	

**Jia Christopher was elected Northern Area Coordinator of the Libertarian Party of California.**

**NOTE–Brent Olsen announced that delegates not eligible to vote in this election had voted in Porcupine so an audit of the vote totals was ordered.**

**The start of the ballot for Central Area Coordinator was announced.**

**Southern Area Coordinator Election**

Nominations were opened for Southern Area Coordinator.

**Tara Young** was nominated by Wendy Hewitt, seconded by Angela McArdle.

**Rajani Maiatico** was nominated by David Naranjo, seconded by Christopher Ganiere.

There were no other nominations for Southern Area Coordinator.

Nominations for Southern Area Coordinator were closed.

**Nomination speeches were given by Tara Young and Rajani Maiatico in that order.**

### **Central Area Coordinator Election Results**

34 ballots cast, 18 majority

<b>Jon Prosser</b>	<b>23 (19 Porcupine, 4 Paper)</b>	<b>Elected</b>
Tom Nichols	11 (7 Porcupine, 4 Paper)	
NOTA	0	

**Jon Prosser was elected Central Area Coordinator of the Libertarian Party of California.**

### **At Large Executive Committee Member Elections**

(6 Seats Available, 4 Two-Year Term, and 2 One-Year Term to fill vacancies)

Nominations were opened for At Large members.

Nominators and nominees provided nominating speeches.

**Elizabeth Stump** was nominated by Calvin Lu.

**Peter Moulds** was nominated by Kalish Morrow.

**Kalish Morrow** was nominated by Jill Olsen.

**Adrian Malagon** was nominated by Michael Lema.

**Tom Nichols** was nominated by Angela McArdle.

**Zach Foster** was nominated by Rachel Nyx.

**Michael Noguera** was nominated by Jon Prosser.

**Kevin Moore** was nominated by Jon Prosser.

**Wendy Hewitt** was nominated by David Naranjo.

**Cheyne Strawn** was nominated by Kalish Morrow and seconded by Julian Sprague

### **Secretary Election Results-Corrected**

**It was announced that duplicate votes had been removed during the audit and the corrected results were as follows:**

111 ballots cast, 56 majority

<b>Jessica Tewksbury</b>	<b>57 (45 Porcupine, 12 Paper)</b>	<b>Elected</b>
Jillian Olsen	53 (48 Porcupine, 5 Paper)	
NOTA	1 (Porcupine)	

**Jessica Tewksbury was elected Secretary of the Libertarian Party of California.**

**The start of the ballot for Southern Area Coordinator was announced.**

**Motion** Alicia Percell (Ventura County) moved to suspend the rules to allow voting for the number of available seats (no more than 6). Standing second was achieved.

**Vote** The motion passed on a voice vote.

### **Northern Area Coordinator Election Results-Corrected**

**It was announced that the audit of the Northern Area Coordinator election was completed and there was no change in the results.<sup>1</sup>**

Nominations were reopened for At Large members.

Nominators and nominees provided nominating speeches.

**Rajani Maiatico** was nominated by Wendy Hewitt.

Nominations for At Large Executive Committee Member were closed.

### **Southern Area Coordinator Election Results**

45 ballots cast, 23 majority

<b>Tara Young</b>	<b>32 (26 Porcupine, 6 Paper)</b>	<b>Elected</b>
Rajani Maiatico	12 (11 Porcupine, 1 Paper)	
NOTA	1 (1 Porcupine)	

**Tara Young was elected Southern Area Coordinator of the Libertarian Party of California.**

**The start of the ballot for At Large members was announced.**

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<sup>1</sup> An audit of the results after the convention showed that the vote total was incorrect but did not change the outcome of the election. The final results were Jia Christopher 19 (17 Porcupine, 2 Paper), Kevin Moore 14 (13 Porcupine, 1 Paper), NOTA 0.

## At Large Executive Committee Member Alternate Elections

(2 Seats Available – 1 Year)

Nominations were opened for At Large Alternate Executive Committee Members.

Nominators and nominees provided nominating speeches.

**Michael Lema** was nominated by Adrian Malagon.

**Matthew Butts** was nominated by Angela McArdle.

### At Large Executive Committee Member Election Results Round One

101 ballots cast, 51 majority

<b>Kalish Morrow</b>	<b>79 (70 Porcupine, 9 Paper)</b>	<b>Elected</b>
<b>Cheyne Strawn</b>	<b>71 (62 Porcupine, 9 Paper)</b>	<b>Elected</b>
<b>Elizabeth Stump</b>	<b>64 (53 Porcupine, 11<sup>2</sup> Paper)</b>	<b>Elected</b>
<b>Adrian Malagon</b>	<b>53 (45 Porcupine, 8<sup>3</sup> Paper)</b>	<b>Elected</b>
Rajani Miatico	49 (43 Porcupine, 6 Paper)	
Tom Nichols	48 (40 Porcupine, 8 Paper)	
Wendy Hewitt	44 (40 Porcupine, 4 Paper)	
Zach Foster	44 (37 Porcupine, 7 Paper)	
Pete Moulds	43 (37 Porcupine, 6 Paper)	
Kevin Moore	40 (35 Porcupine, 5 Paper)	
<del>Michael Noguera</del>	<del>33 (27 Porcupine, 6 Paper)</del>	<b>Eliminated</b>
NOTA	0	

**Motion** Richard Fast (San Francisco County) moved to suspend the rules to amend the agenda to allow Platform Committee proposals to be heard during the remainder of the voting process. Standing second was achieved.

**Vote** The motion to suspend the rules to amend the agenda passed on a voice vote.

**The start of the second round ballot for At Large members was announced.**

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<sup>2</sup> An audit of the results after the convention showed that the vote total for Paper ballots was incorrect and should have been 10; therefore the total was 63 which did not change the announced election results.

<sup>3</sup> An audit of the results after the convention showed that the vote total for Paper ballots was incorrect and should have been 7; therefore the total was 52 which did not change the announced election results.

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**Motion** Angela McArdle (Los Angeles County) moved to consider all Platform Committee proposals as no debate items. Standing second was achieved.

**Motion** Aaron Starr (Ventura County) moved to amend the motion to allow one pro and one con argument on each proposal (one minute each), with second.

**Vote** The motion to amend failed on a voice vote.

**Motion** Starchild (San Francisco County) moved to amend the motion to allow one con argument on each proposal (one minute each) with second

**Vote** The motion to amend failed on a voice vote.

**Vote** The main motion to have no debate on all Platform Committee proposals passed on a 2/3 majority voice vote.

### **Platform Proposal 1: Revise: IV.6 Official Language**

Amend existing plank as follows:

We oppose the forced imposition or designation by any level of government of any particular language or languages as the official language of the society.

Where governments exist, we expect them to make use of the *lingua (any of various languages used as common or commercial tongues among people of diverse speech) in a pluralistic society* **languages in common use by people living in their jurisdictions**. When persons wish translations of government documents, they should pay the full cost.

**Vote** The motion (adoption of Proposal 1) passed on a voice vote with one expressed abstention from Bob Weber (Los Angeles County).

## At Large Executive Committee Member Elections (cont'd.)

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### **At Large Executive Committee Member Election Results Round Two**

101 votes cast, 51 majority

Tom Nichols	39 (34 Porcupine, 5 <sup>4</sup> Paper)
Rajani Miatico	37 (31 Porcupine, 6 <sup>5</sup> Paper)

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<sup>4</sup> An audit of the results after the convention showed that the vote total for Paper ballots was incorrect and should have been 8; therefore the total was 42 which did not change the announced election results.



Wendy Hewitt	38 (36 Porcupine, 2 <sup>6</sup> Paper)	
<del>Zach Foster</del>	<del>20 (14 Porcupine, 6 Paper)</del>	Eliminated
<del>Kevin Moore</del>	<del>20 (18 Porcupine, 2 Paper)</del>	Eliminated
<del>Pete Moulds</del>	<del>15 (13 Porcupine, 2 Paper)</del>	Eliminated
NOTA	0	

**Motion** Aaron Starr (Ventura County) moved to limit At Large Executive Committee Member Election Round 3 to the top three from Round 2.

**Vote** The motion passed on a voice vote.

### Platform Committee Report (cont'd.)

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#### Platform Proposal 2: Revise: IV.1 Victimless Crimes

F. The end of court injunctions that criminalize otherwise legal acts such as wearing certain colors, ~~carrying pagers~~, or using cellular phones, or restricting the rights of individuals for actions that have not violated anyone's rights.

**Vote** The motion (adoption of Proposal 2) passed on a voice vote.

**The start of the third round ballot for At Large members was announced.**

#### Platform Proposal 3: New Plank: Emergency Powers

Add new "Emergency Powers" plank as follows:

It is basic to the idea of an "emergency" that special action is required for a limited time. A problem can certainly be serious even if it isn't an "emergency". But it is an abuse of any "emergency power" to apply it to issues of an ongoing nature.

The fact that the people of California have been willing in the past to tolerate some violations of their rights for a limited time in cases of actual emergencies, e.g., earthquakes or floods, cannot be accepted as legitimizing similar violations of rights as a way of dealing with changes of a permanent nature, such as the existence of a new disease, or that are expected to take place over decades or centuries, such as rising sea levels.

The best solutions to serious new problems of an ongoing nature are the same as for serious old problems of an ongoing nature – ones based on the consistent

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<sup>5</sup> An audit of the results after the convention showed that the vote total for Paper ballots was incorrect and should have been 8; therefore the total was 39 which did not change the announced election results.

<sup>6</sup> An audit of the results after the convention showed that the vote total for Paper ballots was incorrect and should have been 3; therefore the total was 39 which did not change the announced election results.

application of individual rights and mechanisms for voluntary trade and assistance. The best way for government to help when an emergency becomes an ongoing problem is to get out of the way as soon as possible and allow the market to function.

Therefore we:

- A. Support the inclusion of strict time limits in legislation that authorizes any "emergency powers".
- B. Oppose any "emergency" policies which allow the Governor or mayors to exercise legislative functions beyond the time that the respective legislative bodies can resume operation, or which allow police, military, or administrative officials to exercise judicial functions beyond the time that regular courts can resume operation.
- C. Oppose use of "declarations of emergency" as an excuse to impose regulations or taxes that do not relate directly to addressing the actual emergency.

**Vote**            The motion (adoption of Proposal 3) passed on a voice vote.

#### **Platform Proposal 4: Revise: IV.19 Marijuana**

Replace existing "Marijuana" plank with the "Drug War and Recreational Drugs," as follows:

##### **Drug War and Recreational Drugs**

**We applaud and encourage the growing state trends toward legalization and/or decriminalization of marijuana, as well as other recreational drugs. The war on drugs not only significantly undermines true civil liberty, it likewise erroneously harms communities by disproportionately increasing violent criminal activity. Furthermore, it is unsustainably expensive and, as history has shown, wildly ineffective. This is why we also vehemently oppose any increase in new laws, regulations, or taxation which seem to accompany the aforementioned trends, given that such measures are clearly intended to discreetly continue prohibition. As such, we support our state's exercise of nullification, in enacting laws removing ourselves from participation in the federal government's drug war, and recognize any attempt of a federal agent to circumvent these laws as an act of aggression to be handled by state authorities.**

**Vote**            The motion (adoption of Proposal 4) passed on a voice vote.

#### **Platform Proposal 5: Revise: IV.8 Police**

Rewrite existing "Police" plank and replace with "Policing" plank as follows:

##### **Policing**

The government monopoly on policing grants special privileges and the power of violence to a few appointed individuals – this can lead to abuses of power and violations of individual rights. We believe that when people or governments seek to maintain law and order, individual rights must be protected; no person or government is entitled to special privileges or immunities when they violate people's rights; decentralization, privatization, and voluntary association are preferable to centralized, government policing; and the proper role of law enforcement in a free society is to help protect people from violence, property crimes, and fraud.

Therefore, we support:

- A. Clear and strict standards, and training, on the use of force by police and consequences when excessive force or instant punishment is used.
- B. Policies that reduce confrontations and minimize the need of the public to have formal interactions with police.
- C. Full accountability and transparency for misconduct and wrongdoings committed by police officers and other government agents.
- D. The repeal of all civil asset forfeiture laws.
- E. Ending the legal doctrine of qualified immunity.
- F. The decentralization of police protection to the neighborhood level whenever full privatization is not possible.

In addition, we oppose:

- A. The use of "no-knock" warrants, which often result in tragic encounters with police.
- B. The transfer and use of military equipment and tactics by local law enforcement.
- C. The use of tax dollars to satisfy judgments against police officers.
- D. The expansion of federal police forces into California.

**Vote**            The motion (adoption of Proposal 5) passed on a voice vote.

### **Platform Proposal 6: New Plank: Universal Basic Income**

As new "Universal Basic Income" plank as follows:

Any government-supported "universal basic income" scheme is just another form of welfare, and we object to it for the same reasons. "Guaranteeing" income to everybody inevitably will involve taking income or assets from many people through taxation or inflation, violating their rights, making the overall economy less productive, and further leading the population as a whole toward a condition of serfdom. In addition, while we recognize and support the right of private individuals to provide financial assistance to anyone they deem deserving, and to experiment with ways of doing that which may resemble

universal basic income, we oppose government sponsorship of such "test programs" since their transparent, and often even explicitly acknowledged, purpose is to promote the idea for eventual implementation by government.

**Motion** Davie Naranjo (Orange County) moved to suspend the rules to debate this proposal only. Standing second was achieved.

**Vote** The motion to suspend the rules failed on a voice vote.

**Vote** The motion (adoption of Proposal 6) failed on a counted vote.

### At Large Executive Committee Member Elections (cont'd.)

#### At Large Executive Committee Member Election Results Round Three

95 ballots cast, 48 majority

<b>Tom Nichols</b>	<b>57 (49 Porcupine, 8<sup>7</sup> Paper)</b>	<b>Elected</b>
<b>Wendy Hewitt</b>	<b>54 (49 Porcupine, 5<sup>8</sup> Paper)</b>	<b>Elected</b>
Rajani Miatico	48 (40 Porcupine, 8 <sup>9</sup> Paper)	
NOTA	0	

**Elizabeth Stump, Kalish Morrow, Adrian Malagon, and Cheyne Strawn were elected At Large Members of the Libertarian Party of California for Two-Year Terms; Tom Nichols and Wendy Hewitt were elected At Large Members of the Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of California for One-Year Terms.**

### At Large Executive Committee Member Alternate Elections (cont'd)

Nominations were reopened for At Large Alternate Executive Committee Members.

**Rajani Maiatico** was nominated by David Naranjo.

Nominations for At Large Alternate Executive Committee Member were closed.

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<sup>7</sup> An audit of the results after the convention showed that the vote total for Paper ballots was incorrect and should have been 5; therefore the total was 54 which did not change the announced election results.

<sup>8</sup> An audit of the results after the convention showed that the vote total for Paper ballots was incorrect and should have been 4; therefore the total was 53 which did not change the announced election results.

<sup>9</sup> An audit of the results after the convention showed that the vote total for Paper ballots was incorrect and should have been 6; therefore the total was 46 which did not change the announced election results.

## **Platform Committee Report (cont'd.)**

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### **Platform Proposal 7: Revise: V.6 Welfare**

Rewrite existing “Welfare” plank as follows:

Government welfare programs violate the individual rights of two groups: those who have their property coercively taken and redistributed to others, and those who receive this stolen property and whose economic lives are controlled by the State. The need of one person does not lay claim to the property of another, and we therefore urge an end to government welfare programs.

The least oppressive solution to ending poverty is through voluntary means. The current burden of taxation and government provision of welfare impairs the ability of people to make donations to meet the needs of those who cannot support themselves. We advocate the development of private voluntary programs to aid the dependent and oppressed to become truly independent, self-supporting, productive individuals.

We believe that individuals know what is best for themselves. The government cannot fully understand the needs of the individual. In the process of attempting to address the needs of the poor, the government creates additional problems such as welfare dependency, loss of jobs through minimum wage and licensing laws, and increased rent prices through zoning and land use regulations. Ending government interference in the economy will greatly decrease the need for welfare.

We therefore call for:

- A. The privatization of government-funded services, such as hospitals, health services, job training and retraining, employment development programs, and childcare.
- B. The end of State aid to families with dependent children, State aid to the disabled, and general relief programs.
- C. An end to participation by the State of California in the Food Stamp, school lunch, and Medi-Cal programs.
- D. The non-adoption by the State of California of welfare programs terminated by the federal government.

**The start of the ballot for Alternate At Large members was announced.**

**Motion**      David Naranjo (Orange County) moved to suspend the rules to consider an amendment to the motion.

**The Chair ruled that although it was moved to consider Platform recommendations as no-debate items that doesn't remove the ability to make amendments, therefore a motion to suspend the rules is unnecessary. There will also be no debate on the amendments.**

**Motion** David Naranjo (Orange County) moved to amend the motion to add the following sentence at the bottom of the proposed plank. Standing second achieved.

We oppose any government-funded "universal basic income" schemes and government sponsorship of any privately-funded programs that would implement such schemes; we recognize the right of private individuals to provide financial assistance, without government involvement, to anyone they deem deserving.

**Vote** The motion to amend passed on a voice vote.

**Vote** The motion as amended (adoption of Proposal 7) passed on a voice vote.

### **Platform Proposal 8: IV.10 Health and Medicine**

Rewrite existing "Health and Medicine" plank and replace with "Health Care" plank as follows:

#### **Health Care**

**The health and physical well-being of individuals is a matter of personal choice and responsibility. We recognize the right of individuals to make decisions about all aspects of their medical care including insurance coverage, health providers, medicines, treatments, and end-of-life decisions. We favor free-market health care solutions and believe the government should not be involved in regulating, funding, or subsidizing medical care or the delivery of health care - we advocate for the removal of government mandates and interference with competition, price transparency, and consumer choice in healthcare markets.**

**Therefore, we support:**

- A. An end to government licensing and certification requirements for the practice of medicine and advocate private certifications, which will increase competition and promote patient education and safety.**
- B. An end to all government restrictions - by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration or state and local agencies - on the use of medicines or medical treatments, the selection and practice of unorthodox medical procedures, the practice of lay midwifery and planned out-of-hospital births, or the availability of sterile needles.**

- C. The repeal of regulations that discourage the development of privately-funded medical facilities, such as women's health clinics and free-standing birth centers.
- D. The repeal of laws that force doctors and other health care professionals to report the affairs or medical records of their patients to the government.
- E. An end to government subsidies to, and regulation of, all schools of medicine, nursing, and the allied health care professions.
- F. Tax breaks not only for employer-provided health plans – whose value is not currently taxed as income – but also individual tax credits so that families and individuals can choose their own health plans.

In addition, we oppose:

- A. Government-forced or mandated medication and medical procedures, such as fluoridation of water, compulsory vaccination, involuntary sterilization, compulsory hospitalization, or any non-consensual relationship between a health care provider and patient.
- B. All attempts to abridge the individual rights of persons with AIDS.
- C. Any government mandates requiring businesses to provide health insurance to employees, requiring individuals to purchase insurance or taxing them for not doing so, and requiring insurance companies to insure persons or conditions they choose not to insure.
- D. All government-funded medical programs such as Medi-Cal or any type of government-run healthcare system; tax-supported abortion services, neo-natal care, and research facilities; grants and subsidies to members of the medical profession; and the use of tax funds to extend health insurance to the uninsured.

**Vote**            The motion (adoption of Proposal 8) passed on a standing vote.

**Platform Proposal 9: Revise: IV.21 Legislature**

Replace the first three paragraphs with one paragraph and leave the last paragraph unchanged as follows:

The legislature should have a real and effective connection with the people, so that citizens can develop and maintain healthy relationships with those who represent them. California has only 40 Senators and 80 Assembly members to represent a population of almost 40 million. The number of districts should be increased, thereby decreasing the number of citizens within each district, and the number of districts should increase as the population grows. This would also reduce the need for officeholders to waste their time as perpetual fundraisers, and would reduce their power to unethically benefit from their positions.

Additionally, we oppose a full-time legislature in California and support efforts to make the job of legislator at most a part-time one with drastically reduced salaries, staff, and expenses.

**Quorum Call** A call was made to verify quorum in the room.

### **At Large Executive Committee Alternate Member Election Results**

84 votes cast, 43 majority

<b>Michael Lema</b>	<b>55 (45 Porcupine, 10 Paper)</b>	<b>Elected</b>
<b>Matthew Butts</b>	<b>47 (39<sup>10</sup> Porcupine, 8 Paper)</b>	<b>Elected</b>
Rajani Miatico	42 (39 <sup>11</sup> Porcupine, 3 Paper)	
NOTA	1 (Porcupine)	

**Michael Lema and Matthew Butts were elected At Large Alternate Members of the Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of California.**

**Quorum Count** A count off was conducted with (additionally Mr. Moellman and Dr. Lieberman were in the room but didn't count off) with 83 delegates present.

**Vote** The motion (adoption of Proposal 9) passed on a voice vote.

### **Judicial Committee Alternate Elections**

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(2 Seats Available - 1 Year)

Nominations were opened for Judicial Committee Alternate Member.

**James Ogle** was nominated by James Ogle.

**Mark Hinkle** was nominated by Mark Hinkle.

**Aaron Starr** was nominated by Aaron Starr.

Nominations were closed for Judicial Committee Alternate Member.

All three nominees provided nominating speeches.

### **Platform Committee Report (cont'd.)**

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#### **Platform Proposal 10: Revise V.8 Money and Banking**

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<sup>10</sup> An audit of the results after the convention showed that the vote total for Porcupine ballots was incorrect and should have been 40; therefore the total was 48 which did not change the announced election results.

<sup>11</sup> An audit of the results after the convention showed that the vote total for Porcupine ballots was incorrect and should have been 40; therefore the total was 43 which did not change the announced election results.



Replace the existing plank with the following:

Because money is so important and the government has a historical tendency to abuse it, we call for ending government definition of and control over money. Individuals and businesses should be free to use gold, cryptocurrencies, or any other medium of exchange, store of value, or unit of account as they choose, without being subject to additional taxation or reporting requirements.

We favor deregulation of the financial industry by ending the following:

- A. Restrictions on banks providing other services or on other entities providing services traditionally provided by banks, or government definition and chartering of different classes of banks.
- B. Requirements that transactions be reported to the government.
- C. Regulation or manipulation of interest rates.
- D. Policies that require lenders to meet quotas for making loans to demographic groups or geographic areas, or to make loans to borrowers who do not meet their standards of creditworthiness.
- E. Laws and regulations controlling or prohibiting the raising of funds or the sale of securities, or "protecting" ordinary people from buying them.

**Vote**           The motion (adoption of Proposal 10) passed on a voice vote.

**The start of the ballot for Alternate Judicial Committee members was announced.**

**Motion:**       Adam Kokesh (Kings County) moved to suspend the rules to vote on the remaining Platform Committee proposals en masse.

**The motion was ruled Out of Order by the Chair as Platform amendments must be made plank by plank.**

**The Chair announced that going forward the body will vote on each proposal without reading the description or amendment.**

**Platform Proposal 11: Revise: IV.5 Immigration**

Replace the existing plank with the following:

We hold that all individuals have rights as human beings, not merely as citizens of a particular country. We defend the rights of citizens and noncitizens of the U.S. to seek work, trade, and live within this country and the right of employers to freely hire workers - individuals should not be constrained in the crossing of political boundaries, as the unrestricted movement of people and financial capital across national borders are important for economic freedom, political freedom, and a vibrant free-market economy.

Therefore, we support:

- A. The right of private property owners to restrict people from trespassing on their property and their right to provide sanctuary to persons who face arrest or deportation as immigrants.
- B. An end to mandatory reporting by employers of their employees' nationalities.
- C. An end to the practice of fining employers who hire undocumented immigrants and any requirement that those employers forfeit their assets to the government.
- D. An end to wholesale dragnets that round up undocumented immigrants or others from their homes or workplaces.

In addition, we oppose:

- A. Any government mandate that employees in California must carry identification cards or papers.
- B. The use of the California National Guard or the U.S. military to control California's border with Mexico.
- C. The construction of a fence or wall along the U.S. border.
- D. The payment of welfare benefits to noncitizens and citizens alike.

**Vote**            The motion (adoption of Proposal 11) passed on a voice vote.

**Platform Proposal 12: Revise: IV.2 Freedom of Expression**

Replace the existing plank with the following:

Individuals have the right to hold their own ideas and opinions, and to express and receive ideas, opinions, and information. Government should not – itself or in cooperation with private entities – compel, censor, or regulate expression, or any methods of communication, including in cases where the public may deem such expression as offensive or obscene.

Specifically, we support:

- A. Open debate or expression in a "marketplace of ideas".
- B. The ability of private individuals, groups, and companies to prohibit subjectively offensive material on their property, physical or virtual.
- C. The deregulation of television, radio, cable, the internet, blockchain, and all other forms of communication.
- D. The right of suspects, defendants, and convicted criminals to open criminal proceedings and communication with the media.

In addition, we oppose:

- A. The use of political violence and vandalism, including at protests.

- B. Interference or intimidation by government in news media, such as by prosecuting whistleblowers, suing journalists, discrediting the media, or raiding newsrooms.
- C. Speech codes, dress codes, clothing mandates, and other policies that restrict discussion of ideas in public spaces or at public colleges and universities, or limit such expression to "free speech zones" or other designated areas.
- D. Restrictions of the right of adults to make, distribute, possess or view sexually explicit material.
- E. Bans on flag burning and mandates to salute a flag.
- F. Mandates to conceal beliefs or profess any religion.
- G. Requirements that property owners post material or allow others to use their property as a venue for expressing views.
- H. Regulations that limit the content or financial support of political campaigns.

**Vote**            The motion (adoption of Proposal 12) passed on a voice vote.

**Platform Proposal 13: New Plank: Freedom to Think**

Add the following new plank:

The ability to think – including the abilities to reason, to hypothesize, to remember, and to imagine – is a fundamental characteristic of human beings, and the basis of individual, cultural, and economic progress. We oppose all efforts by government to interfere with thought, the ability of individuals to exercise their ability to think, and the use of technology to enhance their ability to think. We oppose any policies which would define certain ideas or ways of thinking to be "criminal", any attempts by government to restrict who can use computer hardware or software, any restrictions on individuals incorporating such technology voluntarily into their own bodies to enhance their ability to think, any attempts to regulate or tax the processing or storage of information, and any government mandate that existing knowledge be destroyed or "forgotten".

**Vote**            The motion (adoption of Proposal 13) passed on a voice vote.

**Platform Proposal 14: New Plank: Pandemics**

Add the following new plank:

Pandemics present serious problems for individuals and for society which must be addressed, but as with all other challenges they must be addressed while respecting individual rights, and they can best be addressed through the mechanisms of voluntary action and the market. Experience has shown that failure to adhere to these principles has led to widespread violations of rights, loss of life that could have been avoided, poor allocation of resources in

addressing the problem, and severe damage to the economy and society as a whole.

We oppose actions by any level of government that:

- A. "Lock down" or otherwise generally limit the freedom of movement in a geographic area.
- B. Quarantine any individuals absent specific evidence that they are contagious.
- C. Force businesses, churches, or other organizations to stop operating or limit their hours.
- D. Prevent individuals from acquiring and using medicines, vaccines, masks, or any other product that they believe may be helpful to them.
- E. Ration access to such products by age, occupation, or other personal characteristic.
- F. Require any individuals to make use of any such products or other preventive measures.
- G. Prevent private businesses and property owners from requiring protective measures they judge necessary for the protection of themselves and their employees, customers, or guests,
- H. Discriminate against certain businesses or industries by declaring them "non-essential".
- I. Require use of a government-issued internal passport or require businesses to make use of any privately-issued equivalent.

**Vote**           The motion (adoption of Proposal 14) passed on a voice vote.

**Platform Proposal 15: Restructure: IV.20 Election Reform**

Replace the existing plank with the following:

**Political Campaigns**

**We oppose any limitation on the amount of money an individual, group, or corporation can spend supporting any candidate or ballot issue on the federal, state, or local level. We also oppose the public financing of election campaigns and the mandatory reporting of campaign donations and expenditures.**

**We further oppose all proposals to regulate the broadcasting of election results, and all laws governing the broadcast coverage of campaigns, including the fairness doctrine, the equal time rule, and the reasonable access provision.**

**Candidates and Parties**

**The selection of a candidate by a political party is a matter in which the State has no legitimate interest. We therefore oppose the system of tax-financed primary elections and call for the nomination of all candidates without**

governmental supervision or intervention, as a private matter involving only the members of the party concerned.

We support the right of any political party to nominate or endorse the candidates of its choosing for public office, even when those candidates are the nominees or endorsees of another political party or parties. We also oppose laws which forbid partisan political designations in local elections and, at the state level, for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

We call for the abolition of the State Constitutional Office of Lieutenant Governor, which has no real purpose.

### Voting Systems

Voting systems should be designed to represent as well as possible the actual preferences of the electorate and to provide confidence that votes are being accurately counted. Current systems are failing us in both respects.

Many alternative systems exist which could allow voters to better express their preferences, avoiding issues like "wasted votes", and even potentially lower the cost of holding elections. Ranked choice and approval voting are well known examples. We urge the legislature and local jurisdictions to give these systems serious consideration. The current Top Two primary system is inferior to any of these and disenfranchises voters who support alternative parties, so we call for its repeal.

Current approaches to promoting "diversity" in city councils and similar multi-member bodies often make things worse. Electing members by geographic district doesn't ensure diversity along any dimension, and may actually make it harder for some kinds of minorities to be elected. We urge consideration of proportional representation systems such as "single transferable vote", to give all segments of the population, whether considered in terms of race, economics, or ideology, more opportunity to be represented on such bodies.

Voters frequently have no positive feelings toward any candidate, but rather distinctly negative feelings toward all of them. Therefore we propose placing on all ballots, for each elective office, the option "none of the above is acceptable" which, if it receives a plurality of the votes, would result in the office remaining vacant until a subsequent election.

We support voting systems that are open, transparent, and auditable. To avoid fraud and manipulation, we oppose systems which do not allow voters to confirm that their votes have been recorded and for the public to be able to verify that the totals are correct. Modern cryptographic technology opens up

the possibility of secure and auditable electronic voting, and we urge adoption of such systems as soon as possible. In the meantime, we oppose electronic voting systems that do not have these properties, unless they incorporate a voter-verified paper ballot as the ballot of count, recount, audit, and record. If no electronic system is available that meets these transparency and audit criteria, simple paper ballots with counting by hand open to observation would be the better choice.

**Vote**           The motion (adoption of Proposal 15) passed on a voice vote.

**Platform Proposal 16: Restructure: IV.7 Judicial**

Replace the existing plank with five new planks ("Judicial System", "Juries", "Due Process", "Crime and Punishment", and "Juvenile Justice", in that order) as follows:

**Judicial System**

The purpose of the judicial process should be an earnest attempt to extract reasonable restitution from a person convicted of a crime and to convey that restitution to the victim, to imprison when necessary, and to fairly settle contract disputes. The failure of the government judicial system to apply these principles has led to the inability of its courts to administer justice and to the near collapse of public confidence in the American judicial system.

We advocate the repeal of:

- A. All civil asset forfeiture laws.
- B. All laws extending criminal or civil liability to producers or vendors whose products may be used by others in the commission of a crime or tort.
- C. All laws that allow the introduction of a person's personal views as evidence against them. An accused should not be punished for personal views and thoughts.
- D. The so-called legislative police power, where the government defines public necessity, policy, or interest.
- E. The defenses of insanity or diminished capacity, and the practice of pre-trial insanity hearings regarding capacity to stand trial.
- F. The practice of plea-bargaining without the consent of the victim.
- G. The use of administrative proceedings in lieu of criminal proceedings. The accused is entitled to the presumption of innocence and protection against arbitrary governmental searches and seizures.

## Juries

The American criminal justice system currently allows for bench or jury trials. Currently, if a person does not respond to a jury summons, a person could be held in "contempt of court" and be fined and/or sent to jail.

We advocate the following:

- A. The abolition of the current practice of forced jury duty; we favor all-volunteer juries.
- B. All juries, in actions to which the government is a party, shall be instructed that they have the right to judge not only the facts of the case, but also the justice of the law.
- C. Juries may hold all laws invalid that are, according to their conscience, unjust, and find no violation of such laws.
- D. Jurors, rather than the judge, should set the sentence for a guilty offender up to the maximum allowed by law.
- E. All jury trial findings shall be by unanimous decision, except that the parties to an action or proceeding may consent to a verdict by a majority of the panel.

## Due Process

All persons should be equal before the law and entitled to due process of law. Due process should determine innocence or guilt in a manner designed to protect the individual rights of all persons concerned, both the accused and the accuser. We hold that individuals may settle their differences outside the court, if both so agree.

We support the following:

- A. Full protection of the rights of the accused, including complete access to all available records, information, or evidence (held by the courts or voluntarily submitted) to be used in the prosecution of the case. This includes providing access for those who choose to represent themselves, whether in custody or out of custody.
- B. The right of any person convicted of a crime to seek restitution, in a separate legal action, for any violation of his or her rights. Full restitution should be given to the accused if loss is incurred in the course of criminal proceedings against them which does not result in a conviction.
- C. No person should be denied the freedom of movement without formal charges being filed immediately following arrest.
- D. The right of private parties to conduct, at their own expense, prosecutions against those they allege have victimized them.

- E. The right of defendants and their counsel to inform jurors of the jury's power to nullify any law, and of the possible sentences for each offense charged.
- F. No persons, other than government employees involved in the case at hand, should be compelled to appear or testify before a grand jury, nor be denied legal counsel during a grand jury proceeding.
- G. In private lawsuits, the loser should pay the costs and litigation expenses of the prevailing party, at the discretion of the court.

### Crime and Punishment

The only crimes we recognize are: 1) crimes of violence or threat of violence, 2) property loss, and 3) fraud. Libertarians believe that our current justice system has many punishments that far outweigh the crimes committed. We believe that punishments should be proportional to the crime committed and should be fair and humane.

We advocate the following:

- A. The abolition of special penalties imposed for crimes committed against police officers or government employees.
- B. The abolition of the current practice of courts receiving a percentage of fines imposed.
- C. Prison sentences should be served in their entirety.
- D. The Three-Strikes law should focus on truly violent offenders so that enhanced prison sentences and life imprisonment for multiple criminal acts are reserved for perpetrators of violent crimes.

### Juvenile Justice

We support the trying of juveniles under the same procedures as adults, with the same rights and privileges as adults, including the right of a trial by jury. Currently minors are only afforded a trial by jury after a court transfers the matter to adult court, where the minor is treated as an adult.

We support the repeal of all laws establishing any category of crime applicable to a particular age group, including laws setting drinking ages, curfews and truancy, and an end to the practice of incarcerating children accused of no crime.

**Vote**            The motion (adoption of Proposal 16) passed on a voice vote.

### **Platform Proposal 17: Revise: IV.7 Judicial (capital punishment)**

Add the following to the end of the list in the “Crimes and Punishment” plank:

- E. The abolition of capital punishment.



**Vote** The motion (adoption of Proposal 17) passed on a voice vote.

**Platform Proposal 18: Revise: IV.7 Judicial (three strikes)**

Replace existing language in the "Crimes and Punishment" plank as follows:

- D. ~~*The Three-Strikes law should focus on truly violent offenders so that enhanced prison sentences and life imprisonment for multiple criminal acts are reserved for perpetrators of violent crimes.*~~ The removal of the Three Strikes law and other de facto life sentences.

**Vote** The motion (adoption of Proposal 18) passed on a voice vote.

**Platform Proposal 19: Revise: IV.7 Judicial (move text to Victimless Crimes)**

Move a statement in the Judicial Plank to the first paragraph of the Victimless Crimes plank as follows:

To commit a crime, one must infringe upon the rights of another. The only crimes we recognize are: 1) crimes of violence or threat of violence, 2) property loss, and 3) fraud. Victimless "crime" laws are a legislative attempt to forcibly limit the lifestyle choices of individuals. We therefore support the following:

**Vote** The motion (adoption of Proposal 19) passed on a voice vote.

**Platform Proposal 20: Revise: IV.13 Marriage**

Rewrite the existing plank as follows:

We regard marriage as a private relationship, and as such it should not be defined or regulated by the state. Those who want to formally define their relationship should do so by contract – either one of their own devising or, if they prefer some "traditional" arrangement, by making use of a standard contract offered by an institution of their choice. With respect to control and disposition of financial assets, married people can also make use of the same kinds of shared ownership options used by unmarried people.

To implement these principles, we advocate:

- A. Recognition in law of marriage contracts.
- B. Repeal of all other marriage and marriage dissolution laws.
- C. Elimination of marriage licenses.
- D. Removal of provisions that make "community property" the default.
- E. Repeal of all alimony laws.
- F. The right of all consenting adults to form marriages without regard to gender, sexual preference, degree of consanguinity, or number of parties.

**G. Pending implementation of the above, issuing marriage licenses to any adults without regard to gender.**

**Vote** The motion (adoption of Proposal 20) passed on a voice vote.

**Platform Proposal 21: Revise IV.4 Discrimination**

Add the following language to the beginning of the existing plank as follows:

**We support the equal protection of the laws, meaning ~~no~~ level of government should deny or abridge the rights of any individual on account of sex, race, color, creed, age, national origin, economic status, marital status, sexual preference, physical ability, mental ability, or place of employment. We affirm that government should not use quota systems based on any of the above criteria.**

**Since the early days of our nation women have not had equality of rights under the law. Women have been denied the right to vote, own property, start a business, and get credit. To ensure women receive basic human rights, and the equal protection of the laws, we declare support for the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). Therefore, we call upon the Archivist of the United States to declare that with Virginia's ratification the ERA has reached the three-quarters of the states threshold required by the Constitution, and so is now part of the Constitution.**

**Vote** The motion (adoption of Proposal 21) failed on a voice vote.

**Platform Proposal 22: Revise: V.4 Education**

Revise existing plank as follows:

We reject the idea that the financing and control of education is a proper function of government, and call for the privatization of public education in California. **The high school dropout rate is 23% with over one fifth of graduates failing to master basic work skills. Every student that does not graduate high school has a greater risk of committing a crime and ending up in prison. The United States is 38th in math, 24th in science, and 24th in reading among industrialized nations of the world.** Therefore, **to compete in the world economy and to improve education,** we advocate the following:

- A. **~~An end to compulsory busing.~~ To facilitate maximum educational opportunity and choice an educational tax credit of \$3,200 for educational expenses per child for any parent or guardian of a child attending any public, charter, magnet, or accredited private school (accreditation standards as of 2021). This tax credit will disentangle education from monopoly control and foster competition.**

- B. An end to compulsory school attendance.
- C. An end to interference with home schooling, in particular, an end to the policy in some counties of not allowing home schooling parents to file private school affidavits, and an end to the effort by local truant officers and social workers to control who can teach and what they can teach.
- D. Repeal of the Proposition 98 funding guarantee for K-14 public education.
- E. Unlimited tax credit, equal to the amount of the assistance, for any individual or business sponsoring a person in an educational institution.
- F. An end to licensing and regulation of private and parochial schools.
- G. Allowing students to attend any school regardless of district boundaries.
- H. Resisting the introduction of federally mandated or encouraged national education standards, such as common core.
- I. An end to government or tax-funded pre-school programs.
- ~~J.~~ ***A replacement of tax funding of government schools, at all levels, with tuition or other voluntary means.***
- ~~K.~~ ***An end to government subsidy of private education and an end to all government subsidies to students, such as Pell Grants and the federal student loan program.***
- ~~L.~~ ***An end to tax-financed research (such as research in military hardware and techniques, farming techniques, and applications of high technology) in California educational institutions.***
- ~~M.~~ ***Retention of tax-exempt status for all private schools, including religiously affiliated schools.***
- ~~N.~~ ***Abolition of California's monopoly lottery system for finance of education.***

**Vote**            The motion (adoption of Proposal 22) failed on a voice vote.

### **Judicial Committee Alternate Elections (cont'd)**

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#### **Judicial Committee Alternate Member Election Results**

70 ballots cast, 36 majority

<b>Aaron Starr</b>	<b>54 (50 Porcupine, 4 Paper)</b>	<b>Elected</b>
<b>Mark Hinkle</b>	<b>43 (38 Porcupine, 5 Paper)</b>	<b>Elected</b>
James Ogle	1 (1 Paper)	
Harambe (write-in)	1 (1 Paper)	
NOTA	8 (Porcupine)	

**Mark Hinkle and Aaron Starr were elected Alternate Members of the Judicial Committee of the Libertarian Party of California.**

**Point of Information**    Alicia Percell (Ventura County) asked how votes could be removed if they are anonymous. TJ Ferreira explained that there are IDs for each voter but he didn't look at the actual names.

## Endorsements

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**Motion** Kenneth Brent Olsen (Kings County) moved to endorse Jeff Hewitt for Governor of California. Standing second was achieved.

**Vote** The motion passed unanimously by delegates present on a voice vote.

**Motion** Mark Hinkle (Santa Clara County) moved to endorse Joe Dehn for Congress. Standing second was achieved.

**Vote** The motion passed unanimously by delegates present on a voice vote.

**Motion** Kenneth Brent Olsen (Kings County) moved to endorse Francisco Hernandez for re-election to Hanford City Council. Standing second was achieved.

**Vote** The motion passed unanimously by delegates present on a voice vote.

**Motion** Kenneth Brent Olsen (Kings County) moved to endorse Cheyne Strawn for Hanford City Council. Standing second was achieved.

**Vote** The motion passed unanimously by delegates present on a voice vote.

## Resolutions

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**Motion** Jose Castaneda (Los Angeles County) moved to adopt the following resolution regarding the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). The motion died for lack second.

**WHEREAS**, We hold these truths to be sacred and undeniable; that all women are born free and created equal in rights, endowed with certain rights among them equal rights under the law that no government can usurp;

**WHEREAS**, Women throughout our nation's history have been denied the right to vote, have credit, own land, engage in contracts, be employed in certain jobs, serve on juries;

**WHEREAS**, Women have made the ultimate sacrifice for the defense of America in the fight for our freedoms, beginning with the Revolutionary war;

**WHEREAS**, Women and men in the Declaration of Sentiments at Seneca Falls in 1848 declared,

“ . . . because women do feel themselves aggrieved, oppressed, and fraudulently deprived of their most sacred rights, we insist that they have immediate admission to all the rights and privileges which belong to them as citizens of the United States.”

**WHEREAS**, Abigail Adams in 1776 admonished the founding fathers to not forget the ladies when she wrote, “. . . code of laws which I suppose it will be necessary

for you to make, I desire you would remember the ladies, and to be more generous and favorable to them than your ancestors.”;

**WHEREAS**, Women deserve to be finally acknowledged in the Constitution as having equal rights;

**WHEREAS**, The Madison amendment (Congressional pay raise amendment) was first proposed by the first Congress in 1789 and was ratified in 1992, 203 years later;

**WHEREAS**, Three-fourths of the states having ratified the Equal Rights Amendment, Virginia being the most recent, pursuant to Article V of the Constitution which requires three-fourths of the states to ratify an amendment to the Constitution;

**WHEREAS**, The Archivist of the United States is authorized under the laws of the United States to certify and announce when a constitutional amendment is ratified;

**THEREFORE**, we call upon the Archivist of the United States, to announce the Equal Rights Amendment has been ratified and is now part of the Constitution.

**AND**, for the support of this resolution we mutually pledge and affirm our support for the equal rights of women and the Equal Rights Amendment is unwavering and total.

**Motion** Aaron Starr (Ventura County) moved to adjourn sine die. Objection was heard.

**Vote** The motion failed on a voice vote.

**Motion** Roy Kendall (Santa Clara County) moved to adopt the following resolution regarding school choice. Standing second was achieved.

**Whereas**, the State of California currently spends \$124 billion annually on K-12 Education, \$17,964 per pupil per year, with 70% of the funding coming from Proposition 98 state dollars and the remainder from local and federal sources.

**Whereas**, despite nearly doubling the Prop 98 funding in the last decade the quality of education provided by California government-run schools has deteriorated - ranking among the bottom 10 states in the nation with only 29-30% of 8<sup>th</sup> grader proficient in math and reading, and a large number of graduating students functionally illiterate.

**Whereas**, the state of California closed down public schools for in-class learning for over one year during the Covid-19 pandemic resulting in significant student learning losses, psycho-social harm, and major parental inconveniences. Yet despite the pandemic, private schools reopened much sooner, and homeschool education was unaffected.

**Whereas**, there has been a greater than 10% reduction in public school enrollment in the last year, with many parents resorting to charter schools, private education and homeschooling with no intention of returning to the regular public schools.

**Whereas**, School Choice programs (such as vouchers, education savings accounts, and tax-credit scholarships) have consistently resulted in improvements in student academic achievements and numerous secondary benefits including reduction in criminal activity, greater parental satisfaction, and improvements in student mental health, personal safety, and civic responsibility.

**Whereas**, School Choice draws bipartisan support in recent polling with 60-70% of Democrat and No-Party Preference voters and 70-75% of Republican voters in support School Choice programs when given a full explanation of the program.

**Whereas**, thirty-three state currently have School Choice program which allows parents to capture state educational funds to send their child to the school that best serves their child's needs. Yet California has no school choice programs.

**Whereas**, the United States Supreme Court (*Espinoza v. Montana Dept. of Revenue*) ruled in 2020 that state-approved School Choice programs that allow state education funds for private education cannot exclude private religious schools.

**Whereas**, nearly all School Choice programs established in the United States have shown to have no net increase in taxpayer burden and many have resulted in a reduction of taxpayer burden.

**Therefore be it resolved** that the California Libertarian Party shall support and endorse legislation or ballot initiatives that will establish School Choice programs in California – to provide parents greater options to get the best education for their child.

**Motion** Starchild (San Francisco County) moved to amend the resolution to replace the word “bipartisan” with the word “tripartisan” in the sixth paragraph. Standing second was achieved.

**Vote** The motion to amend passed on a voice vote.

**Motion** Aaron Starr (Ventura County) moved to amend the resolution to correct misspellings and missing words as follows:

Change “grader” to “graders” in the second paragraph, change “in support” to “in support of” in the sixth paragraph, and change “thirty-three state” to “thirty-three states” in the 7<sup>th</sup> paragraph.

**Vote** The motion to amend passed on a voice vote.

**Motion** Richard Fast (San Francisco County) moved to amend the resolution by replacing “democrat” with “democratic” in the sixth paragraph.

**Vote** The motion to amend passed on a voice vote.

**Vote** The main motion as amended passed on a voice vote.

**Motion** Joe Antognini (Los Angeles) moved to adopt a resolution regarding jay walking.

Quorum having been lost (based on a visual observation),

### **Adjournment Sine Die**

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**Motion** Alicia Percell (Ventura County) moved to adjourn sine die.

**Vote** The motion passed on a voice vote.

The 2021 Convention of the Libertarian Party of California was adjourned at 6:15 pm on Sunday, 16 May 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,



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