

# **Libertarian Party of California Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**



**December 11, 2021**

Wyndham Garden Fresno Yosemite Airport  
5090 E. Clinton Way  
Fresno CA 93727

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# LPC Executive Committee Minutes

December 11, 2021  
4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Meeting  
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## Call to Order

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Chair Robson called the meeting to order at 10:06 am PDT.

## Roll Call

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A quorum of the Executive Committee was present with the following voting members:

### Officers:

Mimi Robson, Chair  
Rachel Nyx, Vice-Chair  
Jillian Olsen, Secretary

### Area Coordinators:

Jia Christopher, Northern Area  
Coordinator  
Jon Prosser, Central Area Coordinator  
Tara Young, Southern Area  
Coordinator

### At-Large Members:

Wendy Hewitt  
Angela McArdle  
Adrian Malagon  
Kalish Morrow  
Kenneth Brent Olsen  
Cheyne Strawn  
Elizabeth Stump  
Jessica Tewksbury

### At-Large Alternates:

Michael Lema  
Matthew Butts

### Members Not Present:

Paul Vallandigham, Treasurer

### Executive Director:

Tim Ferreira

### The following guests were in attendance:

Victoria Lapacek  
Jeff Hewitt  
Max Jimenez  
Susan Aquino  
David Naranjo  
Terry Miller

## Adoption of Agenda

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The agenda was distributed to all members via email prior to the meeting for review.

**Motion:** Mr. Prosser moved to amend the agenda to add consideration of a resolution after the Credentials Committee report, with second. Motion passed without objection.

**Motion:** Mr. Strawn moved to adopt the agenda as amended with second. Motion passed without objection.

**FINAL AGENDA**  
**Libertarian Party of California**  
**Executive Committee meeting**  
**December 11, 2021 – Fresno, California**

Call to Order–10:00 a.m.

Roll Call (5 minutes)

Adoption of Agenda (5 minutes)

Public Comment (10 minutes–3 minutes per comment)

Approval of Meeting Minutes (10 minutes)

September 25, 2021 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Executive Committee Minutes

**Officer’s Reports**

Chair’s Report (20 minutes)

Vice-Chair’s Report (10 minutes)

Secretary’s Report (10 minutes)

Treasurer’s Report (10 minutes)

Budget Committee Report (30 minutes)

Operating Procedures Manual (5 minutes)

Northern Area Coordinator’s Report (10 minutes)

Central Area Coordinator Report (10 minutes)

Southern Area Coordinator Report (10 minutes)

**Break for Lunch**

Executive Director Report (10 minutes)

LNC Report (10 minutes)

**Committee Reports**

Bylaws Committee Report (10 minutes)

Platform Committee Report (10 minutes)

Program Committee Report (20 minutes)

2022 Convention Committee Report (10 minutes)

Candidate Support Committee Report (10 minutes)

Communications and Marketing Committee Report (10 minutes)

Social Media Committee Report (10 minutes)

Membership Committee Report (10 minutes)

Historical Preservation Committee Report (10 minutes)

Awards Committee Report (10 minutes)

Affiliate Support Committee (10 minutes)

Credentials Committee Report (10 minutes)

Consideration of a Resolution (10 minutes)

Adjourn

## **Public Comment**

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Matthew Butts made comment.

## **Approval of Minutes**

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### **Approval September 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Prosser mentioned that on page 4 in the Central Area Coordinator's Report that "of" should be changed to "or." On page 6 Michael Lema's name was spelled "Lima" and needed to be corrected.

**Motion:** Ms. Hewitt moved to approve the minutes as amended with second.  
Motion passed without objection.

## **Officer's Reports**

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### **Chair's Report**

Chair Robson made an oral report and fielded questions.

### **Vice Chair's Report**

Ms. Nyx submitted a written report in advance and fielded questions.

### **Secretary's Report**

Ms. Olsen submitted a written report in advance and fielded questions.

**Motion:** Ms. McArdle moved to recess for 10 minutes, with second. Motion passed without objection.

**Recessed at 10:27**

**Came back to order at 10:39**

### Treasurer's Report

Mr. Vallandigham submitted a written report in advance and fielded questions over the phone.

### Budget Committee Report

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Mr. Vallandigham submitted a written report in advance and fielded questions over the phone.

**Motion:** Chair Robson moved to approve the budget as presented, with second.

**Motion:** Mr Prosser moved to go into committee of the whole with second.  
Motion passed without objection.

#### **Came out of committee of the whole at 11:05.**

**Motion:** Ms. Nyx moved that we extend time by 5 minutes, with second. Motion passed with no objection.

**Motion:** Ms. McArdle moved to amend the budget as follows, take \$1,000 from the NAC budget, \$1000 from the CAC budget, \$500 from the SAC budget, \$1000 from the Chair budget to put \$3500 into Special Events, with second.

**Vote:** Motion passed 13-0 (Y-N) by a raise of hands.

**Vote:** Motion to approve the budget passed with a 13-0-0-1 (Y-N-A-NV) roll call vote as follows:

Jia Christopher	Aye
Wendy Hewitt	Aye
Angela McArdle	Aye
Adrian Malagon	Aye
Kalish Morrow	Aye
Rachel Nyx	Aye
Jillian Olsen	Aye
Kenneth Olsen	Aye
Jon Prosser	Aye
Cheyne Strawn	Aye
Elizabeth Stump	Aye
Jessica Tewksbury	Aye
Tara Young	Aye
Chair Robson	Did not vote

## Operating Procedures Manual (OPM)

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**Motion:** Ms. McArdle moved to replace the current description for the Affiliate Support Committee in the OPM with the following, with second:

### **Affiliate Support Committee**

This Committee shall be made up of seven members: the three Area Coordinators, and 4 members appointed by the executive committee. This committee shall be responsible for providing the county central committees support including, but not limited to, the following areas:

- 1) Affiliate growth strategy
- 2) Assistance drafting bylaws
- 3) Assistance learning RONR
- 4) Assistance with resources, including but not limited to, flyer templates, website templates and/or website design
- 5) Assistance with basic marketing and public relations instruction

**Vote:** The motion passed with a raise of hands.

**Motion:** Dr. Olsen moved to extend time by 5 minutes with second. Motion passed with no objection.

**Motion:** Dr. Olsen moved that the Caucuses provision in the OPM be removed, with second.

**Motion:** Ms. Morrow moved to extend time by 3 minutes with second. Motion passed with no objection.

**Motion:** Ms. McArdle moved to lay on the table until just prior to adjournment on the agenda with second. Motion passed with no objection.

## Northern Area Coordinator's Report

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Ms. Christopher submitted a written report in advance and fielded question.

## Central Area Coordinator's Report

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Mr. Prosser submitted a written report in advance and fielded questions.

Mr. Prosser resigned from his position effective as soon as this meeting is over.

## Southern Area Coordinator's Report

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Ms. Young submitted a written report in advance and fielded questions.

## **Executive Director Report**

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Mr. Ferreira made a brief oral report and said a written report will follow within the month.

**Break for Lunch 12:19 pm**

**Back in Session at 1:40 pm**

## **LNC Report**

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LNC Region 4 Representative, Jeff Hewitt submitted a written report and fielded questions.

**Motion:** Ms. McArdle moved to extend time by 5 minutes with second. Motion passed with no objection.

**Motion:** Ms. Hewitt moved to extend time by 5 minutes with second. Motion passed with no objection.

## **Committee Reports**

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### **Bylaws Committee**

The Chair of the Bylaws Committee, Rachel Nyx, submitted a written report in advance and fielded questions.

### **Platform Committee**

The Chair of the Platform Committee, Adrian Malagon, submitted a written report in advance and fielded questions.

**Motion:** Mr. Prosser moved to extend time by 2 minutes with second. Motion passed with no objections.

### **Program Committee**

The Chair of the Program Committee, Jessica Tewksbury, submitted a written report in advance and fielded questions.

**Motion:** Ms. Tewksbury moved that the first plank of the platform be replaced with the following, with second. Motion passed 12-0 (Y-N) with a raise of hands.

**CHANGE IS LOCAL**



The Covid pandemic, and response by the Local, State, and Federal governments, have illuminated the importance of local politics and the powerful roles and influence that small offices hold over the daily lives of Californians.

California's cultural diversity and independence has historically led to a unique spirit of innovation, questioning authority, protest, and petition which has grown stronger in opposition due to government overreach and intervention. The Libertarian Party of California has a unique opportunity to be the voice of this opposition at both Local and State levels through principled candidates, ballot measures, and other measures of attaining Liberty for all communities in California.

The issues facing Californians require varied solutions due to their dissimilitude; therefore a decentralized approach is not only prudent, but also necessary.

The Libertarian Party of California:

- Supports Local Candidates Seeking Liberty In Their Communities
- Supports Local Action Promoting or Seeking Liberty In Their Communities
- Supports Local and State Ballot Initiatives Seeking Liberty For Their Communities
- Supports Local Viral Social Media Campaigns Promoting Liberty For All California
- **Motion:** Ms. Tewksbury moved that the first plank of the platform be replaced with the following, with second. Motion passed 12-0 (Y-N) with a raise of hands.

**Motion:** Ms. Tewksbury moved that the second plank of the platform be replaced with the following, with second. Motion passed 13-0 (Y-N) with a raise of hands.

## MANDATES

The Governor and State of California, along with Local and Federal government agencies, have gone far beyond merely overstepping their bounds in their intervention into the lives, prosperity, and civil liberties of the people of California.

Privacy and choice, along with self ownership and bodily autonomy, are fundamental and indisputable rights with universal inheritance. Dismantling the War on Covid and returning humanity to the residents of California is one of the greatest tasks facing every neighborhood and every single resident.

Both Elected Libertarians and members of Local Affiliates have and will continue to fight to stop the discrimination, segregation, coercion, and complete mismanagement of the pandemic by State and County Officials.

The Libertarian Party of California:

- Supports Ending The Children's Covid Vaccine Mandate

- Supports Ending Local and State School Indoor/Outdoor Masking Mandates
- Supports Ending Local and State Vaccine/Testing Mandates
- Supports Initiatives Like Medical Freedom LA To Overturn Mandates

**Motion:** Ms. Tewksbury moved that the third plank of the platform be replaced with the following, with second.

## **SCHOOL CHOICE**

The education of a child is the responsibility of the parents, yet the monopoly of the education system has attempted to standardize education for all children. Handing the power of forming the thinking patterns of children to an organization whose pattern to abuse power, does not bode well for the state or local communities to flourish. It's funding through tax dollars stolen from those communities reduces resources that might be used to create choices for parents, and parallel systems to the current public/government education system.

The responses of school districts to the Covid situation have merely highlighted for parents the fact that not all children learn the same way. Distance learning co-opted the education system during the pandemic, showing parents the often low quality of the education their children are receiving, that it wastes time, and is filled with incorrect, inappropriate, and politically charged information that they don't want being forced onto their child.

Parents express concerns over where their tax dollars have been going, to produce what they deem inadequate preparation for college or other post-secondary school pursuits. This has led to a surge in parents pulling their children from government schools and filing Private School Affidavits.

The Libertarian Party of California:

- Supports Families forming individual or group homeschool co-ops
- Supports Families and individuals forming private and charter schools
- Supports Non-conventional options in a growing and diverse education market.
- Supports School Choice movements, such as The Educational Freedom Act Initiative

**Motion:** Ms. Tewksbury moved to amend the motion to change the following errors: add “government” before the word “monopoly;” add “is” after the word “power;” remove the comma after the word “powers;” and change “it’s” to “its” with second. Motion to amend passed with no objection.

**Vote:** The main motion as amended passed 13-0 (Y-N) with a raise of hands.

**Motion:** Ms. Tewksbury moved that the fourth plank of the platform be replaced with the following, with second. Motion passed 12-0 (Y-N) with a raise of hands.

## COVID FALLOUT

Response to the pandemic by Governments at all levels have created instability throughout all markets causing inflation, distortion in the housing market, a supply chain crisis, and closure of Small Businesses at a large scale, in favor of connected corporations. The strictest policies and worst discrimination and segregation have come from City, County, and State Officials, sowing division and destroying livelihoods.

Lockdowns, mandates, and distance learning have been more damaging to the people of California than the pandemic itself, and Elected Libertarians and members of Local Affiliates have and will continue to fight and win against the War on Covid.

The Libertarian Party of California:

- Supports Ending Current, and Preventing Future, Mandates and Lockdowns
- Supports Ending Reckless Emergency Spending and Other Inflationary Policies
- Supports Ending or Relaxing Zoning, Licensing, and Other Harmful Regulations
- Supports Entrepreneurship and the Development of Independent and Competitive Systems

**Motion:** Ms. Nyx moved to extend time by 10 minutes with second. Motion passed with no objection.

**Motion:** Ms. Tewksbury moved that the fourth plank of the platform be replaced with the following, with second. Motion passed 12-0 (Y-N) with a raise of hands.

## COUNTIES, REGIONS, AND MUNICIPALITIES

Just as individual communities drive the culture and body politics of California, County Affiliates are the backbone of the Libertarian Party. Libertarians in smaller local offices and local ballot initiatives have the most direct impact into the lives and freedoms of California residents.

As the State flexes its stolen powers under the guise of emergency, brave Libertarian County Supervisors, City Council Members, School Board Trustees, and Local Party Members have and will stand strong in defense of their respective constituents and their families, children, and businesses.

The Libertarian Party of California:

- Supports and Promotes County Affiliates and Their Work Towards Liberty
- Supports and Promotes Local and Statewide Candidates Seeking Liberty
- Supports and Promotes Elected Libertarians and Their Fight For Liberty
- Supports and Promotes Local and Statewide Ballot Initiatives Seeking Liberty

### **2022 Convention Committee Report**

The Chair of the Convention Committee, Daniel Hayes, submitted a report in advance but was not present to field questions. Chair Robson presented the report and fielded questions.

### **Candidate Support Committee Report**

The Chair of the Candidate Support Committee, Mimi Robson, submitted a written report in advance and fielded questions.

### **Communications and Marketing Committee Report**

The Interim Chair of the Communications and Marketing Committee, Elizabeth Stump, submitted a written report in advance and fielded questions.

### **Social Media Committee Report**

The Chair of the Social Media Committee, Angela McArdle, submitted a report in advance and fielded questions.

Mr Lema was seated in place of Mr Malagon at 3:26 pm.

### **Membership Committee Report**

The Co-Chair of the Membership Committee, Terry Miller, submitted a report in advance and fielded questions.

Mr Malagon resumed his seat at 3:34 pm.

### **Historical Preservation Committee Report**

The Chair of the Historical Preservation Committee, Joe Dehn, submitted a report in advance and was not present to field questions.

### **Awards Committee Report**

The Chair of the Awards Committee, Rachel Nyx, submitted a report in advance and fielded questions.

### **Affiliate Support Committee Report**

The Chair of the Affiliate Support Committee, Kevin Moore, submitted a report in advance but was not present to field questions

### Credentials Committee Report

The Credentials Committee held their first meeting. Gary Alvstad was elected the chair of that committee.

### Consideration of a Resolution

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**Motion:** Mr. Prosser moved to adopt a resolution of endorsement of Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) with second

**Motion:** Mr. Malagon moved to amend the motion to change “advanced” voting methods to “alternative” voting methods, with second. Motion passed with no objection.

Whereas the Libertarian Party of California supports the diversity of political parties on the ballot in California;

And whereas, we seek to correct the many flaws inherent in the current “winner take all” electoral paradigm including but not limited to: eliminating “wasted vote syndrome”, increasing voter turnout, allowing better representation of the public, and reducing the incentive for negative campaigning;

And whereas, we also seek to save taxpayer funds by eliminating runoff elections;

And whereas, RCV has a demonstrated record of increasing the diversity of elected officials to more closely match the communities they work for, including individuals of historically underrepresented demographic groups, and adherents of more varied political viewpoints;

And whereas, Plank 27 of the LPCA platform declares the party's support for **alternative advanced** voting methods; And with careful consideration to the fact that the non-partisan, nonprofit California Ranked Choice Voting Coalition (CalRCV) is quickly gaining momentum and is narrowly focused on a goal that aligns with LPCA regarding the aforementioned points; Therefore, be it resolved that the Libertarian Party of California endorses CalRCV as an organization that seeks to implement RCV throughout California.

**Vote:** The main motion as amended passed 12-0-1-1 (Y-N-A-NV) roll call vote as follows:

Jia Christopher	Aye
Wendy Hewitt	Aye
Adrian Malagon	Aye
Angela McArdle	Aye

Kalish Morrow	Aye
Kenneth Olsen	Aye
Jon Prosser	Aye
Cheyne Strawn	Abstain
Elizabeth Stump	Aye
Jessica Tewksbury	Aye
Tara Young	Aye
Rachel Nyx	Aye
Jillian Olsen	Aye
Chair Robson	Did not vote

### **Operating Procedures Manual (OPM) continued**

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**Dr. Olsen’s motion that the Caucuses provision in the OPM be removed, was taken off the table.**

**Motion:** Ms. McArdle moved to amend the motion to instead reword the procedure as follows, with second:

#### **Caucuses**

The LPC policy on Caucuses within the Party shall be:

- 1) For recognition as a caucus a group must provide to the Executive Committee, each year, a list of at least ten members who are members of the LPC, and a statement of purpose that is consistent with the Libertarian Party Statement of Principles.
- 2) Each Caucus, with its contact information, shall be listed on the Party’s official website.

**Motion:** Ms. Stump moved to extend time by 5 minutes, with second. Motion passed with no objection.

**Vote:** The motion as amended passed with no objection.

**Vote:** The main motion as amended passed 11-1-1-0 (Y-N-A-NV) with a roll call vote as follows:

Tara Young	Aye
Jessica Tewksbury	Aye
Elizabeth Stump	Aye
Cheyne Strawn	Aye
Jon Prosser	Aye
Kenneth Olsen	Aye

Kalish Morrow	No
Angela McArdle	Aye
Adrian Malagon	Aye
Wendy Hewitt	Aye
Jia Christopher	Aye
Rachel Nyx	Aye
Jillian Olsen	Abstain
Chair Robson	Did not vote

## Adjournment

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**Motion:** Ms. Hewitt moved that we adjourn with second. Motion passed with no objection.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:24 pm.