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# Elections!

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## Katz Forms

### Presidential Exploratory Committee

Fellow Libertarians:

What do we seek in a Presidential candidate, and in a Presidential campaign?

A Presidential candidate must have experience governing. While no experience prepares anyone fully to be President, it would be folly to enter the office, or into contention for the office, without experience in governing organizations and politics. Fighting for freedom in this country requires a President with more than ideas. It requires a President who can maneuver politically to get these ideas passed, and who can determine, in varied situations, how best to promote freedom and ensure the safety, happiness, and freedom of the citizens of this large, diverse country.

There are, though, basic ideas

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## Time for Something Else?

A decade and a half ago, we began publication as the CMLC Liberator. At that time the Massachusetts state party was in the hands of a local clique, and the LNC had its own issues. The bright light of truth has finally ended those problems. The more recent antics of the LNC were a great embarrassment to our cause. All that has come to an end. Good people with serious ideas and intent now run both organizations.

The question now is whether this newspaper still has an important role, or whether like the Minuteman's musket it may go back above the fireplace until it is again needed to save our Party. The cost issue is not so important; the time issue is much more important.

## Libertarians on the March!

For our Libertarian Party, Election Day 2014 brought a great deal of news, much of it good. I repeat reports found across the internet:

**Top Two was dealt a crushing defeat in Oregon.** It lost the vote by a 2-1 margin, despite millions of dollars in advertising from New York billionaires. The \$1200 from the LNC was much more effective.

The Libertarian Party writes: "In 2014, there were 24 states with Libertarian candidates on the ballot for governor. Eight candidates got at least 3 percent. The average Libertarian percentage was 2.2 percent. By comparison, in 2010, there were only 19 states with Libertarian candidates on the ballot for governor. Only one candidate got at least 3 percent. The average Libertarian percentage was 1.7 percent.

"In 2014, there were 22 states with Libertarian candidates on the ballot for U.S. Senate. Six candidates got at least 3%. The average Libertarian percentage was 2.3%. By comparison, in 2010, there were only 20 states with Libertarian candidates on the ballot for U.S. Senate. Three candidates got at least 3%. The average Libertarian percentage was 1.8%.

Libertarians in Arkansas have already elected two candidates today. Jacob Faught is running unopposed in his race for Benton County Township 5 Constable (a partisan race). Casey D. Copeland is running unopposed for Prairie Grove Alderman (a non-partisan race). This will be his third win in a row.

Karl Tatgenhorst, running for Secretary of State in Indiana, received more than

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## Katz for President?

which any Libertarian  
Presidential candidate

must subscribe to.

The Libertarian Party should not endeavor to place into the White House anyone who would prosecute whistleblowers on diplomatic, intelligence, or military malfeasance. The first Libertarian President must immediately pardon all nonviolent drug offenders, and investigate remaining drug offenders on a case by case basis. A review of all existing Executive Orders is necessary, with all but a few revoked immediately.

The Libertarian President must then use Executive Orders to rein in out of control agencies and departments, end unlawful interrogation practices, and secure the value of our currency. An acceptable Presidential candidate must be committed to the importance of peace, and an overriding concern for peace must define the Presidency. To understand how to make peace the defining characteristic of an administration, I will rely not on my words, but on the words of a great President who made this very same attempt:

What kind of peace do I mean? What kind of peace do we seek? Not a Pax Americana enforced on the world by American weapons of war. Not the peace of the grave or the security of the slave. I am talking about genuine peace, the kind of peace that makes life on earth worth living, the kind that enables men and nations to grow and to hope and to build a better life for their children, not merely peace for Americans but peace for all men and women, not merely peace in our time but peace for all time.

As for what a desirable Libertarian Party Presidential campaign looks like, it must operate in a grassroots fashion. Campaign messaging should not be run out of a central office, but by empowered supporters in each town, country, state, and region. Information sharing with the national and state Libertarian Party, to the extent allowable by law, is a necessity. The campaign must work closely with affiliates, managing the campaign directly through the affiliates when necessary, and never coming into conflict with the existing state affiliate leadership. Volunteers must be cultivated, valued, and empowered.

The Presidential candidate must speak and appear as

often as possible, never conditioning his appearance on a minimum donation amount, but rather on scheduling concerns only.

My fellow Libertarians, I have experience governing. I have served in elected office, I have led organizations, I have managed crisis response. As an emergency management consultant, I have led organization response to emergencies. I have been a leader in this party, a state chair, and LNC member. I will run the campaign I described above. I will empower supporters to speak for me, with all the risks this entails. I will share all donor information with affiliates and the Libertarian Party, to the extent permissible by law, and ask anyone with an idea for an event to reach out to this freely available list. I will appear when requested, except in case of scheduling conflicts.

My highest value is peace, followed by an opposition to government policies that increase inequality and dependency. These values have driven my life, through my careers in emergency medicine and in education, and my political activities. I am a pillar of my community, involved not only in government, but in firefighting, emergency management, emergency medical services, and charitable endeavors. I am the fire department parliamentarian, and a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians and the New England Association of Parliamentarians.

I am a Professor of Mathematics, a Paramedic, and a devoted public servant.

I am not a current candidate for the Libertarian Party's Presidential nomination. I am, however, exploring such a move, and considering my options. I hope to hear from as many members as possible with offers of support and assistance, with advice, and with your honest opinions as to whether or not I should run. I request, though, that if you write to tell me I should run, that you tell me what you will do to help, and that you commit to giving me a Presidential token for nomination the debate at the 2016 convention.

Thank you for your commitment to freedom. Thank you for your interest in changing this country. Thank you for reading, and for your assistance. In freedom,  
Joshua Katz

**Libertarian Elections!** the 2 percent for secretary of state needed to retain nomination by convention.

A medical marijuana measure in Florida received 57 % voting in favor; alas, the measure needed 60 percent support to pass. The message to the state legislature is still clear.

Bobby Tullis was elected as the mayor of Mineral Springs, Arkansas.

Several victories in Louisiana: William McBride was elected to the town council of Washington in St. Landry Parish. Henry Herford was elected as a constable in Franklin Parish. Justin Bonnette was elected as a Justice of the Peace in Vernon Parish. Chad Perry will be in a runoff for Justice of the Peace in Calcasieu Parish.

Two victories in Indiana: Cheryl Heacox was re-elected to the Clay Township Advisory Board in Wayne County. Steve Coffman was re-elected to the Liberty Township Advisory Board.

In Minnesota, both Libertarian candidates running for Crystal City Council, Olga Parsons and Elizabeth Dahl, beat their incumbent opponents and by significant margins.

In Nebraska, Keith Ottersberg won a seat on the Wymore City Council.

### More Good News!

Many state chairs wrote the state chair list, trumpeting our great successes. It is time for good news, and we got a lot of it:

#### Georgia

Statewide Candidate at 32% of Vote!  
John Monds statewide 31.62% 707,335 votes...yes. that's right, 3/4 million votes.  
US senate Amanda Swafford 1.91 % 48,918  
Governor Andrew Hunt 2.37 % 60,194  
Insurance Commissioner Ted Metz 86295  
Aaron Gilmer 4.87 % 122,112  
Almost a million votes overall.

#### Connecticut

The Party ran two candidates, Dan Reale for US House CD2 and Rich Lion for State Rep, District 9.

Both retained ballot access and minor party status for their races. Rich Lion received 14%, the highest percentage scored by a Connecticut Libertarian who did not win their race. Great results!

#### Missouri

Cisse Spragins wrote: We sincerely thank the 28 candidates who carried the Missouri LP banner in Tuesday's election. Results were:

State Auditor - Sean O'Toole (3) - 19.7%  
US Congress 1 - Robb Cunningham (3) - 5.5%  
US Congress 2 - Bill Slantz (3) - 3.3%  
US Congress 3 - Steven Hedrick (3) - 4.5%  
US Congress 4 - Herschel L. Young (3) - 5.6%  
US Congress 5 - Roy Welborn (3) - 3.5%  
US Congress 6 - Russ Monchil (3) - 3.8%  
US Congress 7 - Kevin Craig (3) - 7.7%  
US Congress 8 - Rick Vandeven (5) - 2.4%

State Senator 24 - Jim Higgins (3) - 3.1%

State Rep 33 - Matthew (Matt) Stephens (3) - 11.7%  
State Rep 51 - Bill Wayne (3) - 5.2%  
State Rep 67 - Jeff Coleman (3) - 2.4%  
State Rep 81 - Lisa Schaper (2) - 21.0%  
State Rep 83 - Andrew Bolin (3) - 4.8%  
State Rep 103 - Dean (Draig) Hodge (2) - 21.3%  
State Rep 137 - Bill Boone (3) - 4.5%  
State Rep 147 - Greg Tlapek (3) - 8.2%  
State Rep 153 - Ginny Keirns (2) - 17.8%

Presiding Commissioner, Cass County - Lora Young (3) - 6.6%  
Recorder of Deeds, Cass County - Falon Kohler (2) - 21.4%  
Presiding Commissioner, Greene County - Benjamin Brixey (3) - 5.9%  
Circuit Clerk, Greene County - Arthur Hodge (2) - 21.9%  
County Legislature, 2nd At-Large, Jackson County - Cisse Spragins (3) - 4.3%

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County Executive, Jackson County - Charles Richard Tolbert (3) - 4.4%

Presiding Commissioner, Livingston County - Jeff Foli (3) - 3.0%

County Recorder, St. Charles County - Michael Copeland (2) - 22.3%

County Executive, St. Louis County - Theo (Ted) Brown (4) - 2.8%

At the top of the ticket was the race for State Auditor, wherein the incumbent republican had already essentially announced that he is running for governor in 2016, and if successful, will then vacate the auditor's seat early. There was no democrat in the race, however there was a candidate from the CP. This was the first time in 104 years both older parties had not fielded a candidate for a statewide race in Missouri. A democrat who had considered running for the seat was quoted in the St Louis Post Dispatch endorsing the republican...

Libertarian Sean O'Toole garnered 251,601 votes for 19.7% in the 3-way race. This breaks the party's previous vote total record of 165,468 set in the 2012 US senate race, and previous high percentage of 6.2% set in the state treasurer race in 1992, the first year the Missouri LP gained recognized party status (and ballot access). The CP candidate received just under 7%.

Interestingly, O'Toole beat the incumbent republican in the voting area managed by the Kansas City Election Board, 42.65% to 41.04%. Signs were placed at the 33 polling locations in the city expected to have the highest turnout in the majority democratic areas. O'Toole's showing was also strong in St Louis City.

A total of 1,276,033 votes were cast for Auditor, versus a total of 1,422,287 for the eight congressional seats, so a substantial number of democrats (presumably) sat out of the Auditor's race. Voter turnout was only a little over half that of 2012, with no hotly contested congressional seats and only the single statewide race. Congress has a miserable approval rating, but apparently many folks in Missouri think their member of congress is somehow okay...

Missouri Libertarians upped their average in the eight congressional races, from the record 3.3% set in 2012 to 4.5% this time. Three candidates garnered over 5%, Robb Cunningham and Herschel Young,

and Kevin Craig who garnered 7.7% in his fourth try in the race. All races were 3-way, except for the 8th district which was a 5-way race. We appreciate all of their efforts.

The party had one state senate candidate, who garnered 3.1% and seven state rep candidates. Two state rep candidates deserve special mention. Matt Stephens ran what was probably the most active state rep campaign in the state party's history, introducing our ideas to hundreds of voters one door knock and one forum at a time, garnering 11.7%. His efforts were able to move the needle beyond the more typical 3-5% in a 3-way race against a rep and dem. Greg Tlapek also campaigned actively, presenting bold ideas for education reform and explaining the concept of proportional representation to voters, neither easy issues. His efforts garnered him 8.2%.

Running for office on the Libertarian ticket can at times seem like a thankless task. We sincerely appreciate the time, effort and commitment of our candidates, and those who helped them boldly spread the message of freedom. We are actively recruiting candidates for 2016, and for non-partisan city races in 2015. If you would like to run for office on the Missouri LP ticket, please visit LP.org and click on the

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Cisse W. Spragins, Ph.D.

Chair, Missouri Libertarian Party

### Illinois

Comptroller Julie Fox 161000 4.80%

Treasurer Matt Skopek 138000 4.20%

Senate Sharon Hansen 127000 3.80%

Governor/Lt. Governor Chad Grimm / AJ Cummings 114500 3.40%

Sec. of State Christopher Michel 100000 3.00%

Attorney General Ben Koyl 94000 2.80%

### Kentucky

This year, David Patterson received the most votes of any Libertarian candidate in KY ever, with over 44,200 votes. This overcame the previous record from 2011 of over 37,000 votes. We have now elected Libertarians into partisan offices in KY. Additionally, Illinois had 2 candidates receive over 10% in three-way races, which is another new threshold we've crossed.

### Massachusetts

On behalf of our state party, many thanks for your hard work, your sweat and tears, your hard-earned dollars, and your irreplaceable time! Without you we would have had no candidates and no progress. But we did have candidates, and they did well by the historical standards of our party.

State Senate (in a three-candidate race):

Mullins, Heather 1,596 4%

State Representative (two way races)

Van Tassell, Kenneth 2,569 25%

Marciano, Euplio 3,442 26%

Morris, Daniel 1,932 16%

Roberts, Kenneth 1,090 12%

Coombes, Michael 1,906 16%

Underwood, Robert 2,002 21%

Suffolk County Sheriff

Smith, Hassan 20,973 17%

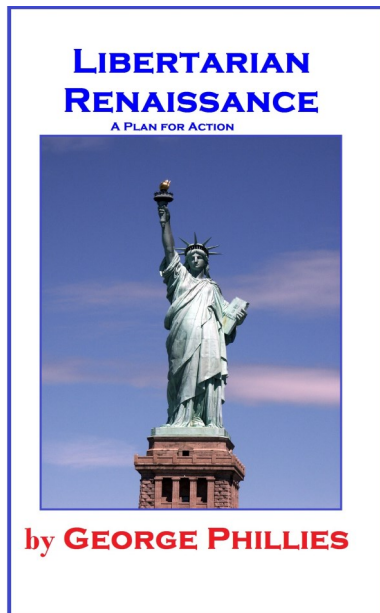
So thank you, all of you and all your supporters!

George Phillies

State Chair, LAMA

### New Jersey

Patrick McKnight announced: Unofficial results indicate NJLP candidates received a total of 26,142 votes this year. Our registered voters grew by 8.3% while the Republicans decreased by 1.1% and the



### Libertarian Renaissance

George Phillies has created and published a new edition of the New Path Plan for saving our party.

*Libertarian Renaissance* is an update of the 2010 edition with new information.

The volume is available on

Amazon Kindle  
[amazon.com/Libertarian-Renaissance-Essays-Liberty-ebook/dp/B00E1SVGAK](https://www.amazon.com/Libertarian-Renaissance-Essays-Liberty-ebook/dp/B00E1SVGAK) and

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Democrats decreased by 1.6%.

Joe Baratelli (US Senate) 16,048 votes (0.89%)

Dorit Goikhman (US House 6) 1,322 votes (1.12%)

Jim Gawron (US House 7) 3,332 votes (1.95%)

Steven Uccio (Mercer Freeholder) 1,441 votes (0.97%)

Brian Pizza (Ocean Freeholder) 3,999 votes (3.00%)

### New York:

Gov/Lt. Gov.--McDermott/Edes 15,582 (.4%)

Comptroller--Clifton 25,096 (.7%)

Attorney General--Person 23,688 (.7%)

CD 3--Lally (also R-C) 71,212 (45.5%)

SD5--Bowman 724 0.94%

AD 37--Wilson 748 (7.1%)

AD 73--Casavis (also R-I) 6,965 (30.5%)

AD 139--Glogowski 1,387 (4.7%)

### Arkansas Reports Spectacular Results

LPAR Jessica Paxton reports spectacular outcomes: After running an incredible campaign, educating hundreds of thousands of Arkansans about the libertarian philosophy and the LPAR, our esteemed gubernatorial candidate Frank Gilbert earned 16,217 votes on Tuesday.

I hope you will help me congratulate Frank on a well-fought race. His determination, ability to truly connect with voters and his charming attitude were a breath of fresh air this election season. I firmly believe that our members could not have nominated a

better candidate for Governor.

Now, what do our candidates' vote totals mean?

Frank's record-breaking vote totals (1.92%) show a marked increase over votes for Gary Johnson in 2012 (1.52%) and blew away the Barr/Root 2008 results (0.44%). Frank succeeded in winning more hearts and votes than any top-of-the-ticket candidate in AR election history in a year with less than 50% voter turnout. Congratulations, and thank you, Frank!

Unfortunately, we were not able to reach the state-mandated percentage requirement (3%) to retain our ballot access for 2016. This means that we will again have to raise tens of thousands of dollars and re-petition in order to run Libertarian candidates in 2016.

While this is not the outcome we were hoping for, I hope you will join me in celebrating the many Arkansas Libertarian victories in 2014.

\*Arkansans elected THREE Libertarians this year! Congratulations to Mayor-elect Bobby Tullis of Mineral Springs, to Constable-elect Jacob Faught in Gentry and to Alderman Casey Copeland of Prairie Grove for his third consecutive win.

\*Results show an increase in percentage and vote totals for Libertarian candidates. Our top-of-the-ticket returns improved from (approximately) 0.4% in 2008 to 1.5% in 2012 and again to 1.92% in 2014. Liberty is rising! In 2012, 96,116 votes were cast for 16 Libertarian candidates in 18 races (4.17%). In 2014, we significantly increased our number of candidates and more than quadrupled our number of votes. Our 28 candidates earned 387,687 votes out of 7,746,462 votes cast in their races. That's a solid 5%.

\*Looking only at our four Congressional races, we can see that a minimum of 65,712 unique voters cast ballots for Libertarian candidates in this state. Compare this to 37,082 votes cast for our four Congressional candidates in 2012, and you can see a 56% increase in the number of Libertarian voters in this state, even with lower voter turnout this year.

\*Every Arkansan had at least nine Libertarian options on their ballot this year. Arkansas voters were among the luckiest in the nation with such a high number of Libertarians on each ballot.

\*The LPAR was the only political party to have a candidate in every single debate hosted by AETN. This opportunity allowed our candidates to reach new voters and educate Arkansans about the libertarian philosophy throughout these repeatedly-televised debates.

\*From 2012-2013, the LPAR's membership increased by an extraordinary 65.38%. We also saw a 23.26% membership growth from 2013-2014. Lifetime memberships in the LPAR will see an increase of 300% by the end of this year. Arkansans with memberships in the National LP grew by 17.98% this year as well. Our social media pages are being followed by more people than ever. Even our facebook page "likes" have almost doubled since the time of the 2012 election. While these are not election results, we count this as yet another victory in our efforts to move Arkansas towards freedom.

We thank you for your support, your votes and your help this election season. We want to continue offering Arkansans more freedom by putting Libertarians on the ballot. Will you help us?

Live FREE!  
Jessica Paxton  
Chairman - LPAR

### LNC In Action

The LNC voted to replace Geoff Neale's management structure for the National Convention — three separate committees — with a single convention committee. The motion came from Alicia Mattson. The LNC has an IT committee. It now includes five non-LNC members selected for their technical expertise in information technology.

The LNC used to have an Outreach Committee, charged with advertising our party to the general public. The LNC voted to eliminate the committee.

The LNC is trying to draft rules of procedure for

electronic meetings. this turns out to be non-trivial.

The LNC is trying to be more vigorous. It has now spent up to \$14,000 to litigate that our candidates should have been admitted to a political debate in Kentucky. It paid \$2000 to cover 2012 petitioning debts in Minnesota that the prior LNC had not paid.

The Affiliate Support Committee now has a public archive. Only voting members of ASC can post at [http://hq.lp.org/pipermail/lnc-asc\\_hq.lp.org/](http://hq.lp.org/pipermail/lnc-asc_hq.lp.org/)

National membership is sagging, from 14134 at the end of August to 13734 at the end of September to 13442 at the end of October. On the bright side, party income is staying up, at \$116,665 for September.

## Oregon

Our Libertarian Party affiliate in Oregon has a candidate for their First Congressional District. Libertarian James Foster is running against a Republican. The Oregon Reeves group, which claims to be the Libertarian Party of Oregon, showed its true colors. They endorsed the Republican, not the Libertarian.

Readers may recall that several members of the same Reeves group appeared at the 2014 National convention, claiming that they should be added to the Oregon delegation. The delegates voted to add them to the Oregon delegation over Oregon objections. One of those group members, Richard Burke, sent a letter to Libertarians in one Oregon District, urging to vote for the Republican in the race, even though there was a Libertarian in the race running an active campaign. A copy of the letter went to the candidate, Libertarian Kyle Markley. A response from the Oregon chair went to Libertarian State Chairs. In it, Mr. Wagner wrote:

“Mr Burke is now endorsing and sending mailers encouraging others to vote for our Republican Party opponents (you know in addition to the Oregon Republican Party filing an Amicus brief in the lawsuit for control of the LPO (funded by Aaron Starr)).

I am sure Scott Lieberman will jump in any moment to try to publish Burke's wonderful defense. Of course we should all trust Scott because he was caught red handed trying to convince Gary Johnson

to spike ballot access in Oregon during the whole debacle so he could help his friends use it as a wedge to try to take over the LPO for the benefit of the republican party.

<http://www.independentpoliticalreport.com/2012/07/ca-lnc-alternate-rep-suggests-johnson-campaign-should-sacrifice-ballot-access-to-unseat-wagner/>

In the grand scheme of things our party was under attack by republican sympathetic elements of our party -- attempted a coup -- the LNC backed it (and even with that it failed) and the people responsible have not been held to account, the delegates of the 2014 convention violated our sovereignty, and a myriad of other offenses.

This is what the LNC and the National Libertarian Party has been backing all these years. The LNC was unable to even pass an apology for its offenses after the convention.

We will be voting to disaffiliate ourselves with the current national party this spring at our convention.  
Sincerely,  
Wes Wagner  
Chairperson, Libertarian Party of Oregon”

And if you were one of the delegates who voted to add the Reeves people to the Oregon delegation, now you know what you actually voted for. So for 2016, remember, an informed delegate is a good delegate.

## Republicans War on Our Party

Our Oregon correspondents now report that the Republican Party of Oregon is attempting to enter the Oregon litigation under the guise of being an amicus curiae. The Republican position was in support of the Reeves faction, and came from James Buchal, the Oregon Republican Party's Counsel. Buchal was the Oregon Republican candidate for Attorney General in 2012, and was endorsed by the Reeves faction for that office.

A Republican attack mailer against Libertarian candidate Chad Grim accused him of supporting abortion on demand, gay marriage, and legalizing drugs (well, heroin, perhaps not all drugs). This was meant to be an attack mailer, we think.

## Liberty for America

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