



Gulf Coast Liberty

Defending liberty in southeast Texas in the Spirit of San Jacinto

April 2004

BALLOT DRIVE NEEDS BOTH BODIES AND BUCKS

BY LAURA COKER-GARCIA

HCLP VOLUNTEER PETITIONER COORDINATOR

We are now petitioning for Ballot Access for our candidates to appear on the November General Election ballots. With less than 60 days (as of the day this is being edited) left, as Houston Volunteer Petitioner coordinator I can only report that we have under 7,000 signatures turned in Statewide. We need 45,542 valid--probably twice that in raw signatures.

If you care about having an option on the ballot in November--because most races will be unopposed without our candidates-- I need you to volunteer.

First, if you did not vote in the primary or attend an LP precinct convention, and have not yet signed the petition--I'm asking you to do so. You can print out a copy of the petition and directions from http://www.austinliberty.org/takeaction/ballotaccess2004/volunteer_info.html

If you are not able to print a copy Wes Benedict can mail one to you--just send a request to wesliberty@aol.com. You can also come out to any local LP event and pick up printed copies of the petition. You can also stop by my house or make arrangements to meet me somewhere to get copies. (Laura@libertyworks.org or call 281-997-8141)

Second, when you have a petition please get any family members, neighbors, co-workers or friends that you can to sign the petition as well. Petitions--even those with one signature--should be notarized and turned in as soon as possible. If you can meet up with me I will notarize and accept petitions at any LP event. Or you can mail the form to me at 9835 Sagedowne Lane, Houston TX 77089.

Third, please try to attend at least one or two group petitioning opportunities. Collecting signatures with others is much easier than asking for them by yourself. Contact me for details on these events.

Finally, if you did vote in the primary --or just can't petition-- send a donation so that we have the money to pay our professional petitioners. Go to www.lptexas.org to make an online donation, or mail a check to:

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PO Box 27932
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PS: Volunteers of the Week for the first week of petitioning are DREW PARKS --for taking the initiative to organize petitioning at the KRBE anniversary party-- and BRENT SULLIVAN for taking the initiative to have our table at the Peace Rally.

LPERS PROTEST WAR BY LAURA COKER-GARCIA

LP activists and candidates marched for peace on Saturday, March 20th, the anniversary of the start of war in Iraq. Candidates Anthony Garcia (Railroad Commission), Brent Sullivan (U.S. Rep. Dist. 18), Drew Parks (U.S. Rep. Dist. 7), Bob Townsend (State Rep. 143) and Laura Coker-Garcia (State Rep. 144) were joined by activists Bil Abbott and Tina Sullivan in staffing an Operation Politically Homeless booth and collecting ballot access signatures at the event.

Outreach events for petitioning have been scheduled for each weekend during the petitioning window. Please contact Laura Coker-Garcia at 281-997-8141 or Laura@Libertyworks.org for information on volunteering.

<p>Ballot Access Drive ends May 24 Have you signed up yet?</p>



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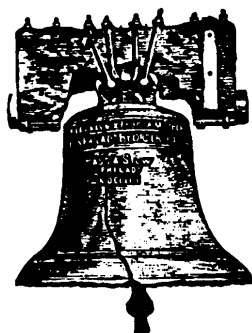
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Brent Sullivan, LP candidate for U.S. Rep. Dist. 18 staffs an OPH booth at March 20 Peace Rally downtown Houston.

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS PICK NOMINEES BY LAURA COKER-GARCIA

In District Conventions held March 20th, the following individuals won nominations--- William McNicoll for State Board of Education District 7; Stacey Bourland for U.S. Rep. District 9 and Tom Morrison for U.S. Rep. 22. In a last minute move Sayed Zaid withdrew from the CD 22 race, leaving the field to Tom who should face Republican Tom Delay and Democrat Richard Morrison in the general election.



MISSING: LIEUTENANTS AND SERGEANTS BY JEFF DAIELL

If you'll forgive the military analogy, the position of National Chair can be considered the LP's "general". Each State Chair is analogous to a Colonel, County Chairs to Captains, and the individual member/supporter to a private.

You can see what's (or who's) missing: lieutenants and sergeants. The lieutenants would be State Representative District chairs, and sergeants the precinct chairs/coordinators (I use both terms at the precinct level since I believe 'precinct chair' can technically only be someone elected to said position at a precinct convention).

Yes, I know we have some precinct chairs, but the position is often considered a one-night-each-biennium duty. What I am talking

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about is having a coordinator for each State House district, who would working with the precinct chairs/coordinators to *actively* promote the LP and the cause in his/her district; and precinct leaders who would work with the rank-and-file in their respective precincts to get the word out to residents of those precincts.

If anyone would like to volunteer for either position, and for the (unofficial) position of HCLP Volunteer Coordinator, please contact me immediately! We will never have the amounts of cash our opponents have, so we have to make up for it with elbow grease and shoe leather. And the experience of Clyde Garland, who contacted a select portion of his precinct's voters several years ago, shows that presenting folks with the libertarian viewpoint can make a sizable difference for the better in the percentage of the contacted individuals voting for Liberty and against statism on referendum questions, with a smaller increase in the percentages drawn by LP candidates.

GRASS ROOTS PLEDGE

Would anyone be willing to resurrect and maintain the Grass Roots Pledge? When it was up and running several years ago, it brought in a steady and healthy supply of contributions. With the admirable work Kristin Thompson has done in maintaining the mailing list, it's time to bring this valuable tool back to life.

Consider this: if the number of monthly contributors increased by just 2% of our mailing list, and those new folks averaged just \$25 each month, that would mean an additional \$7,800 each year.

That's money that could go to entry fees for parades, booth fees for gun shows and festivals, or targeted printing jobs -- all of which could in turn increase our membership and our vote totals.

So if you'd like to work on this - as leader or "grunt", please let me know! (713) 777-1776 or, preferably,

JeffDaiell@yahoo.com.

Houston-Area Candidates

U. S. Representative

CD 2 Sandi Saulsbury
CD 7 Drew Parks
CD 9 Stacey Bourland

Thanks Donors!

HCLP would like to thank the following recent donors:

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Libertarian Activities for April 2004

April 1 (Thurs.) CBS, NBC, ABC, CNN & Fox News to give Libertarian Party 6 hour news special; New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, and USA Today to urge voting straight LP ticket in front page editorials. Janet Reno to apologize to Branch Davidians and Elian Gonzalez.

April 2 (Fri.) Since entry for April 1 was tongue in cheek, we still need petition signatures, validation and donations.

April 4 (Sun.) 11 a.m. Harric County LP business meeting at 9614 Oregano Circle (off Corporate Drive near Beechnut) Open to all. Call John Kormylo at 713-271-1776 for information.

April 10 (Sat.) 1 p.m. Second Saturday Libertarian Lunch at Star Pizza in the Heights. Come by to sign petition, get copies, turn in, etc. Contact Laura and Laura@LibertyWorks.org or 281-997-8141.

April 13 (Tues.) Thomas Jefferson's birthday.

April 13 (Third Tues.) 7 p.m, Brazoria County Meeting at Golden Coral , Hwy 288 Business, Angleton. Contact George Harper at Gharper@sat.net or 979-964-3693.

April 13 (Third Tues.) 6:30 p.m. Jefferson County Meeting at the LogonC@fe, 3805 Calder Ave, in Neaumont. Contact Dean Tucker at revdeantucker@aol.com

April 15 (Third Thurs.) 7 p.m. San Jacinto Supper Club at Golden Corral at 4021 Spencer Highway in Pasadena. Contact Bob Lockhart 713-475-0092

May 2 (Sun.) time TBA. Harric County LP business meeting at 9614 Oregano Circle. See April 4.