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Libertarian Party Qualifies For Ballot; Becomes California's 5th Official Party

After a long, hard voter registration drive, the Libertarian Party has qualified for permanent ballot status in California by obtaining more than the required 71,322 voter registrations by the January 2, 1980, deadline. The official announcement was made by Secretary of State March Fong Eu at a press conference held in Sacramento on January 25.

State party chair Dan Wiener accepted certification from Mrs. Eu on behalf of the LP as a number of party officials looked on including executive director Eric Garriss, party attorney Ray Hendrickson, Orange County chair Jack Dean, and Huntington Beach city council candidate Dan Mahaffey. The Libertarian Party now joins four other officially recognized political parties in the state: Republican, Democrat, American Independent and Peace & Freedom.

The drive for official ballot status—or "Ballot Access Drive" (BAD), as it was called—was kicked off on June 18, 1979, with a press conference at the Hall of Administration in Orange County, where the main thrust of the effort was scheduled to take place. By year's end, a grand total of 59,642 voter registrations had been processed by the Orange County headquarters (this figure also includes paid and volunteer figures from Los Angeles).

Efforts in other areas also yielded impressive results which insured victory. North San Diego generated 7,887 registrations with its paid program, and San Francisco produced 15,529.

A number of other regional efforts also yielded important numbers which helped boost the estimated statewide total well over the original 80,000 target figure. They include Marin, Alameda, San Mateo, Santa Barbara and Santa Clara.

On December 28, word was received from the Secretary of State's office that "It appears that the Libertarian Party will be on the ballot in 1980." A telephone survey of the state's 13 largest counties, combined with previous figures from the rest of the counties, put the LP's total over 73,000. But the untold part of the story was the 12–15,000 unprocessed registrations which had been piling up in key Registrars' offices during the month of December. They insured victory.

A more detailed rundown of "The Ballot Access Drive Story" will appear in a future issue of **Caliber**. For now, it's the final totals that count:

OFFICE	REGISTRATION
Orange County	59,642
San Francisco	15,529
N. San Diego	7,887
Starting figure	8,000
GRAND TOTAL	91,058

1980 State Convention

To Celebrate Ballot Status in California

"Strategies for Success in the Three Party System" is the theme of the 1980 California Libertarian Party State Convention to be held on Washington's Birthday weekend, February 15–18, at the Registry Hotel in Irvine.

This convention will mark the celebration of the victorious conclusion of a long, hard battle for permanent ballot status in California. A "Get Acquainted Cocktail Party" will kick off the Convention on Friday evening followed by "An Informal Evening With Nathaniel Branden." Seminars and workshops will commence Saturday and will either be issue-oriented or will deal with activist concerns.

Speakers will include such Libertarian luminaries as David Bergland, John Hospers, Bob Poole, Eric Garriss, Roy Childs, Bill Burt, Christine Dorffi and many, many more. Libertarian lawyer and long-time activist, Manny Klausner, will present the keynote address Saturday afternoon.

Campaign organization and strategy, fund-raising, public speaking and the psychology of interpersonal relationships as well as taxation, nuclear energy, feminism and immigration are some of the issues scheduled to be covered by seminar and workshop speakers.

Besides the serious business of the general sessions, election of State officers, workshops and seminars, a festive atmosphere will prevail and plenty of time will be provided for relaxing and having fun. On Saturday, a "Libertarian Night on the Town" will offer you a

choice of one of three great entertainment spots in Orange County. The Harlequin Dinner Playhouse will present a lavish buffet and a top stage production in luxurious and comfortable surroundings. The popular adult comedy nite spot, The Laff Stop, offers dinner and an all-comedy niteclub act guaranteed to make you blush while it tickles your fancy. For nite owls, the 10:30 p.m. dinner and show at Baxter's Street is your ticket. Baxter's Street is a turn-of-the-century New Orleans restaurant and cabaret featuring great food and one of the very best musical revues in town.

The Presidential Banquet and Dance on Sunday night will formally kick off the Clark For President Campaign in California. Featuring Ed Clark as the banquet speaker and Ed Crane as the master of ceremonies, the event will celebrate the party's emergence as the state's number three political force. The presentation of the first annual Karl Bray Award, plus music and dancing at evening's end, promises to make this a night to remember.

Films, the exhibition hall, hospitality suites and the opportunity to stay up all night congratulating each other on a job well done make the 1980 California Convention an event not to be missed.

If you have not received any of the Convention mailings and desire information, call Convention Headquarters at (714) 975-0905. A complete schedule of events is included in this issue of **Caliber**, as is a registration form. Please

note that hotel reservations must be made **separately** by either calling or writing The Registry Hotel. Be sure to mention the Libertarian Party so you'll qualify for the special reduced rate.

Early hotel reservations are recommended because of other conventions being held in the area that weekend.

The Registry Hotel is conveniently located next to the Orange County Airport, right off the San Diego (405) Freeway on MacArthur Blvd.

LPC Seeks New Executive Director and Editor,

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Executive Committee Report

LPC recruits directors, editor

Two important decisions that came out of the last Executive Committee meeting of the LPC were to look for a new Executive Director for the LPC and a new editor for this publication.

It is possible that the Libertarian Party of California will appoint Northern and Southern Executive Directors. State Chair Dan Wiener has appointed a committee to look into this and to select a new Executive Director. Any persons interested in this position should send their resume to the chairman of the selection committee, Bob Costello, at the San Francisco office.

Persons interested in becoming editor of **Caliber** should inform Eric Garriss, interim Executive Director, also at the San Francisco office. A selection will be made at the executive committee meeting after the convention.

Until June the Libertarian Party of California and the California Libertarian Council will be one and the same body. After June the difference will be that all

registered Libertarians will be members of the LPC, but only dues-paying persons will be considered members of the CLC. The CLC will then be the "active" arm of the party, able to recruit, run, endorse, withhold or reject endorsement of any candidate running as a Libertarian. These two bodies will have the same officers and meet jointly until June 1980.

Jerry Sievers is setting up a Libertarian Toastmaster's Club in Los Angeles to help Libertarians practice their public speaking. On a similar note, Melinda Pillsbury-Foster was named State Coordinator for the Libertarian Speakers Bureau.

A resolution was passed to form two multi-candidate state-wide political funding committees, one for federal and one for state candidates, known as the Victory Committees to raise and disperse funds. The state Executive Committee will set policy and guidelines for the dispersing of funds.

Steve Sparling was elected to fill the position of Northern Vice-Chair, a position left vacant by the election of Eric Garriss to fill the post of Executive Director.

The following resolution was passed: "The Libertarian Party of California hereby endorses the 1980 California Marijuana Initiative sponsored by NORML.

While we do have significant reservations and objections regarding the establishment of a government commission to study full legalization and the gradualist nature of the initiative, be is resolved that the Libertarian Party of California supports the California Marijuana Initiative—1980 and will work for its passage.

The next Executive Committee meeting will take place immediately following the state convention February 15–18 at the Registry Hotel in Irvine.

Libertarianism

Libertarianism is nothing more nor less than the politics of liberty. While other parties and groups seek to use the tools of politics to give some groups power over others, to enrich some at the expense of others, or to impose some set of values on those who disagree with those values, Libertarians seek nothing more than liberty.

In economics, Libertarians advocate the establishment of the purely free market, that is, a market unhampered by government intrusion.

In the field of civil liberties, Libertarians hold that individuals must respect the right of others to live different lives, to read and enjoy different commodities, to shape their relationships, sexual and other, in their own way, to live their lives in their own way, at their own expense and risk, never forcing others to pay for their mistakes.

Americans two hundred years ago knew that eternal vigilance was the price of liberty, and were prepared to pay that price. Whether we are willing to pay that price today is a question which must be answered individually, by each of us. But we of the Libertarian Party have made our choice. Moved by a passion for justice, by compassion for those oppressed by State power and privilege, we have raised the banner of Liberty.

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LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF CALIFORNIA

Membership Application

Headquarters: P.O. Box 5214, Richmond, California 94805

Name _____

Address ☐ h ☐ w _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone ☐ h ☐ w _____ Unlisted, do not release ☐

☐ Please do not release my name and address for non-LP purposes.

☐ I wish to be a member of region _____.

☐ I wish to be a member of the region in which I live.

☐ I am eligible to vote in _____ County.

☐ I am registered to vote in the _____ Party.

☐ I am registered Decline to State. ☐ I am not registered.

I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social ends.

Date _____ Signature _____

Type of Membership	LPC Membership Only	Combined LPC and National Membership*
Regular	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$23.00
Sustaining	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$41.00
Sponsor/Patron	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$130.00
Life	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$450.00
Student	<input type="checkbox"/> \$6.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10.00

A subscription to **CALIBER**, the LPC state newsletter, is included in all membership dues.

☐ Dues only—no **CALIBER** subscription. (Deduct \$5.00 from above amount.) _____

☐ **CALIBER** subscription only _____ \$5.00

☐ Additional contribution to help build the LPC. _____

☐ Contribution to support the LPC state offices. _____

Total _____

*This includes a 20 % discount off the National Libertarian Party dues.

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