

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO**

LIBERTARIAN NAT'L COMMITTEE, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

**LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW MEXICO,
CHRIS LUCHINI, LAURA BURROWS, PAUL
MCKENNEY, FREDERICK SNOY, and JAMES
WERNICKE,**

Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:26-cv-1562

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

**COMPLAINT FOR TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT AND
OTHER LANHAM ACT VIOLATIONS UNDER 15 U.S.C. §§ 1114, 1125**

This is an action under the laws of the United States, Title 15 of the United States Code, for trademark infringement, false designation of origin, false advertising, unfair competition, passing off, and unjust enrichment under 15 U.S.C. §§ 1114, and 1125(a)(1)(A) and (B), in which plaintiff Libertarian National Committee, Inc. (“LNC” or “Plaintiff”), makes the following allegations against the Libertarian Party of New Mexico, Chris Luchini, Laura Burrows, Paul McKenney, Frederick Snoy, and James Wernicke (collectively “Defendants”).

PARTIES

1. Plaintiff LNC is a District of Columbia Corporation, having its primary office at 1321 Upland Drive, PMB 7311, Houston, TX, 77043-9965.
2. Defendant Libertarian Party of New Mexico (“LPNM”) is a New Mexico domestic nonprofit corporation with its principal place of business in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Upon information and belief LPNM is located at 8100 Wyoming Blvd. NM, Albuquerque, NM 87113.

3. Defendant Chris Luchini (“Luchini”) is an individual residing within New Mexico. Upon information and belief, Luchini resides at 121 La Senda Rd, White Rock, NM 87547. Mr. Luchini is the Chairman and a Director of LPNM.

4. Defendant Laura Burrows (“Burrows”) is an individual residing within New Mexico. Upon information and belief, Burrows resides at 121 La Senda Rd, White Rock, NM 87547. Ms. Burrows is the Director of LPNM.

5. Defendant Paul McKenney (“McKenney”) is an individual residing within New Mexico. Upon information and belief, McKenney resides at 12904 Mountain View Ave NE, Albuquerque, NM 88203. Mr. McKenney is the Co-Treasurer of LPNM.

6. Defendant Frederick Snoy (“Snoy”) is an individual residing within New Mexico. Upon information and belief, Snoy resides at 729 Adobe Rd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107. Mr. Snoy is a Director of LPNM.

7. Defendant James Wernicke (“Wernicke”) is an individual residing within New Mexico. Upon information and belief, Wernicke resides at 3034 Nickel Street, Los Alamos, NM 87544. Mr. Wernicke is the Co-Treasurer of LPNM.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

8. This action arises under the commerce and trade laws of the United States, Title 15 of the United States Code. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331.

9. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b)(1) & (2).

THE TRADEMARK

10. Plaintiff has registered a number of trademarks with the USPTO that are associated and identified with its national and local political activities and affiliations.

11. Plaintiff's trademark at issue in this matter is the federally registered trademark LIBERTARIAN PARTY® (the "Trademark"). *See* USPTO Reg. No. 2,423,459, attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**; *see also* Trademark Status and Document Retrieval results, attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**. This mark has been in continuous use in commerce nationwide by the LNC and its predecessors in interest in connection with services including promoting the interests of a political party and publications on political issues at least since January of 1972. Libertarian Party Press Release, January 31, 1972, attached hereto as **Exhibit 3**; Libertarian Party Newsletter, January 1972, attached hereto as **Exhibit 4**.

12. Plaintiff actively uses the Trademark in commerce at the present time. Screenshot of front page of Plaintiff LNC's website, attached hereto as **Exhibit 5**.

13. Plaintiff licenses the use of its trademarks to its officially recognized state-level affiliates and their officially recognized sub-affiliates pursuant to Plaintiff's bylaws. Libertarian Party Bylaws, Convention Special Rules, and Judicial Committee Rules of Appellate Procedure, attached hereto as **Exhibit 6**.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

14. Plaintiff is the national committee of the Libertarian Party as defined by 52 U.S.C. § 30101(14) and manages the business of the Libertarian Party ("Party") throughout the United States at the national level, including by functioning as a libertarian political entity separate and distinct from all other political parties or movements; electing Libertarians to public office to move public policy in a libertarian direction; chartering affiliate parties throughout the United States and promoting their growth and activities; nominating candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States, and supporting Party and affiliate party candidates for political office; and entering into public information activities.

15. The LNC, through its bylaws, charters state-level affiliates throughout the United States. Ex. 6 at Libertarian Party Bylaws, Art. 5, Sec. 2. Properly chartered affiliates are licensed to use the LNC's federally registered trademarks. *Id.* at Art. 5, Sec. 1.

16. On or about August 25, 2022, LPNM notified the LNC that it was severing its affiliation with the LNC stating "LPNM and the LNC are no longer, in any sense, part of the same political party. All connections between us are now totally and completely severed." LPNM News Release and Letter, August 26, 2022, attached hereto as **Exhibit 7**. This severing of affiliation terminated any rights the LPNM had to use the Trademark.

17. On or about September 11, 2022, the LNC severed its ties with the LPNM through its own formal disaffiliation process. Minutes from LNC Meeting, Sep. 11, 2022, attached hereto as **Exhibit 8**. Any use of the trademark LIBERTARIAN PARTY® after that date was unauthorized.

18. On or about November 5, 2022, the LNC chartered a different organization as its official New Mexico affiliate. Minutes from LNC Meeting, November 5-6, 2022, attached hereto as **Exhibit 9**; Petition for Affiliation, attached hereto as **Exhibit 10**. On that date, the new organization was entitled to use the Trademark but could not do so while operating as a political party due to the failure of the LPNM to relinquish the Trademark and the restriction of New Mexico NM Stat § 1-7-6 (2025) against political parties using confusingly similar names.¹

19. As a result of LPNM's unauthorized use and in order to obtain ballot access New Mexico, the LNC's New Mexico affiliate was forced to register as the "Free New Mexico Party." Letter from State of New Mexico Secretary of State, July 3, 2024, attached hereto as **Exhibit 11**.

¹ It had originally been affiliated as the Free Libertarian Party of New Mexico but could not petition for ballot access under that name under New Mexico law and later changed its name to the Free New Mexico Party until it could regain rightful use of the LNC's Trademark.

20. The LPNM not only continued to use the Trademark, it also affiliated with a competing national political organization, the Liberal Party USA, and is listed on the Liberal Party's website as an official affiliate though using the name Liberal Party of New Mexico with a link leading to a website prominently featuring the Trademark. Screenshot of Liberal Party USA, attached hereto as **Exhibit 12**.²

21. LPNM, consistent with its intention to affiliate with the Liberal Party USA, changed its bylaws to affiliate with the Liberal Party USA. 2024 Constitution and Bylaws of LPNM, attached hereto as **Exhibit 13**, at 14. This affiliation was originally with the Association of State Liberty Parties which changed its name to the Liberal Party USA. Independent Political Report Article, February 12, 2024, attached hereto as **Exhibit 14**.

22. Additionally, the LPNM ran the Liberal Party USA presidential ticket in the 2024 November election in competition with the official Libertarian Party ticket. Independent Political Report Article, September 4, 2024, attached hereto as **Exhibit 15**.

23. Under New Mexico statute 1-7-6(A)-(B) NMSA, a political party's New Mexico secretary-of-state-certified party name and emblem shall be used to designate the ticket of that party on all ballots in New Mexico. The LNC's New Mexico affiliate uses Free New Mexico as its certified party name and nominated its 2024 presidential and vice-presidential candidates under that party name. Certificate of Nomination dated June 24, 2024, attached hereto as **Exhibit 16**. Nevertheless, the New Mexico Secretary of State was apparently confused and listed the Free New Mexico Party's candidates under the Libertarian Party name, creating confusion among New Mexico voters as to the party affiliation of the Free New Mexico Party's candidates. New Mexico 2024 Election Ballot, attached hereto as **Exhibit 17**.

² <https://www.liberalpartyusa.org/>. (Last accessed April 27, 2026).

24. LPNM also holds at least two social media accounts using the Trademark without authorization. Screenshot of X account, April 27, 2026, attached hereto as **Exhibit 18**; Screenshot of Facebook account, April 27, 2026, attached hereto as **Exhibit 19**.

25. Multiple cease and desist letters have been sent to the Defendants demanding that LPNM and its officers immediately stop using the Trademark. Despite these demands, the Defendants continue to use the Trademark on their website, social media accounts, and with the Secretary of State. Cease and Desist Letter, July 9, 2023, attached hereto as **Exhibit 20**; Cease and Desist Letter, October 4, 2022, attached as **Exhibit 21**; Cease and Desist Letter, September 26, 2025, attached hereto as **Exhibit 22**; Cease and Desist Letter, May 8, 2026, attached hereto as **Exhibit 23**.

26. Defendants' infringement has caused harm and damage to the LNC and its official affiliate, including monetary harm, political harm, and reputational harm; dilution and disparagement of the LNC's federally registered Trademark and the goodwill associated therewith. Defendants have used the LNC's federally registered mark to, among other things, promote the interests of the Liberal Party USA political party, including soliciting funds, attracting, advertising, and running candidates for political office, engaging in political activism in person and online including through the publication of communications concerning political issues, and gathering petition signatures from New Mexico voters. By these uses, Defendants have created a likelihood of confusion within the public as to the source of their activities and as to the affiliation of their organization with the LNC without the LNC's consent, and have deprived the LNC's officially recognized affiliate of use of the Trademark to which it is entitled. Defendants or their predecessor officers, by affiliating with a different and directly competitive national political organization, the Liberal Party USA, have further confused the public and disparaged the Plaintiff's mark.

COUNT I

FEDERAL TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT UNDER 15 U.S.C. § 1114

27. Plaintiff herein restates and incorporates by reference all of the above paragraphs.

28. Plaintiff LNC is the exclusive owner and registrant of the Trademark LIBERTARIAN PARTY® and to all common law rights thereto and associated therewith.

29. Plaintiff's registration of the Trademark at the USPTO is valid and active, and in full force and effect.

30. Plaintiff has used, and continues to use, the Trademark in commerce.

31. Defendants have, without the consent of the Plaintiff, used the Trademark, reproductions of the Trademark, counterfeits of the Trademark, copies of the Trademark, and/or colorable imitations of the Trademark in commerce in a manner that is confusing or confusingly similar and has deprived the LNC and its affiliate of its rightful and lawful use ("Defendants' Infringing Uses").

32. Defendants' Infringing Uses include repeated and continuous distribution, advertising, and publication of information and materials containing references to "Libertarian Party."

33. Defendants' Infringing Uses of Plaintiff's Trademark occurred, and continue to occur, in related commercial fields for related commercial services (*e.g.*, political party communications, political party activities, political press activity, political candidate screenings, official filings and registrations and endorsements).

34. Defendants' Infringing Uses of Plaintiff's Trademark include Defendants receiving money from individuals—by misleading and deceiving those individuals as to Defendants' relationship, affiliation or sponsorship with or by Plaintiff, and using Plaintiff's Trademark.

35. Defendants' Infringing Uses of Plaintiff's Trademark—especially when considered in light of their knowing and defiant continued uses—have been intentional, and upon information and belief are done to create a false impression of affiliation, authorization or sponsorship, and to deprive the Plaintiff's rightful affiliate, and by extension the Plaintiff, from its full and lawful use to which it is entitled.

36. Defendants' Infringing Uses of Plaintiff's Trademark—especially when considered in light of their knowing and defiant continued uses—have been intentional, to harm and appropriate Plaintiff's mark, to harm Plaintiff's goodwill, to dilute Plaintiff's mark, and to deprive the Plaintiff's rightful affiliate, and by extension the Plaintiff, from its full and lawful use to which it is entitled.

37. Defendants' Infringing Uses have therefore caused confusion or mistake and are likely to continue to cause confusion or mistake as to Defendants' association, affiliation or relationship with Plaintiff. Such confusion or mistake is probable, given the relatedness of Defendants' Infringing Uses.

38. Defendants' Infringing Uses and willful conduct in relation thereto constitute trademark infringement and trademark dilution in violation of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1114.

39. Plaintiff has been and will continue to be harmed by Defendants' Infringing Uses. Defendants' conduct has irreparably harmed Plaintiff and will continue to do so unless enjoined by this Court.

40. As a result of Defendants' conduct, Plaintiff has been harmed and is entitled to damages, including but not limited to, actual damages, statutory damages, treble damages, corrective advertising damages, and a temporary and permanent injunction.

41. The harm caused to Plaintiff's business, goodwill, reputation, trademark, and finances are a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unauthorized intentional, deliberate, and willful use of Plaintiff's Trademark.

42. The intentional, deliberate, and willful actions of Defendants render this an exceptional case, entitling Plaintiff to enhanced damages and an award of attorneys' fees and costs associated with the action pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1117(a).

43. The damage caused to Plaintiff by Defendants cannot be fully measured or compensated for in economic terms. Such irreparable harm will continue unless Defendants are enjoined from such conduct.

COUNT II

UNFAIR COMPETITION UNDER 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a)(1)(A)

44. Plaintiff herein restates and incorporates by reference all of the above paragraphs.

45. Defendants have, without the consent of the Plaintiff, used the Trademark including, but not limited to, words, terms, and names.

46. Defendants have, without the consent of the Plaintiff, used the Trademark in false designations of origin, false or misleading descriptions of fact, or false or misleading representations of fact, regarding the Trademark.

47. Defendants' unlawful usage of Plaintiff's Trademark is likely to cause confusion, or to cause mistake, or to deceive as to the affiliation, connection, or association of Defendants or their activities with the Plaintiff and has rendered the Plaintiff's rightful affiliate unable to use the Trademark.

48. Defendants' unlawful usage of Plaintiff's Trademark is likely to cause confusion, or to cause mistake, or to deceive as to the origin, sponsorship, or approval of their commercial

activities by the Plaintiff and has rendered the Plaintiff's rightful affiliate unable to use the Trademark.

49. Defendants' unlawful usage of Plaintiff's Trademark has caused confusion, mistake and deception as to the origin, sponsorship, or approval of their commercial activities by the Plaintiff and has rendered Plaintiff's rightful affiliate unable to use the Trademark.

50. Defendants' Infringing Uses of Plaintiff's Trademark include Defendants receiving money from individuals by misleading and deceiving those individuals as to Defendants' relationship, affiliation or sponsorship with or by Plaintiff, by using Plaintiff's Trademark.

51. Defendants' unlawful usage of Plaintiff's Trademark is willful and deliberate.

52. Defendants have acted purposefully to create a false or misleading association to trade off the extensive goodwill that Plaintiff's Trademark has established.

53. Defendants' unlawful usage of Plaintiff's Trademark and willful conduct in relation thereto constitute false designation of origin, false descriptions, and dilution of the Trademark in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a)(1)(A).

54. Plaintiff has been and will continue to be harmed by Defendants' unlawful usage of Plaintiff's Trademark. Defendants' conduct has irreparably harmed Plaintiff and will continue to do so unless enjoined by this Court.

55. As a result of Defendants' unlawful usage of Plaintiff's Trademark, Plaintiff has been harmed and is entitled to damages, including but not limited to, actual damages, statutory damages, treble damages, and corrective advertising damages.

56. The harm caused to Plaintiff's business, goodwill, reputation, and finances are a direct and proximate result of Defendants' intentional, deliberate, and willful misuse of Plaintiff's Trademark in an unlawful manner.

57. The intentional, deliberate, and willful actions of Defendants render this an exceptional case, entitling Plaintiff to enhanced damages and an award of attorney's fees and costs associated with the action pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1117(a).

58. The damage caused to Plaintiff by Defendants cannot be fully measured or compensated for in economic terms. Such irreparable harm will continue unless Defendants are enjoined from such conduct.

COUNT III

FALSE ADVERTISING UNDER 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a)(1)(B)

59. Plaintiff herein restates and incorporates by reference all of the above paragraphs.

60. Defendants have, without the consent of the Plaintiff, used the Trademark including, but not limited to, words, terms, names, and combinations thereof.

61. Defendants have, without the consent of the Plaintiff, used the Trademark in false designations of origin, false or misleading descriptions of fact, or false or misleading representations of fact, regarding the Trademark.

62. Defendants have, without the consent of the Plaintiff, used the Trademark in commercial advertising and promotion.

63. Defendants' unlawful usage of Plaintiff's Trademark in commercial advertising or promotion misrepresents the nature, characteristics, qualities, or geographic origin of their commercial activities.

64. Defendants' unlawful usage of Plaintiff's Trademark has caused confusion, mistake and deception as to the origin, sponsorship, or approval of their commercial activities by the Plaintiff.

65. Defendants' Infringing Uses of Plaintiff's Trademark include Defendants receiving money from individuals by misleading and deceiving those individuals as to Defendants' relationship, affiliation or sponsorship with or by Plaintiff, using Plaintiff's Trademark.

66. Defendants' unlawful usage of Plaintiff's Trademark is willful and deliberate.

67. Defendants have acted purposefully to falsely advertise and promote their activities in order to trade off the extensive goodwill that Plaintiff's Trademark has established.

68. Defendants' unlawful usage of Plaintiff's Trademark and willful conduct in relation thereto constitute false advertising of the Trademark in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a)(1)(B).

69. Plaintiff has been and will continue to be harmed by Defendants' unlawful usage of Plaintiff's Trademark. Defendants' conduct has irreparably harmed Plaintiff and will continue to do so unless enjoined by this Court.

70. As a result of Defendants' unlawful usage of Plaintiff's Trademark, Plaintiff has been harmed and is entitled to damages, including but not limited to, actual damages, statutory damages, treble damages, and corrective advertising damages.

71. The harm caused to Plaintiff's business, goodwill, reputation, and finances are a direct and proximate result of Defendants' intentional, deliberate, and willful misuse of Plaintiff's Trademark in an unlawful manner.

72. The intentional, deliberate, and willful actions of Defendants render this an exceptional case, entitling Plaintiff to enhanced damages and an award of attorneys' fees and costs associated with the action pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1117(a).

73. The damage caused to Plaintiff by Defendants cannot be fully measured or compensated for in economic terms. Such irreparable harm will continue unless Defendants are enjoined from such conduct.

COUNT IV

INJUNCTIVE RELIEF UNDER 15 U.S.C. § 1116(a)

74. Plaintiff herein restates and incorporates by reference all of the above paragraphs.

75. Plaintiff has shown, herein, that Defendants have unlawfully used Plaintiff's Trademark in violation of 15 U.S.C. §§ 1114, 1125(a)(1)(A) and 1125(a)(1)(B).

76. Plaintiff has shown, herein, that Defendants' infringement of Plaintiff's Trademark is willful, deliberate and ongoing.

77. Plaintiff has shown, herein, that Plaintiff has been, and will continue to be, harmed by Defendants' infringement of Plaintiff's Trademark.

78. Plaintiff has shown, herein, that Plaintiff has been irreparably harmed by Defendants' infringement of Plaintiff's Trademark, and that Defendants will continue to do so unless enjoined by this Court.

79. The damages caused to Plaintiff by Defendants cannot be fully measured or compensated for in economic terms. Such irreparable harm will continue unless Defendants are enjoined from such conduct.

COUNT V

CONVERSION

80. Plaintiff herein restates and incorporates by reference all of the above paragraphs.

81. In 2016, David Marion Clinard, Jr. left a bequest to the Libertarian Party of New Mexico. Escrow Agreement, July 2018, attached hereto as **Exhibit 24**. The bequest is held in escrow and a portion thereof is disbursed each year to the Libertarian Party of New Mexico. Initially this annual disbursement was limited to \$5,500, but the limit increased in later years. Upon information and belief, a substantial balance remains in escrow.

82. The Escrow Agreement is based on the representation that LPNM is “officially recognized by the Federal Election Committee as a state committee of the Libertarian National Party.” Ex. 22 at 1.

83. Upon LPNM decision to unaffiliate with the LNC the bequest should have been transferred to the LNC for distribution to its recognized local affiliate, but Defendants failed to do so.

84. Defendants have received annual distributions from the escrow funds in at least 2023, 2024, and 2025. Upon information and belief, the Defendants have spent, allocated, and otherwise unlawfully controlled these funds meant for the LNC to designate for distribution to its recognized affiliate.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff, under Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, requests a trial by jury of any issues so triable by right.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Court enter:

a. A preliminary injunction enjoining Defendants and others acting in concert with Defendants from infringing on Plaintiff’s Trademark and from using, advertising, or publicizing any information that includes or refers to Plaintiff’s Trademark or any colorable imitation thereof;

b. A judgment in favor of Plaintiff that Defendants violated 15 U.S.C. § 1114;

c. A judgment in favor of Plaintiff that Defendants violated 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a)(1)(A);

d. A judgment in favor of Plaintiff that Defendants violated 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a)(1)(B);

e. A judgment in favor of Plaintiff that Defendants converted funds rightfully belonging to Plaintiff's recognized affiliate.

f. A judgment in favor of Plaintiff that Defendants intentionally violated 15 U.S.C. § 1114;

g. A judgment in favor of Plaintiff that Defendants intentionally violated 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a)(1)(A);

h. A judgment in favor of Plaintiff that Defendants intentionally violated 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a)(1)(B);

i. A judgement in favor of Plaintiff that Defendants have violated the Federal Trademark rights of Plaintiff;

j. A judgment in favor of Plaintiff that Defendants have violated Plaintiff's Lanham Act rights;

k. A judgment and order requiring Defendants to pay Plaintiff monetary damages – in an amount to be determined at trial – in addition to awarding Plaintiff's attorney's fees, costs, expenses, enhanced and/or exemplary damages, and pre-judgment and post-judgment interest;

l. A permanent injunction enjoining Defendants and others acting in concert with Defendants from infringing on Plaintiff's Trademark and from using, advertising or publicizing any information that includes or refers to Plaintiff's Trademark or any colorable imitation thereof; and

m. Any and all other relief to which Plaintiff may be entitled.

Dated: May 15, 2026.

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NO CLAIM IS MADE TO THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT
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 US Registration Number: 2423459 Registration Date: Jan 23, 2001
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 Standard Character Claim: Yes. The mark consists of standard characters without claim to any particular font style, size, or color.
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 Class Status: ACTIVE
 First Use: Jan. 1972 Use in Commerce: Jan. 1972

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Basis Information (Case Level)

Filed Use: Yes Currently Use: Yes
 Filed ITU: No Currently ITU: No
 Filed 44D: No Currently 44D: No
 Filed 44E: No Currently 44E: No
 Filed 66A: No Currently 66A: No
 Filed No Basis: No Currently No Basis: No

Current Owner(s) Information

Owner Name: Libertarian National Committee, Inc.
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 Legal Entity Type: NON-PROFIT CORPORATION State or Country Where Organized: DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Prosecution History

Date	Description	Proceeding Number
Dec. 07, 2023	NOTICE OF SUIT	
Oct. 03, 2023	TEAS CHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED	
Oct. 03, 2023	ATTORNEY/DOM.REP.REVOKED AND/OR APPOINTED	
Oct. 03, 2023	TEAS REVOKE/APP/CHANGE ADDR OF ATTY/DOM REP RECEIVED	
Oct. 03, 2023	APPLICANT/CORRESPONDENCE CHANGES (NON-RESPONSIVE) ENTERED	
Oct. 03, 2023	TEAS CHANGE OF OWNER ADDRESS RECEIVED	
Aug. 05, 2020	NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF SEC. 8 & 9 - E-MAILED	
Aug. 05, 2020	REGISTERED AND RENEWED (SECOND RENEWAL - 10 YRS)	
Aug. 05, 2020	REGISTERED - SEC. 8 (10-YR) ACCEPTED/SEC. 9 GRANTED	
Aug. 05, 2020	CASE ASSIGNED TO POST REGISTRATION PARALEGAL	
Jun. 08, 2020	TEAS SECTION 8 & 9 RECEIVED	
Jan. 23, 2020	COURTESY REMINDER - SEC. 8 (10-YR)/SEC. 9 E-MAILED	
Dec. 30, 2014	APPLICANT/CORRESPONDENCE CHANGES (NON-RESPONSIVE) ENTERED	
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NEW POLITICAL PARTY TO UNVEIL PLANS JANUARY 31

A new political party, dedicated to the proposition that social and economic liberties are inseparable, will make its public debut in Denver, Colorado, on January 31, 1972.

At a Press Conference scheduled for 2:30 pm MST, in the Empire Room of the Cosmopolitan Hotel, the national officers of the Libertarian Party will announce their organization's plans for 1972, and answer questions raised by representatives of the press, radio, and television. Among the topics to be covered are the party's stands on the major issues of the day, its election strategy, and its long-range goals.

The Libertarian Party has officially been in existence for only six weeks; the organization grew out of an ad-hoc organizing committee made up of 100 libertarian leaders around the country. According to the party's temporary chairman, David F. Nolan, 28, their purpose in founding the Libertarian Party was "to show the American people that it is possible to take stands that are consistent with the principles of freedom, and, by so doing, to demonstrate the moral bankruptcy of both 'liberalism' and 'conservatism'."

The party currently claims a membership of 250, and expects to have 10,000 members by Election Day. Most of its members, according to the party's leadership, are in their 20's and 30's, and were formerly affiliated with the GOP. They left the GOP, according to Nolan, because of President Nixon's "continuing movement towards totalitarianism, both in the area of economics, and in the suppression of civil liberties."



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The party's leaders say that they plan to run candidates for President and Vice-President this year, and hope to be on the ballot in at least ten states. In the remaining states, they say, they will conduct write-in drives for their as-yet-unnamed candidates. A national convention, open to all party members, will be held in Denver this summer.

"Our first goal," says Nolan, "is to draw enough votes this November to show the Republicans and Democrats that there are a lot of people who are fed up with Big Brother government ... hopefully, enough people that the men in Washington will change their ways. We also hope, by advocating liberty in a consistent manner, to hasten the realignment of the political spectrum in this country along lines more rational than the present outdated left-to-right lineup."

Luke Zell, chairman of the Libertarian Party of Colorado, will be present at the Press Conference, along with the temporary national officers, to answer questions about his plans for activity in Colorado.

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"Libertarian Party" is name choice;**Convention to meet in Denver, June 4-7**

In response to the questionnaire sent out with Newsletter #1, the members of the Committee to Organize a Libertarian Party chose the name Libertarian Party, by a vote of 111 to 87 (weighted voting; see page 2). In an even more decisive vote (95 to 59), they selected the first week in June as the best time for the new party to hold its first national convention.

Based on this latter vote, the temporary Steering Committee of the Libertarian Party has tentatively set the time of the Convention for June 4-7, and has named Denver, Colorado as the Convention site. Tentative Convention agenda is as follows:

Sunday, June 4 -- Open hearings by platform and constitution committees.

Monday, June 5 -- Closed committee sessions, workshops, first session of the convention (to vote on rules, constitution and by-laws). Evening open for caucuses of various groups who wish to hold them.

Tuesday, June 6 -- Second convention session (to vote on platform).

Wednesday, June 7 -- Third and final convention session (to elect Party's officers for 1972-74, and to nominate candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States). Big bash in the evening.

Thursday, June 8 -- Brief open session of the newly-elected Executive Committee, to deal with such matters as necessary.

As currently planned, the Convention will be open to all Libertarian Party members, and registration will cost \$25 for the whole three-day affair. In order to give the convention planning committee some idea of how many people to expect, please indicate the likelihood that you will attend, on the enclosed form.

SYMBOL AND SLOGAN ADOPTED

By a narrow vote (88 to 79), Committee members chose the Libersign as the Libertarian Party's official emblem; regarding a slogan, there was no clear-cut choice ("Laissez Faire" was preferred over "Live and Let Live," but both choices received many negative comments, and numerous alternatives were suggested). The logo shown in the lower right-hand corner of this page was therefore adopted by the temporary Executive Committee, in a unanimous vote. Libertarian Party member John James, a graphic artist, then volunteered to draw it up. The logo has been trademarked, and will be used as an identifying mark by the Party and its state affiliates, on literature and on ballots (in states where this is permitted).



**Rothbard first choice for Presidential candidate;
Greenspan, Kellems, Fitzgerald make strong showings**

By a wide margin, the 52 people who returned their questionnaires by December 15th indicated that Murray Rothbard would be their first choice to be the Libertarian Party's Presidential nominee in 1972. Running well behind Rothbard, but well ahead of everyone else, was Alan Greenspan.

As with the other questions, the results were tabulated by giving 3 points for an "excellent" rating, 2 for a "good," 1 for a "fair," 0 if no response was given, and -1 for a "poor." On this basis, the 14 possibilities given scored as follows; total point scores are given first, with composite ratings, to the nearest tenth of a point, in parentheses ...

Rothbard	124 (2.4)	On the basis of these returns, the following judgments can be made: First, if it is at all possible to persuade Rothbard to accept the nomination, this should be done. If not, any of the next five possibilities would probably be acceptable to a majority of libertarians; these same five people should also be given first consideration in seeking a VP nominee. The next bloc of five (Heinlein through Manne) are worth contacting for the VP nomination, if none of the top six can be persuaded. The bottom three can be eliminated as being unacceptable to most libertarians.
Greenspan	95 (1.8)	
Kellems	75 (1.4)	
Fitzgerald	71 (1.3)	
Anderson	70 (1.3)	
Crane	69 (1.3)	
Heinlein	62 (1.2)	
Gross	59 (1.1)	
Friedman	54 (1.0)	
Ervin	49 (1.0)	
Manne	49 (1.0)	
Hess	29 (0.6)	
Proxmire	-1 (0.0)	
Hatfield	-7 (-.1)	

It should be emphasized, however, that it is by no means yet time to "close the door." The nomination will be determined at the Convention in June, and entries will be welcomed up until that time; several new possibilities have been suggested, in fact, and will be contacted if none of the front-runners above are available.

Copies of the platform will be sent to all but the bottom three of the people listed above, along with a letter soliciting their reactions. Those who respond favorably will then be sounded out regarding their willingness to run on our ticket. To help persuade Dr. Rothbard that he should seek the Presidential nomination, we suggest that all LP members send him a letter or postcard urging him to run; if possible, get up a petition among the local libertarians, and/or have them write to him too. His address is Box 341, Madison Square Station, NY 10010.

The Libertarian Party Newsletter is published on the 15th of each month, by the national office of the Libertarian Party. Items of interest to political activists in the libertarian movement are welcome. Editor: David F. Nolan.

MEMBERSHIP GOALS
1,000 by Convention Time
10,000 by Election Day

Extra copies of this Newsletter may be ordered at \$1 for 10.

PLATFORM COMMENTS WELCOMED

If you have any comments, pro or con, concerning the Temporary Platform, please send them in, on the back of the enclosed reply form. Your opinion counts!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

A copy of our new Membership Application is enclosed with this issue; if you're already a member, you need not fill it out, although we'd appreciate having the information. Members of the Organizing Committee who have not yet joined the party, please fill out the Application and return it, with your 1972 dues, if you wish to remain on our mailing list. No more material will be sent to people other than Party members and Newsletter subscribers after this mailing -- so join now!

Additional copies of the Membership Application are available, free on request.

STATE CHAIRMEN NEEDED

Libertarian Party Chairmen are needed in all states except Colorado; if you are interested, and willing to spend the time and effort necessary to build a Party organization in your state, write and let us know. Include a resumé of your political experience.

This is going to be a grass-roots party; the national office will not be able to do the organizational work in the various states. We will provide literature, ideas, and names of people who inquire for info, but you will have to get things going in your state yourselves. So, let's get going!

A CORRECTION

In our November Newsletter, we referred to Milton Friedman as the originator of the "guaranteed

income" plan. LP member David Friedman informs us that his father was not the originator of this idea and does not advocate such a measure. Our mistake; we apologize.

THANKS

To LP Vice-Chairman Pipp Boyls, for drafting the Temporary Platform (after much consultation with others).

To John James, for donation of his graphic talents to render our Party logo.

To Colorado LP Chairman Luke Zell, for becoming the Party's first Lifetime Member.

To Reason, Hard Core News, SIL News, A is A, NYLA News, and Quillon for their "mentions" of the Party in recent issues.

COLORADO LP MEMBERS PUBLISH "THE FIRE BRINGER"

A group of Colorado Springs libertarians active in the Party also publish an excellent newspaper, The Fire Bringer, which is devoted to comments on current affairs. Subscriptions are \$5 per year, with bulk rates available. For a free copy, write to: The Fire Bringer, PO Box 4749, Colorado Springs 80909.

NEW BOOK DOCUMENTS \$179 BILLION WASTED BY BUREAUCRATS

A good source of data on how Uncle Sam throws our money away is the new book, Where The Money Went, which documents losses totalling \$179 billion incurred by government "enterprises." Order from Fact Sheet, 6413 Franklin Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90028. \$1.25, paperback.

LEARN HOW TO CONDUCT A PETITION DRIVE TO GET REFERENDA ON THE BALLOT

Information available from LP member Mike Timko, 11444 Olympic Blvd, #96, Los Angeles, CA 90064. This is one way we can increase our "muscle," get publicity, and win recruits.

BALLOT REQUIREMENTS

Listed below are the requirements for getting on the ballot in 42 of the 50 states. We cannot guarantee 100% accuracy, as the requirements change with time, but in most cases they should be correct. In some states, the requirements vary from office to office; hence the ambiguous figures. Also, for some states there is more than one date given under the "petition deadline" heading; the earlier is the opening date for circulating petitions, and the latter the filing deadline. If you live in the District of Columbia, or in one of the eight states we lack data for, we would like to hear from you regarding the situation where you live. The missing eight are: Alabama, Alaska, Delaware, Idaho, Iowa, Mississippi, Nebraska, and Tennessee. States where we appear to have the best chance are denoted by three asterisks.

<u>STATE</u>	<u>PETITION REQUIREMENTS</u>	<u>PETITION DEADLINE</u>
Arizona ** *	1% of gubernatorial vote	9/22/72
Arkansas	15% of all voters	6/20/72
California	1% of last Presidential vote	8/29/72 - 9/22/72
Colorado ** *	300 signatures	9/23/72
Connecticut	$\frac{1}{2}$ % of last Presidential vote	9/5/72
Florida	$\frac{3}{4}$ % of all voters	8/15/72
Georgia	5% of last total vote	12/18/71 - 6/14/72
Hawaii ***	25 voters	8/23/72
Illinois	25,000 voters	8/7/72
Indiana ***	$\frac{1}{2}$ % of vote for Secretary of State	9/1/72
Kansas	3% of vote for Governor, plus convention	4/21/72
Kentucky ** *	1,000 voters	9/13/72
Louisiana ** *	1,000 voters	9/23/72
Maine	1% of gubernatorial vote	8/15/72
Maryland	3% of all voters	3/7/72
Massachusetts	3% of gubernatorial vote	8/1/72
Michigan	1-4% of vote for winning Sec. of State	5/8/72
Minnesota ***	2,000 signatures	10/31/72
Missouri	1% of Governor vote in each Cong. District, or 2% in half of districts	10/31/72
Montana	5% of gubernatorial vote	8/9/72
Nevada	5% of Congressional vote	6/12/72 - 7/14/72
New Hampshire ***	1,000 signatures	9/28/72
New Jersey	800 signatures	4/26/72
New Mexico	5% of voters, plus a convention	9/11/72
New York	12,000 signatures	To be determined
North Carolina	25% of all voters	5/27/72
North Dakota ***	300 signatures	9/28/72
Ohio	4-8% of all voters	2/2/72
Oklahoma	5% of eligible voters	7/10/72 - 7/12/72
Oregon	3% of Presidential vote	7/28/72 - 8/29/72
Pennsylvania	$\frac{1}{2}$ % of largest vote for state office	3/8/72 - 3/29/72
Rhode Island ***	500 signatures	8/12/72
South Carolina	10,000 signatures	9/8/72
South Dakota	2-5% of vote for governor	8/9/72
Texas	1% of vote for governor	7/3/73
Utah	300 signatures	5/10/72
Vermont ***	1% of vote for governor	9/8/72 - 9/21/72
Virginia	1% of voters in each election district	6/13/72
Washington ** *	Convention attended by 100 voters, held on	9/19/72
West Virginia	1% of Presidential vote	5/8/72
Wisconsin ***	3,000 - 5,000 signatures	8/19/72
Wyoming ***	100 signatures	8/9/72 - 9/28/72

Most states require that minority parties have their nominee named before they can circulate petitions. This means any states with deadlines before July are probably out. Any corrections, additions, or clarifications to this listing would be appreciated. Also, any news of efforts to obtain petitions, where it is possible.

RECRUITING CONTEST

FIRST PRIZE \$100

If the Libertarian Party is to have any significant effect on the course of events in 1972, it must have enough members to conduct effective campaigns, and to command some respect from candidates of other parties whose stands on key issues might be swayed. For this reason, the national office of the Libertarian Party is conducting a membership recruiting contest.

The rules are simple. The LP member who recruits the greatest number of additional members between January 1, 1972 and April 30, 1972 will receive an award of \$100, to be applied towards convention expenses; the award will be presented at the Party's national convention, in June.

Second prizes of \$50, and third prizes of free convention registration (value, \$25) will also be presented. Depending on how things go, fourth prizes of some sort may also be awarded.

Since all memberships are not of equal value, points in the contest will be given on the following basis: Student Memberships, 1 point; Regular Memberships, 2 points; Sustaining Memberships, 3 points; Life Memberships, 25 points; Life Sustaining Memberships, 50 points.

All Party members except the national officers are eligible to compete, but you may not count your own membership towards your point total. To receive credit for new memberships, the members you recruit must name you as the person who caused them to join the Party, in the space provided on the Membership Application -- so be sure to tell people whom you recruit to do this.

The first prize of \$100 towards convention expenses will be awarded to only one individual, who must earn a minimum of 100 points in the contest.

Second prizes (\$50 towards convention expenses) will be awarded to all Party members who earn 50 points or more. Third prizes (free registration) will be awarded to all members who earn 25 points or more. No member may receive more than one prize, however; i.e. someone who earns 50 points receives only a second prize, not a second and third.

To give everyone some help in recruiting members, the national office will provide any member who wishes with as many Membership Applications as he or she can reasonably use, free of charge. In addition, copies of the enclosed ad preprint may be obtained for 2¢ each, after you have used up the 10 free copies included in this mailing. Copies of the platform are available, at 4/\$1, 10/\$2, 25/\$4, 50/\$7, and 100/\$12. Use the enclosed form to order material.

RECRUITING TIPS

The enclosed ad preprints should not be handed out on a willy-nilly basis. Give or mail them to ten people whom you know to be good prospects for recruitment. If you are mailing them, enclose a personal letter encouraging the recipient to join, and telling him to cite you as his source of information about the party.

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Write or stamp your name on the preprints, to give people someone to contact locally, if you do any mass distribution. If you're going to distribute more than 250, stamp or type your name on one of the enclosed copies, and have your local printer reproduce it; this is faster and cheaper than ordering from the national office.

If you can get the ad placed in any publications, this is a good way to reach people -- especially if you can do so without cost. Add or substitute your own name and address before doing so, however.

If you are a student, place copies on bulletin boards and on other suitable places around the school; again, add your own name and address or phone number.

If you can, arrange to speak to local taxpayers groups, and/or civic organizations, about the Libertarian Party. Have sufficient copies of the platform on hand to give out copies to those who show interest. Try to get local businessmen to sponsor placements of the ad in the local papers, if you can't get a freebie placement.

If you are a student, organize an LP chapter on your campus; get your school paper to run the ad, and/or news stories.

Seek out the local or state representatives of the following organizations, and try to get an invitation to speak before them. If you don't know who to contact, write the national headquarters of each, and ask for the name of the contact in your area. Do not say why you want the name, when you write. Have copies of the platform when you make your presentation -- and use common sense regarding which points in the platform to stress in making your presentation.

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10010

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, 395 Concord Avenue, Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

LIBERTY AMENDMENT COMMITTEE, 6413 Franklin Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90028

SOCIETY FOR INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY, 304 Empire Bldg., Philadelphia, PA 19107

YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM, 1221 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington DC 20005

When you write, ask for information on the organization, so as to have a good idea of what points to stress in your talk.

And don't forget local Republican and Democratic organizations -- especially YRs and YDs. They won't let you make a presentation, but you might attend a couple of meetings, and then approach those members who seem disaffected with their current party, and inclined towards a libertarian point of view.

Above all, when making presentations, keep your cool, and don't get into heated arguments. Try to avoid becoming stereotyped as "leftist" or "rightist." And do not use the word anarchist. Also avoid the words communist and fascist, unless you're talking about someone generally regarded as being in one of those categories.

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Bylaws of the Libertarian Party

ARTICLE 1: NAME

These articles shall govern the association known as the "Libertarian Party," hereinafter referred to as the "Party."

ARTICLE 2: PURPOSES

The Party is organized to implement and give voice to the principles embodied in the Statement of Principles by:

1. functioning as a libertarian political entity separate and distinct from all other political parties or movements;
2. electing Libertarians to public office to move public policy in a libertarian direction;
3. chartering affiliate parties throughout the United States and promoting their growth and activities;
4. nominating candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States, and supporting Party and affiliate party candidates for political office; and
5. entering into public information activities.

ARTICLE 3: STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES AND PLATFORM

1. The Statement of Principles affirms that philosophy upon which the Libertarian Party is founded, by which it shall be sustained, and through which liberty shall prevail. The enduring importance of the Statement of Principles requires that it may be amended only by a vote of 7/8 of all registered delegates at a regular convention.
2. The Party platform shall include, but not be limited to, the Statement of Principles and the implementation of those principles in the form of planks.
3. The current platform shall serve as the basis of all future platforms. The existing platform may be amended only at regular conventions. A platform plank may be deleted by majority vote. New planks or amendments to existing planks require a 2/3 vote.

ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIP

1. Members of the Party shall be those persons who have certified in writing that they oppose the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals.
2. The National Committee may offer life memberships and must honor all prior and future life memberships.
3. The National Committee may create other levels of membership and shall determine the contribution or dues levels for such memberships.
4. "Sustaining members" are members of the Party who:
 - a. During the prior 12 months have donated, or have had donated on their behalf, an amount of at least \$25; or
 - b. Are Life members.

ARTICLE 5: AFFILIATE PARTIES

1. No person, group, or organization may use the name "Libertarian Party" or any confusingly similar designation except the Party or an organization to which the Party grants affiliate party status or as otherwise provided in these bylaws.
2. The National Committee shall charter state-level affiliate parties from any qualifying organization requesting such status in each state, territory, and the District of Columbia (hereinafter, state). Organizations which wish to become state-level affiliate parties shall apply for such status on a standard petition form as adopted by the National Committee, which petition shall be signed by no fewer than ten members of the Party residing in the appropriate state. Affiliate party status

- shall be granted only to those organizations which adopt the Statement of Principles and file a copy of their constitution and/or bylaws with the Party Secretary.
3. There shall be no more than one state-level affiliate party in any one state. Each state-level affiliate party shall, in accordance with its own bylaws and these bylaws, determine who shall be its delegates to all regular conventions. A state-level affiliate party may charter sub-affiliate parties within the state, which will entitle such sub-affiliates to use the name "Libertarian Party."
 4. No affiliate party shall endorse any candidate who is a member of another party for public office in any partisan election. No affiliate party shall take any action inconsistent with the Statement of Principles or these bylaws.
 5. The autonomy of the affiliate and sub-affiliate parties shall not be abridged by the National Committee or any other committee of the Party, except as provided by these bylaws.
 6. The National Committee shall have the power to revoke the status of any affiliate party, for cause, by a vote of 3/4 of the entire National Committee. A motion to revoke the status of an affiliate party for cause must specify the nature of the cause for revocation. The affiliate party may challenge the revocation of its status by written appeal to the Judicial Committee within 30 days of receipt of notice of such revocation. Failure to appeal within 30 days shall confirm the revocation and bar any later challenge or appeal. The National Committee shall not revoke the status of any affiliate party within six months prior to a regular convention. The Judicial Committee shall set a date for hearing the appeal within 20 to 40 days of receipt of the appeal and shall notify all interested persons, which persons shall have the right to appear and submit evidence and argument. At the hearing the burden of persuasion shall rest upon the appellant. The Judicial Committee shall either affirm the National Committee's revocation of affiliate party status or order reinstatement of the affiliate party. The Judicial Committee shall issue its ruling within 30 days of the hearing and in no case later than 90 days prior to a regular convention. Failure of the Judicial Committee to rule within 30 days shall constitute an affirmation of the National Committee's revocation of affiliate party status except when the last day of the 30 day period falls within 90 days prior to a regular convention, in which case the Judicial Committee's non-action shall result in reinstatement of affiliate party status.

ARTICLE 6: OFFICERS

1. The officers of the Party shall be:
 - o Chair,
 - o Vice-Chair,
 - o Secretary, and
 - o Treasurer.

All of these officers shall be elected by a regular convention of the Party, shall take office immediately upon the close of the convention and shall serve thereafter until the final adjournment of the next regular convention. No person shall serve as an officer who is not a sustaining member of the Party.

2. No offices shall be combined.
3. The Chair shall preside at all conventions and all meetings of the National Committee. The Chair is the chief executive officer of the Party with full authority to direct its business and affairs, including hiring and discharging of National Committee volunteers and paid personnel, subject to express National Committee policies and directives issued in the exercise of the National Committee's plenary control and management of Party affairs, properties and funds.
4. The Vice-Chair shall be the chief assistant to the Chair, performing such duties as the Chair shall prescribe, and holding such executive powers as the Chair shall delegate and shall perform the duties of the Chair in the event that the Chair is, for any reason, unable to perform the duties of the office.
5. The Secretary shall be the recording officer of the Party and shall perform such duties as are assigned by the Chair or the National Committee. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the National Committee and all Party conventions and shall act as Secretary thereof, keeping such minutes and records as necessary.
6. The Treasurer shall receive, expend, and account for the funds of the Party under the supervision and direction of the Chair and the National Committee. The Treasurer shall make an annual

financial report to the National Committee and shall perform all duties required of the office by applicable federal and state law. The Treasurer is responsible for oversight of all financial functions, including, but not limited to receipts, disbursements, internal and external reporting. The Treasurer shall report to the National Committee and the convention both the financial situation of the Party and the results of its activities. The report of the Treasurer to the convention, specified in Convention Rule 1 agenda item 4, shall include an independent auditor's report opining whether the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Party and the changes in its net assets and its cash flow for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Unaudited interim financial statements shall also be presented. Such reports shall be made available to every delegate.

7. The National Committee may, for cause, suspend any officer by a vote of 2/3 of the entire National Committee, excepting the officer that is the subject of the vote who may not participate in that vote. The suspended officer may challenge the suspension by an appeal in writing to the Judicial Committee within seven days of receipt of notice of suspension. Failure to appeal within seven days shall confirm the suspension and bar any later challenge or appeal. The Judicial Committee shall set a date for hearing the appeal between 20 and 40 days of receipt of the appeal and shall notify all interested persons, which persons shall have the right to appear and present evidence and argument. At the hearing the burden of persuasion shall rest upon the appellants. The Judicial Committee shall either affirm the National Committee's suspension of the officer or order the officer's reinstatement within 30 days of the hearing. Failure of the Judicial Committee to rule within 30 days shall constitute an affirmation of the National Committee's suspension of the officer. At such time as the suspension is final, the office in question shall be deemed vacant.
8. The National Committee shall appoint new officers if vacancies occur, such officers to complete the term of the office vacated.

ARTICLE 7: NATIONAL COMMITTEE

1. The National Committee shall have control and management of all the affairs, properties and funds of the Party consistent with these bylaws. The Libertarian National Committee shall establish and oversee an organizational structure to implement the purposes of the Party as stated in Article 2. The National Committee shall adopt rules of procedure for the conduct of its meetings and the carrying out of its duties and responsibilities. The National Committee may delegate its authority in any manner it deems necessary.
2. The National Committee shall be composed of the following members:
 - a. the officers of the Party;
 - b. five members elected at large by the delegates at a regular convention; and
 - c. any additional members as specified below:
Any affiliate party with 10% or more of the total national party sustaining membership within affiliate parties (as determined for delegate allocation) shall be entitled to one National Committee representative and one alternate for each 10% of national sustaining membership. Affiliate parties may, by mutual consent, band together to form "representative regions," and each such "region" with an aggregate national party sustaining membership of 10% or more shall be entitled to one National Committee representative and one alternate for each 10% of national party sustaining membership. "Representative regions" may be formed or dissolved once every two years during a period beginning 90 days before the beginning of and ending on the second day of the national convention, and notice of new formations or dissolutions must be given in writing to the national Secretary prior to the close of the convention at which they take place.
3. The National Committee shall take office immediately upon the close of the regular convention at which they are selected and serve until the final adjournment of the next regular convention.
4. A National Committee member shall be a sustaining member of the Party and shall not be the candidate of any party except the Party or an affiliate.
5. The National Committee may, for cause, suspend any member-at-large by a vote of 2/3 of the entire National Committee, excepting the member that is the subject of the vote who may not

participate in that vote. The suspended member-at-large may challenge the suspension by an appeal in writing to the Judicial Committee within seven days of receipt of notice of suspension. Failure to appeal within seven days shall confirm the suspension and bar any later challenge or appeal. The Judicial Committee shall set a date for hearing the appeal between 20 and 40 days of receipt of the appeal and shall notify all interested persons, which persons shall have the right to appear and present evidence and argument. At the hearing the burden of persuasion shall rest upon the appellant. The Judicial Committee shall either affirm the National Committee's suspension of the member-at-large or order reinstatement of the member-at-large within 30 days of the hearing. Failure of the Judicial Committee to rule within 30 days shall constitute an affirmation of the National Committee's suspension of the member-at-large. At such times as the suspension is final, the office in question shall be deemed vacant.

6. A National Committee member who fails to attend two consecutive regular sessions of the National Committee shall be deemed to have vacated his or her seat. The appointing body shall be free to reappoint the member who vacated the seat.
7. The National Committee shall appoint new officers and members-at-large if vacancies occur, such officers and members-at-large to complete the term of the office vacated.
8. A National Committee Regional Representative or Alternate may be removed and replaced only by the act of the affiliate parties that constitute the subject region. The voting procedure for the removal and replacement of regional representatives or alternates shall be determined by the regions. In the absence of any such procedures, a majority vote of the state chairs comprising the region shall prevail.
9. The National Committee shall meet at such times and places as may be determined by: action of the Committee, call of the Chair, or written request of 1/3 or more of its members.
10. A majority of the membership of the National Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings.
11. The National Committee may adopt public policy resolutions by a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote with previous notice or by unanimous consent without previous notice.
12. Upon appeal by ten percent of the delegates credentialed at the most recent regular convention or one percent of the Party sustaining members the Judicial Committee shall consider the question of whether or not a decision of the National Committee contravenes specified sections of the bylaws. If the decision is vetoed by the Judicial Committee, it shall be declared null and void.
13. The National Committee shall use roll call voting on all substantive motions. Additionally, the National Committee must have a roll call vote upon request of any single committee member present on any motion. On all roll call votes, the vote of each individual committee member shall be recorded in the minutes.
14. The Secretary or a designee shall promptly post notice for each session of the National Committee; any National Committee proposed agendas; and approved minutes of each convention and open National Committee session to a permanent archive section on the Party's website. Any person may record the National Committee's proceedings while in open session, or subscribe to a read-only email list on which National Committee votes are recorded.
15. The National Committee and all of its committees shall conduct all votes and actions in open session; executive session may only be used for discussion of personnel matters, contractual negotiations, pending or potential litigation, or political strategy requiring confidentiality.

ARTICLE 8: JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

1. The Judicial Committee shall be composed of seven Party members elected at each regular non-presidential convention and any five members shall constitute a quorum. No member of the National Committee may be a member of the Judicial Committee. The members of the Judicial Committee shall select the Chair of the Judicial Committee. The Judicial Committee shall take office immediately upon the close of the regular non-presidential convention at which elected and shall serve until the final adjournment of the next regular non-presidential convention. All Judicial Committee members shall have been Party members at least four years at the time of their selection. The remaining members of the Judicial Committee shall appoint new members if vacancies occur, such appointees to serve until the final adjournment of the next regular non-

presidential convention. Should all Judicial Committee positions be vacant, an Intervening convention may fill such vacancies.

2. The subject matter jurisdiction of the Judicial Committee is limited to consideration of only those matters expressly identified as follows:
 - a. suspension of affiliate parties (Article 5, Section 6),
 - b. suspension of officers (Article 6, Section 7),
 - c. suspension of National Committee members-at-large (Article 7, Section 5),
 - d. voiding of National Committee decisions (Article 7, Section 12),
 - e. challenges to platform planks (Rule 5, Section 7),
 - f. challenges to resolutions (Rule 6, Section 2), and
 - g. suspension of Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates (Article 14, Section 5).
3. Within 90 days following the regular convention at which elected, the Judicial Committee shall establish rules of appellate procedure to govern its consideration of matters within the scope of its jurisdiction. The existing Rules shall remain in effect until and unless the Judicial Committee submits new proposed rules to the National Committee for approval, which approval shall be deemed given unless denied by a 2/3 vote of the National Committee within 60 days of submission. A copy of the current rules of appellate procedure shall be maintained by the Secretary at the Party Headquarters and shall be available to any member at cost.

ARTICLE 9: FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING

1. The fiscal term of the Party shall begin on January 1 of each year. From January 1 until the National Committee has approved a budget, the Treasurer may authorize expenditures for any item incorporated in the previous year's budget as long as the level of expenditure is consistent with that budget.
2. The National Committee shall cause an efficient double-entry system of accounts to be installed and maintained. Financial statements of the Party shall be prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). Audits shall be performed annually by an independent auditor. The non-officer members of the National Committee shall appoint a standing Audit Committee of three members with power to select the independent auditor. One member shall be a non-officer member or alternate of the National Committee and the other two shall not be members or alternates of the National Committee. The Assistant Treasurer is not eligible to serve on the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee shall present its findings to each regular convention and clarify for the National Committee any recommendations made by the auditor.
3. No disbursements exceeding \$100 may be made with cash.
4. The National Committee shall have the power to designate the depository of all funds of the Party and shall appoint such officers and employees as in its judgment may seem advisable to deposit and withdraw funds.
5. The Party shall not borrow in excess of \$2,000 total without prior approval by 2/3 vote of the National Committee. This shall not include current operating debt for trade payables.
6. The National Committee shall designate an Assistant Treasurer to temporarily serve in the event the Treasurer is incapacitated or unavailable, or vacates the position.

ARTICLE 10: CONVENTIONS

1. Regular Conventions:

The Party shall hold a regular convention every two years, at a time and place selected by the National Committee. Regular conventions shall be held sometime during the period of July of an odd-numbered year through August of an even-numbered year. All business required to be conducted at regular conventions shall be conducted at regular conventions only.
2. Delegates:
 - a. Delegates shall be required to be members of either the Party or an affiliate party. At all regular conventions delegates shall be those so accredited who have registered at the convention.
 - b. Any federal or state law to the contrary notwithstanding, delegates to a regular convention shall be selected by a method adopted by each affiliate party; provided

however, that only members of the Party as defined in these bylaws, or members of the affiliate party as defined in the constitution or bylaws of such affiliate party, shall be eligible to vote for the selection of delegates to a regular convention.

3. Affiliate Party Delegate Entitlements:

Each affiliate party shall be entitled to send delegates to each regular convention on the following basis:

- a. One delegate for each 0.14 percent, or fraction thereof, of the total Party sustaining membership in that affiliate; provided that at least one such delegate must be a resident of that State or District.
- b. One delegate for each 0.35 percent, or fraction thereof, of the votes cast nationwide for the Libertarian Party candidate in the most recent presidential election, cast in that affiliate's state. If a state conducts its presidential election via Ranked-Choice or Instant Runoff Voting, the ballots for the Libertarian candidate as tabulated in the first round of ballot counting will be used for this purpose.

4. Delegate Allocation:

- a. In order to be counted for delegate allocation, sustaining membership applications must be sent to the National Headquarters by either the individual member or the affiliate party and received or postmarked no later than the last day of the seventh month prior to the regular convention.
- b. The Secretary shall make a count of the sustaining members qualified under the requirements set forth here and shall compute the delegate allocations for the affiliate parties. Notification of the sustaining membership totals and allocation totals shall be sent by the Secretary to the chair of each affiliate party no later than the last day of the sixth month prior to a regular convention.
- c. A list of the names and addresses of all delegates and alternates chosen by each affiliate party shall be sent to the Credentials Committee no later than one month prior to start of the first general session of the regular convention. Amendments to such lists may be made by the affiliate parties and submitted to the Credentials Committee until the close of the Credentials Committee meeting preceding the convention. The number of alternates' names submitted shall not exceed the greater of 50 or the number of delegates allocated.
- d. Failure to submit a listing of delegate/alternate names and addresses, as prescribed within these bylaws, shall cause no delegation to be registered from that affiliate party.
- e. By two-thirds vote, the convention may approve additional delegates and alternates whose names and addresses are submitted to the Credentials Committee during the convention.

5. Delegate List:

Any Party member shall be provided, upon request and payment of copying and mailing costs, a list of the names and addresses of all delegates selected to attend and those who actually attended the most recent two conventions, with those who attended clearly identified, and all delegates / alternates selected to the upcoming convention, if available.

6. Voting Eligibility:

- a. Use of the unit rule or unit voting is prohibited at national conventions.
- b. Duly selected alternates may be freely substituted for any members of their delegation who are temporarily or permanently absent from the floor, provided the procedure has been clearly specified by the affiliate party in advance of the convention, and the Credentials Committee has been provided with lists of the affiliate party's delegates and alternates as well as a copy of the affiliate party's rules governing substitutions.
- c. An alternate, upon certification by the Credentials Committee, may function as a delegate whenever a delegate of the same state has not been registered in attendance. This status shall continue until the absent delegate registers in attendance. If the affiliate party has made no provision for filling delegate vacancies, the alternate substitute shall be decided by drawing lots.
- d. If the affiliate party has made no other provision, an alternate may temporarily vote in place of a delegate from the same state while he or she has the written consent of that delegate; however, no delegate may cast more than one vote on a question.
- e. All members must wear the identification badge issued upon registration in order to be admitted to the convention hall.

7. Votes cast for "None of the Above" in voting on the Party's nominees for President and Vice-President, the Party officers, and at-large members of the National Committee, shall be considered valid. Should a majority of the votes be cast for "None of the Above" in the Presidential or Vice-Presidential balloting, no candidate shall be nominated for that office. Should "None of the Above" be selected for any Party office, that position shall be declared vacant and none of the losing candidates for that position may be selected to fill the vacancy for that term of office.
8. Quorum:
A quorum shall consist of 40% of the total number of delegates registered in attendance at the Convention.
9. The Convention Secretary shall produce draft convention minutes within 60 days of the adjournment of the convention and present them to the National Committee. Draft convention minutes shall be posted on the Party's website at least 14 days prior to being submitted to the National Committee for approval by a two-thirds vote.
10. Convention Rules:
The Party's convention special rules of order may be amended only by a regular convention.

ARTICLE 11: OTHER COMMITTEES

1. There shall be a Platform Committee, a Bylaws and Rules Committee, and a Credentials Committee for each regular convention. The National Committee shall appoint a temporary chair of each committee to serve until each committee selects its own chair.
2. The Bylaws and Rules Committee shall consist of 10 Party members appointed by the National Committee no later than twelve months before a regular convention. No more than five of these members shall be members of the current National Committee.
3. The Platform Committee shall consist of 20 members selected as follows:
 - a. One member by each of the five affiliate parties having the greatest per capita sustaining membership as determined for convention delegate allocations at the most recent regular convention.
 - b. One member by each of the 10 affiliate parties having the largest sustaining memberships, excluding those affiliates from (a), as determined for convention delegate allocations at the most recent regular convention.
 - c. Five members selected by the National Committee.
 - d. These members shall be selected no later than the last day of the fifth month prior to the regular convention.
4. The Credentials Committee, composed of 10 members, shall be selected as follows.
 - a. Five members chosen by the National Committee no later than six months before a regular convention.
 - b. One member by each of the five affiliate parties having the largest sustaining memberships as determined for convention delegate allocations at the most recent regular convention. These shall be selected by each of the affiliate parties no later than three months prior to the regular convention.
5. Ranked alternates may be named by the appointing bodies to fill any vacancies or absences in the convention committees.
6. Committee Procedures
 - a. A majority vote of those Committee members present is necessary for a "do pass" recommendation, and in the case of the Platform Committee, a majority must approve each specific plank separately.
 - b. Four or more members of the Platform Committee may join together to issue a minority report regarding any plank reported to the floor of the convention. Two or more members of the Bylaws and Rules Committee or of the Credentials Committee may join together to issue a minority report regarding their business.

ARTICLE 12: MEETINGS

Boards and committees may conduct business by teleconference or videoconference. The National Committee shall have power to adopt special rules of order and standing rules to facilitate the conduct of business by teleconference or videoconference.

ARTICLE 13: ELECTRONIC MAIL BALLOTS

Boards and committees may transact business by electronic mail. The Chair or Secretary shall send out electronic mail ballots on any question submitted by the Chair or co-sponsored by at least 1/5 of the members of the board or committee. The period for voting on a question shall remain open for seven days, unless all members have cast votes, or have stated an intention to abstain or be absent during the voting period, by electronic mail to the entire board or committee. Votes from alternates will be counted, in accordance with previously defined ranked order, in the absence of the corresponding committee member(s). The outcome of each motion shall be announced promptly and recorded in the minutes of the next meeting. The number of votes required for passage of any motion shall be the same as that required during a meeting. Motions dispensed through electronic mail ballots satisfy the requirement of giving previous notice.

ARTICLE 14: PRESIDENTIAL AND VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGNS

1. Nominations of candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States may be made only at the regular convention immediately preceding a Presidential election.
2. No candidate may be nominated for President or Vice-President who is ineligible under the United States Constitution, who has not expressed a willingness to accept the nomination of the Party, who served as a stand-in candidate during the current election cycle, or who is not a sustaining member of the Party. A stand-in is an individual who has agreed to be placed on a state affiliate's nomination petition prior to the selection of nominees by the Libertarian Party at convention.
3. In the event of the death, resignation, disqualification, or suspension of the nomination of the Party's nominee for President, the Vice-Presidential nominee shall become the Presidential nominee. Two-thirds of the entire membership of the National Committee may, at a meeting, fill a Vice-Presidential vacancy, and, if necessary, a simultaneous Presidential vacancy.
4. The National Committee shall respect the vote of the delegates at nominating conventions and provide full support for the Party's nominee for President and nominee for Vice-President as long as their campaigns are conducted in accordance with the platform of the Party.
5. A candidate's nomination may be suspended by a 3/4 vote of the entire membership of the National Committee at a meeting. That candidate's nomination shall then be declared null and void unless the suspended candidate appeals the suspension to the Judicial Committee within seven days of receipt of notification of suspension. The resolution of suspension must state the specific reasons for suspension and must be signed by each member of the National Committee agreeing thereto. The Judicial Committee shall meet and act on this appeal within 30 days and before the election.

ARTICLE 15: ALTERNATIVE VOTING PROCEDURES

1. The convention special rules of order may authorize specified forms of preferential voting.
2. The convention special rules of order may provide a mechanism under which, when no candidate initially receives a majority, the candidate receiving the fewest votes is removed from consideration.

ARTICLE 16: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern the Party in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order adopted by the Party.

ARTICLE 17: AMENDMENT

1. These bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the delegates at any regular convention.
2. Article 3, Section 1, or this Section, shall not be amended by a vote of less than 7/8 of all registered delegates at a regular convention.

ARTICLE 18: PROMULGATION OF BYLAWS

The National Committee shall promulgate the bylaws in accordance with applicable law. A copy of these bylaws and convention rules shall be provided to each member of the National Committee, each member of the Judicial Committee and each Chair of an affiliate party within 90 days of adoption.

Convention Special Rules of Order of the Libertarian Party

RULE 1: ORDER OF BUSINESS

The standing order of business for a regular convention shall be as follows:

1. Call to order
2. Credentials Committee report
3. Adoption of agenda
4. Treasurer's report
5. Audit Committee report
6. Bylaws and Rules Committee report
7. Election of Judicial Committee (in appropriate years)
8. Election of Party officers and at-large members of the National Committee
9. Platform Committee report
10. Nomination of Party candidates for President and Vice-President (in appropriate years)
11. Resolutions
12. Other business

RULE 2: VOTING PROCEDURE AND MOTIONS

1. On all matters, except the retention of platform planks, the election of Judicial Committee members, Party officers and at-large members of the National Committee, and the nomination of Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates, voting will be by either voice vote or rising vote. If any delegate objects to the Chair's ruling on the outcome of a voice vote, a rising vote shall be conducted. If 20 or more delegates object to the Chair's ruling on the outcome of a rising vote, a counted vote will be held.
2. The Chair may require any motion offered from the convention floor to be in writing, signed by the mover and submitted to the Secretary.

RULE 3: POLLING PROCEDURE

1. The State Chair shall serve as chair of his or her delegation, unless that delegation selects another of its members to serve as its chair and so notifies the Secretary.
2. In cases where a roll call vote is required, polling shall be by state. The Secretary will ask for the vote from each state in alphabetical order, and the chair of each delegation shall report the vote for that state. The convention seating will be by state delegation. If someone challenges the vote reported by any state's chair, the Secretary shall poll the delegates from that state individually.
3. In cases where computer readable ballots are used, each delegate must sign the ballot and submit it to the delegation chair. After verifying that the number of votes cast does not exceed the number the state is entitled to, the chair of each delegation shall submit the ballots to the Secretary. During the period of time allotted for such votes, the business of the convention shall continue without interruption.

RULE 4: DEBATING AND VOTING -- BYLAWS AND RULES

The Chair of the Bylaws and Rules Committee shall report each recommendation of the committee to the convention separately and shall have two minutes to explain the intent or purpose of the proposed amendment(s). The Convention Chair shall open each recommendation to discussion without amendment from the floor. Each recommendation shall be considered and adopted separately, with a maximum of eight minutes discussion on any recommendation. After the discussion, the Convention Chair shall bring the recommendation to a vote. If the recommendation fails, the Convention Chair shall open the recommendation to amendment for an additional 10 minutes.

RULE 5: DEBATING AND VOTING -- PLATFORM

1. After the adoption of the convention agenda, the convention will vote whether to delete planks from the existing platform. This will be accomplished as follows:
 - a. The Credentials Committee shall issue five signature tokens to each delegate.
 - b. Tokens shall only be issued to delegates. Delegates are responsible for transferring possession of unused tokens to their alternates if necessary.
 - c. Each delegate may cast each token as a recommendation for deletion of one plank by noting on the token the plank to be deleted and signing the token.
 - d. A delegate may cumulate recommendations by casting any number of tokens for deletion of the same plank.
 - e. Delegates will be given until one hour prior to the scheduled start of the platform report to mark their tokens and deliver them to the Secretary.
 - f. Prior to the scheduled start of the platform report, the Secretary shall review the tokens received and tabulate and report the tokens submitted for deletion of each plank.
 - g. As its first item of platform business, the convention shall vote whether to delete each of those planks that received a number of tokens for deletion equal to 20% or more of the number of credentialed delegates. Such votes shall be cast without amendment or debate.
2. The Platform Committee shall meet before each regular convention and prepare a report containing its recommendations. At the convention, the Platform Committee's recommendations shall be reported to the floor and debated and voted upon separately. The Platform Committee shall set forth the order in which each recommendation shall be considered.
3. Recommendations for which there is no minority report shall be debated and voted upon in the following manner:
 - a. The Platform Committee Chair, or some other person designated by him or her, shall read the proposed recommendation and shall have up to two minutes to explain the recommendation.
 - b. The Convention Chair shall then open the recommendation to debate without amendment for a period of up to 15 minutes before bringing the matter to a vote. If the recommendation fails, the Convention Chair shall inquire if any amendments are proposed from the floor. If there are such proposals, the Convention Chair shall request a vote on whether to consider amendments, and with majority approval may consider amendments for a period of up to 10 minutes.
4. Recommendations for which there is a minority report shall be debated and voted upon in the following manner:
 - a. Spokespersons for both the majority and minority positions shall each have two minutes to present their views.
 - b. The Chair shall then open consideration of both positions for five minutes during which time any delegates may express their views without offering amendments. After five minutes, there will be a vote on which of the two reports shall be considered for purposes of adopting a recommendation. The report receiving the greater number of votes shall then be discussed and voted upon in the manner described in Section 3b.
5. After all committee recommendations have received initial consideration, any delegate may propose amendments to the platform. The delegate may take up to two minutes to state and explain the proposal, with debating and voting to proceed as described in Section 3b.
6. Finally, if time permits, proposals which were considered by the Platform Committee but which received an unfavorable vote from a majority of the committee, may be considered, with a spokesperson for the minority position giving the reasons in favor and the Platform Committee Chair or other representative of the majority position giving the reasons why it was voted down, before the proposal is taken to the floor for debate.
7. Challenges of adopted Party planks believed by 10% of the delegates to be in conflict with the Statement of Principles shall be referred in writing, during the convention, to the Judicial Committee by the delegates requesting action for consideration. The challenge shall specify in what manner the plank is believed to be in conflict. The Judicial Committee shall consider the challenge, decide whether the Statement of Principles is conformed to and report their findings

and reasons to the convention. If the plank is vetoed by the Judicial Committee, it will be declared null and void but can be reinstated by a 3/4 vote of the convention.

8. Should changes to the bylaws or platform result in a grammatical error in accordance with the latest edition of the Chicago Manual of Style, the National Committee presiding at the time of that discovery is authorized to make those grammatical corrections provided it does not change the meaning or intent of the item edited.

RULE 6: RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolutions must be approved by a 2/3 vote.
2. Resolutions must not be in conflict with the Statement of Principles. Challenges of such adopted resolutions believed by 10% of the delegates to be in conflict with the Statement of Principles shall be referred in writing, during the convention, to the Judicial Committee by the delegates requesting action for consideration. The challenge shall specify in what manner the resolution is believed to be in conflict. The Judicial Committee shall consider the challenge, decide whether the Statement of Principles is conformed to, and report their findings and reasons to the convention. If the resolution is vetoed by the Judicial Committee, it will be declared null and void but can be reinstated by a 3/4 vote of the convention.

RULE 7: NOMINATION OF PRESIDENTIAL AND VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

1. No person shall be nominated for President or Vice-President unless at least 30 registered delegates join in the nomination in writing submitted to the Secretary, and the nominee has submitted to the Secretary evidence of sustaining membership and a statement of willingness to accept the nomination. No delegate may join in nominating more than one candidate for each office. The affixing of signatures to a nominating petition per this requirement shall be effected by a transfer of signature tokens issued by the Credentials Committee.
2. The Party's nominee for President shall be chosen by majority vote. If no candidate has attained a majority, the candidate with the fewest votes and any candidates polling less than 5% shall be struck from subsequent ballots. This procedure shall be repeated after every ballot in which no candidate has received a majority vote, until one candidate attains a majority.
3. Each delegation shall tabulate its total vote, and the delegation chair shall deliver a written total to the Secretary. When all the delegations have submitted their votes, the Secretary shall declare the voting closed. Following the first presidential ballot, an announcement of each delegation's vote total shall be made by delegation chairs in alphabetical order beginning with a randomly selected delegation. For all ballots, the Secretary shall then display the results.
4. The Party's nominee for Vice-President shall be chosen by the same procedure as for the Presidential nominee except that the Presidential nominee shall have the privilege of addressing the convention for 5 minutes, after nominations have been made but before voting has begun, for the purpose of endorsing or objecting to any of the Vice-Presidential nominees. Nominations for Vice-President shall close after selection of the Presidential nominee.
5. Nominating and seconding speeches for each candidate shall be limited in duration as follows:
 - a. President: Total of 16 minutes;
 - b. Vice-President: Total of 11 minutes.

A delegate who collects the required number of nominating tokens so designated may speak up to 5 minutes in favor of voting for None Of The Above.

RULE 8: ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND NATIONAL COMMITTEE

1. Nominations for Party officers shall be from the floor. The election shall be conducted in the following manner:
 - a. For each office, a majority vote will be necessary for election.

- b. Each delegation shall tabulate its total vote, and the delegation chair shall deliver a written total to the Secretary. When all delegations have submitted their votes, the Secretary shall declare the voting closed.
 - c. In cases where no candidate receives a majority, runoff votes will be held, dropping the candidate with the fewest votes after each ballot.
 2. Nominations for the at-large members of the National Committee shall be from the floor. The election shall be conducted in the following manner:
 - a. Each delegate may cast a ballot with a vote for either none-of-the-above or one vote per candidate for any number of candidates. Every ballot with a vote for none-of-the-above or one or more candidates is counted as one ballot cast. A vote for none-of-the-above shall be ignored if the ballot also includes a vote for any other candidate.
 - b. Each delegation shall tabulate its total vote, and the delegation chair shall deliver a written total to the Secretary, along with the ballots cast.
 - c. When all delegations have submitted their votes, the Chair shall declare the voting closed. The top five candidates receiving a majority vote of the ballots cast shall be elected. Tie votes affecting the outcome shall be decided by lot.
 3. No person shall be nominated unless at least 15 registered delegates join in the nomination submitted to the Secretary, and the nominee has submitted to the Secretary evidence of the required level of membership and a statement of willingness to accept the nomination. No delegate may join in nominating more than one candidate per seat. Nominating speeches shall be limited in duration as follows:
 - a. Chair: Total of 10 minutes;
 - b. All others: Total of 5 minutes.
 4. In the event a region has not otherwise provided for the election of its National Committee representation then the delegates from the region shall elect its regional representative and alternate, provided there are at least five delegates present. Each Region's delegates may elect their representative and alternate in whatever manner they choose, provided all delegates present from that region are given equal voice in the selection.

RULE 9: ELECTION OF JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

Nominations and elections for members of the Judicial Committee shall be conducted in the same manner as specified for at-large members of the National Committee.

RULE 10: VERIFICATION OF DELEGATION VOTE TOTALS

For each vote in which subtotals are submitted by delegation, each delegation shall conduct its vote by written ballot. After each delegation has tabulated its own vote totals, before submitting the totals to the Secretary, tellers approved by the Secretary shall review the ballot tabulation for accuracy and cosign the delegation totals.

After the Secretary has recorded all delegation submissions, the state-by-state delegation totals for each candidate or choice shall be displayed on a projection screen for each delegation to review for accuracy.

Judicial Committee Rules of Appellate Procedure

As Amended 2022

1. Commencement of action; petition

- 1.1. The Judicial Committee shall act only when its Chair receives a written request for a ruling on a matter identified in the Party's Bylaws as being within the Committee's jurisdiction ("petition").
- 1.2. All petitions and responses shall be in text-searchable in Word, ODF, txt, rtf, or PDF format only.
- 1.3. Such petition(s) shall identify:
 - 1.3.1. the basis for the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee;
 - 1.3.2. the ruling requested;
 - 1.3.3. the verifiable identity of each member, affiliate, or Party committee petitioning for the requested ruling ("petitioner(s)"); and
 - 1.3.4. the identity by individual name of each member, affiliate, or Party committee that would be directly affected by the requested ruling.
- 1.4. Any such member, affiliate, or committee directly named in a petition, together with any other person member, affiliate, or committee identified by the Judicial Committee members as likely to be so affected, shall be considered a prospective "respondent."
- 1.5. Petition(s) should be supported by such written and other necessary evidence to support the grant of the ruling requested.

2. Committee procedure during National Convention

- 2.1. If the Committee is called into action during a National Convention, the Chair shall convene the Committee as soon as is reasonably practicable.
- 2.2. Upon request of either petitioner(s) or respondent(s), and/or at the Committee's direction, the Committee may hear arguments from petitioner(s) and respondent(s) in person.

3. Committee standard procedure

- 3.1. When any petition, response, amicus brief, or supporting material is received at any time other than during a National Convention, the Chair shall promptly forward such document or material to the other Committee members by electronic mail. Committee members shall acknowledge receipt of petitions. The complete list of such documents and material received by the Judicial Committee shall be posted and publicly available online.

4. Respondent procedure

- 4.1. Within seven days following receipt of such petition(s) (or promptly, if the request is received during a National Convention), the Committee Chair shall provide a copy of the petition(s) and any supporting material to each prospective respondent, along with notice that any desired responses are due in writing within seven days (or promptly, if the request is received during a National Convention) ("response").

5. Privileges of interested parties

- 5.1. Members may file amicus briefs in support of the petitioners or respondents.

- 5.2. Copies of petitions and responses and amici shall be made available electronically to any sustaining member upon request.
- 5.3. The Committee may by a majority vote redact portions of the petition(s) and response(s) and amici so made available, to protect personally-identifiable and other sensitive information.
6. **Committee pre-hearing procedure**
 - 6.1. When petitions and responses and amici are received at any time other than during a National Convention, the Committee members shall review all material they are sent within seven days of receiving it, and each member shall advise the Chair as soon as he or she has done so.
7. **Hearing**
 - 7.1. After the time allowed for responses has passed, and the Chair has been advised by at least two other Committee members that they have reviewed the petition(s) and response(s) provided, he or she shall set a time for a hearing and notify the Committee in writing of such time.
 - 7.2. Unless all of the Committee members request a physical gathering, the hearing shall take place by telephone conference or videoconference.
 - 7.3. Any hearing shall be open to sustaining members, who may observe (but not participate in) the proceedings.
 - 7.4. The Committee may by a 2/3 vote deliberate in open session once the hearing concludes; otherwise, deliberations shall be in executive session.
 - 7.5. All oral arguments shall be in open session.
 - 7.6. All decisions shall be both published and made publicly available.
 - 7.7. The Committee may in its discretion offer to the petitioner(s) and respondent(s) an equal opportunity to make their arguments orally via a telephone conference, videoconference, or physical meeting, under such rules as the Committee shall specify.
 - 7.8. Committee members who are unable to participate in the hearing shall retain the right to vote. All votes must be received by the Chair no later than 10 calendar days after the hearing.
8. **Publication of decision**
 - 8.1. When the Committee reaches a decision, the Chair shall notify the petitioner(s), respondent(s), the National Chair, and the National Secretary.
 - 8.2. Preliminary notification may be made orally, either in person or by telephone; official notification shall be made in writing, as soon as all participating Committee members have voted on the matter in question, or 10 calendar days after the hearing if all members have not voted.
9. **Delivery of documents**
 - 9.1. Petitions, responses, amici, supporting materials, and notifications required to be provided in writing in connection with any proceeding may be delivered personally, or by United States mail, private delivery service, or electronic mail. All such materials must be received prior to the hearing to be considered as part of the case.

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LPNM Team

The Libertarian Party of New Mexico (LPNM) Announces Its Independence from the LNC



The Libertarian Party of New Mexico recently responded to a letter from the LNC disputing the validity of our Constitutional Convention held in July. The LPNM responded to their letter asserting our legal associational rights as an independent, autonomous, private organization. You can read our **response**

to the letter from LNC here

On August 25, The Libertarian Party of New Mexico Chair sent a letter back to LNC Chair Angela McArdle informing her that the LPNM has removed the National Libertarian Party from the list of national organizations that LPNM affiliates with.

See our letter to the LNC below.



Libertarian Party of New Mexico

8100 Wyoming Blvd NE Ste M4, #341, Albuquerque NM 87113

August 25, 2022

To the Libertarian National Committee
c / o Angela McArdle, Chair

To the Libertarian National Committee,

Given the repeated refusal of the LNC to cease violating Article V, section 5 of the Libertarian Party Bylaws, the Libertarian Party of New Mexico has removed the National Libertarian Party from the list of national organizations that LPNM affiliates with. This action is effective upon delivery of this letter to the representatives of the Libertarian National Committee. In Liberty,

For the Central Committee of the Libertarian Party of New Mexico

/s/ Chris Luchini
Chris Luchini



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August 25, 2022

To the Libertarian National Committee
c / o Angela McArdle, Chair

This letter serves to inform you that the Libertarian Party of New Mexico (LPNM) has terminated our affiliation with the Libertarian National Committee, Inc. (LNC) and all of its subsidiary bodies, effective immediately.

LPNM continues to operate as a recognized major party in the state of New Mexico. LPNM will no longer be participating in any LNC programs or procedures, including the election of Libertarian National Committee members, sending delegates to the LNC's national convention, and participating in the nomination of the LNC's candidates for President and Vice President, including placing those candidates on the ballot in New Mexico as LPNM nominees under LPNM's ballot status.

To make the point perfectly clear: LPNM is no longer an affiliate of the LNC, just like we are not affiliated with the Republican, Democratic, Green, or any other party's national committee. LPNM and the LNC are no longer, in any sense, part of the same political party. All connections between us whatsoever are now totally and completely severed.

For now, LPNM is a New Mexico political party without any national party affiliation, in the long and vibrant American tradition of alternatives to the duopoly organized within a single state.

In severing our affiliation with you, LPNM is asserting our rights to freedom of speech, association, and assembly, as protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, the rulings of the Supreme Court regarding political parties, the laws and Constitution of New Mexico, and most importantly, the fundamental principles of freedom we defend as Libertarians.

We regret that it has come to this, but you have left us no choice. This outcome is entirely the result of the unprovoked, corrupt, and illegitimate attack on LPNM's autonomy undertaken by the LNC in recent weeks, and the broader pattern of intolerable misconduct emanating from the LNC. In particular:

You have violated, repeatedly and deliberately, the Bylaws of the national Libertarian Party, and refuse to acknowledge any limits on your claimed powers over us.

You have attempted, without any just cause or legitimate authority and in violation of an explicit provision of your own Bylaws, to abrogate the autonomy of our state party.

You have conspired, with a faction inimical to the principles of libertarianism, to impose upon us officers and governing documents foreign to our rules, unchosen by our members, and unacknowledged by the laws of our state.

You have adopted messaging and communications hostile to the principles for which the Libertarian Party was founded, serving no purpose other than to antagonize and embarrass.

You have conducted the business of the National Party in a manner that is unprofessional, incompetent, and unworthy of support.

You have threatened us with false accusations, and attempted to imperil our legal status and ballot access under the laws of New Mexico by repeating these false accusations to the state government, attempting to enlist the state's assistance in your corrupt scheme to violate our rights.

You have demonstrated a manifest hostility and unwillingness to serve all Libertarians, including openly making threats to withhold support from any Libertarian candidate who is critical of your faction, and disparaging other principled Libertarian candidates across the country.

You have denied, by word and deed, that LPNM is a voluntary organization which exists independent of its affiliation with the National Party, instead adopting the position that LPNM exists solely at your whim and subject to your complete control, regardless of the wishes of our members and the rules we have freely adopted to govern our own affairs.

You have conducted yourselves, both individually and collectively, in a manner wholly unfit to represent any organization with serious purposes and goals, and in so doing you demean and devalue the efforts and reputations of all Libertarians.

You have destroyed the system of free and fair internal elections for your own positions in the National Party, by refusing to seat national convention delegates from states hostile to your faction, thus calling into question the legitimacy of your own most recent convention, and have given every indication that you will repeat such offenses in the future, all for the purpose of illegitimately entrenching yourselves in perpetuity.

You have, by your malice and incompetence, made yourselves into such an unattractive employer that the accumulated talents of the Party are unwilling to serve in critical staff roles for the National Party, or for any state party which is affiliated with you.

You have rendered the National Party's Judicial Committee a useless and ineffectual check on your violations and offenses, by stuffing it with members whose sole criterion for being chosen was their unwavering loyalty to the same faction which you serve over and above any interests of the Party as a whole.

More to explorer

The Libertarian Party of New Mexico (LPNM) Responds to Letter from LNC

[The Libertarian Party of New Mexico \(LPNM\) Responds to Letter from LNC](#)
The Libertarian Party of New Mexico (LPNM) has responded to a letter from the Libertarian National Committee (LNC) regarding the party's independence from the LNC.

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**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 11, 2022
VIA ZOOM**



CURRENT STATUS:

FINAL

PREPARED BY **CARYN ANN HARLOS**, LNC SECRETARY

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LEGEND: text to be inserted, ~~text to be deleted~~, unchanged existing text, *substantive final main motions*.

All main substantive motions will be set off by ***bold and italics in green font*** (with related subsidiary and incidental motions *set off by highlighted italics*) and will be assigned a motion number comprising the date and a sequential number to be recorded in the Secretary's Main Motion/Ballot Tally record located at <https://tinyurl.com/lncvotes2022>

Points of Order and substantive objections will be indicated in **BOLD RED TEXT**.

All vote results, challenges, and rulings will be set off by ***BOLD ITALICS***.

The Secretary produces an electronic One Note notebook for each meeting that contains all reports submitted as well as supplementary information. The notebook for this meeting can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/Sept2022LNCMeeting>

The LPedia article for this meeting can be found at:
[https://lpedia.org/wiki/LNC Meeting 11 September 2022](https://lpedia.org/wiki/LNC_Meeting_11_September_2022)

Recordings for this meeting can be found at the LPedia link.

The QR codes lead to the video portion of the meeting being discussed.

OPENING CEREMONY

CALL TO ORDER AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Angela McArdle called the meeting to order at 8:07 p.m. (all times Eastern).

HOUSEKEEPING

ATTENDANCE

The following were in attendance:¹

Officers: Angela McArdle (Chair), Joshua Smith (Vice-Chair), Caryn Ann Harlos (Secretary), Todd Hagopian (Treasurer)

At-Large Representatives: Dustin Blankenship, Rich Bowen, Bryan Elliott, Steven Nekhaila, Mike Rufo

Regional Representatives: Miguel Duque (Region 1), Dave Benner (Region 2), Dustin Nanna (Region 3), Carrie Eiler (Region 4), Andrew Watkins (Region 5), Joseph Ecklund (Region 6), Linnea Gabbard (Region 7), Pat Ford (Region 8)

Regional Alternates: Kathy Yeniscavich (Region 1), Martin Cowen (Region 2), Joshua Clark (Region 4), Otto Dassing (Region 5), Mark Tuniewicz (Region 6), Donovan Pantke (Region 7)

Absent: Robley Hall (Region 8 Alternate), Connor Nepomuceno (Region 3 Alternate)

Staff: None

Additional Attendees: Richard Brown (Parliamentarian)

The gallery contained many attendees as noted in the Registration Roster attached hereto as **Appendix 1** comprising person who registered in advance, though not all of the registrants attended.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The following persons spoke during public comment:

- Samuel Bohler (AL)
- Natalie Bruno (OK)
- Caryn Ann Harlos (LNC – spoke to nomination of Jeinay LeBlanc for Convention Oversight Committee)

¹ Steven Nekhaila and Joshua Smith arrived after the initial roll call.

- Will Hyman (WV)
- Austin Lynch (WV)
- Ken Moellman (KY)
- Mimi Robson (CA)

AGENDA

The Chair previously submitted a proposed agenda as follows:²

<i>Opening Ceremony</i>			
	Call to Order		8:00 p.m.
	Attendance		5 Minutes
	Opportunity for Public Comment (2 minutes each)		10 Minutes
<i>New Business with Previous Notice</i>			
1.	Committee Appointments (Awards, Convention Oversight, Information Services)	Per Appl. Deadline	20 Minutes
2.	Discuss timeline for bylaws appointments	Harlos	5 Minutes
3.	LPA Poll	McArdle	10 Minutes
4.	Policy Manual Amendment (Candidate Support Committee)	McArdle	10 Minutes
5.	Policy Manual Amendment (Affiliation)	Harlos	10 Minutes
6.	Candidate Support (Natalie Bruno, Darby Burn, Austin Lynch)	McArdle, Watkins	15 Minutes
7.	Adoption of Goals	McArdle	30 Minutes
8.	New Mexico Disaffiliation motion	Duque	15 Minutes
<i>Executive Session</i>			
9.	Legal discussion: legal updates and trademark	Various	45 Minutes
<i>Closing Ceremony</i>			
	Announcements and Adjournment		11:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS WITH PREVIOUS NOTICE

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

WITHOUT OBJECTION, Secretary Harlos moved to allow people to speak for nominations for one (1) minute after which the LNC would proceed to an OpaVote to close tomorrow midnight tomorrow via approval voting with no majority needed to elect. [20220911-01]

Awards Committee



The following persons had previously applied and/or were nominated (LNC member names are bolded):

- John Cervone
- Lorenzo Gaztanga

² Per ballot 20220608-01, a 2/3 vote is required at the beginning of the meeting (or at the expiration of two hours) to extend time beyond two hours.

- Laurence Gillis
- Carl Jameson
- Jim Lark
- Matthew Lucas
- John McIntyre
- Jacob Miller
- Maya Ojalehto
- Robert Taylor
- **Mark Tuniewicz** (nominated by Caryn Ann Harlos at meeting)
- Paul Vazquez
- **Andrew Watkins** (self-nominated at meeting)

The following persons spoke to their nominations:

- Mark Tuniewicz
- Andrew Watkins

Secretary Harlos moved to elect Mark Tuniewicz and Andrew Watkins as the two (2) of the three (3) required LNC members of the Awards Committee. [20220911-02]

A roll call vote was conducted with the following results:

Member / Alternate	Yes	No	Abstain
Benner	X		
Blankenship	X		
Bowen	X		
Duque	X		
Ecklund	X		
Eiler	X		
Elliott	X		
Ford	X		
Gabbard	X		
Hagopian	X		
Harlos	X		
Nanna	X		
Nekhaila	X		
Rufo	X		
Smith	X		
Watkins			X
McArdle			X
TOTALS	15	0	2

This motion PASSED with a roll call vote of 15-0-2. [20220911-02]

ELECTION OF NON-LNC MEMBERS OF AWARDS COMMITTEE**BALLOT NUMBER:** 20220911-03**VOTING METHOD:** Approval Voting per OpaVote. Vote for as many candidates as desired. Two (2) candidates will be elected. A majority not needed to elect.

CANDIDATE	VOTE TOTALS	LNC RECORDED VOTES 14 BALLOTS CAST
John Cervone	0	
Lorenzo Gaztanga	1	Eiler
Laurence Gillis	2	Eiler, Nekhaila
Carl Jameson	0	
Jim Lark	14	Benner, Blankenship, Bowen, Duque, Ecklund, Eiler, Elliott, Hagopian, Harlos, McArdle, Nanna, Nekhaila, Rufo, Watkins
Matthew Lucas	10	Benner, Blankenship, Duque, Elliott, Hagopian, Harlos, McArdle, Nekhaila, Rufo, Watkins
John McIntyre	0	
Jacob Miller	1	Blankenship
Maya Ojalehto	4	Benner, Bowen, Ecklund, Nekhaila
Robert Taylor	0	
Paul Vazquez	0	
NOTA	0	

Jim Lark and Matthew Lucas were elected as the non-LNC members of the Awards Committee. [20220911-03]

Convention Oversight Committee

The following persons had previously applied and/or were nominated (LNC member names are bolded):

- Sylvia Arrowood
- John Ashbrook
- **Dustin Blankenship** (nominated by Rich Bowen at meeting)
- **Rich Bowen**
- Kelly Carden
- Chris Childs
- Miranda Corwin
- Ben DeJong
- **Miguel Duque**
- Nathan Gall
- Anthony Graybill
- **Todd Hagopian** (nominated by Rich Bowen at meeting)
- Amanda Harvey
- Stephen Kalwa
- Logan Lancaster
- Jeinay LeBlanc

- Joe Little
- Kelsey Lyon
- Jacob Miller
- Justino Rupard
- James Schulze
- Richard Spahn
- Robert Taylor
- Joe Wendt
- Jacob Woods

The following persons spoke to their nominations or for others:

- Rich Bowen spoke for himself, Jeinay LeBlanc, and Kelsey Lyon
- Joseph Ecklund spoke for Nathan Gall
- Pat Ford spoke for Jeinay LeBlanc and Kelsey Lyon
- Linnea Gabbard spoke for Miranda Corwin
- Donovan Pantke spoke for Jeinay LeBlanc

Secretary Harlos moved to elect Dustin Blankenship, Rich Bowen, Miguel Duque, and Todd Hagopian as the four (4) required LNC members of the Convention Oversight Committee. [20220911-04]

A roll call vote was conducted with the following results:

Member / Alternate	Yes	No	Abstain
Benner	X		
Blankenship			X
Bowen			X
Duque			X
Ecklund	X		
Eiler	X		
Elliott	X		
Ford	X		
Gabbard	X		
Hagopian			X
Harlos	X		
Nanna	X		
Nekhaila	X		
Rufo	X		
Watkins	X		
McArdle			X
TOTALS	11	0	5

This motion PASSED with a roll call vote of 11-0-5. [20220911-02]

ELECTION OF NON-LNC MEMBERS OF CONVENTION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**BALLOT NUMBER:** 20220911-05**VOTING METHOD:** Approval Voting per OpaVote. Vote for as many candidates as desired. Three (3) candidates will be elected. A majority not needed to elect.

CANDIDATE	VOTE TOTALS	LNC RECORDED VOTES 15 BALLOTS CAST
Sylvia Arrowwood	2	Harlos, McArdle
John Ashbrook	0	
Kelly Carden	11	Benner, Blankenship, Duque, Elliott, Hagopian, Harlos, McArdle, Nanna, Nekhaila, Rufo, Watkins
Chris Childs	9	Benner, Blankenship, Duque, Elliott, Harlos, McArdle, Nekhaila, Rufo, Watkins
Miranda Corwin	5	Bowen, Duque, Eiler, Gabbard, Watkins
Ben DeJong	1	Hagopian
Nathan Gall	2	Bowen, Ecklund
Anthony Graybill	0	
Amanda Harvey	0	
Stephen Kalwa	0	
Logan Lancaster	0	
Jeinay LeBlanc	11	Benner, Blankenship, Bowen, Ecklund, Eiler, Elliott, Hagopian, Harlos, Nanna, Nekhaila, Rufo
Joe Little	0	
Kelsey Lyon	6	Bowen, Duque, Ecklund, Eiler, Gabbard, Nanna
Jacob Miller	0	
Justino Rupard	0	
James Schulze	0	
Richard Spahn	0	
Robert Taylor	0	
Joe Wendt	0	
Jacob Woods	0	
NOTA	0	

Kelly Carden, Chris Childs, and Jeinay LeBlanc were elected as the non-LNC members of the Convention Oversight Committee. [20220911-05]

Information Services Committee

The following persons had previously applied and/or were nominated (LNC member names are bolded):

- John Anderson
- Ken Biles
- Samuel Bohler
- Roland Braelith
- Stephanie Bukley

- Justin Carman
- Nate Covinton
- **Miguel Duque**
- Charles Eakins
- Jeff Fortune
- Eric Fowler
- John Gemeilli
- Tony Hagopian
- Zachary Hohulin
- Doug Horton
- Gary Krause
- Christopher LaVesser
- Jess Mahan
- Lane Maxwell
- Richard McClain
- Jeff Meaux
- Ken Moellman
- Paul Ogle
- **Donavan Pantke**
- Robert Taylor
- Paul Tini
- Joseph Van Wagner
- Andrew Vickers
- Andrew Warshaver

The following persons spoke to their nominations or for others:

- Dave Benner spoke for Justin Carman
- Pat Ford spoke for Justin Carman
- Todd Hagopian spoke for Jeff Fortune
- Dustin Nanna spoke for Samuel Bohler and Ken Moellman
- Donovan Pantke spoke for himself and Ken Moellman
- Kathy Yenascavich spoke to Eric Fowler

No elections were held as this Committee is appointed by the Party Chair.

DISCUSS TIMELINE FOR BYLAWS APPOINTMENTS



It was informally agreed that Secretary Harlos would send out Bylaws applications for the beginning of October to appoint at the November LNC meeting.

DISCUSS LPA POLL



Chair McArdle led a discussion on this item in anticipation of a future vote (see **Appendix B**).

POLICY MANUAL AMENDMENTS



Candidate Support Committee

Chair McArdle moved the following Policy Manual amendment:

Section 2.02 COMMITTEE SCOPE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

6) Candidate Support Committee

The Candidate Support Committee will develop and make available to Libertarian Party candidates for public office an application for LNC financial support based on current standards approved by the LNC. The Committee will also review applications and make recommendations to the LNC on their merits.

The Committee will review the standards within the first ~~three (3)~~ **six (6)** months of a new LNC term and report any needed changes to the LNC for approval no later than the ~~second (2nd)~~ **third (3rd)** LNC meeting of the term.

The Candidate Support Committee will develop, with support of LNC staff and the IS Committee, training for candidates and their staff to be presented both online and in LP training workshops. If time and resources permit, the Committee will also aid LNC staff and the Affiliate Support Committee in the development of various campaign templates for websites, printed materials, etc. that will be made available to LP candidates at little or no cost. [20220911-06]

A roll call vote was conducted with the following results:

Member / Alternate	Yes	No	Abstain
Benner	X		
Blankenship	X		
Bowen	X		
Duque	X		
Ecklund	X		
Eiler	X		
Elliott	X		
Ford	X		
Gabbard	X		
Hagopian	X		
Harlos	X		
Nanna	X		
Nekhaila	X		
Rufo	X		
Watkins	X		
McArdle			X
TOTALS	15	0	1

This motion PASSED with a roll call vote of 15-0-1. [20220911-06]



Affiliation

Secretary Harlos moved the following Policy Manual amendment:

Section 2.02 COMMITTEE SCOPE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

3) Affiliate Petitions

Organizations which wish to become state-level affiliate parties shall apply for such status on the petition form in the Appendix. The LNC shall only consider a petition for affiliation if:

A. The petitioners held a public meeting which was open to all current national Party members and immediately previous affiliate Party members (if applicable) residing in the state in which all of those members had an equal voice in adopting bylaws and electing leadership.

B. Reasonable notice shall be sent to all current national Party members and immediately previous affiliate Party members (if applicable) residing in the state and to the LNC Chair and Secretary. The Secretary or Chair shall forward the request to all LNC members. The LNC or the Executive Committee may, but is not required to, publish the notice via its resources to the potential attendees.

SECTION 2.09 OTHER MATTERS

~~8) Affiliate Petition Form~~

~~Organizations which wish to become state-level affiliate parties shall apply for such status on the petition form in the Appendix. [20220911-07]~~

WITHOUT OBJECTION, Mr. Watkins moved to amend by striking "and immediately previous affiliate members (if applicable)" in both places it appears in the motion.

A roll call vote was conducted on the main motion, as amended, with the following results:

Member / Alternate	Yes	No	Abstain
Benner	X		
Blankenship	X		
Bowen	X		
Duque	X		
Ecklund	X		
Eiler	X		
Elliott	X		
Ford	X		
Gabbard	X		

Member / Alternate	Yes	No	Abstain
Hagopian	X		
Harlos	X		
Nanna	X		
Nekhaila	X		
Rufo	X		
Watkins	X		
McArdle			X
TOTALS	15	0	1

This motion PASSED with a roll call vote of 15-0-1. [20220911-07]

CANDIDATE SUPPORT MOTIONS



The following motions were previously noticed concerning candidates Natalie Bruno (OK), Darby Burns (NV), and Austin Lynch (WV) (see **Exhibit B** for information on Darby Burns):

Allocate \$4,000 towards Natalie Bruno's race in OK and \$3,000 towards Darby Burn's race in NV from an available budget line.

Allocate \$2,800 toward Austin Lynch's campaign in WV.

We heard from all three (3) candidates about their races.

After discussion, Secretary Harlos moved to commit these motions to the Candidate Support Committee to make recommendations by Friday. The Executive Committee will meet within five (5) days of the recommendation and make a final decision. [20220911-08]

A roll call vote was conducted with the following results:

Member / Alternate	Yes	No	Abstain
Benner	X		
Blankenship	X		
Bowen	X		
Duque	X		
Ecklund	X		
Eiler	X		
Elliott	X		
Ford	X		
Gabbard	X		
Hagopian	X		
Harlos	X		
Nanna	X		
Nekhaila	X		
Rufo	X		

Member / Alternate	Yes	No	Abstain
Smith	X		
Watkins	X		
McArdle			X
TOTALS	16	0	1

This motion PASSED with a roll call vote of 16-0-1. [20220911-08]

WITHOUT OBJECTION, Secretary Harlos moved to amend the agenda to hear the New Mexico disaffiliation motion at this time.

NEW MEXICO DISAFFILIATION

Miguel Duque moved to disaffiliate the Libertarian Party of New Mexico (LPNM) as per Bylaws Article 5.6 for the cause of violating procedure and member rights (e.g., holding multiple illegal conventions with deficient notice and exclusion of members from attendance, and attempting to disaffiliate without the authority of its members assembled in convention). The LNC further directs the Executive Committee to take actions necessary to begin trademark protection on our name and symbols and consider other legal action recommended by LNC counsel. [20220911-10]

Secretary Harlos moved to end debate.

A roll call vote was conducted on the motion to end debate with the following results:

Member / Alternate	Yes	No	Abstain
Benner		X	
Blankenship		X	
Bowen		X	
Duque			X
Ecklund			X
Elliott		X	
Ford	X		
Gabbard		X	
Hagopian		X	
Harlos	X		
Nanna			X
Nekhaila		X	
Rufo		X	
Smith	X		
Watkins			X
McArdle			X
TOTALS	3	8	5

This motion FAILED with a roll call vote of 3-8-5. [20220911-09]

Secretary Harlos **OBJECTED** to alternates speaking in debate as it would require a motion if there is an objection. Her grounds included that the Policy Manual allows free substitution of alternates, but that requires a primary representative who is present to give up their seat to their alternate for the pendency of the question and that the LNC is 17 members this term, not 25; the alternates are contingent LNC members. Chair McArdle ruled the objection **WELL-TAKEN**.

WITHOUT OBJECTION, Treasurer Hagopian moved to end debate.

A roll call vote was conducted on the disaffiliation motion with the following results:

Member / Alternate	Yes	No	Abstain
Benner	X		
Blankenship	X		
Bowen	X		
Duque	X		
Ecklund	X		
Eiler	X		
Elliott	X		
Ford	X		
Gabbard			X
Hagopian	X		
Harlos	X		
Nanna		X	
Nekhaila	X		
Rufo	X		
Smith	X		
Watkins	X		
McArdle			X
TOTALS	14	1	2

This motion PASSED with a roll call vote of 14-1-2. [20220911-10]³

Mr. Nanna moved to adjourn. [20220911-11]

A roll call vote was conducted on the motion to adjourn with the following results:

Member / Alternate	Yes	No	Abstain
Benner	X		
Blankenship		X	
Bowen	X		
Duque		X	
Ecklund		X	

³ A ¾ vote of the LNC was needed as per Bylaws Article 5.6 which was achieved.

Member / Alternate	Yes	No	Abstain
Eiler		X	
Elliott		X	
Ford		X	
Gabbard		X	
Hagopian		X	
Harlos		X	
Nanna	X		
Nekhaila		X	
Rufo		X	
Watkins		X	
McArdle			X
TOTALS	3	12	1

This motion FAILED with a roll call vote of 3-12-1. [20220911-11]

WITHOUT OBJECTION, Secretary Harlos moved to extend meeting for one (1) hour to accommodate proposed agenda.

ADOPTION OF GOALS

Chair McArdle moved to adopt the goals for the 2022-2024 LNC term as attached in Appendix C. [20220911-12]

WITHOUT OBJECTION, Mr. Nanna moved to end debate.

A roll call vote was conducted with the following results:

Member / Alternate	Yes	No	Abstain
Benner	X		
Blankenship	X		
Bowen	X		
Duque	X		
Ecklund	X		
Eiler	X		
Elliott	X		
Ford	X		
Gabbard	X		
Hagopian	X		
Harlos	X		
Nanna	X		
Nekhaila	X		
Rufo	X		
Watkins	X		
McArdle			X

Member / Alternate	Yes	No	Abstain
TOTALS	15	0	1

This motion PASSED with a roll call vote of 15-0-1. [20220911-12]

WITHOUT OBJECTION, Secretary Harlos moved to go into Executive Session for the legal issues noticed on the agenda with public comment take place first.

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals spoke during public comments:

- Jonathan Jacobs (guest)
- Gavin (AL Chair)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

WITHOUT OBJECTION, the LNC went into Executive Session at 10:30 p.m. for purposes of discussing legal issues.

ADJOURNMENT

The LNC arose out of Executive Session and adjourned for the day ***WITHOUT OBJECTION*** at 11:18 p.m.

TABLE OF NUMBERED MOTIONS/BALLOTS

*Note that the master log of motions in 2022 can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/lncvotes2022>

ID#	Motion/Ballot	Result
20220911-01	Move for OpaVote voting	PASSED
20220911-02	Appoint Tuniewicz and Watkins to Awards Committee	PASSED
20220911-03	Appoint Lark and Lucas to Awards Committee	ELECTED
20220911-04	Appoint Blankenship, Bowen, Duque, and Hagopian to Convention Oversight Committee	PASSED
20220911-05	Appoint Carden, Childs, and LeBlanc to Convention Oversight Committee	ELECTED
20220911-06	Amend Policy Manual 2.02.6	PASSED
20220911-07	Amend Policy Manual 1.05.3 and 2.09.8	PASSED
20220911-08	Commit candidate support motions to the Candidate Support Committee	PASSED
20220911-09	End debate on the LPNM disaffiliation motion	FAILED
20220911-10	Disaffiliate the LPNM	PASSED
20220911-11	Adjourn	FAILED
20220911-12	Adopt goals	PASSED

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A	Log of Registrants	Caryn Ann Harlos
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C	LNC 2022-2024 Proposed Goals	Angela McArdle

Respectfully submitted,



LNC Secretary ~ Secretary@LP.org ~ 561.523.2250

APPENDIX A
LOG OF REGISTRANTS

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REGISTRANTS SHEET⁴

NAME
Sylvia Arrowwood
Tyler Askin
Wyatt Berckenhoff
Philip Bertin
Joshua Black
Samuel Bohler
Travis Bost
Aimee Brigham
Michael Brigham
Ryan Brown
Joseph Brungardt
Natalie Bruno
Darby Burns
Matthew Butts
Justin Carman
Ken Cavanaugh
Manu Chopra
Nicholas Ciesielski
Francisco Cortez
Chase Crum
Malcolm Decter
Pixie Dixie
Brian Doherty
Patrick Douglas
Bryan Elliott
Luke Ensor
Will Ferrell
Justin Finch-Fletchley
Autumn Fox
June Genis
Adam Haman
Wayne Harlos
Susan Hogarth
Donovan Hommen
Will Hyman
Andrew Jacobs
Mollie Jae
Charles Lazzara

⁴ Also included are persons observed to be in attendance but did not sign in on the attendance sheet.

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NAME
Jeinay LeBlanc
Mark Lewis
Austin Lynch
Paul Lynch
Jim Marchuk
Frank Martin
Kenneth Mattes
Richard McDonough
Travis McGlothin
Patrick Mitchell
Ken Moellman
Maya Ojalehto
Pansy Parkinson
George Phillies
James RePass
Mimi Robson
Scott Root
H Marty Schelper
Mike Shaner
Marrion Skinner
Rhett Trapman
Anthony Strauss
Zach Tatum
Eric Thraen
Timothy Watson
Gabrielle Weatherbee
Cynthia Welch
Jeremy Westengaard
Aysa Zadeh

*APPENDIX B
INFORMATION ON LPA POLL AND NV CANDIDATE DARBY BURNS*

APPENDIX B – Information on LPA poll and NV candidate Darby Burns

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ELECT

Darby Burns

DECENTRALIZE NEVADA NOW!

*Bringing power back to the people
and away from special interests.*

<p><u>Richard McArthur</u></p> <p>Establishment-Republican [2]</p> <p>Born in Illinois, raised in California</p> <p>78 years old</p> <p>FBI agent (25 years)[2]</p> <p>Supports government interference into the lives of peaceful Nevadans. [1][2]</p> <p>Supports the use of violence to enforce personal views onto others. [1][2][3]</p> <p>Career-long enforcer of federal policy to undermine the sovereignty of the states. [2]</p> <p>Supports state-legislative overreach undermining the autonomy of our counties and cities. [1] [3]</p> <p>Opposes sanctuary cities, drug decriminalization, and local control generally. [1][2][3]</p>	<p><u>Darby Burns</u></p> <p>Populist-Libertarian</p> <p>Born in Las Vegas, Raised in Las Vegas</p> <p>23 years old</p> <p>Entrepreneur/Music Industry (5 years)</p> <p>Opposes government interference into the lives of peaceful Nevadans</p> <p>Opposes the use of state-sanctioned violence to enforce personal views onto others.</p> <p>Community activist standing in vocal opposition of federal undermining of state sovereignty.</p> <p>Opposes state-legislative overreach undermining the autonomy of our counties and cities.</p> <p>Supports the autonomy of our counties, cities and towns.</p>
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[1] "McArthur opposes legalizing recreational marijuana.." - Las Vegas Review Journal, May 27, 2016

- **McArthur's vocal opposition to recreational cannabis legalization is not only a blatant endorsement of state overreach into our counties, but a tacit support of state-sanctioned violence against nonviolent Nevadans.**

[2]

- **Having served 25 years in the FBI, McArthur chose to spend his life aligning himself with the enforcers of violent federal overreach that spits in the face of the sovereignty of our states: The butchers of Waco (FBI, ATF), murderers of 76 Americans including 25 children and two pregnant women in a 51 day siege which implemented psychological torture and the deployment of tanks as a means of enforcing gun control legislation. McArthur views himself as "pro 2A," but what does this really mean?**

[3] "McArthur... has backed legislation to make English the official language of state business..." - The Las Vegas Sun, Oct. 8, 2008

- **The state should have no say in what languages are spoken within private establishments. Any opinion to the contrary directly undermines the property rights and socioeconomic mobility of the business owner. Furthermore, Carson city overlords should mind their own business about what language(s) counties and towns decide to use. Nevadans have had enough with micro-managing busybodies.**

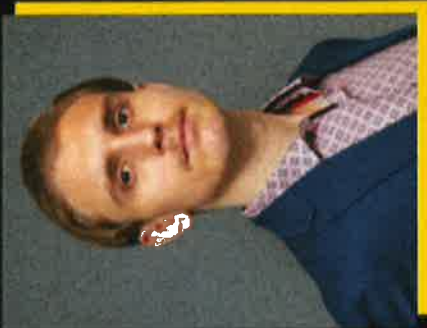
[4] "McArthur pointed out that the American Conservative Union... ranked him the Assembly's most conservative voter in 2011." - The Las Vegas Review-Journal, May 27, 2016

- **In the year 2022, it seems evident that AD4 will not find adequate representation from an 80 year old retired FBI agent whose policy positions haven't changed since he stepped into office in 2008. McArthur, coming into the late years of his life, is incapable of adapting to the times — and as such, he is incapable of representing the opinions held by any meaningful portion of Republicans today, let alone our community as a whole.**

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ELECT **Darby BURNS** ★★★



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Proposed LPA Poll Questions

Proposed Methodology

Proposed Voter Markets

Primary Voter Markets:

Birmingham (Jefferson and Shelby Counties)
Huntsville (Madison and Limestone Counties)

Secondary Voter Markets:

Auburn/Opelika (Lee County)
Dothan (Dale, Henry, and Houston Counties)
Tuscaloosa (Tuscaloosa County)
Montgomery (Montgomery County)

Proposed Sample Size

500 – 1000 Registered Voters
Weighted by race and gender to match state demographics
The order of question responses should be rotated to avoid bias

Proposed Response Breakdowns (In order of precedence)

Question Response
Party ID (Republican, Democrat, Independent)
Race
Gender
Age

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1. If the election for U.S. Senator in Alabama were being held today, who would you vote for?
 - Katie Britt (Republican Candidate)
 - Will Boyd (Democratic Candidate)
 - John Sophocleus (Libertarian Candidate)
 - Somebody else
 - Not sure

2. If the election for Governor in Alabama were being held today, who would you vote for?
 - Kay Ivey (Republican Candidate)
 - Yolanda Flowers (Democratic Candidate)
 - James "Jimmy" Blake (Libertarian Candidate)
 - Somebody else
 - Not sure

3. If the election for Lieutenant Governor in Alabama were being held today, who would you vote for?
 - Will Ainsworth (Republican Candidate)
 - Ruth Page Nelson (Libertarian Candidate)
 - Somebody else
 - Not sure

4. The U.S. Congress just passed the Safer Communities Act which gives money to states if they want to introduce "red flag" programs. A "red flag law" is a gun control law that permits police to petition a state court to order the temporary removal of firearms from a person who they believe may be a present danger to others or themselves. Would you support the introduction of a "red flag law" in Alabama?
 - Yes, I would support the introduction of a "red flag law" in Alabama
 - No, I would not support the introduction of a "red flag law" in Alabama
 - Not sure

5. Currently the State of Alabama only allows the Alabama State Legislature to put constitutional amendments on the ballot. Would you support a law that also gave voters the ability to put constitutional amendments or other voter initiatives and referenda on the ballot?
 - I would support giving voters the ability to put constitutional amendments or other voter initiatives and referenda on the ballot
 - I would oppose giving voters the ability to put constitutional amendments or other voter initiatives and referenda on the ballot
 - Not sure

6. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement... The Alabama state government is doing a good job of providing its citizens with high value, cost efficient services in exchange for their tax dollars?
 - Strongly Agree
 - Agree
 - Disagree
 - Strongly Disagree
 - Not sure

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7. Because of higher than expected tax revenues in recent years, Alabama has a budget surplus. [If necessary: The state is collecting more money than it spends.] What do you think would be the best use of those surplus funds?

- Spend on state services
- Reduce state taxes
- Reduce state debt
- Distribute back to citizens

8. In June, Alabama state officials borrowed \$725 million to construct two new supersize prisons in order to partially solve the prison overcrowding problem in Alabama. How should Alabama solve the prison overcrowding problem?

- Expand pre-trial diversion programs and relax sentencing guidelines for non-violent offenders
- Increase spending on correctional facilities and personnel
- Something else

9. About 18 states have school voucher programs which allow parents to spend state funds on private school tuition or home schooling. Should Alabama have a voucher program or some other type of program that gives parents the ability to choose which school gets their children's education dollars?

- Yes, Alabama should have a voucher program
- Yes, Alabama should have some other type of program that gives parents the ability to choose which school gets their children's education dollars
- No, Alabama should have none of the above

10. Currently recreational marijuana is legal in 19 states, and medical marijuana is legal in 39 states, including Alabama. Do you think that recreational marijuana should be decriminalized [If necessary: recreational marijuana should no longer be a criminal offense, but may still be subject to a fine or civil penalty] or legalized?

- Yes, I think recreational marijuana should be legalized
- Yes, I think recreational marijuana should be decriminalized, but not legalized
- No, I think recreational marijuana should not be decriminalized or legalized

11. In June, the United States Supreme Court overturned Roe v Wade, the landmark ruling that established the constitutional right to abortion in the United States during the first two trimesters of pregnancy. Do you agree or disagree with this Supreme Court ruling?

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- Not sure

12. Do you think that Alabama politicians are more or less corrupt than politicians in Mississippi, Tennessee, Georgia, and Florida?

- More corrupt
- About the same
- Less corrupt
- Not sure

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LNC STRATEGY GOALS 2022-2024

APPENDIX C – LNC Strategy Goals 2022-2024

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PROJECT CICERO
(The Revitalization of Project Archimedes)

“One day when I was looking all over the land, because there are a great number of tombs next to the door of Agrigento, I noticed a small column that did not protrude much from the undergrowth, on which there were represented the figure of a sphere and a cylinder. And I immediately told the Siracusians, some of whose elders went with me, that in my opinion that was what I was looking for. Many men were sent with sickles that cleaned and made the place accessible. When they opened an entrance, we approached the front face of the base. There was an epigram with the verses erased at the end, almost halved. Thus the noblest city of Greece, once even the most learned, would have ignored the tomb of its most brilliant citizen, if it had not been shown to them by a man from Arpino.”

- Cicero, Tusculanae Disputationes V, XXIII–64-66

In the late 90's and early 2000's, Project Archimedes grew the party's membership substantially. During that same period, the party made tremendous headway in media appearances and ran many candidates. I believe we should pursue those same goals, while modernizing the process.

GOALS FOR 2022 - 2024

- Regain the Project Archimedes membership levels
- Expand our donorbase
- Expand our affiliate support
- Expand our candidate support
- Perform market research so that we can do targeted outreach and better understand our target demographic.
- Further develop our "voice" so that formal communications, development and social media can be more in alignment with each other.

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THESE ACTION ITEMS SHOWED UP IN RESPONSE TO MULTIPLE SWOT ITEMS

Strategic Partnerships with people who have their own name brand recognition. (For ex., Swan Bitcoin, Stephan Livera, Maj Toure, Tom Woods)
Create clearer job descriptions, update org chart and work flow processes. Do this with new hires and volunteer teams.
Implement team building exercises and board room training.
Put together risk mitigation plan

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ACTION ITEMS ORGANIZED INTO THE COVEY QUADRANT

IMPORTANT URGENT	IMPORTANT NOT URGENT
Put together risk mitigation plan Urgency level: high Timeline goal: within 3 months	Implement team building exercises and board room training. Timeline goal: within 6 months
Create clearer job descriptions, update org chart and work flow processes. Do this with new hires and volunteer teams. Urgency level: high Timeline goal: within 2 months	Strategic Partnerships with people who have their own name brand recognition Timeline goal: within 3 - 6 months
Grow the party in new demographics that have started to embrace liberty. Urgency level: high Timeline goal: already begun	Run issue campaigns to expand our influence and build political capital Timeline goal: within 1 year
Utilize our volunteers better Urgency level: medium Timeline goal: within 3 months	Encourage members to run for local office. Timeline goal: within 1 year
Get our message out Urgency level: high Timeline goal: already begun	
Emphasize new leadership and new direction Urgency level: medium Timeline goal: already begun	
Build out resources for candidates. Urgency level: medium Timeline goal: within 3 months	
Adopt strategy Urgency level: high Timeline goal: within 1 month	
Put together a skilled PR team Urgency level: medium Timeline goal: within 3 months	
URGENT NOT IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT NOT URGENT

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HISTORICAL FINANCIAL AND ELECTORAL MARKERS

2012 FINANCES	2012 ELECTIONS
Total Annual Budget: \$1,625,900 Membership: \$458,287 Amount raised at convention: \$185,226 Total support & revenue: \$1,484,850	30 elected libertarians (ballotpedia)
2014 FINANCES	2014 ELECTIONS
Total annual budget: \$1,417,800 Membership \$492,323 Amount raised at convention \$114,820 Total support & revenue \$1,590,711	17 elected libertarians (lp news, staff report)
2016 FINANCES	2016 ELECTIONS
Total annual budget: \$1,907,869 Amount raised from membership: \$805,821 Amount raised at convention 218,607 Total support & revenue in 2016: \$2,626,277	32 elected libertarians (ballotpedia)
2018 FINANCES	2018 ELECTIONS
Total annual budget: \$1,900,200 Amount raised from membership: \$583,082 Amount raised at convention: \$280,892 Total support & revenue: \$1,773,437	34 elected libertarians (lp.org)
2020 FINANCES	2020 ELECTIONS
Total annual budget: \$2,385,400 Amount raised from membership: \$879,035 Amount raised at convention , Total support & revenue: \$2,329,148	32 libertarians elected (lp.org)

Given the previous years' trends, how much can we allocate towards candidate support between now and Nov 8, 2022?

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FINANCIAL GOALS TIED TO ACTION ITEMS

FINANCIAL GOAL	ACTION ITEM
6/30/2022: 16,818 BSM 12/31/2022 Goal: 17,323 12/31/2023 Goal: 20,000 12/31/2024 Proposed Goal: 28,000 Previous Record (January 2021): 20,718 11,050 new memberships at the basic \$25 level will bring in an additional \$276,250	Increase membership . 2 goals: Ambitious goal: Aim for a 65% increase by end of 2024. Minimum goal: Aim for a 15% increase by end of 2024.
Recapture our 2001 donor numbers.	Expand donor base by end of 2022. Aim for an additional increase by 2023. Aim for 5,000 additional donors by the end of 2024.
Raise \$30K for candidate support.	Increase candidate support programs - est. cost \$30K and increase affiliate support programs - est cost: \$30K
Raise money to cover 1 part time worker in operations, and 1 full time person for dev OR a contractor for dev and someone to help dev with writing. Expand comms budget according to annual budget proposals.	Hire additional operations and development personnel. Expand comms budget.

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SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TO TAKE WITHIN THE NEXT 2 YEARS

Put together risk mitigation plan (ExD, Treasurer, EPCC, Ballot Access, Ad Hoc)
Strategic Partnerships with people who have their own name brand recognition (Chair, ExD, Comms Dir., Social Media Committee, volunteers)
Expand donor base. (LNC, ExD, Comms Dir., Development Dir.)
Grow the party in new demographic directions (ExD, Comms Dir., Development Dir., volunteers)
Perform market research to identify our target voter base. (ExD, Comms Dir.)
Create clearer job descriptions, update org chart and work flow processes (EPCC and staff)
Implement team building exercises and board room training (Chair, ExD, LNC)
Build better affiliate support tools (Affiliate Support Committee)
Expand candidate support (Candidate Support Committee)
Have the comms & development dept collaborate with social media team on ways they can do outreach while supporting the party's larger strategy and vision (Comms Dir. ExD, Development Dir.)
Develop a vision statement for 2022 - 20224 (LNC)

What should our operational focus be in a midterm year?

- Membership recapture and retention
- Candidate and affiliate support for the 2024 election year
- Expanding our donor base
- Market research to identify our target market

Midterm election goal: At least 27 candidates elected in Nov of 2022. We should not dip in midterm numbers. Let's shoot for 30.

LNC actions relevant to this goal:

- Promote candidate support:
 - door knocking
 - phone/text banking (Can we negotiate a volume discount for candidates within the confines of FEC regulation?)
 - data cleanup (Buy & Share data - LNC gets huge volume discounts on this)

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- o website assistance (Can we negotiate a volume discount for candidates within the confines of FEC regulation?)
- o campaign donations (Publish online donor newsletter highlighting top campaigns for top donors)
- LNC members can:
 - o make calls on behalf of candidates,
 - o Make fundraising calls
 - o promote campaign volunteerism on social media,
 - o and push for campaign volunteers through official LP comms

What should our outward facing goals be in a midterm year?

- Expand into more demographic segments
- Re-establish our brand
- Making it easier to be a successful candidate, which will aide in recruiting new ones

Are these goals in alignment with our purpose?

- Do they support:
 - o Growing our membership
 - o Expanding our donor base
 - o Supporting our candidates
 - o Supporting our affiliates

Yes.

POTENTIAL CHALLENGES AND CONCERNS

Maintain healthy boundaries between LNC and staff while allowing LNC to provide additional support to understaffed departments.
Do outreach to new demographics without compromising principle or pandering. (Stay on target)
Avoid the ire of the state and our enemies.
Develop better relationships with state affiliates and members that feel alienated

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Are we doing anything illegal?
How are our accounting practices?
How is FEC compliance?

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How is our reserve fund?
Are we prepared to enter a recession?
How is EPCC/HR?
Is staff working to help accomplish the vision of the LNC?

CANDIDATE SUPPORT COMMITTEE GOALS FOR 22 - 24

#1 Goal - Develop online course content
Create simple template websites for candidates
Create simple graphic design templates for candidates
Create instructions on how to create a walk list, geo coding, door knocking
Create guidelines on phone banking, call banking and CRM software
Create guidelines on how to clean up and utilize voter registration data
Help to foster an internal party culture that values and promotes campaign volunteers. Observe YAL and similar orgs to see how they inspire their members to take part in the political process
Implement a metric to quantify how elected libertarians have made a difference for their constituents: For ex., how many tax dollars did we save?

**MEETING MINUTES
LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 5-6, 2022
AUSTIN, TEXAS**



CURRENT STATUS:

FINAL

PREPARED BY **CARYN ANN HARLOS**, LNC SECRETARY

issue; with staff and the unofficial Assistant Secretary Chase Crum (who has signed an NDA) remaining in the room.

The LNC entered into Executive Session at 2:28 p.m. and entered out of Executive Session at 3:55 p.m.

WITHOUT OBJECTION, Secretary Harlos moved to ratify the prior use of Executive Session to discuss committee applicants.

WITHOUT OBJECTION, Secretary Harlos moved to redact the general portion of the special counsel's report and release the rest to the public.

NEW BUSINESS WITH PREVIOUS NOTICE CONT'D



CONSIDER NEW MEXICO PETITION FOR AFFILIATION

Mr. Ecklund moved to accept the Petition for Affiliation with the Free Libertarian Party of New Mexico. [20221105-09]

A roll call vote was conducted with the following results:

Member / Alternate	Yes	No	Abstain
Benner	X		
Bowen	X		
Duque	X		
Ecklund	X		
Eiler	X		
Elliott	X		
Ford	X		
Gabbard	X		
Hagopian	X		
Harlos	X		
Nanna	X		
Nekhaila	X		
Watkins	X		
McArdle	X		
TOTALS	14	0	0

This motion PASSED with a roll call vote of 14-0-0. [20221105-09]

DISCUSSION OF RAISER'S EDGE MIGRATION



Mr. Nanna and Mr. Moellman led a discussion on the status of the Raiser's Edge migration.



**PETITION
TO THE
LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE
FOR CHARTERING
STATE-LEVEL AFFILIATE PARTIES**

Office	Name	Address	Email Address	Phone
Chair	Frank Martin	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Vice-Chair	Mike Blessing	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Secretary	Rudy Kohn	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Treasurer	Tyler Askin	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

We, the undersigned, being residents of the state of New Mexico and individually certifying that each of us opposes the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals, hereby petition the Libertarian National Committee to charter the Free Libertarian Party of New Mexico as the state-level affiliate of the Libertarian Party for the state of New Mexico.

Furthermore, we attest that our organization has adopted the Statement of Principles of the Libertarian Party, approved the attached bylaws, and selected the above individuals as officers.

#	Name	Address	Signature	Date
1	Tyler Askin	[REDACTED]	 <small>Tyler Askin (Oct 29, 2022 15:30 MDT)</small>	Oct 29, 2022
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Article 5.2 of the Libertarian Party Bylaws: The National Committee shall charter state-level affiliate parties from any qualifying organization requesting such status in each state, territory, and the District of Columbia (hereinafter, state). Organizations which wish to become state-level affiliate parties shall apply for such status on a standard petition form as adopted by the National Committee, which petition shall be signed by no fewer than ten members of the Party residing in the appropriate state. Affiliate party status shall be granted only to those organizations which adopt the Statement of Principles and file a copy of their constitution and/or bylaws with the Party Secretary.

PETITION TO THE LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR CHARTERING STATE-LEVEL AFFILIATES




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Vice-Chair	Mike Blessing	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Secretary	Rudy Kohn	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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1	Patricia Malowney	[REDACTED]	<i>Patricia Malowney</i> <small>Patricia Malowney (Oct 29, 2022 18:14:07)</small>	Oct 29, 2022
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER
SECRETARY OF STATE

July 3, 2024

Free New Mexico Party
7800 Phoenix Ave N.E, Ste. C
Albuquerque, N.M. 87110
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rkohnj@gmail.com

Re: Party Qualification of the Free New Mexico Party

Dear Mr. Scott and Mr. Kohn,

The Office of the Secretary of State has reviewed the rules and regulations, as well as the petition signatures for the Free New Mexico Party that were filed in our office on Thursday, June 27, 2024.

The rules and regulations filed in our office meet the requirements outlined in NMSA 1978, Section 1-7-3. In addition, our office found that the qualifying petitions are in proper order.

The Free New Mexico Party has qualified as a minor political party within the State of New Mexico, pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 1-7-2. Lastly, pursuant to the aforementioned law, uniform rules shall be adopted throughout the state by the county organizations of that party, where a county organization exists, and shall be filed with the county clerks.

Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

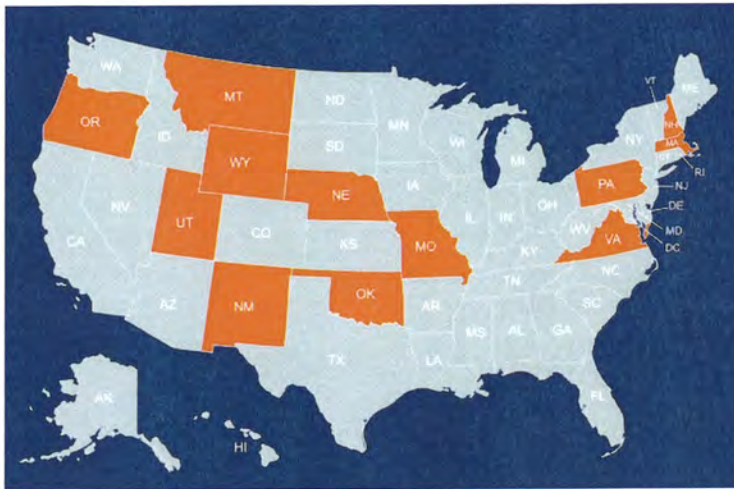
Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mandy Vigil".

Mandy Vigil
New Mexico Elections Director

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LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW MEXICO

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

NAME

The Libertarian Party organization in the State of New Mexico shall be The Libertarian Party of New Mexico and may be referred to in this Constitution and other official documents as Libertarian Party of New Mexico.

The name of Libertarian Party of New Mexico organizations within each County shall be The Libertarian Party of _____ County with the appropriate designation of the county. The name of Libertarian Party of New Mexico organizations on any college or university campus shall be _____ College/University Libertarian Club.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

To advance policy toward the ideals embodied in the Statement of Principles by:

- Nominating, supporting, and electing candidates for public office;
- Lobbying officials and governmental bodies;
- Engaging in educational and advocacy; and
- Other means deemed appropriate by Libertarian Party of New Mexico.

ARTICLE III

PRINCIPLES

We, the members of the Libertarian Party of New Mexico, advocate the American tradition of limited government and defend the rights of the individual. We hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose. Governments throughout history have regularly operated on the opposite principle that the state has the right to dispose of the lives of individuals and the fruits of their labor. Even within the United States, all political parties other than our own grant the government the right to regulate the lives of individuals and seize the fruits of their labor without their consent.

We, on the contrary, deny the right of any government to do these things, and hold that where governments exist, they must not violate the rights of any individual, namely: the right to life - accordingly we support prohibition of the initiation of physical force against others; the right to liberty of speech and action - accordingly we oppose all attempts by governments to abridge the freedom of speech and press, as well as government censorship in any form; and the right to property - accordingly we oppose all government interference with private property, such as confiscation, nationalization, and eminent domain, and support the prohibition of trespass, fraud, and misrepresentation.

Since governments, when instituted, must not violate individual rights, we oppose all interference by government in the areas of voluntary and contractual relations among individuals. People should not be forced to sacrifice their lives and property for the benefit of others. They should be left free by the government to deal with one another as free traders, and the resultant economic system, the only one compatible with the protection of individual rights, is the free market.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP

A. DEFINITIONS OF MEMBERSHIPS

1. Registered Libertarian Voter. A “Registered Libertarian Voter” is any registered voter within the State of New Mexico who has indicated “Libertarian” as their party affiliation, on their voter registration.
 - (a) Waiver. The Central Committee is empowered to waive the voter registration requirement for any individual who is otherwise qualified as a Voting Member but not legally qualified to vote (due to age, felony status, etc.), and who requests such a waiver

in writing. However, under no circumstances shall any person who is registered in another party or who has indicated “no party” on the affidavit of voter registration be recognized as a Voting Member.

2. Voting Member. A “Voting Member” is any Registered Libertarian Voter who has signed the non-initiation of force statement, which reads “I certify that I do not advocate the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals,” and has met at least *one of* the membership dues qualifications enumerated within the Libertarian Party of New Mexico Bylaws.

- (a) Voting Members are required to provide the following information for the use of Libertarian Party of New Mexico for communication purposes: full mailing address, valid phone number, valid email address and/or a valid cell phone number that can receive SMS/text messages, AND consent to receive communication via those means. This information is only to be used for official Libertarian Party of New Mexico business and communication, and is not to be shared, sold or disseminated outside of the executive committee and those sub-committees that have a legitimate need for such information.

B. DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION

In order to serve a delegate to the annual state convention of Libertarian Party of New Mexico, all Voting Members must be in place Thirty (30) days prior to the Convention date to allow for the Secretary to validate memberships. All Voting Members in good standing meeting this requirement are automatically qualified to serve as state convention delegates. At the conclusion of the Annual State Convention, Voting Member status will take into consideration all donations made in the previous whole 12 months.

ARTICLE V

ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. **COMPOSITION**. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Executive Officers of Libertarian Party of New Mexico: Chair, First Vice-Chair, Second Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.

- a. Chair. The Chair shall serve as the chief administrative officer of Libertarian Party of New Mexico. The Chair is empowered to appoint and remove Voting Members to executive committee positions.
 - b. First Vice Chair. The First Vice-Chair shall assist the Chair and assume the duties of the Chair when the Chair is unable to perform such duties; the First Vice-Chair shall also be responsible for coordinating the planning of Executive Committee, Central Committee meetings, and other official meetings as needed;
 - c. Second Vice Chair. The Second Vice-Chair shall assist the Chair and First ViceChair, and assume the duties of either in the event they are unable to perform such duties. The Second Vice-Chair shall also be responsible for organizing and coordinating outreach;
 - d. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep minutes of Executive Committee and Central Committee meetings, keep minutes of State Conventions, manage all records of Libertarian Party of New Mexico except financial records, and manage all official Libertarian Party of New Mexico correspondence;
 - e. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall manage the monies of Libertarian Party of New Mexico, produce at least quarterly reports on the finances of the Libertarian Party of New Mexico to the Executive Committee and Central Committee, and manage the property of Libertarian Party of New Mexico.
 - f. Cabinet Officers. The Chair is empowered to appoint and remove Voting Members to positions of cabinet officers.
2. QUORUM A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of at least half of the committee.
 3. QUALIFICATION. Executive Committee candidates and appointees must have met the requirements for Voting Members 120 days prior to their election or appointment.
 4. DUTIES. Any executive officer who fails to execute their duties may be impeached and removed as provided in this Constitution. The duties of executive officers are, at minimum, as stated below.
 5. POWERS. The Executive Committee is empowered to:
 - a. Carry out the day-to-day operations of the Libertarian Party of New Mexico;

- b. Call special conventions to nominate candidates for special elections or for other urgent purposes, and to set the date, time, and place for such conventions; All such conventions shall comply with state law with respect to notice:¹, and in addition all Voting Members shall be notified by email, and by notice on the main web page of the Libertarian Party of New Mexico, at least 14 prior to any such convention.
 - c. Initiate any special or extraordinary meetings of the Central Committee when there exists business of an urgent or emergent nature; and
 - d. Initiate sessions of the Judicial Council as needed.
6. VACANCIES. When the office of Chair becomes vacant, the First Vice-Chair shall become Chair. When other executive offices become vacant, such vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the Chair with the advice and consent of the Central Committee.
7. ELECTION AND TERMS.
- a. Each member of the Executive Committee will be elected on rotating 3 (three) year term.
 - b. At each annual convention, Executive Committee Members whose term has expired will be elected by the convention.
 - c. Subsequently, the Executive Committee members will elect the Executive Committee officer positions (chair, first vice chair, second vice chair, secretary, treasurer) from within the Executive Committee.
 - d. In the event of a vacancy on the Executive Committee, the Chair may appoint a replacement, with the consent of the Central Committee, to serve on the Executive Committee for the entire remaining term of their immediate predecessor. At that Convention, the Convention shall elect a member of the Executive Committee to serve the remainder of the term for which there was a vacancy. Candidates for the Executive Committee must have been eligible to attend the last conventions as Voting Members.
 - e. Voting shall be taken by ranked-choice voting, as defined in **APPENDIX I** to this Constitution. If the vote results in a tie, the candidates shall participate in further debate, and the vote shall be taken again. If the second vote also results in a tie, it shall be settled by coin toss, or similar game of chance.

8. MEETINGS. The Executive Committee shall meet, either in-person, or by teleconference. Failure to attend at least two Executive Committee meetings, without excusal by the remaining Executive Committee, shall constitute an effective resignation from the Executive Committee.

B. CENTRAL COMMITTEE

1. COMPOSITION. The Libertarian Party of New Mexico Central Committee shall be composed of the Executive Committee, nine statewide at-large representatives, one representative from each congressional district, county chairs, and additional at-large members from the various counties. The election or appointment to the Central Committee will be confirmed by their attendance at the next regularly scheduled quarterly Central Committee meeting.
2. ADVICE & CONSENT. When the Central Committee shall have power of advice and consent, the Committee shall have four (4) days after notification to vote. Absent a majority of the Central Committee voting in the negative, approval and consent shall be deemed granted.
3. ELECTIONS AND DESIGNATIONS. Statewide at-large representatives shall be elected by a vote of all qualified convention VOTING MEMBERS for terms of one year at each annual Libertarian Party of New Mexico state convention. Congressional district representatives shall be elected by a vote of all qualified convention VOTING MEMBERS from their respective districts for terms of one year at each annual Libertarian Party of New Mexico convention.

If the boundaries of the congressional districts are changed, replacement Central Committee members affected by this change will be selected by the Executive Committee, As per Article V, Section 2.b, in the absence of the presence of a veto by the Central Committee. Each county may designate qualified Voting Members of their county as members of the State Central Committee: Chairperson of each County Affiliate, two at large Members, and one additional at-large Member for each 250 registered Libertarian voters in that county, to be calculated annually from the Secretary of State voter file on or about 1 January of each year.

4. POWERS. The Central Committee shall manage the affairs of Libertarian Party of New Mexico as provided for in this Constitution, the New Mexico Election Code, and acts of the Voting Membership assembled in convention.
5. MEETINGS. The Central Committee shall meet a minimum of four times each year. The Secretary shall notify each member of the Central Committee of the date, time, and place

of meetings, in writing, at least thirty days prior to the meeting, except as otherwise provided in Section 5.1(b). Meetings shall be conducted according to American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure (AIPSC), except as otherwise provided in this Constitution or Libertarian Party of New Mexico Bylaws.

6. **QUORUM.** When thirty (30) days written notice has been properly provided, a quorum of the Central Committee shall consist of at least twenty-five percent of the Central Committee members, one or more of whom is also a member of the Executive Committee. An issue of emergency nature may require vote by email, telephone, and/or other electronic means by the Central Committee. Such a meeting may be initiated by one-third of current Central Committee members, the Libertarian Party of New Mexico Chair, or any two Executive Committee members. All efforts should be made to assure maximum Central Committee member participation in any such meeting. Any proposal voted on by this method shall be passed by a majority of all current Central Committee members voting in favor. If the vote is tied, the Chair may break the tie.
7. **MISSED MEETINGS.** Any Central Committee member who misses two regularly scheduled consecutive meetings during their term of office is automatically removed from the Committee. American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure (AIPSC).
8. **VACANCIES.** Vacancies on the Central Committee shall be filled by appointment of the Chair with the advice and consent of the Central Committee. Members representing a congressional district must reside in the district they represent.

C. JUDICIAL COUNCIL

1. The Judicial Council may be formed for the purposes of censuring or suspending any Voting Member, removing, or impeaching any Central Committee Member or member of the Executive Committee, as well as settle disputes arising from the interpretation of this Constitution or acts of the Central Committee or Executive Committee. Formation of this judicial council may be triggered by a 1/3 vote of the Central Committee membership, or any two members of the Executive Committee.
2. **COMPOSITION.** The Judicial Council shall consist of five (5) members of the Executive and/or Central Committee in good standing, excluding any parties to the issue to be decided by the Judicial Council, two of which will be chosen by the State Chair. If the State Chair is party to the issue before the Judicial Council, the First Vice-Chair shall serve as Chair in connection with the issue before the Judicial Council. If both the Chair and First ViceChair are party to the issue before the Judicial Council, the Second Vice-Chair shall serve as Chair in connection with the issue before the Judicial Council. If the Chair, First ViceChair, and

Second Vice-Chair are all parties to the issue before the Judicial Council, then the Secretary shall serve as Chair in connection with the issue before the Judicial Council. If all members of the Executive Committee except the Treasurer are party to the issue before the Judicial Council, then the Treasurer shall serve as Chair in connection with the issue before the Judicial Council. The subsequent balance of the Judicial Council shall be chosen by the Central Committee.

3. DECISIONS. The Judicial Council decision will be delivered to the Central Committee for a confirmation vote: a simple majority vote for questions of interpretation of this Constitution, and a two-thirds vote in the case of recommendation of the Judicial Council for censure, suspension, removal, or impeachment of any member.

D. COUNTY AFFILIATES

1. CREATION. In the absence of a County Affiliate, the Executive Committee Chair may appoint a County Affiliate Chair Pro Tempore and a County At-Large Member to serve until a County Convention is held or a one-year term is served.
2. COUNTY CONVENTIONS. Within one year of the appointment of the County Chair, the County Libertarian Party Affiliate shall hold a convention and the county convention shall properly elect officers and ratify the county constitution. If the County Libertarian Party Affiliate fails to meet the requirements listed above the County Chair shall stand removed and the Chair of Libertarian Party of New Mexico is empowered to appoint a new County Chair.
3. RECOGNITION. The Libertarian Party of any county shall be recognized when:
 - a. A Voting Member, who has been appointed by the State Chair, has assumed the office of County Chair, and
 - b. A County Central Committee of the County Chair and at least two additional members has been seated, and
 - c. A properly noticed Formation meeting, by an email/website posting and publication in a newspaper of general circulation, the time and place of such meeting, at least 14 days prior to that meeting. A constitution, consistent with this Constitution and the laws of New Mexico and the United States of America, has been filed with the County Clerk of the respective county;
 - d. The Chair and Secretary of Libertarian Party of New Mexico have been notified in writing that the above requirements have been met, with the contact information for each county Central Committee member.

4. **ADMINISTRATION.** Once a County Affiliate is recognized, it shall be administered by the County Central Committee in a manner identical to the administration of the Libertarian Party of New Mexico except that the County Libertarian Party is empowered to determine:
 - a. The size of its Central Committee, except that it will be a minimum of three members;
 - b. The number and qualifications of executive officers, except that the County Central Committee members must be Voting Members; and
 - c. County Affiliates shall not have their own Judicial Council. The Libertarian Party of New Mexico Judicial Council shall serve as the judicial body of the County Affiliates as well as the Libertarian Party of New Mexico.
5. **CONSISTENCY OF COUNTY ACTIONS.** No County Affiliate shall take any position or action which is inconsistent with the Constitution, principles, or purposes of the Libertarian Party of New Mexico.
6. **RESIDENCE.** A Libertarian may elect to be a member of any single County Affiliate in the state, irrespective of where they reside.

ARTICLE VI

CONVENTIONS AND CANDIDATES

A. CONVENTION DATES

1. When the Libertarian Party of New Mexico IS A MAJOR PARTY. In election cycles when Libertarian Party of New Mexico is qualified as a major party, Libertarian Party of New Mexico shall hold annual conventions on or about the first weekend in March in even years and as determined by the Central Committee in odd years.
2. When the Libertarian Party of New Mexico IS A MINOR PARTY. In election cycles when Libertarian Party of New Mexico is qualified as a minor party, annual conventions shall be held as determined by the Central Committee.

- B. NOTICE.** The Secretary shall notify each Voting Member of the dates, time, and public place of state conventions, and shall cause to be published on the Libertarian Party of New Mexico web page, and in a newspaper of general circulation¹, notice of state conventions at least thirty

¹ Notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation 14 days prior to such convention. The Secretary will update this footnote as a result of any changes to state law.

(30) days prior to the date of the convention provided. Email and website notice will be repeated between 35 and 45 days prior to such convention. This notice shall include the information that all Voting Members must be in good standing 30 days prior to the convention, to allow the Secretary to validate the qualifications of the delegates.

C. BUSINESS OF THE CONVENTION. Each annual state convention shall include a business meeting. Voting Members in good standing shall be automatic delegates to state convention business meetings. The Chair of Libertarian Party of New Mexico, or the designee thereof, is empowered to verify the credentials of any delegates. Business meetings shall be conducted according to American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure except as otherwise provided by this Constitution and Libertarian Party of New Mexico Bylaws.

D. NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

1. WHEN Libertarian Party of New Mexico IS A MAJOR PARTY. In election cycles when Libertarian Party of New Mexico is qualified as a major party, nominations of candidates for public office, presidential electors, and delegates to the national convention of Affiliated National Organizations shall be made in accordance with the New Mexico Election Code and Primary Law, if applicable. Only VOTING MEMBERS may vote on pre-Primary Convention approval of candidates. The New Mexico Election Code and Primary Law is hereby incorporated into this section.

2. WHEN Libertarian Party of New Mexico IS A MINOR PARTY. In election cycles when Libertarian Party of New Mexico is a minor party, nominations of candidates for federal office, statewide office, and offices elected from multi-county districts shall be made by majority vote of the Voting Members voting at annual conventions, except for special elections in odd-numbered years. Nominations of candidates for offices selected from multi-county districts shall be made by Voting Members from the counties comprising such districts, in caucus at the state convention.

E. CERTIFICATION AND VACANCIES. Candidates nominated for public office shall be certified in accordance with the provisions of the New Mexico Election Code. The Central Committee is empowered to fill vacancies in the list of federal, statewide, and multi-county district candidates in accordance with the New Mexico Election Code.

F. DELEGATES TO AFFILIATED NATIONAL ORGANIZATION CONVENTIONS

1. To serve as a delegate from Libertarian Party of New Mexico to the national conventions of any affiliated national organizations as listed in the Appendix II, if any, an individual must be:
 - a) a member of the Executive Committee, or
 - b) a member of the Central Committee, or
 - c) a Voting Member in good standing for 120 days preceding the State Convention at which the delegate is elected to serve at the National Convention; and, in the case of Voting Members, the individual must also have provided 12 hours of volunteer service to Libertarian Party of New Mexico within the 12 months preceding the State Convention.
2. The Secretary shall maintain records of (annual) volunteer hours (reported as) served by Voting Members.
3. These requirements may be waived for a particular candidate on a two-thirds vote of the State Convention.
4. Voting at the state convention for national delegates to Conventions of Affiliated National Organizations will be by block vote, with all qualified nominees appearing on the ballot, and votes entered on each ballot up to the number of available slots. In the event an elected national delegate cannot travel to the national convention, the delegate must notify the executive committee two weeks in advance of the date of convention, to allow the Chair to select a replacement.
5. On or after the opening day of a national convention, in the event that not all of the delegate slots are filled by New Mexico Voting Members, the chair of the delegation may fill the delegation with delegates from other states.

ARTICLE VII

PLATFORMS AND POSITIONS

The Libertarian Party of New Mexico maintains its own platform. The platform of Libertarian Party of New Mexico may be amended, including by the addition or deletion of individual planks, by a two-thirds vote of the Libertarian Party of New Mexico Central Committee.

Proposed amendments to the Libertarian Party of New Mexico Platform must be circulated to the members of the Central Committee for review at least fifteen days (15) before the meeting at which the amendment is to be considered.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS

A. AMENDMENTS TO PRINCIPLES, CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS.

1. The **Statement of Principles** in this Constitution may be amended by a **nine-tenths (9/10) vote** of the delegates voting at **any state convention**.
2. **Constitution** may otherwise be amended by a **two-thirds (2/3) vote** of the delegates voting at **any state convention**.
3. **Bylaws** may otherwise be added, deleted or amended by a **two-thirds (2/3) vote** of the Central Committee.
4. The Judicial Council is empowered to remove any section of this Constitution found to be in violation of federal or state law.
5. The Secretary is empowered to renumber, reorder and reword for clarity this document as needed.
6. Should any circumstance or situation arise that is not clearly and directly addressed by this Constitution and Bylaws, then the American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure shall govern.

ARTICLE IX

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW MEXICO AFFILIATIONS

Any organization that the Libertarian Party of New Mexico affiliates with is specifically and absolutely without any power to direct Libertarian Party of New Mexico in any manner

whatsoever. A 2/3 vote of the Central Committee is required to change Libertarian Party of New Mexico affiliated organizations.

[END OF ARTICLES SECTION]

APPENDICES

TO THE

CONSTITUTION

APPENDIX I

RANKED-CHOICE VOTING

When these Constitution and Bylaws provide that any vote shall be taken by ranked-choice voting, each member participating in the vote shall be given the opportunity to rank the candidates for the position at issue in order of preference. Votes shall then be tallied based upon all first-choice votes.

If one candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, that candidate shall be declared the winner. If, however, none of the candidates receives a majority of the votes, the votes cast for the candidate with the least number of votes shall be re-distributed to the voters' second-choice candidates.

If one candidate then has a majority of the votes cast, that candidate shall be declared the winner. If not, the votes for the candidate who then has the least number of votes shall be redistributed to those voters' next-choice candidates.

The process shall repeat until one candidate receives a majority of all votes cast, at which point that candidate shall be declared the winner.

APPENDIX II
AFFILIATED NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Libertarian Party of New Mexico affiliates with:

- 1) the Association of State Liberty Parties.*

**Secretary's annotation: name changed to "Liberal Party USA"*

APPENDIX III

REINSTALLATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE STAGGERED TERMS FOR 2024 &
CLARIFICATIONS



2024

LPNM CONVENTION – ABQ CONVENTION CENTER

RESOLUTION # 1

MARCH 2, 2024
1:30 P.M. (MST)

ENSURING STAGGERED TERMS FOR EXECUTIVE

IN OPEN SESSION AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH LPNM CONSTITUTION ARTICLE V, SECTION A.7.a

WHEREAS the terms of all five (5) Executive Committee positions are either expiring (Burrows and McKenney) today or have been duly filled by appointment since the 2023 Annual Convention (Luchini, Snoy & Lopez) and also expire today; and

WHEREAS All five (5) Executive Committee positions shall be vacant upon adjournment of this Convention without immediate action to fill each position and to create a procedural election framework to re-install staggered terms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS CONVENTION:

That it is necessary to hold elections for all five (5) open positions of the Executive Committee and to honor and implement this Constitution's mandate for staggered three (3) year terms for each Executive Committee position holder.

That to accomplish these purposes in open session, today **NOMINATIONS** and **ELECTIONS** for all five (5) open Executive Committee positions **SHALL** be conducted immediately following adoption of this **RESOLUTION** and as reflected in this **Schedule of Executive Commi2ee Posi-on Terms and Elections**;

When each Initial Term expires, it shall be subject to election for a new three (3) year term to create staggered terms of office and facilitate and to foster more efficient governance and administration for the Libertarian Party of New Mexico.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT

Constitution Article V, Section A.7 is hereby **AMENDED** to allow a duly appointed member of a vacated, elected Executive Committee position to complete the entirety of their immediate predecessor's full, unexpired term.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

That following today's elections, the Secretary shall populate cells in the last column titled, "Winning Candidate at 2024 Convention" with election results and attach a completed **Schedule** to the Constitution as an Appendix.

Schedule of LPNM Executive Committee Position Terms and Elections

Position	Initial Term starting March 2024	Next Election Length of Term, 3 years	Winning Candidate at 2024 Convention
Chair	3 years	2027	Chris Lucini
First Vice Chair	2 years	2026	Laura Burrows
Second Vice Chair	1 year	2025	Fred Snoy
Treasurer	3 years	2027	Paul McKenney
Secretary	2 years	2026	Edward J. Lopez, Jr.

PASSED XX FAILED _____ this SECOND Day of MARCH 2024. 2/3 majority met, unanimous vote

Certified as correct, subject to Article VIII.A.5

/s/ Edward J. López, Jr
EDWARD J. LOPEZ, JR., Secretary

March 2, 2024 in Open Session
 @ Albuquerque, New Mexico

[END OF APPENDICES TO CONSTITUTION] [END OF CONSTITUTION]

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BYLAWS
of the
LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW MEXICO
(adopted on March 2, 2024)

A. VOTING MEMBERSHIP, DUES AND QUALIFICATIONS.

1. **Dues.** The Central Committee shall determine the amount of "Membership Dues" and direct that the current amount shall be always published on LPNM's webpage. The Secretary or webmaster also shall publish other requirements for Voting Membership, as determined by the Central Committee from time-to-time on LPNM's webpage and keep the information updated and current at all times.
2. **Voting Member.** Dues must be paid between the close of the prior convention and 30 days prior to the upcoming convention. Dues payment as described confers Voting Membership for the annual convention. After the Annual Convention, Voting Status is determined by contributions in the previous 12 whole months.
3. **Voting Member Defined.** A "Voting Member" is a member who meets all criteria for a "Voting Member" as set forth in these Bylaws.
4. Delegates to the Convention or the Central Committee by majority vote, or a unanimous vote of the Executive Committee, may waive any or all of the required payments for Membership Dues in recognition of significant work performed for the benefit of the Libertarian Party of New

Mexico; including granting Lifetime Voting Membership for extraordinary effort on behalf of the Libertarian Party of New Mexico.

5. **Lifetime Memberships** in Libertarian Party of New Mexico may be awarded for donations totaling \$1500 within a 12month period, or by 3/4 vote of the Central Committee for exemplary service to the Libertarian Party of New Mexico. Libertarian Party of New Mexico Lifetime Memberships prior to 2006 are recognized. The Libertarian Party of New Mexico Secretary is to keep a record of all Lifetime Memberships.
6. **Exception.** Individuals who have made donations sufficient to qualify for Lifetime Membership shall only be deemed members of Libertarian Party of New Mexico during those times that they are registered to vote as Libertarian with the New Mexico Secretary of State, unless a vote of the Central Committee excuses their lack of registration.
7. The Libertarian Party of New Mexico shall not nominate or endorse any non-presidential candidate who is not a registered Libertarian voter in the State of New Mexico.

B. RULES FOR MEETINGS OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW MEXICO

1. The Chair may direct the Secretary, or in the absence of the Secretary, another member of the executive Committee, to call the quorum at any time during meetings of a Libertarian Party of New Mexico Convention, Central Committee meeting, or Executive Committee meeting.
2. The Libertarian Party of New Mexico shall use the American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure as the rule set for conducting meetings.

C. AMENDMENTS OF BYLAWS: In accordance with LPNM Constitution Article VIII A.3, Bylaws may be added, deleted or amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any Central Committee meeting.

[END OF LPNM BYLAWS]



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New "Liberal Party" Forming

BY GEORGE PHILLIES ON FEBRUARY 12, 2024 11:21 PM



We see from their web pages that the Association of Liberty State Parties is reorganizing as the Liberal Party of the United States. [The party's official website is available here](#). Their current state affiliates are:

The Libertarian Party of New Mexico is the Liberal Party USA (né ALSP) state affiliate in the State of New Mexico. [Their website is available here](#).

The Classical Liberal Party of Virginia is the Liberal Party USA (né ALSP) state affiliate in the Commonwealth of Virginia. [Their website is available here](#).

The Libertarian Association of Massachusetts is the Liberal Party USA (né ALSP) state affiliate in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. [Their website is available here](#).

The Keystone Party (subject to a name change) of Pennsylvania is the Liberal Party USA (né ALSP) affiliate in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. [Their website is available here](#).



George Phillies

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Walter Ziobro

JULY 26, 2024

“My father helped create a process in the 1030’s [1930’s ?] that became the Liberal International (LI) to help develop a wealth and tolerant working-middle class while spreading democracies. If the effort here in USA is successful, the LI would likely be very interested in interacting and granting observer status. This is especially as they have no representation from North America except the Canadians.”

I would hope that any US Liberal Party would be more like the Liberals of Australia, than the Liberals of Canada. IMO, the Canadians Liberals are more socialistic than US Democrats.

Doh

MARCH 5, 2024

I’m still working on that, and real life keeps getting in the way. In the meantime, regarding Ballot Access News; I stand by my opinion. However, I should qualify it.

I find conversations with people who offer reasons for their opinions and engage counterarguments to be interesting. I find ad hominem arguments, speculation as to who is posting under which screen name(s), name



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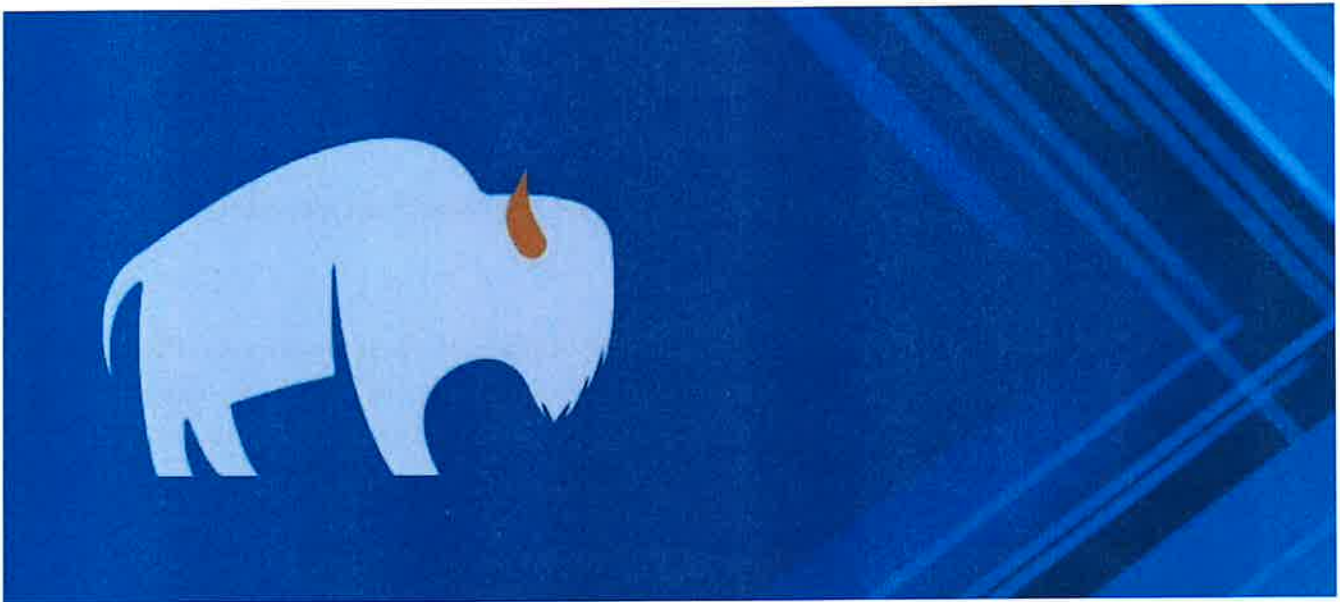


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New Mexico Libertarian Party Submits Paperwork to Place Liberal Party USA Presidential Ticket on Ballot

BY JORDAN WILLOW EVANS ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2024 11:18 AM



The Libertarian Party of New Mexico has formally nominated the Liberal Party USA presidential ticket of former Nebraska legislator Laura Ebke and former Clarksville, Tennessee, City Councilmember Trisha Butler. The party said it submitted paperwork to the New Mexico Secretary of State's office to place the ticket on its state ballot line.

Butler, who also serves as interim chair of the Liberal Party USA, confirmed to Independent Political Report on Tuesday, September 2, that the Libertarian Party of New Mexico submitted the necessary paperwork to place the ticket on its ballot line. As of this article, the filing has not yet been confirmed by the Secretary of State's office.

According to Butler, the national organization nominated the two because of their leadership within the party and their previous experience as elected officials. That ticket was then adopted by the Libertarian Party of New Mexico during a later nominating convention.

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Jordan Willow Evans

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SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

They didn't nominate Oliver for the same reason you don't see state affiliates of the Green Party or the Constitution Party nominating him. LPNM had already disaffiliated from the LNC long before the convention. He's the candidate of a different party they aren't part of, even aside from how fusion isn't allowed in NM.

Unimportant

SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

George Whitfield: because they already qualified separately and fusion is not allowed.

New Federalist: there's no nontrivial chance that anyone you considered will get 5% except maybe Gary Johnson. You should have gone with no ticket instead of embarrassing yourselves.

Seebeck

SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

Will Ebke rage-quit again if someone starts counting ballots behind a speaker?

George Whitfield

SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

I don't understand why they didn't nominate Chase Oliver and Michael ter Maat. This situation is getting more complicated and confusing.

NewFederalist

SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

"Wouldn't nominating no ticket also have been an option?" – Curious

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Certificate of Nomination

TO THE: Secretary of State or Board of Elections
OF THE: State of New Mexico

We do hereby certify that at a National Convention of Delegates representing the Libertarian Party of the United States, duly held and convened in the District of Columbia on the 24th through the 26th days of May, 2024, the following persons were placed in nomination for offices to be elected at the ensuing general election, November 5, 2024, and that each candidate is legally qualified to serve under the provisions of the United States Constitution.

<i>Title of Office to be Filled</i>	<i>Name of Candidate</i>	<i>Name of Party</i>	<i>Place of Residence of Candidate</i>
President of the United States	Chase Oliver	Free New Mexico	2400 Henderson Mill Court NE Atlanta, GA 30345
Vice-President of the United States	Mike ter Maat	Free New Mexico	700 Skip Jack Road Kinsale, VA 22488

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 24th day of June, 2024.

1444 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Contact Address

Angela McArdle, Chair of the Libertarian Party

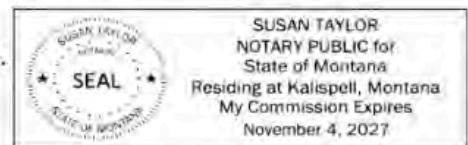
Angela McArdle, being duly sworn that she was the presiding chair of the convention of delegates mentioned and described in the foregoing certificate and that the said Caryn Ann Harlos was secretary of such convention, and that said certificate and statements therein contained are true to the best of her information and belief. **This notarial act was an online notarization.**

State of Montana, County of Flathead } ss

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of June, 2024.

Notary Public

Susan Taylor 2024.06.24
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This notarial act was performed using communication technology

Angela McArdle declared at the time of this notarization that they were located in Austin, TX

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 24th day of June, 2024.

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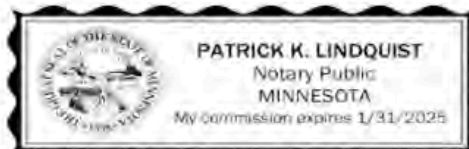
Contact Address

Caryn Ann Harlos, Secretary of the Libertarian Party

Caryn Ann Harlos being duly sworn that she was the secretary of the convention of delegates mentioned and described in the foregoing certificate and that the said Angela McArdle was the chair of such convention, and that said certificate and statements therein contained are true to the best of her information and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of June, 2024.

Notary Public



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July 9, 2023

Via Email: Chair@LPNM.us, ViceChair2@LPNM.us, Treasurer@LPNM.us

Re: Trademark of the Libertarian Party

Mssrs. Chappel, Snoy, and McKenney:

Attached please find our October 4, 2022, correspondence to your Executive Committee containing a “cease and desist” demand of the use of the Libertarian Party’s registered trademark “Libertarian Party” (USPTO Registration Number 2423459). We are contacting you in an effort to avoid impending litigation on this issue. We ask that you voluntarily change your name to something which is not the Libertarian Party or any other confusingly similar designation or to consider integrating with the Libertarian Party’s recognized affiliate. We would be more than happy to facilitate discussions with them if you wish. I am sure all of us would like to avoid litigation, but that is the inevitable route if this continues, as already directed by the Libertarian National Committee. We hope that the passage of time has let cooler heads prevail and that a more amicable resolution can be reached; however, the unauthorized use of our trademark cannot continue.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

Angela McArdle, Chair

cc: Joseph Zito, Esquire (Stein IP), Cliff Hyra (FreshIP)



Angela McArdle, Chair
Libertarian National Committee
1444 Duke St.
Alexandria, VA 22314

October 4, 2022

Re: Follow Up on Disaffiliation

To the Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of New Mexico:

On September 11, 2022, the Libertarian National Committee ("LNC") moved to disaffiliate the Libertarian Party of New Mexico ("LPNM") in response to previous correspondence from the LNC regarding LPNM's bylaws and a letter from LPNM alleging disaffiliation from the LNC.

In your August 25, 2022 letter, you stated, "LPNM and the LNC are no longer, in any sense, part of the same political party. All connections between us whatsoever are now totally and completely severed." Based on your statement and the LNC's formal disaffiliation, we're asking you to cease using the name, "Libertarian Party of New Mexico".

We wish you the best of luck in your political endeavors.

Very truly yours,

Angela McArdle, Chair

September 26, 2025

By Certified Mail to:

Chris Lucini
8100 Wyoming Blvd. NE | Suite M4
Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87113

By Email to:

Chair@LPNM.us
ViceChair@LPNM.us
ViceChair2@LPNM.us
Secretary@LPNM.us

Dear Mr. Lucini:

It has come to our attention that you are holding yourself out to the public as Chair of an entity you call “Libertarian Party of New Mexico” (“LPNM”). In connection therewith, you and your associates: (1) operate as a qualified minor political party under the laws of New Mexico and recognized by the Secretary of State of New Mexico, *see* New Mexico Secretary of State, *NM Political Party Information*, available at <https://www.sos.nm.gov/voting-and-elections/voter-information-portal-nmvote-org/nm-political-party-information/> (accessed September 25, 2025); and (2) maintain control of the domain www.lpnm.us and the email addresses using the lpm.us domain. Your activities in operating and promoting LPNM involve extensive use of federally registered trademarks held by the Libertarian National Committee (“LNC”), including the name “Libertarian Party”, the Libertarian Party torch logo, and the Libertarian Party website maintained at www.lp.org. Such use is unauthorized and constitutes federal trademark infringement in violation of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1051 *et seq.* The LNC hereby demands that you immediately cease and desist from your infringement upon the LNC’s intellectual property rights.

As you know, the LNC is the executive body of the national Libertarian Party. The LNC is not affiliated with LPNM. It is affiliated with the Free New Mexico Party (“FNMP”), and FNMP is the sole New Mexico state affiliate of the Libertarian Party. As such, FNMP is the sole entity with the legal right to operate under the trademark protected name “Libertarian Party” in New Mexico. It cannot do so at present, however, because you continue to operate your entity under that name – in clear violation of the LNC’s trademark – despite voluntarily disaffiliating with the Libertarian Party years ago.

Chris Lucini
September 26, 2025
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Your continued unauthorized use of the name Libertarian Party confuses the general public, and voters and donors in particular, by creating the false impression that LPNM is affiliated with the Libertarian Party. Indeed, LPNM's website expressly states that "[t]he LPNM is the state affiliate of the Libertarian Party." See Libertarian Party of New Mexico, *A Brief History of the Libertarian Party of New Mexico*, available at <https://lpnm.us/lpnm-updated/lpnm-history/> (accessed September 25, 2025). That false impression is reinforced by multiple other instances in which you make unauthorized use of the LNC's trademarks. For example, LPNM's website invites visitors to "learn more about the Libertarian Party by reading the national platform," with the text linked to the "Our Platform" page of the LNC's copyrighted website at <https://lp.org/platform-page/>. See Libertarian Party of New Mexico, *About the Libertarian Party of New Mexico*, available at <https://lpnm.us/lpnm-updated/about2/> (accessed September 25, 2025). Elsewhere, LPNM's website states that "the party officially adopts the national Libertarian Party platform..." See Libertarian Party of New Mexico, *Issues*, available at <https://lpnm.us/lpnm-updated/about2/lpnm-platform-2/> (accessed September 25, 2025). In yet another instance of your unauthorized use of the LNC's trademarks, the "News" page of LPNM's website links to several press releases printed under the Libertarian Party's trademarked torch logo. See Libertarian Party of New Mexico, *News*, available at <https://lpnm.us/lpnm-updated/about2/recent-news/> (accessed September 25, 2025).

All of this activity appears to be a calculated and intentional effort to mislead the general public, and voters and donors in particular, into the false belief that LPNM is affiliated with the Libertarian Party. That false belief is further reinforced by multiple statements throughout the LPNM website, which reference "Libertarians" or the "Libertarian Party," including:

"The Libertarian Party is a grassroots political organization. ... These affiliates are the building blocks to bringing Libertarians ideas and candidates to people near you," available at <https://lpnm.us/lpnm-updated/elections/county-affiliates/> (accessed September 25, 2025);

"If you're interested in running as a Libertarian candidate for municipal, county, state or federal office, here is some information we hope will be helpful to you," available at <https://lpnm.us/lpnm-updated/elections/run-for-office/> (accessed September 25, 2025);

"Be registered as a Libertarian in NM," available at <https://lpnm.us/lpnm-updated/join/> (accessed September 25, 2025);

"The Libertarian Party of New Mexico is sensitive to the fact that Libertarians in our state hold diverse views on common concerns," available at <https://lpnm.us/lpnm-updated/about2/lpnm-platform-2/> (accessed September 25, 2025).

The LNC has not authorized you to make use of its intellectual property, and any such use is hereby expressly prohibited. We are therefore sending you this letter in an attempt to resolve this matter without the need for legal action. We demand that you immediately cease and desist from making further unauthorized use of Libertarian Party intellectual property, including but not limited to the following:

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- “Libertarian Party” (Reg. No. 2,423,459);
- “The Party of Principle” (Reg. No. 2,423,458);
- Libertarian Party Torch Logo (Reg. No. 6,037,046);
- Libertarian Party Website (Reg. No. Vau 1-490-101; Ref. No. HLIBE-C003-US).

To avoid legal action in this matter, you must immediately cease your infringement upon any and all trademarked or copyrighted LNC materials in any and all online or business-related publications or activities. In particular, you must cease from using the trademarked name “Libertarian Party”, the trademarked phrase “The Party of Principle”, the trademarked Libertarian Party torch logo and the copyrighted website www.lp.org to identify your organization in any published materials, including but not limited to materials available at www.lpnm.us or any other online or digital platform or print medium.

If you do not comply with the demands set forth above, the LNC will utilize all available legal remedies to stop your infringement of its rights and the harm done by that infringement. This shall include, but may not be limited to, action in federal court for: trademark infringement under 15 U.S.C. § 1114; false designation of origin and false advertisement under 15 U.S.C. § 1125; unfair competition under 15 U.S.C. § 1125; and similar common law claims available under applicable state law.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/Steven Nekhaila

Steven Nekhaila
Chair
Libertarian National Committee

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May 8, 2026

Via Certified Mail to:

Chris Luchini
121 La Senda Rd
White Rock, NM 87547

Via Email:

chair@lpmn.us

Re: FINAL DEMAND TO CHRIS LUCHINI

Mr. Luchini's Continued and Unauthorized Use of "Libertarian Party" and "New Mexico Libertarian Party" Constitutes Federal Trademark Infringement in Violation of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1051 *et seq.*

Mr. Luchini,

This firm represents the Libertarian National Committee (the Libertarian National Committee, Inc. and its predecessors-in-interest referred to as the "LNC" herein) in matters concerning infringement of its federally registered trademarks, false designation of origin, unfair competition, false advertisement, and other related claims all stemming from your continued use of "Libertarian Party" and "New Mexico Libertarian Party" in your self-identification, online organizations and operations, and other activities. This letter is a demand that you immediately cease and desist from using these terms, and any other intellectual property rights held by the LNC. If you do not comply with the terms of this letter, the LNC will utilize all available legal remedies to stop your knowing and willful infringement of the LNC's federally registered trademarks and related intellectual property rights.

The LNC is the owner of an incontestable federal trademark registration for the mark LIBERTARIAN PARTY (attached). Under 15 U.S.C. § 1115, this registration serves as conclusive evidence of the validity of the registered mark and of the LNC's exclusive right to use the registered mark in connection with the promotion of the interests of a political party and related activities.

This registration dates back to 2001 and claims first use of the LIBERTARIAN PARTY mark by the LNC at least as early as January of 1972. Immediately after its formation, the LNC began using its LIBERTARIAN PARTY mark nationwide and forming state affiliates. A Libertarian Party of New Mexico was not even registered with the state of New Mexico until

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July of 1972 and used the LIBERTARIAN PARTY mark only with the authorization of the LNC. The LNC's rights to the LIBERTARIAN PARTY mark are superior in time to any other organization.

On August 25, 2022 you sent the LNC a letter stating that "LPNM and the LNC are no longer, in any sense, part of the same political party. All connections between us whatsoever are now totally and completely severed." In response, on September 11, 2022, the LNC honored your wishes and disaffiliated your group from the LNC. On October 3, 2022, you were informed of this fact and told to cease and desist your use of the name "Libertarian Party of New Mexico":

In your August 25, 2022 letter, you stated, "LPNM and the LNC are no longer, in any sense, part of the same political party. All connections between us whatsoever are now totally and completely severed." Based on your statement and the LNC's formal disaffiliation, we're asking you to cease using the name, "Libertarian Party of New Mexico".

We wish you the best of luck in your political endeavors.

Nevertheless, in spite of your voluntary disaffiliation from the LNC and insistence that the LNC and your group were no longer in the same political party, you continued to unlawfully make use of the LNC's federally registered LIBERTARIAN PARTY trademark.

On July 9, 2023, the LNC renewed its request that you cease your unauthorized use of the LNC's LIBERTARIAN PARTY trademark:

We ask that you voluntarily change your name to something which is not the Libertarian Party or any other confusingly similar designation or to consider integrating with the Libertarian Party's recognized affiliate. We would be more than happy to facilitate discussions with them if you wish. I am sure all of us would like to avoid litigation, but that is the inevitable route if this continues, as already directed by the Libertarian National Committee. We hope that the passage of time has let cooler heads prevail and that a more amicable resolution can be reached; however, the unauthorized use of our trademark cannot continue.

And again on September 26, 2025:

The LNC has not authorized you to make use of its intellectual property, and any such use is hereby expressly prohibited. We are therefore sending you this letter in an attempt to resolve this matter without the need for legal action. We demand that you immediately cease and desist from making further unauthorized use of Libertarian Party intellectual property, including but not limited to the following:

To date, you have not complied with the LNC's demands, and you continue to willfully infringe the LNC's trademarks and related intellectual property. You continue to use Libertarian Party in conjunction with the "New Mexico Libertarian Party" at the New Mexico Secretary of State, in social media, blogs, news articles, and business entity registrations. You even used the LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW MEXICO name to release a joint statement with the Democratic Party of New Mexico, causing widespread confusion among the citizens of New Mexico. Furthermore, you have used the LNC's LIBERTARIAN PARTY Trademark and the Libertarian Party of New Mexico name to convert tens of thousands of dollars from a private bequest directed to the LNC's New Mexico affiliate.

Critically, your use of the LIBERTARIAN PARTY mark at the New Mexico Secretary of State has barred the LNC's recognized affiliate from use of the mark in its name. Thus, your group, the recognized New Mexico affiliate of the Liberal Party, uses the name NEW MEXICO LIBERTARIAN PARTY, incorporating the LIBERTARIAN PARTY mark associated with the LNC and to which the LNC holds an incontestable federal trademark registration, while the LNC's affiliate must use the name FREE NEW MEXICO PARTY. Your group is an official affiliate of one political party, the Liberal Party, but masquerades as the official affiliate of another political party which you voluntarily disaffiliated from. Understandably, this has resulted in considerable confusion among New Mexico voters and candidates.

Simply put, you cannot lawfully use the LIBERTARIAN PARTY mark in competition with the LNC's recognized New Mexico affiliate. If you wish to use the mark and therefore be associated with the LNC, you must join the LNC's recognized affiliate. The LNC would welcome you and the other members of your group joining the recognized New Mexico affiliate of the LNC and pursuing your goals in a lawful manner that does not confuse the citizens of New Mexico.

Recently, the LNC was forced to litigate its trademark rights in Michigan against individuals who were unlawfully using the LNC's LIBERTARIAN PARTY trademark outside of the LNC's recognized affiliate. The LNC encouraged them for months to rejoin the recognized Michigan affiliate of the LNC and pursue their goals in that way, but all such proposals were refused. This Michigan group insisted that the LNC could not enforce its trademark rights and that the unaffiliated Michigan group had superior rights to the LIBERTARIAN PARTY mark, but these arguments were rejected in federal district court and a preliminary injunction was granted in favor of the LNC given its likelihood of success on the merits.

Again the LNC encouraged the Michigan group to cease its pointless legal battle and rejoin the recognized Libertarian Party of Michigan, but again the group chose to waste the precious time and money of countless liberty supporters on a frivolous appeal to the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals. Predictably, the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled against the group, an order of judgment was entered against them, and the group gave up and rejoined the recognized Libertarian Party of Michigan. Now members of that group are officers of the recognized affiliate and pursuing their goals through that channel, just as the LNC suggested they do from the very beginning.

I urge you to take this lesson to heart, stop trampling on the LNC's legal rights, and either move on to the Liberal Party and its brand or return to the LNC's recognized New Mexico affiliate. You are to **immediately cease and desist** all communications, displays, publications, registrations, and other related business activities that use – in any way – “Libertarian Party” or “New Mexico Libertarian Party.” This includes changing the name of your group with the New Mexico Secretary of State and transferring control of your Facebook group and page, X account, and any other social media accounts with an account name incorporating LIBERTARIAN PARTY to the LNC – in addition to you no longer using “Libertarian Party” in your own personal identification or identification of groups that you are affiliated with.

The LNC's primary goal is to immediately and permanently stop the ongoing public confusion regarding the affiliation of your group with the LNC. Accordingly, the LNC will consider this matter resolved should you take the necessary steps to avoid infringement of the

LNC's intellectual property, including transferring the "New Mexico Libertarian Party" Facebook page and other social media accounts and ceasing use of all LNC trademarks and copyrighted materials both in your group meetings and with the media. The LNC does not object to your use of the term "libertarian" on its own.

You must immediately submit documentation to this firm verifying that you have completely ceased the use of "Libertarian Party" and all copyrighted LNC materials in any and all online or business-related publications or activities.

In the absence of your immediate compliance, the LNC will file suit against you in federal court at least for: trademark infringement under 15 U.S.C. § 1114; false designation of origin and false advertisement under 15 U.S.C. § 1125; unfair competition under 15 U.S.C. § 1125; and similar common law claims under New Mexico state law.

Truly yours, -



Clifford D. Hyra
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ESCROW AGREEMENT

THIS ESCROW AGREEMENT ("**Agreement**") has been made as of July __, 2018, by David Marion Clinard, Jr., as Personal Representative of the ESTATE OF FRANK W. CLINARD, JR. ("**Decedent**"), of 2940 Arizona Ave, Los Alamos, Los Alamos County, NM-87544 ("**Estate**"), LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW MEXICO, a New Mexico nonprofit corporation, of 8100 Wyoming Boulevard NE, Suite M4, #341, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87113 ("**LPNM**"), and MERCANTILE BANK OF MICHIGAN, a Michigan banking corporation, of 310 Leonard Street, N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504 ("**Escrow Agent**"), based on the following facts.

A. Frank W. Clinard, Jr. died on August 30, 2016, leaving a Last Will and Testament dated November 19, 2008 in which the LPNM was named as a residual beneficiary (the "**Will**"). The Estate is being administered in the Probate Court for the County of Los Alamos, State of New Mexico, Case No. 859. David Marion Clinard, Jr. has been duly appointed as Personal Representative of the Estate. Pursuant to the Decedent's Will, the Estate has determined that Decedent's bequest to the LPNM equals the sum of One Hundred Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Three and 52/100 Dollars (\$111,863.52) ("**Bequest**"), which the Estate desires to distribute to the LPNM.

B. The LPNM has been officially recognized by the Federal Election Committee ("**FEC**") as a state committee of the Libertarian National Party. As a state committee of a national political party, contributions by the Estate to the LPNM are currently limited under applicable state campaign finance law to the sum of not more than Five Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$5,500.00) per calendar year, as adjusted for inflation by the FEC or such other appropriate agency in the future or as otherwise changed by law or court decision in the future ("**State Contribution Limit**").

C. As the Bequest exceeds the State Contribution Limit, the Estate and LPNM have agreed that the Estate shall fulfill its obligation for distribution of the Bequest to the LPNM by distributing the sum of Five Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$5,000.00) to the LPNM and depositing in escrow with Escrow Agent the balance of the Bequest, in the sum of One Hundred and Six Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty Three and 52/100 Dollars (\$106,363.52) ("**Escrow Funds**") to be distributed pursuant to the terms and conditions contained herein. The Estate and LPNM acknowledge that the 2017 distributions by the Estate to the LP have been made.

D. The Estate and LPNM desire to designate Escrow Agent as the escrowee of the Escrow Funds deposited under this Agreement.

ACCORDINGLY, THE ESTATE, LPNM, AND ESCROW AGENT AGREE:

1. **Escrow Agent.** The Estate and LPNM designate Escrow Agent and Escrow Agent agrees to act as escrowee for the purposes and upon the conditions set forth in this Agreement.

2. **Deposit of Escrow Funds.** After the disbursement in 2018, as set forth in Paragraph C above, the Estate shall deliver the Escrow Funds to Escrow Agent. The LPNM has delivered to the Personal Representative and LANB a duly executed final receipt and release, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. All interest accruing on the Escrow Funds shall be deemed part of the Escrow Funds. Escrow Agent shall invest the Escrow Funds in the name of Escrow Agent, for the benefit of the LPNM, with all interest taxable to the LPNM, in bank accounts or certificates of deposit fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. The LPNM agrees that the LPNM will be responsible for any standard fees associated with any such bank account(s) or certificate(s) of deposit into which the Escrow Funds shall be deposited. The LPNM agrees to sign and deliver such W-9 forms or other statements as Escrow Agent may reasonably request. Specifically, LPNM directs Escrow Agent to invest the Escrow Funds as set forth on **Exhibit B** attached hereto, which directions may be altered or amended from time to time, in writing, within the discretion of the LPNM.
3. **Distribution of Escrow Funds; Termination of Escrow.** The Escrow Agent shall distribute the Escrow Funds in increments equal to the State Contribution Limit, which amount shall be determined by the LPNM, who shall certify said amount in writing to the Escrow Agent on or before July 25 of each calendar year, commencing in calendar year 2018. Such certification shall contain a statement that distribution of the amount LPNM directs to be distributed and all amounts previously distributed at LPNM's direction from the Escrow Funds does not violate any applicable Federal or State laws and regulations. The parties agree that the Escrow Agent shall mail a check payable to the LPNM in an amount equal to the then effective and certified State Contribution Limit on or before August 1 of each calendar year, commencing in calendar year 2018. The checks referenced herein shall be mailed to

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW MEXICO
8100 Wyoming Boulevard NE
Suite M4, #341
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87113

unless otherwise agreed to by the Escrow Agent and LPNM in writing. Alternatively, distributions required hereunder may be made by wire transfer by Escrow Agent to LPNM at LPNM's election. LPNM agrees to pay any and all costs associated with wire transfers made by Escrow Agent to LPNM.

The LPNM understands that under no circumstances may it request or require that the Escrow Agent pay to the LPNM in any calendar year an amount that would exceed the State Contribution Limit. Escrow Agent understands that the LPNM may challenge the legal validity of the State Contribution Limit in federal court, and in the event that the LPNM is successful in that challenge, the LPNM may be able to certify to the Escrow Agent that the entire balance of the Escrow Funds can be paid to the LPNM. This Agreement shall terminate automatically when the entirety of the Escrow Funds have been delivered to the LPNM. The provisions of this Agreement which release the Escrow Agent from liability and/or limit the liability of the Escrow Agent and/or indemnify the Escrow Agent from liability and other provisions which by their nature contemplate rights and obligations of the parties to be enjoyed or performed after the expiration or termination of this Agreement will survive until their purposes are fulfilled.

4. **Liability of Escrow Agent.** Escrow Agent undertakes to perform only such duties as are expressly set forth herein and no duties shall be implied. Upon making delivery of the Escrow Funds and performing its obligations and services under this Agreement, Escrow Agent shall be released from any further liability under this Agreement. Escrow Agent has no fiduciary or discretionary duties of any kind. Escrow Agent shall have no liability under and no duty to inquire as to the provisions of any agreement other than this Agreement, including without limitation any other agreement between any or all of the parties hereto or any other persons even though reference thereto may be made herein. Escrow Agent shall not be liable for any action taken or omitted by it in good faith except to the extent that a court of competent jurisdiction determines that Escrow Agent's gross negligence or willful misconduct was the cause of loss to LPNM. Escrow Agent's sole responsibility shall be for the safekeeping and disbursement of Escrow Funds in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Escrow Agent shall not be charged with knowledge or notice of any fact or circumstance not specifically set forth herein. Escrow Agent may rely upon any notice, instruction, request or other instrument, not only as to its due execution, validity and effectiveness, but also as to the truth and accuracy of any information contained therein, which Escrow Agent shall believe to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the person or parties purporting to sign the same. Escrow Agent shall have no responsibility to determine or inquire into or otherwise corroborate the happening or occurrence of any event or condition described in such certificate or document or to determine whether the distribution of any amounts from the Escrow Funds complies with applicable Federal or State laws and regulations, including those related to campaign finance.

Except for Escrow Agent's gross negligence or willful misconduct, in no event shall Escrow Agent be liable for incidental, indirect, special, consequential or punitive damages or penalties (including but not limited to lost profits), even if Escrow Agent has been advised of the likelihood of such damages or penalty and regardless of the form of action. Escrow Agent shall not be responsible for delays or failures in performance resulting from acts beyond its control, including without limitation acts of God, strikes, lockouts, riots, acts of war or terror, epidemics, governmental regulations, fire, communication line failures, computer viruses, power failures, earthquakes or other disasters. LPNM agrees to perform or procure the performance of all further acts and things, and execute and deliver such further documents, as may be required by law or as Escrow Agent may reasonably request in connection with its duties hereunder. Escrow Agent is authorized, in its sole discretion, to comply with final orders issued or process entered by any court with respect to Escrow Funds, without determination by Escrow Agent of such court's jurisdiction in the matter.

5. **Dispute Resolution Procedure.** In the event of any disagreement or controversy under this Agreement or if Escrow Agent in good faith is in doubt as to what action it should take with respect to the Escrow Funds, Escrow Agent shall have the absolute right at its election to take any or all of the following actions:
- (a) Hold the Escrow Funds until the Escrow Agent and LPNM agree upon the proper disposition of it;
 - (b) Hold the Escrow Funds until Escrow Agent receives a court order concerning the disposition of the Escrow Funds in form and substance satisfactory to Escrow Agent;
 - (c) File an interpleader action in an appropriate court naming the LPNM, the

Estate, and all other claimants and interested parties as parties, and deposit the Escrow Funds with the clerk of such court in full satisfaction of its responsibilities under this Agreement; or

(a) Exercise any other rights or remedies available to it at law or in equity. In any such event, Escrow Agent shall be reimbursed from the Escrow Funds for its reasonable attorneys' fees in taking such actions.

6. **Indemnity; Exculpation.** LPNM shall indemnify, hold harmless, and, at Escrow Agent's option, defend Escrow Agent from and against any loss, liability, claim or expense, including, without limitation, reasonable attorney fees and court costs arising as a result of Escrow Agent's acceptance of the Escrow Fund or the performance of Escrow Agent's duties under this Agreement unless such loss, liability, claim or expense is finally adjudicated to have resulted from the bad faith or gross negligence of Escrow Agent. Such indemnity, hold harmless and defense obligations shall survive Escrow Agent's resignation or removal and shall survive the termination of this Agreement. In no event shall Escrow Agent be liable, directly or indirectly, for any (a) diminution in the value of the Escrow Fund; (B) damages or expenses arising out of Escrow Agent's performance of this Agreement, other than damages and expenses that result solely from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of Escrow Agent, as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction; or (c) special or consequential damages, even if Escrow Agent has been advised of the possibility of such damages. The obligations of LPNM under this Section 6 shall survive any termination of this Agreement and the resignation or removal of Escrow Agent.
7. **Resignation.** Escrow Agent may resign for any reason, or without reason, in its sole discretion by giving thirty (30) days written notice to LPNM. Thereafter, and after payment of Escrow Agent's fees and expenses incurred to that point, or the deduction of such fees from the Escrow Fund, Escrow Agent shall deliver the Escrow Fund to a successor Escrow Agent, as appointed by written agreement of the LPNM. If no such written agreement is received by Escrow Agent within thirty (30) days after the notice of resignation, Escrow Agent is unconditionally and irrevocably authorized and empowered to pay over and distribute the Escrow Fund to such bank or trust company in the State of Michigan as Escrow Agent shall determine in its sole discretion and which has consented to act as escrow agent or if none is available or willing to serve as escrow agent, to file an interpleader action as described in Subsection 5(c) and deposit the Escrow Fund with the clerk of the court as described in that Subsection.
8. **Escrow Fee.** The Escrow Agent agrees to act as Escrow Agent pursuant to this Agreement in return for a one-time escrow set-up fee of Seven Hundred and Fifty and 00/100 Dollars (\$750), plus reimbursement of Escrow Agent's attorneys' fees to review this Agreement (estimated at no more than \$1,000), which shall be paid by the LPNM upon signature of this Agreement by all parties. Escrow Agent may consult the attorneys of its choice for advice regarding carrying out its duties under this Agreement and may deduct the amount of reasonable attorneys' fees thereby incurred from the Escrow Funds. If any fees or other sums owed to Escrow Agent under this Agreement or any Indemnified Party in respect of any compensation or reimbursement hereunder are not paid promptly when due, Escrow Agent may deduct such sums from the Escrow Funds. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the parties hereto agree that the

Escrow Agent may immediately deduct the escrow fee detailed in this paragraph from the Escrow Funds.

9. **Representations and Warranties.** LPNM and the Estate, severally and not jointly, each respectively represent and warrant to Escrow Agent that (i) it has full power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and perform its obligations hereunder, and this Agreement has been duly approved by all necessary action and constitutes its valid and binding agreement enforceable in accordance with its terms; and (ii) each of the persons executing this Agreement have been duly appointed to act as authorized representatives hereunder and have full power to amend, modify or waive any provision of this Agreement and to take any and all other actions as authorized representatives under this Agreement, provided that any change in designation of such authorized representatives shall be provided by written notice delivered to each party to this Agreement.

10. **Account Opening Information/Reporting/Payment of Interest.**

(a) To help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, Federal law requires all financial institutions to obtain, verify, and record information that identifies each person who opens an account. For a non-individual person such as a business entity, charity, trust or other legal entity, Escrow Agent requires documentation to verify its formation and existence as a legal entity. Escrow Agent may ask to see financial statements, licenses, identification, and authorization documents from individuals claiming authority to represent the entity or other relevant documentation. The parties acknowledge that a portion of the identifying information set forth herein is being requested by Escrow Agent in connection with the USA Patriot Act, Pub.L.107-56 (the "Act"), and each agrees to provide any additional information requested by Escrow Agent in connection with the Act or any other legislation or regulation to which Escrow Agent is subject, in a timely manner.

(b) Upon execution of this Agreement, LPNM shall provide the Escrow Agent with a fully executed W-8 or W-9 IRS form.

(c) All interest or other income earned under the Escrow Agreement shall be allocated and/or paid pursuant to the terms of this Agreement and shall be reported by the LPNM to the Internal Revenue Service or any other taxing authority. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, Escrow Agent shall report and, as required, withhold any taxes as it determines to be required by any law or regulation in effect at the time of the distribution. In the event that any earnings remain undistributed at the end of any calendar year, Escrow Agent shall report to the Internal Revenue Service or such other authority such earnings as it deems appropriate or as required by any applicable law or regulation or, to the extent consistent therewith, as directed by LPNM. In addition, Escrow Agent shall withhold any taxes it deems appropriate and as required by applicable law, and shall remit such taxes to the appropriate authorities.

11. **Termination.** This Agreement shall terminate upon the distribution of all Escrow Funds pursuant to any applicable provision of this Agreement, and Escrow Agent shall thereafter have no further obligation or liability whatsoever with respect to this Agreement or Escrow

Funds.

12. **Brokerage Confirmation Waiver.** LPNM and the Estate acknowledge that to the extent regulations of the Comptroller of the Currency or other regulatory entity grant them the right to receive brokerage confirmations for security transactions as they occur, LPNM and the Estate specifically waive receipt of such confirmations to the extent permitted by law. Escrow Agent will furnish LPNM monthly cash transaction statements that include detail for all investment transactions made by Escrow Agent.
13. **Successors and Assigns.** This Agreement shall bind and benefit the Estate, LPNM and Escrow Agent, and their respective successors, heirs, personal representatives, and assigns.
14. **Directions, Notices and Amendments.** Any and all directions or instructions provided to the Escrow Agent by the LPNM with regard to investments, distributions or any other matters relating to the Escrow Funds, shall be made in writing, certified by legal counsel for the LPNM. All notices or other communications to be given under this Agreement shall be deemed to have been duly given, made, and received when delivered personally or mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested and first class postage prepaid, to the parties' addresses set forth above, or to such other addresses as may be designated by a similar written notice. No waiver or amendment of this Agreement or any provision of this Agreement shall be effective unless in writing signed by the parties to this Agreement.
15. **Choice of Law and Forum.** This Agreement shall be governed, construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan, but without regard to its choice of law principles. Any and all actions concerning any dispute arising hereunder shall be filed and maintained only in a State or Federal court sitting in Kent County, Michigan and the parties hereby consent to the jurisdiction of any such court and consent to venue in any such court.
16. **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be signed in two or more counterparts, which together shall comprise one and the same instrument. Faxed or scanned signatures on this Agreement shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as original signatures.
17. **Severability.** To the extent any provision of this Agreement is prohibited by or invalid under applicable law, such provision shall be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or invalidity, without invalidating the remainder of such provision or the remaining provisions of this Agreement.
18. **Entire Agreement; No Third Party Beneficiaries.** This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties relating to the holding, investment and disbursement of Escrow Funds and sets forth in their entirety the obligations and duties of Escrow Agent with respect to Escrow Funds. Nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any other person any right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Agreement.
19. **WAIVER OF TRIAL BY JURY.** EACH PARTY TO THIS AGREEMENT HEREBY WAIVES ANY RIGHT THAT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY ON ANY CLAIM, COUNTERCLAIM, SETOFF, DEMAND, ACTION OR CAUSE OF ACTION

(I) ARISING OUT OF OR IN ANY WAY RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT OR (II) IN ANY WAY IN CONNECTION WITH OR PERTAINING OR RELATED TO OR INCIDENTAL TO ANY DEALINGS OF THE PARTIES TO THIS AGREEMENT OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT OR THE EXERCISE OF ANY SUCH PARTY'S RIGHTS AND REMEDIES UNDER THIS AGREEMENT OR THE CONDUCT OR THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES TO THIS AGREEMENT, IN ALL OF THE FOREGOING CASES WHETHER NOW EXISTING OR HEREAFTER ARISING AND WHETHER IN CONTRACT, TORT OR OTHERWISE. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO HEREBY FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT EACH HAS REVIEWED OR HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THIS WAIVER WITH ITS RESPECTIVE LEGAL COUNSEL, AND THAT IT KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY WAIVES ITS JURY TRIAL RIGHTS FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH SUCH LEGAL COUNSEL. IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, THIS AGREEMENT MAY BE FILED AS A CONSENT BY ALL PARTIES TO A TRIAL BY THE COURT.

The parties have signed this Agreement and intend it to be effective as of the date set forth above.

ESTATE OF FRANK W. CLINARD, JR.

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW MEXICO

By: LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL BANK, as agent for David Marion Clinard, Jr., Personal Representative of the Estate of Frank W. Clinard, Jr.

By: *Rebecca Lescombes*

Its: Treasurer

Rebecca Lescombes

By: _____

Its: _____

MERCANTILE BANK OF MICHIGAN

By: _____

Its: _____

EXHIBIT D

Receipt

[See Attached Final Receipt and Release]

EXHIBIT B

Investments

- \$ _____ invested in 12-month certificate of deposit at Mercantile Bank of Michigan.
- \$ _____ invested in 24-month certificate of deposit at Mercantile Bank of Michigan.

Balance of \$ _____ invested in Money Market Checking Account at Mercantile Bank of Michigan.

Upon maturity of the initial 24-month certificate of deposit at Mercantile Bank of Michigan detailed above and upon the maturity of each subsequent 24-month certificate of deposit, the investments of the Escrow Funds shall proceed as follows:

1. An amount equal to the then effective State Contribution Limit shall remain in the Money Market Checking for disbursement in the next calendar year pursuant to the terms of this Agreement;
2. An amount equal to the then effective State Contribution Limit shall be invested in a 12-month certificate of deposit at Mercantile Bank of Michigan; and
3. Any amounts remaining thereafter shall be reinvested in a 24-month certificate of deposit at Mercantile Bank of Michigan.

PROBATE COURT
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
FRANK W. CLINARD JR., Deceased

FINAL RECEIPT AND RELEASE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that the Libertarian Party of New Mexico (hereinafter "Libertarian Party") being a residual beneficiary under the Last Will and Testament of Frank W. Clinard dated November 19, 2008 (duly admitted to probate in Case No. 859, Probate Court, State of New Mexico, County of Los Alamos), hereby acknowledges that it received from Los Alamos National Bank ("LANB") as Agent for David Marion Clinard, Jr., Personal Representative of the Estate of Frank W. Clinard, Jr. identified above, an accounting, attached hereto as Schedule A, of all transactions pertaining to the Estate from the date of death of Frank W. Clinard through May 31, 2017 and it approves of said transactions and it further acknowledges that it shall receive the sum of One Hundred Eleven Thousand, Eight Hundred Sixty-Three Dollars and 52/100 (\$111,863.52) in satisfaction of the distribution to which it is entitled pursuant to the terms of the Last Will and Testament.

Libertarian Party, its successors and assigns, does by these presents remise, release, quit-claim, indemnify and forever discharge LANB, Los Alamos, New Mexico, its successors, assigns, employees, agents, officers and directors and David Marion Clinard, Jr., his heirs, successors and assigns, of and from all accounts and reckonings on the monies described herein, and of and from all actions, suits, accounts, claims and demands whatsoever, for or by reason thereof, or of any other act, matter, cause or thing whatsoever, arising from or attributable to LANB's or David Marion Clinard, Jr.'s administration and management of said Estate. The

undersigned further declares that he/she has the full authority of the governing body of Libertarian Party to execute this Receipt and Release.

Libertarian Party also hereby agrees, to the extent of the fair market value of the distributions made and receipted for pursuant to this agreement, to refund such distribution to the Agent for the Personal Representative (1) to the extent such distributions may ultimately be determined to have been in excess of the amounts properly distributable and (2) to the extent necessary to pay the amount of any tax, expenses, claim, damage, liability, loss, demand or charge of any kind or nature whatsoever which LANB or David Marion Clinard, Jr. may incur or which may be payable by said Agent or Personal Representative because of, in respect of, or in connection with its acts, omissions, transactions, duties, obligations or responsibilities as Trustee in connection with this distribution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The Libertarian Party of New Mexico has caused this Receipt and Release to be executed this 28th day of June, 2017.

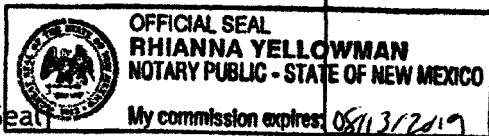
THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW MEXICO

By Rebecca Lescombes Treasurer
Its

STATE OF New Mexico)

COUNTY OF San Juan)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of June, 2017, by Rebecca Lescombes, Treasurer of the Libertarian Party of New Mexico.



Rhianna Yellowman
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 08/13/2017

JS 44 (Rev 03/24)

CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of **initiating** the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

<p>I. (a) PLAINTIFFS</p> <p>LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, INC.</p> <p>(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff <u>Washington, DC</u> <i>(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)</i></p> <p>(c) Attorneys <i>(Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)</i> Benjamin Allison, Justin Miller, Billy Traubado 141 E. Palace Avenue, Santa Fe, NM 87501, 505-995-8000</p>	<p>DEFENDANTS</p> <p>Libertarian Party of New Mexico, Chris Luchini, Laura Burrows, Paul McKenney, Frederick Snoy, and James Wernicke +</p> <p>County of Residence of First Listed Defendant <u>Bernalillo</u> <i>(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)</i></p> <p>NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED</p> <p>Attorneys <i>(If Known)</i></p>
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<p>II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION <i>(Place an "X" in One Box Only)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2 U.S. Government Defendant</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 Federal Question <i>(U.S. Government Not a Party)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 4 Diversity <i>(Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)</i></p>	<p>III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES <i>(Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)</i></p> <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align:center">PTF</td> <td style="text-align:center">DEF</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align:center">PTF</td> <td style="text-align:center">DEF</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Citizen of This State</td> <td style="text-align:center"><input type="checkbox"/> 1</td> <td style="text-align:center"><input type="checkbox"/> 1</td> <td>Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State</td> <td style="text-align:center"><input type="checkbox"/> 4</td> <td style="text-align:center"><input type="checkbox"/> 4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Citizen of Another State</td> <td style="text-align:center"><input type="checkbox"/> 2</td> <td style="text-align:center"><input type="checkbox"/> 2</td> <td>Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State</td> <td style="text-align:center"><input type="checkbox"/> 5</td> <td style="text-align:center"><input type="checkbox"/> 5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country</td> <td style="text-align:center"><input type="checkbox"/> 3</td> <td style="text-align:center"><input type="checkbox"/> 3</td> <td>Foreign Nation</td> <td style="text-align:center"><input type="checkbox"/> 6</td> <td style="text-align:center"><input type="checkbox"/> 6</td> </tr> </table>		PTF	DEF		PTF	DEF	Citizen of This State	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	Citizen of Another State	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	Foreign Nation	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
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IV. NATURE OF SUIT *(Place an "X" in One Box Only)* Click here for: [Nature of Suit Code Descriptions.](#)

CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES	
<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act <input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act <input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excludes Veterans) <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits <input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise	<p>PERSONAL INJURY</p> <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers' Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury <input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury - Medical Malpractice	<p>PERSONAL INJURY</p> <input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 367 Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability <p>PERSONAL PROPERTY</p> <input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending <input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 <input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 <input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 <p>INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS</p> <input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent <input type="checkbox"/> 835 Patent - Abbreviated New Drug Application <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark <input type="checkbox"/> 880 Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016 <p>SOCIAL SECURITY</p> <input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff) <input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923) <input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) <input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI <input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g)) <p>FEDERAL TAX SUITS</p> <input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609	<input type="checkbox"/> 375 False Claims Act <input type="checkbox"/> 376 Qui Tam (31 USC 3729(a)) <input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit (15 USC 1681 or 1692) <input type="checkbox"/> 485 Telephone Consumer Protection Act <input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Acts <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act <input type="checkbox"/> 896 Arbitration <input type="checkbox"/> 899 Administrative Procedure Act/Review or Appeal of Agency Decision <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes
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<input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation <input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment <input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land <input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property	<input type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting <input type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/Accommodations <input type="checkbox"/> 445 Amer. w/Disabilities - Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 446 Amer. w/Disabilities - Other <input type="checkbox"/> 448 Education	<p>Habeas Corpus:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> 463 Alien Detainee <input type="checkbox"/> 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence <input type="checkbox"/> 530 General <input type="checkbox"/> 535 Death Penalty <p>Other:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus & Other <input type="checkbox"/> 550 Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 555 Prison Condition <input type="checkbox"/> 560 Civil Detainee - Conditions of Confinement	<input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act <input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Management Relations <input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act <input type="checkbox"/> 751 Family and Medical Leave Act <input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation <input type="checkbox"/> 791 Employee Retirement Income Security Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 462 Naturalization Application <input type="checkbox"/> 465 Other Immigration Actions	

V. ORIGIN *(Place an "X" in One Box Only)*

1 Original Proceeding
 2 Removed from State Court
 3 Remanded from Appellate Court
 4 Reinstated or Reopened
 5 Transferred from Another District *(specify)*
 6 Multidistrict Litigation - Transfer
 8 Multidistrict Litigation - Direct File

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing *(Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity)*
15 U.S.C. §§ 1114, and 1125(a)(1)(A) and (B)

Brief description of cause:
Lanham Act violations

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:
 CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P.
DEMAND \$ _____
 CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:
JURY DEMAND: Yes No

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY *(See instructions):*
 JUDGE _____
 DOCKET NUMBER _____

DATE: May 15, 2026
 SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD: /s/ Billy Traubado/

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RECEIPT # _____
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 JUDGE _____
 MAG JUDGE _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44

Authority For Civil Cover Sheet

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- I.(a) Plaintiffs-Defendants.** Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
- (b) County of Residence.** For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
- (c) Attorneys.** Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- II. Jurisdiction.** The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.Cv.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.
 United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.
 United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.
 Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.
 Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; **NOTE: federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.**)
- III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties.** This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- IV. Nature of Suit.** Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If there are multiple nature of suit codes associated with the case, pick the nature of suit code that is most applicable. Click here for: [Nature of Suit Code Descriptions](#).
- V. Origin.** Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.
 Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.
 Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441.
 Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.
 Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.
 Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.
 Multidistrict Litigation – Transfer. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407.
 Multidistrict Litigation – Direct File. (8) Check this box when a multidistrict case is filed in the same district as the Master MDL docket.
PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NOT AN ORIGIN CODE 7. Origin Code 7 was used for historical records and is no longer relevant due to changes in statute.
- VI. Cause of Action.** Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. **Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.** Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553 Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service.
- VII. Requested in Complaint.** Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.
 Demand. In this space enter the actual dollar amount being demanded or indicate other demand, such as a preliminary injunction.
 Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.
- VIII. Related Cases.** This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related cases, if any. If there are related cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.