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Message from the Chair

There are exciting things on the Liberty Horizon in 2020. I look forward to having Libertarians elected to bring new ideas and broaden the discussion away from “pet projects” to creating more liberty and less government overreach, including:

- As we discuss housing shortages, let’s also discuss how zoning ordinances limit social mobility.
- As we discuss where to build new prisons, let’s also talk about how and why we continue to incarcerate non-violent offenders.
- As we discuss the importance of ending gerrymandering, let's also discuss the improvement ranked choice voting would make in better representing all of the constituents in a district.
- As we discuss where to build new homeless shelters, let’s also discuss how the war on drugs has created so many felons - keeping them out of the workforce and limiting housing options.



If you have an interest in running for office I would encourage you to do so. It is an amazing opportunity to be involved in your community and help bring important issues to the forefront of discussion. If you would like to help other candidates please reach out to volunteer.

"I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!" [Patrick Henry](#),

-- Amber Christiansen Beltran

Candidate Filing Dates Friday March 13 - Thursday March 19 New Regulation Adds Extra Step

Filing for 2020 Utah elections will be open Friday March 13 through Thursday March 19. We were notified this past week that a bill passed by the legislature in 2019 has made a surprising (and arguably pointless) change to the process of filing. Before a candidate can file a Declaration of Candidacy, they must first file a Conflict of Interest Disclosure at the [Lieutenant Governor's Disclosure website](#).

Because this is new, we want to clarify the process. There are three steps to filing a disclosure:

1. Create an account at the [website](#), if you do not have one. If you already have an account, log in;
2. Create an "entity" (i.e., declare what office you are planning to file for);
3. Once the entity is approved by the LG's office, you may create your Conflict of Interest Disclosure.

ONLY after completing these steps can you go to your county clerk's office (or the LG's office, for certain positions) and file your Declaration of Candidacy. If your COID is not filed electronically first, your candidacy will be disqualified. ***You can do this process now, before the filing period starts*** - which is important because there can be delays between any of the steps as you wait for approval. If you are considering more than one office, create all of them as entities and file a COID for each. You must have created an entity and have the COID on file for whatever office you decide to run for. Those you do not file for simply become moot, and will be deleted.

Why did we call this new regulation pointless? Two things. First, the Disclosure has no legal authority - no potential conflict of interest would disqualify anyone for any office. Second, while the

convention, 15 days before the primary, whatever - and be of equal value. ***The only apparent use for this timing is to create a new way to disqualify competition.***

You can be assured we will work to have this ridiculous law changed. However, it is what is in place right now - and we don't want anyone to get disqualified!

For additional information on qualifications and filing fees for specific races see the state's 2020 Candidate Manual: [here](#)

We have a unique opportunity this cycle to build on the work of the Tax Referendum. People want more accountability, transparency in government. They are looking for an alternative to the status quo. The Libertarian Party is BEST qualified to provide that alternative!

If you have any questions please reach out to the Executive Committee and we will answer them. We are here to help you become a candidate!

NINE LP Presidential Candidates to Attend UTLP Convention



We're now less than two months away from the biggest Utah Libertarian event ever! As of this newsletter, *ten* of the candidates seeking the LP nomination for President have indicated their intent to attend the Utah Libertarian Party convention April 24-25 in Ogden.

Those who have committed are Lincoln Chafee, Keenan Dunham, Souraya Fass, Jacob Hornberger, Jo Jorgenson, Adam Kokesh, Sam Robb, Vermin Supreme and Mark Whitney. We expect another candidate or two may join us as well! We will be conducting a straw poll after the candidate presentations.

Additionally, we have commitments from two candidates seeking to become chair of the Libertarian National Committee, Joe Bishop-Henchman and Joshua Smith, and also our current Regional Representative, Richard Longstreth, who is seeking the office of Vice Chair. The Bylaws Committee of the LNC will also be meeting in Ogden concurrently with our convention, so you can expect to see other Libertarians from around the US!

There will be an opening reception on Friday evening from 7-10 PM, offering an excellent opportunity to talk to both other Utah Libertarians and the various candidates in a more informal setting. A catered lunch is offered on Saturday for a donation of just \$25 - the conversation at lunch is always a highlight for many! We have a great

If you are registered to vote in Utah as a Libertarian, you are qualified to be a delegate! Registration is open as of today! [Click here to go to the registration page today.](#)

Links to all LP presidential candidates' websites can be found [here](#).

Note: we are monitoring the Covid-19 situation and will announce if there are any changes in response to future developments. However, there are statutory deadlines that the UTLP and the national party must meet, so our decision making is linked to actions by government at both levels. For now, we will proceed as normal, and hope for the best outcome.

As of March 2, 2020, according to voter registration data provided by the Lieutenant Governor's office, the Utah Libertarian Party has 16,222 active registered voters - an increase of 335 in the past month! Keep it growing!



We're now less than a month away from the 2nd Libertarian Frontier Summit, April 4-5 in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

This summit is geared toward training candidates and campaign staff on best practices and tactics that will help elect Libertarians and advance libertarian ideas in practical ways. Join canvassing experts as they teach campaign volunteers and staff how to best reach their audience in the short time they have with them at their doors. Plus much more, including the fight for medical cannabis in Wyoming. ***Whether you are a candidate or looking to support our nominees, this will be a hugely valuable experience!***

Learn more and register [HERE](#). 35% of profits from registrations through this link will be donated directly to the Utah Libertarian Party, with the rest remaining with the Libertarian Frontier Project.



The next UTLP Executive Committee Meeting has not yet been scheduled, but you can follow our [Facebook page](#) where we'll be announcing the time and place! .

There will always be many items of interest that come up in between our newsletter mailings - to keep up to date on all the latest news and opportunities for involvement, follow our [Facebook page](#) and keep

Do you have web or graphics design skills that you're willing to donate to the party and our candidates? Request to join our closed Facebook group, [UTLP Web Tech Brigade](#). It's a place where our candidates can seek help with everything from their web presence to online ads and memes to print ad design. Help us put our best face forward!

Have you made your membership donation for 2020? Just \$20 gets you full voting rights on all business of the Utah Libertarian Party at our conventions, and helps the UTLP support all our candidates throughout the election process. Make your payment [here](#)! Or better yet, set up a recurring monthly donation, either by Aneidot or from your Paypal account. Best of all, join at our Patriot level of \$17.76 per month, or the Founder's level at \$19.71!

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