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# LPNY LAUNCHES 2024 STATEWIDE PETITION DRIVE

#### Independent

I, the undersigned, do hereby state that I am a registered voter of the made, that my present place of residence is truly stated opposite my s persons as candidates for election to public offices to be voted for at the the name Libertarian Party as the name of the independent body making t

Name of Candidate

Public Office

Larry Sharpe Richard F. Purtell **President of the United States** 

**Vice President of the United States** 

#### by Andrew Kolstee LPNY Chair

On April 16, 2024, the Libertarian Party of New York launched a petition drive on the first day of petitioning to get our stand-in candidates on the ballot. At least 45,000 signatures are needed in order to place the Libertarian Party's Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates on the ballot.

Larry Sharpe is standing in as the Presidential candidate and Rich Purtell is standing in as the Vice Presidential candidate. After petitions are turned in, the stand-in candidates can withdraw, and the Committee on Vacancies can replace the stand-in candidates with the candidates nominated at the National Convention.

The LPNY declined to nominate a candidate for U.S. Senate in order

to partner with Diane Sare, Indepndent candidate for U.S. Senate, in the petitioning drive. As a result, the LPNY does not have a U.S. Senate candidate on our petitions.

Petitioning is going on now, and the filing dates are May 21-28, 2024. During that time, the Libertarian Party of New York needs over 45,000 signatures, but our goal is 60,000 signature in order to withstand any challnges to the petitions. The petitioning portal is linked right on the lpny.org website. There, you

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will find the petitions and instructions. We also have a few downballot candidates and so if you live in the area, collect for those candidates as well.

Whoever is nominated for President at the Libertarian National Convention will only be on the New York ballot if we get enough signatures by May 28.

If you have any questions or need help with petitioning, feel free to reach out to us!

		Date	Name of Signer (printed name may be added)	
	1	/ / 24	X	
		printed name:		
	2	/ / 24	X	
		printed name:		
	3	/ / 24	X	
		printed name:		
		/ / 24	X	·

## STATE COMMITTEE CHANGES AND UPCOMING ELECTIONS

#### by Andrew Kolstee **LPNY Chair**

The State Committee of the Libertarian Party of New York has undergone a few changes in the past few months.

Four members of the State Committee have resigned since the Nominating Convention: Brian Wells of JD4 (March 17, 2024), Adam Magoon of JD5 (March 26, 2024), John Janes of JD4 (April 5, 2024), and Michael Gately of JD6 (April

22, 2024). There are now a total of 12 vacancies on the State Committee. The next State Committee meeting will not be held until after the National Convention on a date to be determined.

However, State Committee elections are upon us. Anyone wishing to serve on the State Committee for the 2024-2026 term is required to register as a candidate. The deadline for registration is April 30, 2024

The Elections Oversight Committee will review all registrants for eligiblity. The committee has a meeting scheduled for May 6, 2024 and once they have certified the list of candidates, the County Affiliates will elect their Judicial District representatives. They will have until July 31, 2024 to do so.

The new State Committee will take office on the weekend of Septemebr 21-22, 2024 when the convention is held, which will also elect the Executive Committee.

## **CALLS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024** CONVENTION PROPOSA

#### **bv Andrew Kolstee LPNY Chair**

The 2024 LPNY State Convention will be held the weekend of Septmeber 21-22, 2024 in a location to be determined. We are looking for proposals for a venue. Anyone who might have something should reach out the the LPNY. The format for the past few conventions typically starts with a Friday evening informal reception, business on Saturday afternoon, a Saturday evening event, and business concluding on Sunday. The event format is flexible.

### **HELP US GET A3312 PASSED**

This bill, if passed would lower the ballot access thresholds back to the previous standards: the number of votes needed to get ballot access to 50,000 (from 130,000 or 2%), and lower the petition signature requirement for a statewide office to 15,000 (from 45,000). Contact your representatives in the New York State Legislature and ask them to this bill! **Contact Legislative Affairs Director Rich Purtell at rpurtell@** lpny.org to get involved with pushing this bill.

## **NATIONAL CONVENTION: NEW YORK'S DELEGATION UPDATED**

#### by Andrew Kolstee **LPNY Chair**

The Libertarian Party of New York's Delegation to the Libertarian Na-

tional Committee has undergone ternate Delegates have withdrawn, changes, which was ratified at the April 3, 2024 State Committee meeting. Some Delegates and Al-

and so some Alternate Delegates were promoted to Delegate. The updated list is as follows.

#### **DELEGATES**

- 1. Andrew Kolstee
- 2. Duane Whitmer\*
- 3. William Schmidt
- 4. Justin Carman
- 5. Keith Redhead\*
- 6. Michael Rebmann
- 7. Chance Haywood
  - 8. Paul Grindle
  - 9. Daniel Castello
  - 10. Blay Tarnoff
  - 11. Steven Becker
- 12. Leonard Morlock
  - 13. Craig Colwell
  - 14. Juan Ayala
- 15. Christopher Olenski
  - 16. Adam Magoon\*
  - 17. Justin Pelletier
    - 18. Mark Axinn
- 19. Susan Overeem-Cummings
  - 20. Catrina Rocco
  - 21. Nicole Colwell
  - 22. Irwin Mark Weinblatt
    - 23. James Fitch
    - 24. Daniel Donnelly
    - 25. Randyn Tarnoff
      - 26. Pietro Geraci
      - 27. Wendi Szabo
  - 28. Joanna Rocco-Bodach
    - 29. Jack Terran
    - 30. Richard Cooper\*
    - 31. Thomas Quiter

- 32. Christian Padgett
- 33. Gary Triestman
  - 34. Larry Sharpe
  - 35. Craig Shute\*
- 36. Millie Dordal-Gale
  - 37. Debra Altman
  - 38. Charles Senrick
    - 39. Roger Cooper\*
  - 40. Caryn Tarnoff
  - 41. Michael Houze
- 42. Anna Donnelly\*\*
- 43. Shaun Cahill\*\*
- 44. Joseph Terwilliger\*\*
  - 45. James Melloan\*\*
- 50. Paul Schaffenberger\*\*
  - 51. Chuck Dorgan\*\*

#### **ALTERNATES**

- 46. Russell Nelson\*
- 47. Alexander Tollner\*
  - 48. Sarah Shuster\*
- 49. Brandon Larsen\*
- 52. Liam Callahan
- 53. Evan Lebrecht
- 54. E. Rose Leatherman
  - 55. Jeffrey Monheit
  - 56. Vladmir Vizner
  - 57. Dennis Consorte

#### **KEY**

- \*Withdrew as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate
- \*\*Delegate promoted from Alternate Delegate

## **COUNTY AFFILIATE NEWS**

#### **ALBANY**

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#### **CHAUTAUQUA**

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

Thurs., May 2, 2024 @ 7:00 PM Lakeview Hotel & Resturant Mayville, NY and Zoom (1st Thursdays)

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#### **CHEMUNG**

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

**TBD** 

at Ill Eagle Taphouse

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#### **NEXT MEETING:**

Wed., May 15, 2024 @ 7 PM Google Meet (third Wednesdays)

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Sat., May 18, 2024 @ 6 PM Time/Location Varies (3rd Saturdays)

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#### **ERIE**

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

Held Monthly via Zoom

#### **CONTACT:**

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#### KINGS (BROOKLYN)

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

Tues., May 21, 2024 at 3 PM @ Fourth Avenue Pub 76 4th Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11217 (3rd Tuesdays)

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#### **NEXT MEETING:**

**TBD** 

**Hamilton Public Library** 

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#### **MONROE**

Contact the Monroe County Libertarian Party for meeting link. We also have monthly social meetings that you don't want to miss. There is also Google Group for announcements.

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

Thurs., May 2, 2024 @ 7 PM (first Thursdays)

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#### **NASSAU**

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

Tues., May 9, 2024 at 7 PM @ Landmark Diner (2nd Thursdays)

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#### **NEXT MEETING:**

TBD

#### **ONEIDA**

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

Mon., May 20, 2024 @ 6 PM via Video Conference (3rd Mondays) Contact Keith for link

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kredhead@lpny.org

#### **ONONDAGA**

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

**TBD** 

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#### **PUTNAM**

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

Thurs., May 9, 2024 at 7 PM at McCarthy's 374 Route 52, Carmel, NY 10512 (2nd Thursdays)

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#### **RENSSELAER**

Since October 2022, the Rensselaer County Libertarian Party has been collecting food items and monetary donations to give monthly to StreetSoldiers Rensselaer.

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

Wed., May 1, 2024 at 6:30 PM Alexis Diner, North Greenbush (first Wednesdays)

#### **CONTACT:**

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#### **RICHMOND (STATEN ISLAND)**

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

Thurs., May 16, 2024 @ 7 PM @ Coffee and Collectibles (3rd Thursdays)

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#### **ULSTER**

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

Mon., May 13, 2024 at 6:30 PM Hickory BBQ, Kingston, NY (second Mondays)

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#### **WAYNE**

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

Sat., May 25, 2024 at 10 AM Yellow Mills Diner 2534 NY-31 Palmyra, NY 14522 (last Saturdays)

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### Don't see your county listed?

We are looking for Libertarians to organize new County Affiliates!

Contact us for more details!

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