



The

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# Libertarian Alternative

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## Libertarian slate of state-wide candidates



**STEVE KUBBY**  
for Governor



**TED BROWN**  
for U. S. Senator



**THOMAS TRYON**  
for Lt. Governor



**GAIL LIGHTFOOT**  
for Secretary of State



**PAMELA PESCOSOLIDO**  
for Controller



**JON PETERSEN**  
for Treasurer



**JOSEPH FARINA**  
for Attorney General



**DALE OGDEN**  
for Insurance Commissioner

## Libertarians speak out for true economic freedom and real personal liberties

*"A wise and frugal government, which shall restrain men from injuring one another, which shall leave them otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned — this is the sum of good government."*

- Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence

Democratic and Republican politicians raise your taxes, increase government spending, and enact laws (1,500 new ones each year in California alone) that violate your personal liberties and economic freedom. When you vote on November 3, don't vote for these entrenched politicians. There is an alternative — the Libertarian Party.

The Libertarian Party, America's third largest, was founded in 1971 and now has record-high membership. Over 250 Libertarians hold office around the country — but you don't hear much about us in the media because our views are a threat to the nation's political establishment. Libertarian officeholders in California include Thomas Tryon (Calaveras County Supervisor), Art Olivier (Mayor of Bellflower), Sandi Webb (Simi Valley Council Member) and Bonnie Flickinger (Moreno Valley Council Member).

Democrats and Republicans see a problem and say, "There ought to be a law." Libertarians say, "There ought to be a choice." You have the right to live your life as you see fit — as long as you take responsibility for your actions and don't violate the rights of other people. Libertarians will leave you alone.

No Libertarian has ever raised your taxes. In fact, Libertarian legislators in Alaska succeeded in repealing that state's income tax.

A Libertarian coined the term "privatization," which means that most government services can be performed by private companies at a lower cost and more efficiently. Many communities are privatizing services such as fire departments, garbage collection and waste-water treatment.

Libertarians have argued for 27 years that drugs should be legal. Now it's clear that the "War on Drugs" has failed. Drug abuse is a medical problem, not a legal problem. Instead, our prisons are filled with non-violent drug offenders. Making drugs legal, as they once were, would simultaneously slash crime and corruption.

From the pending national identity card ... to gun regulations ... to seat belt and motorcycle helmet laws ... to civil asset forfeiture, Americans have been willing to give government more power. Libertarians say **NO!** We need to cut government back — way back. The sole reason for government to exist is to protect our lives, liberty and property from criminals and foreign invaders. Most of what government does today violates the U. S. Constitution and our basic human rights.

The Libertarian Party is the party of the 21st Century. If you are sick and tired of politics as usual, of your liberties being thrashed, and your hard earned dollars being stolen and wasted, please join us.

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# Libertarian positions on the Issues of the Day

## Repeal the Income Tax; abolish the IRS



*"The hardest thing in the world to understand is the income tax."*

— Albert Einstein

The enormous tax increases of 1982, 1983, 1990 and 1993 show that neither the Democrats nor the Republicans stand for lower taxes. Establishment politicians are quite willing to raise taxes, at any time, for any reason.

The income tax is the biggest government intrusion into the lives of the American people. It forces every worker to be a bookkeeper, to open his records to the government, to explain his expenses, to fear conviction for a harmless accounting error. Compliance wastes hundreds of billions of dollars. The income tax penalizes savings and creates an enormous drag on the U. S. economy. It is incompatible with a free society.

We must get rid of hundreds of federal programs, but we can't remove them one at a time, because each program has beneficiaries and supporters who will fight to keep their place at the public trough. We can overcome their resistance only by combining all the spending cuts into a single package that includes the largest tax cut in American history — the total repeal of the federal income tax. Most people will save far more in taxes (an average of \$5000 per taxpayer, per year), than they lose in government subsidies.

There are proposals to replace the income tax with a flat tax or a national sales tax. Libertarians will repeal the income tax, abolish the IRS, and replace them with nothing. The Constitution only allows a limited role to the federal government, such as national defense, the post office and patents and copyrights. By reducing the federal government to its constitutional level, we could not only do away with the income tax, but the estate tax, capital gains tax and Social Security tax as well.

Libertarians ask, "Would you give up your favorite government program — such as farm subsidies, public housing projects, or Amtrak — in order to be free of the income tax forever?" Only Libertarians believe that your money belongs to you, not to politicians in Washington or Sacramento.

In Sacramento, politicians have passed a record \$76 billion budget. It is so large, they had more money than they knew what to do with. Libertarians know exactly what to do with that money — refund it dollar for dollar to the taxpayers of California.

## Crime and the War on Drugs

"Just as bootleggers were forced out of business in 1933 when Prohibition was repealed, making the sale of liquor legal (thus eliminating racketeering), the legalization of drugs would put drug dealers out of business. An added plus: There would be far less crowding in our prisons due to drug-related crimes. It's something to consider."

— Abigail Van Buren, "Dear Abby," 5/3/94

Before there were drug laws in America, we did not have the drug problems we have today. And prior to the government's declaration of war on drugs in the 1960s, there were no muggers on the street trying to support a \$100-a-day habit, no pushers on high school campuses trying to hook children on drugs, no gangs fighting over drug territories, no drive-by shootings, no crack babies, no overdose problems. Outside of the 14 years during alcohol prohibition (which also didn't work), nothing like this had ever been seen in America. It took the War on Drugs to make it happen.

Libertarians recognize that if government officials can't even keep drugs out of prisons, they sure aren't going to keep drugs out of the country. We must end the insane War on Drugs. This will take the criminal profit out of the illicit drug trade

and bring peace to our cities again. Sixty percent of federal prisoners and over 40 percent of state prisoners are in for non-violent drug offenses. Currently an LSD user spends more time in jail than a murderer or a rapist. We need to jail violent criminals, not peaceful drug users.

Democrats and Republicans want to keep fighting this losing war because it makes them look tough on crime, and it gives them more power over our lives. The true result is that these politicians (and their appointed hatchet man, Gen. McCaffrey) deny terminally ill people the marijuana that relieves their pain. Libertarians, notably our candidate for Governor, Steve Kubby, were some of the strongest backers of Proposition 215. We recognize that people must be allowed to put any substance into their bodies that they wish. Libertarians will treat people like adults, not errant children.

## Education

The government education system has failed. Kids are not learning what they need to know to compete in a global economy.

There is no constitutional authority for the federal government to be involved in education in any way. More money from Washington has been matched by lower SAT scores, declining standards, more dangerous schools and at least two generations of Americans who have no basic education in history, geography, the Constitution, mathematics, science or literature.

On the state level, school bureaucrats demand more tax dollars, although by state law (Prop. 98) they already get a minimum of 40% of the state budget. There is no true connection between the amount spent on education and how much students learn. Under the new \$76 billion state budget, the average state education spending will go up to \$7000 per student per year. That's \$171,000 for a classroom of 30 kids. If the teacher earns \$40,000, that leaves \$131,000 — per classroom, per year! Where is this money going? Some districts don't even have books for each student! The money is obviously lining the pockets of administrators and other unnecessary bureaucrats.

Parents and kids have very little choice in protesting ineffective educational methods. If they wish to use private schools, they must still pay taxes for government schools. Libertarians supported the voucher initiative as a good first step to giving parents a choice. However, this could lead to government control of private schools. A better solution would be tuition tax credits for parents (or anyone else) who send a child to private school. This will force public schools to compete and will enable parents to educate their kids their way.



## Guns



"Arms in the hands of the citizen may be used at individual discretion for the defense of the country, for private self-defense, or for the overthrow of tyranny."

— President John Adams

Libertarians strongly defend the 2nd Amendment and support the right to keep and bear arms for self-defense. The right to own a gun is an American tradition. We would never have won our independence from Great Britain had our colonists not been armed and able to fight the King's army.

Guns by themselves are not dangerous. If someone uses a gun to commit a crime, he should be punished. But disarming law-abiding citizens does nothing to reduce crime. Those who support gun control should recognize that the cities with the strictest gun control laws (like Washington, D. C.) also have the highest murder rates involving guns. Criminals will always be able to get guns. Peaceful citizens need to protect themselves.

## Foreign Policy

*"Peace, commerce and honest friendship with all nations, entangling alliances with none."*

– President Thomas Jefferson



Libertarians favor a policy of non-intervention in the affairs of other nations. We believe in free trade. If goods don't cross borders, troops will. U. S. troops should be here to protect this country. Instead, we have troops stationed in 100 different countries around the globe — in Europe, Japan, Korea and the Middle East.

Libertarians would bring all the troops home and advise other countries to pay for their own defense. We also would not participate in any U. N. "peacekeeping" missions. Indeed, we believe the U. S. should withdraw from the U. N. completely, and also get out of alliances like NATO.

We see news reports of people in the Middle East burning the American flag and chanting, "Death to the Great Satan!" America should not be the "Great Satan." Our nation should be the beacon of liberty in the world. Instead, we have a reputation of propping up dictators, and giving billions of foreign aid that end up in the rulers' Swiss bank accounts.

President Millard Fillmore said it best, when he sent Commodore Perry to open up Japan to western trade in 1853: "Our true mission is not to propagate our opinions or impose upon other countries our form of government by artifice or

force, but to teach by example and show by our success, moderation and justice the blessings of self-government and the advantages of free institutions."

## Personal liberties

*"I went to the store the other day to buy a bolt for our front door, for as I told the storekeeper, the governor was coming here. 'Aye,' said he, 'and the Legislature, too.' Then I will take two bolts, said I."*

– Henry David Thoreau, 1859



The government at all levels butts into our personal business far too much. Libertarians believe in treating people like adults and leaving people alone as long as they aren't violating the rights of other people.

Libertarians would repeal all laws that create "crimes" without victims, such as prostitution, pornography and gambling. We oppose "Big Brother" safety laws like those requiring seat belts and motorcycle helmets.

We believe that people should be able to take any substance into their body they wish, without legal restriction. This would include drugs now termed illegal, prescription drugs and any vitamins, herbs or other alternative medicines.

We strongly support the individual's right to privacy. We strongly oppose the proposed new identification card that would include a fingerprint, a social security

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# Position on November Ballot Propositions

The Libertarian Party of California has taken the following positions on the twelve propositions on the November 3 ballot:

**PROP. 1A – NO** – Public schools are AWASH with money! The new state budget allocates almost \$7,000 per student – more than the tuition of 95 percent of private schools, which provide superior education with less than \$3,000 per student, on average. Now the politicians want to spend \$9.2 BILLION MORE (plus pay over \$7 BILLION in interest that will put not a DIME into education). If you are serious about quality education at a good price, join us in voting NO and supporting "no strings" vouchers or tax credits, injecting choice and efficiency into the process.

**PROP. 1 – YES** – This would allow property owners who are forced from their homes for environmental reasons to keep their lower property tax rate when they move to another home. We favor just about any measure that will reduce taxes.

**PROP. 2 – NO** – This would permit the loaning of transportation trust funds (like the gas tax) to the general fund. The money has to be paid back, but politicians could use it temporarily for any scheme they wish. Do you trust them? We don't.

**PROP. 3 – YES** – This would amend the "Open Primary" law to allow only registered voters of a party to select that party's presidential convention delegates. We opposed the Open Primary law in the first place – parties should be able to select their own delegates. If the Open Primary remains as is, California may not have delegates at some parties' national conventions, or at least delegates selected by the electorate. Who gains from this meddling?

**PROP. 4 – NO** – This would ban the use of certain types of animal traps and poisons. We don't see the need for more micro management from government officials.

**PROP. 5 – YES** – Indian Gaming Initiative. We believe that all gambling should be allowed, so this is a good first step. It will also help Native Americans reduce their dependency on the federal government. And it would be better for the state's economy, the environment and the safety of gamblers if people could gamble here rather than having to drive hundreds of miles just to dump money into the Nevada economy.

**PROP. 6 – NO** – This would ban the slaughter of horses and the sale of

horse meat for human consumption. It not only puts the government more in our lives, but also the operators of horse auctions generally know who buys horses for what purpose. We believe that people have the right to eat horsemeat if they wish. In Canada and many other countries, horsemeat is viewed as being on a par with that of deer or cow. In addition, a major part of this initiative has already been ruled unconstitutional, so it could face expensive legal challenges if passed.

**PROP. 7 – YES** – This would grant tax credits as an incentive to clean up air pollution. We support incentives like this, rather than imposing costs and penalties through central planning. The one-type-fits-all technology government now mandates is often outdated, and frequently selected because of political contributions rather than merit.

**PROP. 8 – NO** – This is Pete Wilson's initiative to "reform" public schools. It would raise taxes and spending while we are already massively increasing the state education budget (10% this year alone). There is little connection between dollars spent and the quality of education. The measure offers some common sense reforms that are opposed by teachers unions, but avoids REAL reform – injecting choice and efficiencies into education through vouchers or tax credits. And the cost would be prohibitive.

**PROP. 9 – NO POSITION** – This initiative would modify the recent electric utility deregulation. While there are some good provisions regarding making electric companies pay for their own bad business decisions, it's too complicated. It also creates yet another government commission.

**PROP. 10 – NO** – This initiative would raise the cigarette tax to pay for early childhood development programs. We oppose cigarette taxes (and all "sin" taxes), and we oppose government programs that interfere with families. Overall, this is social engineering at its worst, while levying a huge tax on the poorer citizens – those who generally smoke the most.

**PROP. 11 – NO** – Now voters have to approve cities or counties sharing sales tax revenue. This measure would allow city councils and supervisors to give approval instead. We oppose attempts to take decision-making in this area away from voters. The very projects that have the least chance of passing a public vote, but have the most special interest backing (such as pro sports stadiums and mass transit boondoggles that few people use) would be approved by compliant politicians.



# The Truth About Your Country's Biggest Problem

## Can you handle the truth about where your country is heading?

Here's the truth. If you are neither lower class nor wealthy, or if you prefer an unusual lifestyle, your freedom and your opportunity to improve your life will continue to be under incessant and continuous attack unless a major change is made.

Your freedom and growth opportunities are under attack, not by a tyrannical foreign government like Hitler's or Stalin's in the past, or of Saddam Hussein's or Castro's in the present. They are under attack by those good old boys at our

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Capitol buildings, as they ever expand the governments you keep electing or don't bother to vote against year after year. Yes – the truth is that you and millions like you are the cause of your own ever-increasing loss of freedom to live as you please, loss of money to taxation, loss of time to filling out forms and worrying about excessive laws and regulations to obey, and loss of free market solutions for many societal and economic problems, prevented by government restrictions. It's like Pogo Possum's, "We have met the enemy and he is us."

In short, the truth is that almost invariably, *government is the cause of, not the solution to, our problems.* So when you keep voting for one of the old parties promising you "reforms," you are unintentionally voting to perpetuate and very likely even worsen the problems you hope they'll solve. If they haven't solved them already, why would you believe they will suddenly solve them now? Does a leopard change its spots?

The truth is that, with every month that goes by, *more and more laws taking away our freedoms or money* are passed by legislators at all governmental levels, each infatuated with power, each seeking the glory of having his name permanently emblazoned on yet one more bill that will take away another freedom from or put another burden on some of us subjects. "Some of us" is the key to their strategy. If all their impositions were placed on all of us at once, they know we'd revolt at the ballot box and throw them out. So they divide and conquer, a strategy Napoleon, Hitler, and other aggressors have used successfully throughout history. Each special interest group uses the government to impose its agenda on us via lobbying the legislature, and unless it hits you or me hard we may not even notice. Sometimes we may even applaud when it hits a group or class we don't like. But when it hits us, we'll notice and how! Then we'll scream and complain, and plead with others to help us. But of course, those who are unaffected won't notice or care, just as we didn't. Ultimately, like the famous "water drops on the forehead" torture treatment, noxious laws and regulations will keep piling up until many of us can't take it anymore. And that's about where we are now. Yet most people don't think anything can be done about it, and so they hunker down, inured to the assault of an excessive government, hoping that somehow it will right itself if they just vote out the worse of the two old parties – the "lesser of two evils" theory. But the truth is *the lesser of two evils is still evil.*

And the sad truth is that although *there really is something that can be done about it*, you won't hear about it through any normal channels. That something is not voting for the lesser of the two evil old parties like we've all tried to do without success for so long. That something is voting for real and substantial reform by voting in a new party with an old proven philosophy – one with the goal of restoring the philosophy of the founding fathers that made this country great – the philosophy of individual freedom and personal responsibility. The philosophy of a government small enough to need no income tax. Yes, you read right – *no income tax!*

The truth is *the only party offering you that option is the Libertarian Party.*

The truth is that around the world today, and historically, *libertarianism is the*

*solution.* To the extent that a country is libertarian, it is prosperous and enjoyable to live in. One only has to observe Hong Kong under transition from a relatively free social and economic system to a system increasingly controlled by the communist government of China, and the exodus of money and people from it, to verify the truth of this principle. Ditto for the rise of the U.S.A. during the massive influx of people from Europe from 1865 to 1920 and from Asia and south of our border today.

The truth is that most of the federal and state laws and regulations plaguing us would be declared unconstitutional *if the Supreme Court would read the plain language of the Constitution and abide by it.* But that would give them little discretionary power, and they like power. So they "interpret" it. As a consequence, they, and the legislators – especially the federal legislators – and the President, and the governors, and the other federal and state elected officials repeatedly break their sworn oaths to uphold the U.S. Constitution. And although accepting payment for a job which one has contracted to perform subject to a false promise, is purely and simply a felony – fraud – they get away with it with impunity. If any of us were to lie to get a job, these same judges and elected officials would have us sent to prison for fraud without a second thought. But not so themselves. So, as strange and bizarre as it may appear, we are all being governed by a legion of unindicted violators of the very same document which legitimizes their power!

The truth is that the Constitution shows that most of this country's Founding Fathers were libertarians who believed in a very, very limited government at all levels, especially the federal level. Those founders would undoubtedly roll over in their graves if they could see how the limitations they thought they had placed on government power in writing the Constitution have been so blatantly ignored and usurped by the passage of almost every kind of law imaginable, decade after decade after decade.

The truth is that the *unconstitutional laws* being passed that take away far more power and money from you than was ever intended by the founders, *have had many harmful intended and unintended consequences, aggravated by rules and regulations created by career bureaucrats.* Occasionally some of their inequitable or noxious consequences are discovered by reporters and publicized, resulting in a patch quilt of "fixes" that make the laws incomprehensible, not only to the citizens at large, but also to the lawyers, who can not predict with confidence what the outcome will be in court. *By contrast Libertarian principles are simple, natural and straightforward. Laws based on them would be more just, and intuitively predictable by most people without a lawyer, so they could conduct their everyday business with confidence.*

So, you may wonder, if Libertarian principles are so attractive, *why is it that you rarely hear about this point of view from the press?* Why is it that most of the press (which the founders had hoped, when they decided to add the First Amendment to

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the Constitution assuring freedom of the press, would be the vigilant force to alert us to transgressions of the powers given the branches of government by the Constitution) never tell you about the Constitution being repeatedly ignored or about Libertarian principles? The answer again is power – personal power. *The reporters and columnists like power, too. And the bigger the government they can influence to implement and impose their ideas on us, the bigger the power they wield.* If that isn't motive enough, they also don't want to work any harder than they have to; and the greater the power of government, the easier it is for them to find big stories. They only need to hang out at the seats of government power – the Capitol buildings, the White House and governors' offices, the courts, the city halls, and the police stations. So even though they are not directly controlled by the government as in a totalitarian state, they have a vested interest in seeing to it that the government is big and powerful. *And to effectuate that scenario, they influence the politicians by spinning the news to control public opinion, including, whether you*

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realize it or not, your opinion. You may be a very smart and logical person, but your conclusions can be arrived at only from the facts and opinions you receive from the media as news and commentary. And by selecting and emphasizing what they will report to you, and slanting how it is stated they are able to lead you to come to the political outlook they want you to have — to believe that government is the protector of your freedoms and your livelihood, when as operated by the old parties, government for most of us is just the opposite. Even the few reporters who don't like the old parties' ways must cooperate with government sources or risk losing access to breaking news.

As if the bias of the press weren't enough, *the government bureaucracy also enjoys power*. And it also has a vested interest in growing a bigger, more powerful, and more expensive government for them to run. The way the bureaucracy fosters government growth and power is very much like the press does it — by slanting informational reports to induce the politicians and the media, and through them, or sometimes directly, the public, to form opinions they want us to have.

Under this constant brainwashing, is it any wonder that despite our democratic elections that give you repeated opportunities to cut your government's size and cost by voting Libertarian the old parties have consistently received your vote? *But just to make doubly sure you won't become aware of your alternatives and vote them out, they have rigged the election process to perpetuate their power by making it practically impossible for any other party to get an equal chance to tell you its philosophy and seek your vote.* Their method of doing this is three-fold:

- (1) They make access to the ballot by other parties difficult and expensive with the intent of nipping new parties in the bud;
- (2) They write laws to funnel tax money to parties in proportion to their private donations, but only if the donations exceed an arbitrary minimum not achievable by small parties, and
- (3) Their adherents sponsor TV debates omitting other parties.

#### More issues

## End government's "War" on young people

Government at all levels has begun treating younger Americans as second-class citizens unworthy of the rights accorded to others. Libertarians recognize that the Constitution is for everyone. While young people certainly should obey their parents, no one has appointed the government to be a substitute parent.

The most obvious attack on young people is the alcohol drinking age of 21. Eighteen-year-olds can get married, enter into contracts, serve in the military, vote, and even serve as Governor of California, but are not allowed to drink alcohol. There is no legal basis for this. We would reduce the drinking age to 18.

The next most vicious violation is curfew laws. Cities assume that teenagers are criminals for merely being on the streets after 10 p.m. It is up to parents, not the government, to set a curfew. We would repeal all daytime and night time curfew laws.

Economic regulations hurt young people as well. Under the guise of protecting teens, various laws prevent them from finding entry-level employment. First, child labor laws are too strict. Ability, not age, should be the main factor in finding a job. It's up to parents to decide if their child is mature enough to work, and for how many hours. Minimum wage laws prevent employers from hiring inexperienced young people for training purposes. Wages should be set by the free market, not by government officials.

Finally, the state of the government education system is devastating for young people. High school graduates of today have learned less than 8th graders of 50 years ago. Colleges report that a majority of incoming students need remedial courses in English and math, information they should have learned in high school. The government schools are not serving our young people. We need to break the education monopoly and promote educational choice.

Thus they magnify the monetary and publicity advantage they already enjoy over newcomers, and starve out the smallest newcomers altogether. In addition, as a further safeguard to their power, they limit donations from any one person other than the candidate himself, to forestall an upstart party backed by a few wealthy advocates (notwithstanding the fact that the press would expose such concentrated backing and attempt to rip apart the reputation of the leaders of such a movement as they did to Perot and the "Reform" Party in '96).

*Now you know the truth.* The old parties are confiscating our money and our freedoms while expanding an ever larger and more burdensome government. Only the Libertarian Party wants to break this downward spiral. But because the media and the bureaucrats feed you information designed to make big government look necessary and good, and because the old parties use tactics that effectively rig election campaign practices to block other parties from reaching you with their message, we members of the Libertarian Party are pursuing the only avenue we have left. We are relying on a truly grass roots political process called LIFE (for Libertarians Informing Friends Efficiently), by personally offering this Candidates Tabloid you are now holding, as the only practical way to get a description to you and other non-Libertarians of our party's candidates in this election.

Thank you for taking the time to read this tabloid. We hope it has convinced you that *this may be your only chance to find out exactly what the Libertarian Party offers in this election.* Please take advantage of this opportunity. It'll clearly prove that you can handle the truth!

Respectfully yours,

**Marvin B. Rudin**

Chairman, Libertarian Party of Santa Clara County

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## 6 Libertarians only opponents to Dem/Reps

Several Libertarian candidates have the distinction of being the only alternative to a Democrat or Republican candidate for their office.

**Kennita Watson**, 1st District, State Board of Equalization, or SBE, phone (408)733-7773, garnered 274,540 votes to the Democratic incumbent's 954,172 for a standout 22.3 % of the total vote in the primary. In 1990, her number in that same race was 44,938 or 7%.

**Linda DeGroat**, 18th Congressional District, phone (209)527-1493.

**Jonathan Richter**, 19th Congressional District, phone (209)441-0114.

**Bruce Acker**, 25th Congressional District, phone (818)709-1272 is also in a two-way race and received 21.2% of the vote (18,660 votes). He has tried to get some debates going but has not been successful. This, he says, is too bad since the Republican incumbent has come under fire from all sides on a local issue.

**Kit Maira**, 39th Assembly District, phone (818)361-5775.

**Maureen Lindberg**, 63rd Assembly District, phone (909)862-4351. Lindberg is a public school teacher. Her most daunting question was when a reporter wanted to know who she thought she was daring to challenge THE Bill Leonard. Who has more nerve, her or the reporter?

There are also a few races where we share with other third parties, but the Democrat or Republican is missing:

**Lynn Badler**, 52nd Congressional District, (619)390-7530. Badler was in a two-way race against incumbent Republican Duncan Hunter in the 52th Congressional District...receiving more than 12 % in the primary. A Democrat ran a write-in campaign, but our source did not know if he qualified for November or not.

**Juan Ros**, 26th Congressional District, (818)980-8833.

**Dan Muhe**, 48th Congressional District, (760)434-7850.

# Candidate Biographies

**FOR U. S. SENATOR: Ted Brown**, 38, is an insurance adjuster/investigator. He holds a B.A. in political science from UCLA, with a concentration in Constitutional law. He is a former chairman of the Libertarian Party of California. He ran for Insurance Commissioner in 1990 and 1994 and won 433,000 votes and 345,000 votes respectively. Ted, his wife Laura and daughter Katie reside in San Gabriel. *Web site: <http://home.earthlink.net/~tebrown>*

**FOR GOVERNOR: Steve Kubby**, 51, is publisher of *Alpine World Magazine*, an on-line environmental magazine. He holds a B.A. from California State University, Northridge, and a lifetime teaching credential. In 1996 he was a leader in the fight to pass Proposition 215, the medical marijuana initiative. Steve, his wife Michelle and daughter Brooke reside in Olympic Valley, Placer County. *Web site: <http://www.kubby.com>*

**FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR: Thomas Tryon**, 53, is a rancher and Calaveras County Supervisor. He holds a B.A. in economics from UC Berkeley and an M.B.A. from the University of Chicago. He was elected to the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors in 1984 and has been reelected three times. He is the senior Libertarian officeholder in the nation. Tom, his wife Denise and three children reside in Angels Camp. *Web site: <http://www.tryon98.com>*

**FOR SECRETARY OF STATE: Gail Lightfoot**, 60, is a Registered Nurse, receiving her training at Los Angeles County School of Nursing. Employed in the Home Health Care field, she is also a licensed Public Health Nurse. She has run for Congress four times. Now on the Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of California, she served as state chair twice. She makes her home in Arroyo Grande. *Web site: <http://www.lpcsl.org>. Tel.: 1-888-452-3434 (toll-free)*

**FOR CONTROLLER: Pamela Pescosolido**, 37, owns an art supply store and gallery. She is also bookkeeper for 20 Central Valley citrus ranches. She holds a B. A. in art history from Scripps College and a J. D. degree from Vermont Law School. She is a member of the Maine bar. She is chair of the Libertarian Party of Tulare County. Pam and her son Harley reside in Visalia.

**FOR TREASURER: Jon Petersen**, 60, is a computer programmer and department manager. He holds an M. S. in mathematics from Stanford University. He is currently Northern vice-chair and was formerly treasurer of the Libertarian Party of California. He ran for California State Treasurer in 1994 and won 340,000 votes. Jon and his wife Marianne reside in Grass Valley, Nevada County. *Web site: <http://www.jps.net/jonlp>*

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number and other personal data, that would be required to get a job, obtain health care or function in society. There's a related proposal to have a health care card as well, that would include all our personal medical data. We are also opposed to this invasion of privacy.

### Health Care

Today 51% of all health care dollars in America are spent by government. This has run up the prices of doctor visits, hospital stays and health insurance — far outpacing the rate of general inflation. Government has failed utterly to make health care more accessible or affordable. But politicians see this failure as an excuse to impose even more government on us. Indeed, there has even been a proposal to require a privacy-busting health ID card that would have all of our medical information on it.

Libertarians recognize that government health care doesn't work. We must get government out from between you and your doctor. Getting government out of health care will give us more choices, better care and lower prices.

The Libertarian alternative is called "Project Healthy Choice," a free market solution for providing health care. The proposal includes Medical Savings Accounts (similar to IRA's); tax deductible health care expenses; deregulation of the health care industry; replacement of the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) with private sector drug certification; and the privatization of Medicare and MediCal.

### Welfare Reform

America's social welfare system has been an abject failure. Since the "War on Poverty" began in 1965, taxpayers have spent more than \$5.3 TRILLION trying to ease the plight of the poor. What has resulted is more poverty.

The system is unfair to everyone: to taxpayers who are footing the bill and getting no results; to churches and private charities who helped people in the past

but are increasingly pushed aside; and especially to the poor themselves, who are trapped in a system that destroys opportunities for themselves and their children.

Welfare cannot be reformed. It must be ended. In its place we must promote opportunity, work and individual responsibility. The Libertarian Party alternative:

- End welfare. This includes SSI, AFDC, food stamps, subsidized housing and 345 other such programs. Individuals who can't fully support themselves through the job market must, once again, learn to rely on supportive family, church, community or private charities to bridge the gap.
- Establish a dollar-for-dollar tax credit for contributions to private charity. Private charities are much more effective in helping people, since government bureaucrats have a vested interest in keeping people on welfare.
- Tear down barriers to entrepreneurship and economic growth. Government policies stop people from starting their own businesses or employing more people. Taxes are high, regulations are too burdensome, and zoning and occupational licensing laws are discriminatory.
- Reform education. The worst schools are in poverty-stricken neighborhoods. We need to give parents and kids a choice and this means breaking up the public education monopoly.

### Campaign Finance Reform

There are many proposals in Washington (and Sacramento) to limit campaign contributions and spending and to limit PAC contributions. Libertarians recognize that the right to contribute to the candidate of your choice and for candidates to spend freely to get elected is a free-speech issue and is protected by the First Amendment.

Why do so many "special interest groups" contribute so much money to political candidates? Because politicians have so many goodies to give away. The size and scope of government at all levels have grown so much that government intrudes in virtually every aspect of our lives. That means there are a lot of people who want their share of the pie.

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# 93 Libertarians seek your votes in '98

Besides the eight statewide offices, California Libertarians are seeking congressional seats and state legislative offices as well. There is a Libertarian alternative to the establishment parties in most areas of the state. The candidates are:

### For State Board of Equalization

(by district):

- 1. Kennita Watson
- 3. J. R. Graham
- 4. William Jennings

- 4. Robert Mulvany
- 5. Gene Frazier
- 7. Mike Rodrigues
- 10. Tom Kohlhepp
- 15. R. Duncan Wheat
- 19. Steve Marsland
- 22. Paul Rako
- 24. Raymond Strong
- 25. Jonathan Zwickel

- 63. Maureen Lindberg
- 67. Autumn Browne
- 69. Bolynda Schultz
- 72. Loren Meierding
- 73. Don Rollins
- 74. Steve Dorsey
- 75. Donna Tello
- 76. Edward Teyssier
- 77. Elizabeth Meyers
- 78. John Murphy
- 80. Susan Weber

- 19. Jonathan Richter
- 22. Robert Bakhaus
- 24. Erich Miller
- 25. Bruce Acker
- 26. Juan Ros
- 27. Bob New
- 28. Jerry Douglas
- 29. Mike Binkley
- 31. Michael Everling
- 32. Velko Milosevich
- 34. Jason Heath
- 36. Kerry Welsh

### For State Senator (by district):

- 6. Gerald Klaas
- 12. Mary Lee Gowland
- 18. Jack Ray
- 20. Linda Starr
- 24. Kim Goldsworthy
- 26. Bob Weber
- 28. Neal Donner
- 30. John McCready
- 32. John Scott Ballard
- 38. Paul King
- 40. David Graham

- 26. David Eaton
- 27. Dirk Deardorff
- 28. Kate Woods
- 33. David Bersohn
- 34. Jeffrey Laing
- 36. Gregory Bashem
- 39. Christopher "Kit" Maira
- 40. Kelley Ross
- 43. Daniel White
- 44. Ken Saurenman
- 47. Eric Fine
- 49. Rachel Brown
- 54. Al Carlan
- 55. Guy Wilson
- 56. Bruce McKenzie
- 59. Jerry Johnson
- 60. Leland Faegre

### For U.S. House of Representatives

(by district):

- 1. Emil Rossi
- 3. Ross Crain
- 4. Dan Winterrowd
- 5. Douglas Arthur Tuma
- 11. Jesse Baird
- 12. Mike Moloney
- 14. Joseph W. Dehn III
- 17. Rick Garrett
- 18. Linda DeGroat

- 38. David Bowers
- 39. Jack Dean
- 40. Maurice Mayben
- 41. Kenneth Valentine
- 42. David Hollist
- 45. Don Hull
- 46. Thomas Reimer
- 47. Victor Wagner
- 48. Dan Muhe
- 49. Ernie Lippe
- 51. Jack Anderson
- 52. Lynn Badler

### For State Assembly (by district):

- 2. Peter Bret

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There are two main groups who contribute to campaigns. The first group wants money directly out of the Treasury. Dairy farmers are a good example. They contribute hundreds of thousands of dollars to politicians but get millions in subsidies. A pretty good investment!

The second group wants to protect themselves from government policies and regulation. They contribute to politicians like business owners used to give protection money to the Mafia. A few years ago it was reported that Gallo Wines gave \$300,000 to Senator Bob Dole. But there are no wineries in Kansas. It turns out Gallo was worried about government labeling requirements on champagne. They

turned to the most powerful senator to help them in their fight with government bureaucrats.

If there was no money available for subsidies and if the federal and state governments were reduced to the level envisioned by our Founding Fathers, there would be no need to limit contributions. It would be very hard for politicians to find anyone to contribute to them at all.

We also note that any bills to limit contributions can be considered an "Incumbent Protection Act." Incumbents already have name recognition and access to more contributors. Challengers, especially those of us who have views in opposition to the powers that be, find it difficult to raise money as it is. Challengers need to be able to raise money without limitation in order to get their message across.

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## Membership Application

### The Libertarian Party is the Party of Principle.

To assure and affirm that our party never strays from its principles, we request our members to sign the pledge below. (Non-signers cannot vote on party business.)

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I choose to set my dues at:

\$25 Basic.....

\$100 Sustaining.....

\$250 Sponsor.....

\$500 Patron.....

\$1000 Life.....

Plus additional contribution to LPC:

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\$\_\_\_\_\_ One-time Donation.....

Total..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card (Please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# Are you a Libertarian? Take this test to find out:

**1** For each question, check off your best answer. "Gov't decides" means "There ought to be a law."

### Personal Freedoms

Whose decision should it be whether or not you:	My Decision	Not Sure	Gov't Decides
Wear a seatbelt or helmet?			
Buy adult books or videos?			
Own a gun?			
Smoke marijuana?			
Pay for sex?			
Send your children to school?			
Allow smoking in your bar?			
Have an abortion?			
Become a soldier?			
Play cards for money?			

Count checkmarks:  
Multiply by:      x10      x5      x0

Add multiplied totals for your  
PERSONAL FREEDOM SCORE:      \_\_\_\_\_

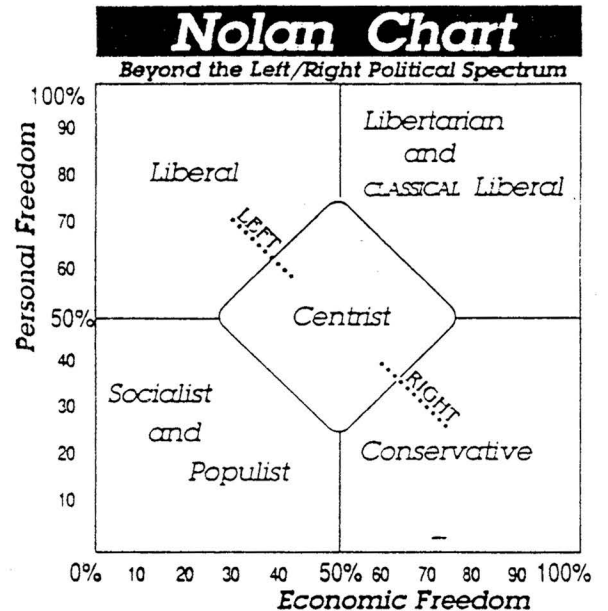
### Economic Freedoms

Whose decision should it be whether or not you:	My Decision	Not Sure	Gov't Decides
Pay taxes?			
Work for less than min. wage?			
Contribute to Social Security?			
Insure your car?			
Hire a minority worker?			
Compete with the post office?			
Hire an unlicensed contractor?			
Help the needy?			
Invest in something risky?			
Contribute to a foreign country?			

Count checkmarks:  
Multiply by:      x10      x5      x0

Add multiplied totals for your  
ECONOMIC FREEDOM SCORE:      \_\_\_\_\_

**2** To find your home on the political map, mark your scores on the PERSONAL FREEDOM scale and the ECONOMIC FREEDOM scale. From your marked scores, draw lines to where they meet.



**3** If you had high freedom scores, you found yourself in the Libertarian region of the of the map. You have more in common with the Libertarian Party than with the Democratic or Republican parties.

Now that you know your political home, isn't it time for you to register Libertarian? America needs the Libertarian Party; it needs you to take a stand.  
**Register and vote Libertarian.**

**For more information call 1-800-ELECT-US or visit our web site at: <http://www.ca.lp.org>**

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