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# The Connecticut Libertarian

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## Petitioning Drive Gets 11th Hour Push

Over 11,400 signatures were gathered, with over 8,000 of them collected in the last two weeks before the August 4th deadline. In order to achieve this count, paid petitioners from the Nader and Libertarian Party campaigns cooperated, collecting signatures for one another as well as their own.

“Some days started at 7 am and lasted well past midnight”, said petition coordinator and Libertarian Party of Connecticut vice-chair Linda Rasch. Linda managed sixteen paid petitioners, helping to find locations, verify counts, and meet expense needs. Libertarian Party of Connecticut Treasurer Andrew Rule made frequent trips with needed advance checks, while Libertarian Party of Connecticut State Central Committee member Richard Lion helped setup some of the petitioners.

On the final day, August 4th, the Libertarian Party of Connecticut provided seven JPs (Justices of the Peace) to witness statements from petitioners for each page of signatures. At 3:30 PM paperwork was still being processed when Linda directed everyone to get to the Secretary of the State Office to make the 4 PM

deadline. The petitions were accepted personally by Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz (although TV only featured the Nader submission).

Petitioning was paid for through an initial \$ 6,000 expenditure by the Libertarian Party of Connecticut, followed by over \$ 1,800. in donations from Libertarian Party members. The Badnarik for President campaign and Freedom Ballot Access (George Phillies) provided the additional funding, to reach a total of nearly \$20,000. Please watch the Libertarian Party of Connecticut website, [www.lpct.org](http://www.lpct.org), for confirmation of ballot access for 2004.



*Libertarian Party of Connecticut Justices of the Peace work hard to finish petitioning paperwork*



*Michael Badnarik (left) in New Haven with Libertarian Party activists Lenny Rasch (middle) and Abe Arias*

## Ballot Access Pending But Likely

Ballot access for the Libertarian Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates has not been finalized as of publication, but is likely. According to the Secretary of State's Elections Division, we had approximately six-thousand four-hundred signatures certified as of publication. Seven-thousand five-hundred are required, but enough petitions were still in the hands of town clerks to make it likely that the goal will be met.

*See Ballot Access on page 2*

**The Libertarian Party of Connecticut endorses the following list of candidates for the November 2, 2004 election:**

Michael Badnarik – *President*  
Richard Campagna – *Vice President*  
Lenny Rasch – *U.S. Senate*  
John McGowan – *State Senate, 24th District*  
Richard Lion – *State Representative, 5th District*  
Richard Lion – *State Representative, 7th District*  
Vinnie Marrotta – *State Representative, 33rd District*  
Linda Rasch – *State Representative, 78th District*  
Arline Dunlop – *State Representative, 82nd District*

**Ballot Access** *continued from page 1*

Ballot access for the office of U.S. Senate, currently held by Christopher Dodd, appears on the same petition. Running as Libertarian Party candidate for President is Michael Badnarik. The Libertarian Party candidate for Vice-President is Richard Campagna, and the candidate for U.S. Senate from Connecticut is Lenny Rasch.

Please check [www.lpct.org](http://www.lpct.org) for current information on the status of the 2004 ballot access drive.

# Campaign Activity Meetings

We are scheduling a series of luncheon meetings for four successive Saturdays during the remaining campaign season. The time will be roughly from 11 am to 2 pm, or whatever portion of that time that you can make.

The meetings will be held at the Cromwell Diner, which is located at 135 Berlin Road in Cromwell. This is just off Exit 21 of Route 91. From either direction take exit 21, then take a right. You will see the Diner just a few hundred feet ahead on the left, across the street from the Burger King.

Under our arrangement with the manager, please anticipate purchase of a lunch or sandwich, etc.

The purpose of the meetings is to exchange information regarding campaign activities and opportunities, and to also handoff any significant amounts of literature, videos, etc.

Events could cause a change in plans for these meetings. [www.lpct.org](http://www.lpct.org) will soon have these meetings posted. Please check there from time to time.

## MEETINGS & NOTICES

### State Central Committee Meeting - Tuesday, September 21, 2004

The monthly Libertarian Party of Connecticut State Central Committee meeting will be held at the Town Hall in Wethersfield on Tuesday, September 21st at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting is open to members and to the public.

**Agenda:**

*Minutes - Secretary*  
*Treasurer's Report*  
*Chairman's Report*  
*Political Director's Report*  
*Membership Report*

*Communications Report*

*Old Business:*

*Campaign Funding Support*

*Campaign Volunteer Support*

*New Business:*

*LPCT Socials*

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### Directions:

From North: I-91 South to Exit 28  
(See Rt. 5 & 15 South).

From South: I-91 North to Exit 28  
(See Rt. 5 & 15 South).

From East: I-84 West to Exit 57  
(See Rt. 5 & 15 South).

From West: I-84 East to I-91 South, to Exit 28  
(See Rt. 5 & 15 South).

Route 5 & 15 South: Take Exit 85 (Route 99/Silas Deane Hwy) South. At the 4th traffic light, turn right onto Church St. Turn into first driveway on left.

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*Persons interested in attending campaign activity meetings should consult [www.lpct.org](http://www.lpct.org) for locations and times, or subscribe to the activist list. Anyone who is interested in participating actively in the Libertarian Party should subscribe to the activist list. Anyone can subscribe to this list by going to [www.lp.org/BeAnActivist.html](http://www.lp.org/BeAnActivist.html) and follow the directions listed*