



# The Connecticut Libertarian

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## 2005 Convention

**The Libertarian Party of Connecticut's 2005 convention will be held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 18 at Andover Pizza in Andover CT.** Since this is an "off year" the festivities will be low-key and informal. The agenda for the convention will consist of accepting the minutes from the 2004 convention, selection of the State Central Committee for the next year, and endorsing candidates for the 2005 municipal elections.

The State Central Committee (SCC) is selected from the paid membership of the Libertarian Party of Connecticut, with those members with the best attendance record since the previous convention having the right of first refusal for the open seats. If there are still seats available after that, the rest of the seats will be offered to volunteers who have been paid Libertarian Party members for at least the previous 12 months. This requirement is specified in the bylaws, which may be viewed or downloaded from the Libertarian Party of Connecticut web site ([lpct.org](http://lpct.org)).

### There is no admission

cost this year and the Libertarian Party of Connecticut will provide pizza and soft drinks. Andover Pizza also serves alcohol, which may be purchased by attendees at their own cost. Monetary donations of any size to defray the cost of

### Directions to Convention:

Andover Pizza is located at 144 Rt 6, in Andover, CT.

The phone number is 860-742-3663.

#### From Hartford and West:

Take Rt 84E to Rt 384E – Rt 384E to Rt 6E – Travel Rt 6 for about 4 miles, Andover Pizza is in Andover Plaza on the right side of the road.

#### From New London and South:

Take Rt 395N to exit 81W (Rt 32N) – Left at Getty station onto Rt 87 – Follow Rt 87 carefully to the junction of Rt 6 in Andover (12.6 miles) – Go left onto Rt 6W – About 3.5 miles to Andover Pizza on the left

the convention are always welcome but are not required.

New officers of the Libertarian Party of Connecticut will be chosen from SCC members elected during the brief SCC meeting at the convention. Officer positions consist of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. All four positions are open for nominations during the SCC meeting. We have people willing to serve as Secretary and Treasurer, although others may also be nominated, but we are in need of volunteers for the position of Chairman and Vice Chair. Note that officers are chosen from the SCC membership, so anyone wishing to fill an officer position must meet the 12-month requirement for SCC membership.

Tony Stelik, SCC Member, generously donated a Kel-Tec .32 caliber pistol with spare magazine to be drawn as a prize during the convention. Tickets will be sold during the convention, but the price was not determined at press time. Please note that in order to take possession of the pistol after the drawing you must have a valid Connecticut Permit to Carry Pistols and

Revolvers. The paperwork and transfer will take place at Ken Mosher's house, which is located ¼ of a mile from the convention location.

## HELP WANTED!

### Volunteer Opportunities Available Now

The Libertarian Party of Connecticut has several volunteer positions open now. Volunteering is a good way to meet other Libertarians, do what you believe, and have fun while helping the Party move forward. Please contact Rich Connelly by email at [riconnelly@juno.com](mailto:riconnelly@juno.com) for more information or to help.

We need your help now to reorganize and revitalize the state party in preparation for the 2006 election year. Next year is an "even year," meaning the more significant, higher offices are up for election: the entire

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# **Why Connecticut Libertarians Should Run A Bold, Uncompromising Campaign For Governor In 2006**

*By Carl E. Vassar*

One of the sad facts of political life in Connecticut is the absence of discussion on repealing the income tax. Worse than that, the only discussion about the tax at all is about making it more progressive, and increasing it for “millionaires”. The welfare statists and coveters have center stage. They control the debate.

But it doesn’t have to be that way. You can help change that.

A Libertarian candidate for Governor in 2006 could change that debate. He or she could campaign on **one major issue: repeal** the state income tax and replace it entirely with spending cuts. Eliminate welfare and corporate welfare. That could easily replace the personal income tax, if not the business tax, too.

A Libertarian campaign such as this would be an embarrassing reminder to Republicans of their failure to keep their promise years ago to repeal the income tax. It would clearly distinguish the Libertarian Party from all others, and counter the myth that Republicans’ are able to limit government.

An inspiring Libertarian campaign should not waste time and effort on compromise or reform, but focus on repeal. **Repeal, repeal, repeal!** Big ideas are what move people, not small incremental improvements. A cause that sets out a clear, positive vision can attract strong support.

People look for Libertarians to provide a principled alternative. When they do not, the perception is that there are no legitimate reasons to resist the state. What’s more, the state knows that if the Libertarians are not making trouble, the regime can pretty well do what it pleases.

Republicans and Democrats together have allowed government to grow out of control because they believe in socialist welfare-state programs. They believe theft is acceptable as long as 51% approve of it. Libertarians always oppose theft no matter who does it, or when and where, because theft is an immoral act! This is a fundamental moral principle that makes the Libertarian Party the party of principle.

Repeal welfare, corporate welfare, and the income tax. By welfare I refer to the broad definition: taxpayer subsidy of any special individuals, group, organization, or corporation – whether rich or poor. But what about the poor, what will happen to them? Individuals truly unable to manage for themselves would depend on their children or other family members, on church groups, or on charitable organizations. That’s what genuine compassion is all about, not the cold, iron fist of the state.

Without the burden of the state income tax, individuals could afford to be even more charitable. And there would be less need for welfare, because the economy would improve, just as surely as it declined when the tax was imposed.

Libertarian principles built the freest and most prosperous society the world has ever known, and Libertarian principles will restore freedom to America. You can be part of that.

We need a rebirth of freedom and political morality and a restoration of self-reliance, self-esteem, responsibility, compassion, and voluntary charity. People must recapture a belief not only in freedom but also in themselves and in others. There’s no better place to start than by repealing, not reforming, the state income tax.

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of the Libertarian Party of Connecticut*

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state legislature is up (all state representatives and senators), as well as all five US House seats. Governor, statewide offices, and one US Senate seat (Lieberman) will also be up in 2006.

To have a voice in these races we need to start getting active again.

Opportunities exist for activists, workers, helpers, and leaders. You needn’t have specialized skills, only the willingness to help. You can devote as much time and effort as your schedule allows.

Some of the areas where help is needed are:

- Administrative – helping on the State Central Committee
- Communications – writing, speaking, working with the media
- Outreach
- Photography
- Publicity
- Research

We need your help now to prepare for the challenges of 2006. The sooner we get started, the more effective our efforts toward liberty will be.

Please call today, or attend the convention or the next State Central Committee meeting on Nov. 15 at 7:00 PM to learn more. We look forward to seeing you!

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