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1. IS RON PAUL DONE?

The state party recently mailed the following letter to its Texas members:

Dear Friend of Liberty:

The primary elections in Texas are over. Many of you have supported Ron Paul for president. He has cut back his campaign staff and seems focused on his campaign for Congress.

IS IT ALL OVER?

While Ron Paul has been growing the movement of people looking for restoration of our liberties, the Libertarian Party of Texas has recruited a record number of candidates for the 2008 elections. From President of the United States down to your local elected officials, Libertarian candidates will be on the ballot in November. Local, state, and federal offices will be contested by the Libertarian Party.

It is NOT OVER!

With the growing number of candidates, voters, and supporters for the Libertarian Party of Texas, our staff is certainly knows that it is not over.

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## 2. MARCH 15 MONEY BOMB

The letter continues with the announcement of the March 15 MONEY BOMB (see [www.LPTexas.org](http://www.LPTexas.org) for updates):

That is why in January we were pleased to announce hiring our third staff member, Patrick Barton, from the University of Richmond in Virginia. We have an ambitious staff budget to support our candidates and respond to media inquiries through the election.

Right now I do not have the funding to keep this staff in place. I took a risk to hire Patrick and bring him to Texas because we know we need this support.

Last year you helped contribute more than \$48,000 in the months of January and February to keep our staff funded. We are asking again for your support.

What has clearly proven successful for the Ron Paul campaign is the “Money Bomb”. The concept is to set a date for donors to contribute so that the results can be shown to the media as evidence of support. Therefore, we announce that March 15 will be the date of the Libertarian Party of Texas “MONEY BOMB”.

Please return the enclosed membership form by March 15 to set off the “MONEY BOMB”.

Your contribution will help us get more attention from the press, stay in touch with our supporters, and fight the corrupt two-party system that has led to so much big government for Texas and the United States.

Please reply with the enclosed envelope with your best contribution. If you prefer to make your contribution online, you can visit our website [www.LPTexas.org](http://www.LPTexas.org). You can also call our executive director Wes Benedict at 512-442-4910.

We are asking for your most generous contribution. So far 14 members have pledged over \$11,000 toward our \$50,000 goal to keep our staff working. If 1,000 of the people receiving

this letter donate only \$37, we will meet our budget. If we do not meet our budget, difficult and painful decisions might need to be made and the opportunity to reach the growing liberty movement may be lost.

Remember that we have a record number of candidates filed to run for the Libertarian Party in Texas. Some of these are contested races and we have our convention process to select the best candidates. The state election code sets the dates of Tuesday March 11 for the precinct conventions and Saturday March 15 for the county conventions. We have set up a website with details about the conventions at <http://lptexas.org/conventionresources.shtml>

Let's make March 15 a huge day for the Libertarian Party of Texas. Let's make a "MONEY BOMB" that will be heard all over Texas!

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Patrick Dixon  
Chair, Libertarian Party of Texas

P.S.: If you support more freedom and less government, then please join the Libertarian Party of Texas today. Donations to our party qualify for our membership reward depending on the level of contribution. You will receive a membership card according to your membership level, which will be nice to wear on your lapel at our state convention June 13-15 in Fort Worth.

P.P.S.: If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2008, please do so!

P.P.P.S: Rush back your membership form and contribution in the enclosed envelope today. Let make a "MONEY BOMB" on March 15!

Updates on the progress of our MONEY BOMB will be posted at [www.LPTexas.org](http://www.LPTexas.org)

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### 3. CANDIDACIES IN PERIL!

There are several candidates that filed to run as Libertarians for the November election that may be removed from the ballot if we don't quickly come up with county chairs!

The Texas election code requires nominating conventions to take place for candidates in the November elections. These can be very informal procedures but they must be done properly or else the candidate is disqualified. The candidates that are currently at risk are:

Phil Cornell, State Representative, District 3, Lamar County  
James C. Yow, State Representative, District 4, Kaufman County  
Don Keith, State Representative, District 12, Trinity County

William Galvin, State Representative, District 19, Newton County, Orange County  
Richard Ramsey, State Representative, District 19, Newton County, Orange County  
Francisco Javier Estrada, State Representative, District 42, Webb County  
Ryan Galloway, State Representative, District 68, Montague County  
Kevin Howell, State Representative, District 86, Randall County

If you live in these counties and are willing to simply hold a short meeting and confirm that it was held, please contact our state party of [Director@LPTexas.org](mailto:Director@LPTexas.org) or call 512-442-4910. We worked hard to put candidates on the ballot; let's not lose them!

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#### 4. IMPORTANT: MARCH CONVENTIONS

The next few days are critical for the Libertarian Party of Texas:

- Tuesday March 11 is the date for precinct conventions. This is required by state law in order to certify delegates to the county convention.
- Saturday March 15 is the date for county conventions. Delegates at this time vote on the nomination of candidates of the Libertarian Party within that county. Failure to hold the county convention may result in candidates in your county being removed from the ballot.
- Saturday March 22 is the date for district conventions. This is the nomination procedure for candidates which represent a congressional or state legislature district spanning multiple counties. Failure to hold the district convention may result in these candidates being removed from the ballot.

It is very important that these conventions be held as prescribed by state law. Please refer to the convention resources pages at:

<http://lptexas.org/conventionresources.shtml>

and the detailed procedures on the conventions at:

<http://lptexas.org/docs/ConventionsReferenceSheet2008v3.pdf>

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#### 5. REPLACEMENT CANDIDATES NEEDED

Last year we recruited another record number of candidates for the 2008 election. Commonly some people who file for office have to withdraw due to relocation, job change, or other reasons. Fortunately we have until March 14 to find a replacement candidate. We are seeking a replacement for the following districts:

- Texas state representative district 46
- Texas state representative district 62
- Texas state representative district 77
- Texas state representative district 92
- Texas state representative district 108

Texas state representative district 117  
Texas state representative district 129

Please consider being a candidate for state representative. Just by showing up on the ballot you make a big difference. I realize many of you are busy, but being a candidate does not mean you have to work at it. Of course we like active candidates, but a person that represents themselves and the Libertarian Party well can help us without raising money, knocking on doors, or spending time away from their work and family.

The application form can be found at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/nomin.pdf>. If you fill it out, notarize it, and fax it to 512-233-0613 you will be all set. Additional details can be found at <http://lptexas.org/candidateresources.shtml>.

Please consider giving voters in your district a Libertarian choice this November!

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## 6. DEADLINE FOR MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES

Several Libertarians have been elected to local, non-partisan office in Texas (city council, school boards). The deadline to file for a candidate in municipal elections is Monday March 10.

You can get elected and influence policy in the direction of liberty. You can fight eminent domain abuse, corporate welfare, and defend personal liberty in your community. If you are serious about making a serious impact in your community, contact your city hall and consider filing for the municipal elections.

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## 7. SENATE CANDIDATE DEBATE

The candidates for the 2008 Libertarian Texas U.S. Senate nomination are set to debate on This Is Politics online radio this Saturday at 8:00 PM (ET). The debate will be about an hour to 90 minutes and will air from [www.blogtalkradio.com/tip](http://www.blogtalkradio.com/tip) <<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/tip>>; and then placed in the archives.

Are there any questions that you would like to have asked during the debate? You can e-mail me the questions or call them in during the program, the number is 718-508-9747.

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## 8. NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Libertarian Party National Convention ([www.lpconvention.org](http://www.lpconvention.org)) will be held from May 22-26 in Denver. That comes before the Libertarian Party of Texas state convention, which

by state law has to be held on the second Saturday in June (June 14, 2008).

Normally the delegates from Texas to the national convention would be selected at the state convention. But since the national convention comes first, the party's by-laws require that the delegates shall be chosen by an open meeting of the State Executive Committee (SLECT).

SLECT met on Saturday, February 2 to approve a list of over 40 delegates. Others that wish to be delegates may contact the state party at [Director@LPTexas.org](mailto:Director@LPTexas.org) or 512-442-4910. SLECT may have a follow up vote to add delegates prior to the Denver convention.

As many items of interesting and important business occur at these conventions, most in attendance desire to be credentialed as delegates so that they can participate and cast votes. Texas typically has a large allotment of seats for delegates and has not filled its delegation at previous conventions.

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#### 9. STATE CONVENTION

Please mark your calendars June 13-15 for the Libertarian Party of Texas state convention. It will be held in Fort Worth at the Radisson Fort Worth Fossil Creek ([http://www.radisson.com/ftworthtx\\_north](http://www.radisson.com/ftworthtx_north)).

More details about the state convention will be presented in this newsletter and at [www.LPTexas.org](http://www.LPTexas.org) as they become available.

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#### 10. CHALLENGE FROM OHIO LP

As the Libertarian Party of Texas has grown significantly and continues to break records in its achievements, the following notice from the Libertarian Party of Ohio caught the interest of our state chair (a former Ohio resident):

"Ohio party fastest growing among Libertarians"  
<http://mail.lpo.org/lists/Announce/Message/327.html?Language=>

Dixon's reply to the Chair of the Ohio LP (Kevin Knedler) is below:

From: Patrick Dixon, Chair Texas LP  
To: Kevin Knedler, Chair Ohio LP  
Sent: Monday, March 03, 2008 12:44 AM  
Subject: Re: [Ohio LP] Ohio party fastest growing among Libertarians

Kevin,  
I am very happy to take on the challenge. I am going to get Texas ahead of you, and I want

you to try to pass us up. Competition is good!

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#### 11. GLOBAL WARMING

For the benefit of new subscribers, this is a repeat from last month's issue:

State Chair Pat Dixon presented the issue of Global Warming on the weekly television show "Live and Let Live" on Dec 22. The video has been uploaded and posted on Google video. It can be found at <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=617434640025336908>

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#### 12. MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Friends of Liberty,

This newsletter has grown dramatically over a very short time. We started the electronic subscription in December of 2004, and we now have over 1300 subscribers. We don't know how many of these email addresses are still valid addresses, but clearly the interest in the newsletter has grown.

The first 5 items in this newsletter are critically important and the deadlines are coming up very quickly! We have been working hard for the last 2 years to take advantage of these opportunities and again make noticeable impact in the general election. Let's not go backwards! If you can help with items 1-5 mentioned above, please contact us.

Yours in Liberty,  
Patrick J Dixon, Chair, Libertarian Party of Texas

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#### 13. SCHEDULE OF IMPORTANT DATES:

Tuesday, March 11: Precinct conventions

Saturday, March 15: County conventions

Saturday, March 22: District conventions

May: Municipal elections

May 23-25: LP national convention, Denver CO, [www.lpconvention.org](http://www.lpconvention.org)

June 13-15: Texas LP convention, Radisson Fort Worth Fossil Creek

([http://www.radisson.com/ftworthtx\\_north](http://www.radisson.com/ftworthtx_north)).

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