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The Liberty Quill

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News from the Chair

Fellow Libertarians,

I want to thank all of those who participated in our Independence Day activities! We had a great turnout for the Rose, White, & Blue parade. The theme of this years parade was "Our Stories Create Community". The Libertarian Party has always understood this message. We defend each person's right to engage in any activity that is peaceful and honest, and welcome the diversity that freedom brings. So, it is fitting that the LPSCC won first place for most diverse ensemble. An award we didn't know existed but as we looked around we realized we had many stories represented within our group. As we walked, we were well-received by the community, with many showing their excitement for our presence. After a short rest, we reconvened for our annual Independence Day Liberty & BBQ. It was a pleasure getting to spend time with everyone with an old-fashioned front yard feast. Those who stayed late enough were able to enjoy the undocumented fireworks provided by the neighborhood.





Don't miss out on the fun and join us at one of our upcoming events! We have a full calendar of events this summer offering you the opportunity to learn more about liberty and politics in Santa Clara County while having fun.

[Join the LP today!](#)

With Liberty,

Jennifer Imhoff

Chair, LP SCC

Liberty at the State Fair

The Libertarian Party of California will have a booth at the fast-approaching [California State Fair](#) in Sacramento, starting on July 12, 2019! Offering blue-ribbon animal displays, culinary delights and competitions, [live music concerts](#), a carnival, and fireworks - the state fair is full of family fun. We need lots of volunteers for this effort! Someone needs to man the booth at all times during the two-week event. We need your help! Volunteering comes with free entrance to the Fair – make your visit worthwhile by volunteering on a day with one of the free concerts or headline shows!



Please [sign up to volunteer](#) at the booth.

Seeking Candidates

for Partisan State and Federal Offices and Other Nonpartisan Local Offices

Candidate milestones for the 2020 Primary Election next March are rapidly approaching. All of the candidate recruitment and preparation is coming up this fall. See the [Secretary of State's website](#) for filing periods and deadlines. We need candidates to run as Libertarians for Congress and for the State Legislature.

The 17th, 18th and 19th Congressional Districts cover Eastern, Western, and Southern Santa Clara County, respectively (with some overlap in adjacent counties). All three Democratic incumbents (Khanna, Eshoo, and Lofgren) are likely to run again, and have Republican challengers in the

Primary election. John David Ward has announced his candidacy to challenge incumbent Zoe Lofgren in the 19th District. Congratulations, John! You have our support! Other Libertarian congressional candidates, please step forward for the 17th and 18th Districts.

For the State Senate, District 13 covers northern Santa Clara and southern San Mateo Counties. Jerry Hill (D) will term out of office at the end of 2020. So far there are five District 13 candidates that will be in the March primary. Senate District 15 covers Milpitas, Santa Clara, and San Jose. Incumbent Jim Beall (D) terms out of office at the end of 2020. Several Democratic replacements are already lined up. In Senate District 17, Bill Monning (D) is also terming out. This district contains Santa Cruz and San Luis Obispo Counties in their entirety, as well as portions of Monterey and Santa Clara Counties, specifically Morgan Hill and Gilroy. Each of these need Libertarian challengers.

For the State Assembly, District 24 covers northern Santa Clara and southern San Mateo Counties. Mark Berman (D) will certainly run for a third term against a likely Republican in the primary. District 25 covers Milpitas, Santa Clara, San Jose, and part of Alameda Counties. Incumbent Kansen Chu terms out of office in 2020. Again, we need Libertarian challengers.

A number of nonpartisan local offices for local jurisdictions including city councils, school districts, and utility districts will have elections this November and next year. Most of the incumbent-party office officeholders like those mentioned above started their political careers in nonpartisan office. Libertarians should give some consideration to nonpartisan elective office.

Appointed office in municipal, county, and other jurisdictions is a good way to get experience before pursuing elective office. Pick a policy topic you are interested in such as land use, transportation, infrastructure, budget, and really endless areas of government function.

Attend meetings and follow the agendas for committees you are interested in. Be a volunteer and get to know the elected officials who may consider you for appointment to a committee.

Resources, support, and advice on how to run and serve as a Libertarian are available. Contact me about your interest in running for office, getting involved in campaigns, or getting more involved with public policy and government.

For more information on running for office or how you can volunteer for a campaign, contact our Campaign Chair, John Inks, at campaigns@scclp.org or 650-941-4167



Libertarian Movie Night!

Join fellow libertarians at the Stanford Theater (Palo Alto) next Tuesday, July 23th, for an evening showing of Citizen Kane



"There's only one person in the world to decide what I'm going to do – and that's me."

~ Citizen Kane

Tickets are available at the box office on *the day of the show - CASH ONLY.*

Ticket prices are \$7.00 for adults, and \$5 for Seniors (65 and over) and Youth (18 and under).

More info visit: https://www.scclp.org/stanfordtheater_citizenkane

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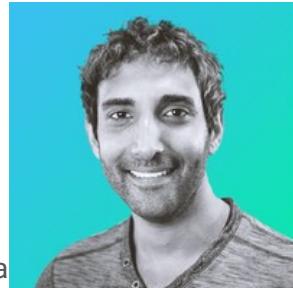
Bitcoin & BBQ

Libertarians believe that the government should have minimal interference in the lives and finances of its citizens. The cryptocurrency community believes in a monetary system free from centralized oversight, with decisions driven by the masses rather than by regulators. Libertarians and crypto enthusiasts have a lot of overlap. We're hosting Bitcoin & BBQ to help bridge these two groups and explore what a crypto-libertarian world be like?

Bitcoin & The Metanet

Bitcoin will soon scale to GB block sizes. That is enough to contain the entire world's transactions including MasterCard, Visa, & American

Express. Not only can it handle all the payments around the world, it will be the most efficient at it. However, it doesn't stop at money, Bitcoin will also be the world's database, with a single source of truth around the world, and again, will be the most efficient at it. Let's discuss what Bitcoin + Metanet can do for you. The first half of the presentation will be the basics of Bitcoin, including its economic structure.



Presented by: Gurinder Bhangoo

[July 27th, 2019 4pm-7pm Reserve your spot today!](#)

\$10 for Members

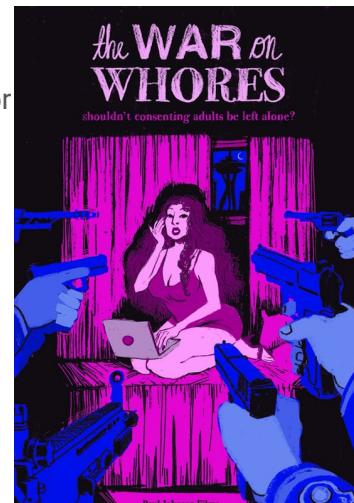
\$15 for Non- Members

\$30 to Join & Attend

Movie Release: The War on Whores

A documentary by Paul Johnson

Is it anyone's business if consenting adults want to pay or accept money for sex? Sex worker and author Maggie McNeill tells her startling tale about the persecution of sex workers based on the false assumption that most of them are exploited victims of pimps and traffickers. Her movement is challenging these assumptions and the powerful political and cultural forces behind them.



Rent or download the video

Featured Content

Time to review how drugs are classified

There has undoubtedly been a good amount of movement in the drug debate in recent years. There are positive developments showing that some governments are beginning to understand the futility of the failed war on drugs that has, for decades, held a firm grip on national drug policies, stifling reform and innovation at the costs of hundreds of thousands of lives and billions in taxpayer dollars.... [<keep reading>](#)



written by Richard Branson

26 June 2019

from Virgin.com Richard's Blog

Thanks to Jonathan T. for sharing this article.

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The Eagle Eye

Local focus on city issues that fortify or threaten your liberties

California

[California's Budget Doubled in 8 years to \\$215 Billion](#) (*Frontpage magazine*)

Santa Clara County

[Two Santa Clara County jail officers fired after unnecessary force, coverup, new records reveal](#) (*SF Chronicle*)

[Santa Clara County DA will stop filing charges in most minor drug cases](#) (*Mercury News*)

[Top takeaways from Santa Clara County's new \\$8.1B budget](#) (*San Jose Spotlight*)

[What California school bond lobby wants hidden from voters](#) (*Mercury News*)

[By the Numbers: The VTA's Burgeoning Budget Boondoggle](#) (*San Jose Inside*)

[San Jose State cop fired after beating gets job back, now with Los Gatos police](#) (*Mercury News*)

Gilroy

[Former GOP candidate for 30th Assembly District is charged with election fraud](#) (*Gilroy Dispatch*)

[School board approves \\$129 million budget](#) (*Gilroy Dispatch*)

Los Altos

[Ballots counted: Los Altos voters defeat proposed tax for storm-drain repairs](#) (*Los Altos Town Crier*)

[Some city employees to clam up about Planning Commission chairman's DUI arrest](#) (*Daily Post*)

Mountain View

[Rent control law may constrain city's earthquake safety program](#) (*Mountain View Voice*)

[Mountain View Puts RV Parking Ordinance In Reverse](#) (*Patch*)

[New City Council subcommittee to propose rent control changes](#) (*Mountain View Voice*)

[Civil rights groups render possible RV ban unconstitutional](#) (*Los Altos Town Crier*)

[Despite cuts, school board approves budget with deficit spending](#) (*Mountain View Voice*)

[Mountain View Whisman district spends \\$95k for coaching new budget officer](#) (*Mountain View Voice*)

[School board approves 14% pay raise for superintendent](#) (*Mountain View Voice*)

Palo Alto

[Palo Alto bans plastic straws](#) (*Daily Post*)

Santa Clara

[Grand Jury Finds Santa Clara Compliance With Public Records Law "Unacceptable"](#) (*Silicon Valley Voice*)

[Santa Clara Adds Strict Restrictions To Smoking, Vaping](#) (*Silicon Valley Voice*)

[Chamber Changes Name After a Really, Really Bad Year](#) (*Santa Clara News*)

San Jose

[Solve housing crisis by reducing high-rise development fees](#) (*San Jose Spotlight*)

[Fee for All: Private Wealth Managers Siphon San Jose's Pension Reform Savings](#) (*San Jose Inside*)

[Want to remove a tree in San Jose? It'll cost you thousands.](#) (*San Jose Spotlight*)

Sunnyvale

[Union Sues Over Approval of 1,000-Unit Silicon Valley Housing Project, Arguing Building's Shiny Windows Will Kill Too Many Birds](#) (*Reason*)

News From Our Neighbors...

Alameda

The Libertarian Party of Alameda County [monthly meeting](#) will be on August 8th. The Alameda County LP also has two great events coming up! Find LPAC at the [Oakland Art + Soul 19](#) on July 27th or at their [Annual BBQ](#) on August 31st. Learn more at: www.lpac.us/home/

Contra Costa

The next Contra Costa LP [monthly meeting](#) will be on August 13th. Check out their new Facebook page to get the latest information in their area! Learn more on their [Facebook Page](#).

San Francisco

Join the Libertarian Party of San Francisco for their [Monthly Meeting](#) & Social on Saturday, 10 August, at 3:00 pm and their "None of our Business" Happy Hour on Thursday, 25 Jul, 7:00 pm

Join the Libertarian Party

Thank you for being a registered Libertarian or supporter of our efforts. By joining the Libertarian Party of Santa Clara County as a dues paying member you will help us further liberty in Santa Clara County and in California.

[Join the LP today!](#)

Upcoming Events

Don't miss these upcoming meetings and events....

- [July 12 - 28th, 2019](#)
[California State Fair \(Sacramento\)](#).
*Volunteers Needed
- [July 17-20](#)
[FreedomFest \(Las Vegas\)](#)
- [July 19-21, 2019](#)
[SCCLP tabling at YALCon \(San Jose\)](#)
- [July 20th, 2019](#)
[Liberty & Coffee \(San Jose\)](#)
- [July 23, 2019](#)
[Libertarian Movie Night \(Palo Alto\)](#)
- [July 24th, 2019](#)
[Independent Institute: Global Warming Fact or Fiction? \(Oakland\)](#)
- [July 25th, 2019](#)
[New Citizen Ceremony \(Campbell\)](#)
- [July 27th, 2019](#)
[Bitcoin BBQ \(San Jose\)](#)
- [July 29th, 2019](#)
[Golden State Second Amendment Council \(Santa Clara\)](#)

Mark your calendar for these important dates...

- [August 10th, 2019](#)
[Libertarian Party of California Executive Committee Meeting \(San Jose\)](#)
- [August 17th, 2019](#)
[In-Tents Unconvention - Camping with the Central Area LP \(Bradley, CA\)](#)
- [August 24th, 2019](#)
[Pride Parade & Festival \(San Jose\)](#)
- [September 7th, 2019](#)
[Reid-Hillview Airport Day \(San Jose\)](#)

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