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STATEWIDE PETITION DRIVE AND NATIONAL CONVENTION



by **Andrew Kolstee**
LPNY Chair

The Libertarian Party of New York’s 2024 petitioning drive ends May 28, 2024, which is the petitioning deadline. At least 45,000 signatures are needed in order to place the Libertarian Party’s Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates on the ballot.

Larry Sharpe is standing in as the Presidential candidate and Rich Purtell is standing in as the Vice Presidential candidate. After petitions are turned in, the stand-in candidates can withdraw, and the Committee on Vacancies can replace the stand-in candidates with the candidates nominated at the National Convention.

The petitioning portal is linked right on the lpny.org website. There, you will find the petitions and instructions. We also have a few down-

ballot candidates and so if you live in the area, collect for those candidates as well.

Make sure you mail your petitions in! As the deadline approaches, you will need to overnight them in order for them to get there in time! Peti-

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tions will be picked up on Monday, May 27 and filed on Tuesday, May 28.

Meanwhile, the 2024 Libertarian National Convention in Washington, D.C. is upon us. New York has a full delegation representing the Libertarian Party of New York at the National Convention.

| | | Independent | |
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| I, the undersigned, do hereby state that I am a registered voter of the | | | |
| made, that my present place of residence is truly stated opposite my s | | | |
| persons as candidates for election to public offices to be voted for at the | | | |
| the name Libertarian Party as the name of the independent body making t | | | |
| <u>Name of Candidate</u> | | <u>Public Office</u> | |
| Larry Sharpe | | President of the United States | |
| Richard F. Purtell | | Vice President of the United States | |
| | Date | Name of Signer (printed name may be added) | |
| 1 | / / 24 | X | |
| | printed name: | | |
| 2 | / / 24 | X | |
| | printed name: | | |
| | / / 24 | X | |

STATE COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

by Andrew Kolstee
LPNY Chair

The deadline for registering as a candidate for State Committee was April 30, 2024. The Elections Oversight Committee met on Monday, May 6, 2024 and certified the remaining list of candidates. The following are the candidates.

Judicial District 1 **(2 seats)**

Mark Axinn
Morry Davis

Judicial District 2 **(2 seats)**

Paul Grindle
Gary Popkin

Judicial District 3 **(2 seats)**

Justin Carman
Evan Lebrecht
Gary Triestman

Judicial District 4 **(3 seats)**

Jennifer O'Connor
Zachary Remian

Judicial District 5 **(3 seats)**

Daniel Castello
James Fitch
Erinn Rose Leatherman
Amber Nunes
Keith Redhead

Judicial District 6 **(3 seats)**

Michael Boyce
Mark Braiman
Craig Colwell
Charles Dorgan
Samuel Hordeski
Brandon Larsen
Christopher Okenski

Judicial District 7 **(4 seats)**

Steven Becker
Justin Pelletier
Sean Phelan
James Ziobro

Judicial District 8 **(5 seats)**

Maura Botsford
Roy Scott Moseley
Andrew Kolstee
Leonard Morlock
Michael Rebmann
Wendi Szabo
Jame Vandewalker
Duane Whitmer

Judicial District 9 **(3 seats)**

Robert Cocomello
Pietro Geraci
Nicole Hewson
Catrina Rocco
William Schmidt

Judicial District 10 **(6 seats)**

Jeffrey Denecke
John Gemelli
Jonathan Gunther
Vincent O'Neill
Christian Padgett
Robert Schuon
Blay Tarnoff
Randyn Tarnoff
Steven Torre

Judicial District 11 **(2 seats)**

Francisco Olvera
Mark Weinblatt

Judicial District 12 **(1 seat)**

Jeffrey Monheit

Judicial District 13 **(1 seat)**

no candidates

HELP US GET A3312 PASSED

This bill, if passed would lower the ballot access thresholds back to the previous standards: the number of votes needed to get ballot access to 50,000 (from 130,000 or 2%), and lower the petition signature requirement for a statewide office to 15,000 (from 45,000). Contact your representatives in the New York State Legislature and ask them to this bill! Contact Legislative Affairs Director Rich Purtell at rpurtell@lpny.org to get involved with pushing this bill.

NATIONAL CONVENTION: NEW YORK'S DELEGATION UPDATED

by **Andrew Kolstee**
LPNY Chair

The Libertarian Party of New York's
Delegation to the Libertarian Na-

tional Committee continues to un-
dergo changes leading up to the Na-
tional Convention. Some Delegates
and Alternate Delegates have with-

drawn, and so some Alternate Del-
egates were promoted to Delegate.
The updated list is as follows.

DELEGATES

1. **Andrew Kolstee**
2. *Duane Whitmer**
3. **William Schmidt**
4. **Justin Carman**
5. *Keith Redhead**
6. **Michael Rebmann**
7. **Chance Haywood**
8. **Paul Grindle**
9. **Daniel Castello**
10. **Blay Tarnoff**
11. **Steven Becker**
12. **Leonard Morlock**
13. **Craig Colwell**
14. **Juan Ayala**
15. *Christopher Olenski**
16. *Adam Magoon**
17. **Justin Pelletier**
18. **Mark Axinn**
19. **Susan Overeem-Cummings**
20. **Catrina Rocco**
21. **Nicole Colwell**
22. **Irwin Mark Weinblatt**
23. **James Fitch**
24. **Daniel Donnelly**
25. **Randyn Tarnoff**
26. **Pietro Geraci**
27. **Wendi Szabo**
28. **Joanna Rocco-Bodach**
29. **Jack Terran**
30. *Richard Cooper**
31. **Thomas Quiter**
32. **Christian Padgett**
33. *Gary Triestman**
34. **Larry Sharpe**
35. *Craig Shute**
36. **Millie Dordal-Gale**

37. *Debra Altman**
38. **Charles Senrick**
39. *Roger Cooper**
40. **Caryn Tarnoff**
41. *Michael Houze**
42. **Anna Donnelly****
43. *Shaun Cahill**
44. **Joseph Terwilliger****
45. **James Melloan****
50. **Paul Schaffenberger****
51. **Chuck Dorgan****
54. **Erinn Rose Leatherman****
55. *Jeffrey Monheit**
56. **Vladmir Vizner****
57. *Dennis Consorte**
58. **David Fite****
60. **Lora Newell****
61. **William Cody Anderson****

ALTERNATES

46. *Russell Nelson**
47. *Alexander Tollner**
48. *Sarah Shuster**
49. *Brandon Larsen**
52. *Liam Callahan**
53. *Evan Lebrecht**
59. *Shawn Hannon**
62. **Karyn Keniry-Thompson**

KEY

**Withdrew as a Delegate and/or Alternate Delegate*

***Delegate promoted from Alternate Delegate*

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CHAUTAUQUA

NEXT MEETING:

Thurs., June 6, 2024 @ 7:00 PM
Lakeview Hotel & Resturant
Mayville, NY and Zoom
(1st Thursdays)

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CHEMUNG

NEXT MEETING:

TBD
at Ill Eagle Taphouse

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COLUMBIA

NEXT MEETING:

Wed., June 19, 2024 @ 7 PM
Google Meet
(third Wednesdays)

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NEXT MEETING:

Sat., June 15, 2024 @ 6 PM
Time/Location Varies
(3rd Saturdays)

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ERIE

NEXT MEETING:

Held Monthly via Zoom

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KINGS (BROOKLYN)

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Tues., June 18, 2024 at 3 PM
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76 4th Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11217
(3rd Tuesdays)

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NEXT MEETING:

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Hamilton Public Library

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MONROE

Contact the Monroe County Libertarian Party for meeting link. We also have monthly social meetings that you don't want to miss. There is also Google Group for announcements.

NEXT MEETING:

Thurs., June 6, 2024 @ 7 PM
(first Thursdays)

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NASSAU

NEXT MEETING:

Tues., June 13, 2024 at 7 PM
@ Landmark Diner
(2nd Thursdays)

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NEXT MEETING:

TBD

ONEIDA

NEXT MEETING:

Mon., June 17 2024 @ 6 PM
via Video Conference
(3rd Mondays)
Contact Keith for link

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TBD

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Thurs., June 13, 2024 at 7 PM
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RENSSELAER

Since October 2022, the Rensselaer County Libertarian Party has been collecting food items and monetary donations to give monthly to StreetSoldiers Rensselaer.

NEXT MEETING:

Wed., June 5, 2024 at 6:30 PM
Alexis Diner, North Greenbush
(first Wednesdays)

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RICHMOND (STATEN ISLAND)

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Thurs., June 20, 2024 @ 7 PM
@ Coffee and Collectibles
(3rd Thursdays)

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ULSTER

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Mon., June 10, 2024 at 6:30 PM
Hickory BBQ, Kingston, NY
(second Mondays)

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WAYNE

NEXT MEETING:

Sat., June 29, 2024 at 10 AM
Yellow Mills Diner
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(last Saturdays)

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to organize new County Affiliates!**

Contact us for more details!

affiliates@lpny.org

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The 2024

**LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL
CONVENTION**

May 23 - May 27, 2024

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