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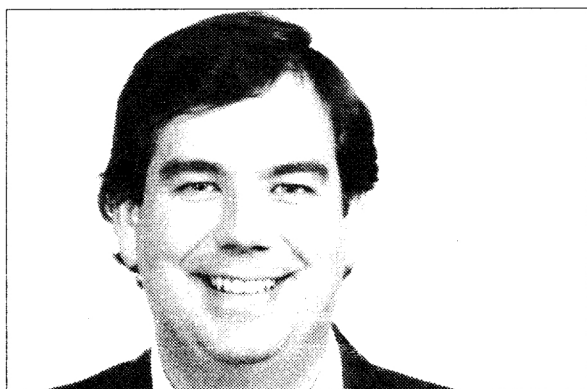
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Report of April Executive Committee meeting

For two days, the Picadilly Inn - Shaw in Fresno was the headquarters for the Libertarian Party of California. The event was the quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee held April 1 and 2, 1995. It has been more than three years since the Committee last met in the Central California city. The Central Valley Libertarians hosted the meeting under the leadership of Jonathan Richter.

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Matt Piazza, Reg. 65 activist, is running for the 60th Assembly Seat for the second time, in a recall election against Paul Horcher. Horcher won the seat as a Republican, then switched his affiliation to "Independent." The election is May 18. Piazza asks volunteers to call him at 714/522-3651.

ExCom At-Large Representative Terry Savage had proposed that sub-committees meet on Saturday, April 1, to work on reports and have arguments and recommendations ready for voting on by the full Committee. As it turned out, only one sub-committee scheduled a 3:00 p.m. meeting and only half of the Executive Committee members had arrived by that evening.

By contrast, the Sunday meeting was crowded and productive. Topics and actions ranged from a vote to remove one member of the committee, ways to maximize dissemination of the 800 number and to speed up responses to inquiries, whether to use the services of a professional fundraising firm, ways to increase membership, and to increase the budget for production of *LPC News*.

The sole sub-committee that met on Saturday was Strategy Planning, headed by Terry Savage. Savage proposed a four-point process to develop a strategy plan by which to

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Will you be a candidate in 1996?

Then you will want to be aware of such matters as vital changes in filing dates and availability of candidate training. See the article on filing deadlines on page 3. And keep reading *LPC News* each month for the latest political information

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"My biggest competitor is government, and it can legislate us all out of business with a twist of the pen."

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Goals being put into place rapidly

by Gail Lightfoot

A great many **goals** are being set and accomplished by the newly-elected LPC Executive Committee both collectively and individually. I would like to let you, the LPC membership, know what was done during the month prior to the first real meeting on April 2, 1995.

Working towards the realization of **improved communications with 100 percent e-mail usage for Executive Committee and Regions**, Executive Committee members have come online. As of the end of March 1995, 14 of the 19 members and Alternates on the ExCom have e-mail addresses. Of the five who do not, four have a fax phone. The only member with neither e-mail nor fax is Linda Grau, the alternate from Reg. 30 Orange County.

Working towards having a **subcommittee system in operation for all business and projects**, committee members went about getting to know the members of their respective subcommittees. As of the end of March, reports of actions taken were presented to the first ExCom meeting by the Inquiry Response Committee headed by Joe Dehn, the Database Oversight Committee headed by David Wire, the Elections Committee headed by Ted Brown, Publications Oversight and Atlas Communications by Richard Venable and Laura McFadden, the World Wide Web by coordinator Joe Dehn and the Internal Education Committee headed by Ed Moss.

Binders containing copies of LPC Officer and ExCom member **job descriptions**, ExCom Standing Rules as well as the LPC Bylaws and Platform were given to all members of the ExCom at the February meeting. **Procedure Manuals, including timetables**, are being developed. The Regional Training Manuals are being prepared for distribution soon. Additional informational and instructional material is being obtained from the National LP.

Professional quality material for inquiry and membership response is in the works. New letters have been written and signed by the Chair for the renewal notices to members and *LPC News* subscribers and an introduction letter to New Members that includes an organizational chart of the LPC. New stationary and envelopes are being printed at the 800 number office and ISIL brochures sent out to 800 number callers are being imprinted with the LPC logo and address. The names of 800 number callers are being added to the LPC database so that *LPC News* can be mailed to them for three months and are sent to the National LP office so that they will receive the NLP inquiry packet which includes a copy of *Liberty Today*.

In regard to **training sessions for candidates and Can-**



Gail Lightfoot

didate Committees, everyone is reminded to take note of the Candidate Seminars planned for May and June and sign up now. See page three for details. Sign up yourself and a friend today.

Still to come:

- ◆ Monthly newsletter for all donors/pledgers, regional chairs and activists.
- ◆ Timetables in the form of six-week countdowns for all ongoing activities of the LPC.
- ◆ Database information exchanged with the Regions and NLP electronically.

At the April 2 meeting of the Executive Committee, members had another opportunity to discuss a number of ideas and to observe the dynamics of individual interaction.

The single most important action taken at the meeting was to empower the Operations Committee to direct the Chair to sign a new contract with Atlas Communications for continued publication of this paper, *LPC News*.

In the next two months prior to the next meeting scheduled in Long Beach on June 25, 1995, I will be asking the subcommittees to expand their membership with volunteers from the regions and meet to accomplish their initial goals. A number of projects need to be underway as soon as possible so that the LPC is ready for the election period beginning in October of this year.

With the Inquiry Response Committee's improved material being sent to 800 number callers, the next steps of well-organized fundraising, growth through new members and member retention, and increased involvement of our members can be realized. I continue to expect great things from your Executive Committee and Officers dur-

ing the coming months.

As we give the individuals who call us and our new members a clearer description of the LPC, more of those who join us will want to be a part of what we are doing to grow and influence the political process.

As our numbers grow realistically, we will have greater potential to elect Libertarians to city councils, local boards and partisan offices. The American people have not forgotten the ideals of the Revolution. They respond to what we all believe in and will join us when they see that we can be effective. Now is the time to show the voter that we can and will be **THE LEADERS** of tomorrow.

As members of the LPC, your ideas are solicited and encouraged. Read the *LPC News* carefully for new ways to get involved. Contact your Regional Chair or the LPC Committee Chairs with your ideas, comments or suggestions for improvements. Your participation is needed at every level.

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Report on April meeting of ExCom — from page 1

prove and increase the party over the next few years. The major points were Vision (what are we really out to make happen), Strategy (the path or paths by which to reach that vision), Operations (tasks that support that path or paths), and Tactics (who will do what task and when).

A brief discussion of the four points lead to a brainstorming session on what the Vision statement should say. Some 24 ideas were presented. Those were reduced to four and discussed until the group decided on one — a refinement of the language of the first two sentences of the Preamble to the National Platform.

Members of the ExCom will come up with more succinct wording for the Vision statement and call another meeting to talk about the other points.

Later that evening, regional chair Jonathan Richter conducted a special Valley Libertarian Supper Club, re-scheduled to allow members to meet LPC officers and ExCom members. Eleven members traveled from as far as 60 miles to get acquainted and exchange ideas with the state officials. All of those present enjoyed the opportunity to talk with people from other areas.

On Sunday, the Executive Committee began with a working breakfast at 9:00 a.m. The formal meeting started at 10:00. All members were present with the exception of Bill Holmes, representative from Region 37 San Diego, who arrived an hour later. He had been working out at a local gym that had not set its clocks ahead to comply with Pacific Daylight Time.

The first order of business was a motion by Joe Dehn, representative of Region 43 Santa Clara, to consider whether to remove Terry Savage from the ExCom because of a local newspaper article quoting Savage as planning to change affiliation to Republican. A roll-call vote of the ExCom showed 4 ayes, 8 nays, 1 abstention and 1 absent. Savage thanked

the Committee for its vote of confidence and said that if anything in the future should cause a majority of the ExCom to change their minds he would resign.

Chair Gail Lightfoot said that she has had four press interviews since the Annual Convention. The last interview, with the political editor of the *Fresno Bee*, appeared in Saturday's edition. The remainder of her remarks can be read in the Notes From The Chair column on page 2.

Cullene Lang, Northern Vice Chair, apologized for having been relatively inactive since the last meeting. She introduced Joe Farina, newly-elected chair of Reg. 34 Sacramento. He expressed his pleasure at attending his first meeting with the Committee. He also stated that his region had purchased four news racks to distribute *California Liberty*. In the past month, they had sold 100 copies.

Brad Walker, chair of Reg. 43 Santa Clara, was also present. Another observer was Vic Wagner, vice chair of Reg. 30 Orange County.

Southern Vice Chair Richard H. Halvorson said he had met with at least four of the regions in his area each month since the Annual Convention. He also reported on meetings he had attended with groups such as the California Republican Assembly and others supporting the California Civil Rights Initiative.

The LPC lists its 800 number in the white pages of telephone books in many cities around the state, treasurer Jon Petersen reported. He added that it is expensive but effective. He is sending a list to Regional chairs so they can determine the most useful ones. A copy of the list is also being given to Joe Dehn, chair of

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New early filing deadlines this year

California's primary election, generally held in June, is scheduled for March 26 this coming year. As a result, the pre-primary procedures which normally take place in the early months of the election year have been moved up nearly three months into 1995.

Following are the new filing deadlines:
October 20 through November 29, 1995 — deadline for gathering signatures to avoid paying filing fees by legislative candidates

October 20 through December 14, 1995 — deadline for gathering signatures by congressional candidates.

November 20 to November 29, 1995 — deadline for legislative candidates to file Declarations of Intent to run.

December 4 through December 29, 1995 — deadline for candidates for congressional and legislative seats to file nomination papers and declarations of candidacy.

Rider: Spend less time debating, use capabilities of your computers

The following Letter to the Editor that I authored was printed in the Monday, 13 March 1995 edition of the Wall St. Journal. The feedback has been extremely good with some radio interviews, etc. Although I wrote this letter in my capacity as chair of a local county welfare civilian review board, I want to emphasize the importance of this method of "advertising" our Libertarian Party ideas and legitimizing our presence.

We would be better off if we spent less time debating ourselves and instead used the power of letters to the editor coupled with the fax broadcast capabilities of these PC's sitting on our desks. *For info on how to broadcast such letters to newspa-*

pers, radio and TV stations, politicians, etc, contact me for a free packet of instructions on how to reach thousands or even millions of voters at little or no cost. (Emphasis added - Ed.) (Rider's address is 10969 Red Cedar Dr., San Diego, CA)

Editor, Wall St. Journal
Dear Editor:

In his letter of 22 February defending AFDC grants to unwed mothers, Anstiss Agnew claims that the plethora of government benefits doesn't encourage illegitimate births. He cites the tax deduction for dependents and says that "a claim that taxpayers have more children just to reduce their taxes would be dismissed as outrageous." He's right, but only because the tax deduction is worth so little.

To the middle class federal taxpayer in the 28% tax bracket, the \$2,450 dependent deduction is worth only \$686 in tax savings. But suppose the deduction netted the same tax savings as the unwed mother's tax receipts. The aggregate value of the various tax free benefits (AFDC, food stamps, health care, child care, vocational schooling, subsidized housing, etc.) given to an unwed mother can easily reach \$10,000. That is the equivalent of the 28% taxpayer getting a dependent deduction of \$35,714.

If the federal government offered an annual tax deduction of over \$35,000 for having a child, the U.S. would experience a baby boom the likes of which the world has never known!

But, give credit where credit is due. Mr. Agnew's treasured AFDC system works. AFDC pays young women to have children out of wedlock, and, like so many government boondoggles, the program works all too well.

Richard Rider, Chairman
San Diego County Social Services Advisory Board

With the coming elections, quick communications is important. Get your region on e-mail. Call your LPC Chair, Vice Chair or ExCom member for help.

Writing our wrongs

In the April 1995 issue of *LPC News*, we inadvertently transposed the names of the individuals who chaired the Bylaws and Rules Committee and the Platform Committee at the Annual Convention.

The article should have read that *Mary Gingell* chaired the Bylaws and Rules Committee and *Ted Brown* chaired the Platform Committee. We apologize for the error and the confusion

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Bylaws Changes

Meeting notices, Presidential primary, district caucuses

Changes to the LPC Bylaws and Convention Rules at the annual convention of Delegates from the organized counties of California held in Oakland on February 18, 1995 resulted in new rules as well as lively debate.

Mary Gingell of Reg. 43 Santa Clara chaired the meeting. Other committee members were Joe Dehn, Jon Petersen and Terry Savage (all of Reg. 43 Santa Clara) and Bob Weber of Reg. 62 West Los Angeles.

After hammering out various proposals on Friday, February 17, the committee presented the delegates with eight recommendations. These ranged from who shall receive ExCom meeting notices, the Presidential primary, to election of representatives.

Under the section governing Executive Committee meetings, all County (Regional) Chairs were added to the list of those who are to be given notice of all meetings not less than fourteen days prior to the meeting. This ensures that counties are informed of pending business meetings of the LPC ExCom.

New bylaws were added ensuring that the Presidential Primary Election would be advisory only. Presidential contenders listed on the Primary Ballot as provided by the California Elections Code will be considered an advisory vote only. The candidates selected at the National Nominating Convention would be those listed on California's General Election Ballot in November. Further changes specify how the delegates to the National Nominating Convention would be selected as well as how other delegates could be added by the delegates at the

national convention.

A bylaw specifying that all nominations for elective partisan office are to be done by state convention or district caucus was added by deleting Bylaws 15 and 17 (pertaining to nominating by convention) and adding a new Bylaw 17. This will have to be challenged in the courts if candidates so nominated by caucus are not placed on the General Election Ballot by the Secretary of State.

Proposals that failed included:

— That all delegates to the state convention be voting members of the LPC for 90 days prior to the convention, after some discussion concerning take-over of the Party versus encouraging new member activism.

— To adopt the National Libertarian Party's Statement of Principles as the California Statement. The recommendation resulted in a parliamentary ruling, challenging of the ruling by the delegation, a motion to divide the question, and tabling of the motion. The phrase "as adopted by a two-thirds vote at the first Party Convention" was deleted by a vote on the divided question before tabling the remainder.

— To change the procedures used to elect At-Large Representatives to the Executive Committee by allowing for multiple votes for one candidate and/or negative votes, after motions to amend were defeated as well. Delegates voted to keep in effect the existing language, which reads: "Rule 18: Section 1. A. Each delegate from all but the five largest regions may cast up to five votes, but no more than one vote for any one

candidate."

— To extend the term of office of the At-Large Representatives on the Executive Committee from one to two year terms. This would have required adjusting the terms of office for the officers, who currently serve two years, so that all terms did not expire at the same time.

Two failed motions were made from the floor. One of them would have added a section to Convention Rule four requiring that delegates post a ten dollar deposit with the Secretary for each day they are registered. That money would be forfeited for each day the delegate failed to arrive on the floor by the opening of the business session. The maker of the motion, Bob Weber of Reg. 62 West Los Angeles, deposited \$100 with the Secretary to guarantee his prompt arrival on Monday morning.

A motion by Cullene Lang would have Bylaws and Rules changes only considered in odd numbered years and Platform only considered in even numbered years.

The delegation moved on to consider Platform without removing from the table the proposal to accept the National Libertarian Party Statement of Principles in lieu of the California version. It should be noted that the National Party Bylaws require a seven-eighths vote to change the Statement of Principles as penned by John Hospers in 1972. California does not have that requirement in its Bylaws (at least in any copies available to the current officers) and the two convey the same meaning with slightly different wording.

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the Inquiries Response Committee, for his information and suggestions from observing the pattern of calls on the 800 number. Petersen said that last year the 800 number fielded nearly 10,000 calls. Nearly half the callers wanted more information about the Party; the others were media and individuals who wanted to know the Party position on certain propositions. There were two peak periods of heavy usage. One was in May when the legislature passed a bill banning assault rifles. The second peak came during October and November election period. More than 2,000 calls were received. Petersen attributed some of the heavy phone traffic to the fact the 800 number was repeated seven times in the voter pamphlet.

Due to the shortfall of funds because of having to pay back the Regional dues last year and not having anticipated the demand on the 800 number, the Party has been slow to pay the 800 number contractor. Adjustments were made in the budget to provide for making the payments this year and avoid a deficit.

State secretary José Castañeda said he has sent a letter to the Secretary of State's office advising them of the new Party officers. He has also sent a letter out to the regional chairs.

The Fundraising Committee, chaired by Jon Petersen, reported it had been generally inactive last year. The committee received a proposal from a professional fundraiser. The majority of the ExCom thought the proposal was expensive, but that it is worthwhile having a professional do the work. It was voted to ask the fundraiser to rewrite the proposal and to see if other fundraisers would be interested.

The Membership Committee, chaired by Cullene Lang, had no report. Various ExCom members pointed out that while little was done last year, again due to lack of funds, the committee should get projects going such as letters to lapsed members and to members about becoming national members. Dehn had prepared a graph showing membership figures for the state, for LPLAC (Los Angeles County) and other heavily populated county regions. His figures indicated that membership was universally stagnate in the state, while national figures are rising. If that trend continues, Dehn said, it could be that more are joining national than the state. The Database Manager interjected that more people are renewing for LPC than for national.

Ted Brown asked if anyone had a list of national members

Exploring many avenues to reach inquiries, increase membership.

in California. Dehn responded that has a copy of the list, but that it has to be merged with the database of state members, and asked what the state policy is on releasing such lists to the regions. After discussion, the ExCom voted to distribute the national list the same as the state list.

In the absence of a Membership Committee report or advice, the Database Manager asked for guidance on handling renewals. In the past, the Database Manager had been instructed to hold renewals until more than 200 had been accumulated in order to use the bulk mailing rate. However, there are times when two or more months went by before 200 had been accumulated. This interfered with prompt attention to renewals. The Membership Committee was directed to meet with the Database Manager within the next two weeks to develop a workable program.

Joe Dehn, chair of the Inquiry Response Committee, reported that in the past, calls to the 800 number have been held for as long as a month before being passed out, and there was very little follow-up from the Regions. He outlined several ideas he has to improve that.

Lang pointed out that if Regions persuade inquiries to become members, they get 75 percent of the dues money. "The LPC needs to work," she said, "so that the Party can add to its budget." Dehn pointed out that the LPC gets first crack at the inquiries, the regions come second, and national is third.

Dehn also discussed several proposed changes to the contract for the 800 number, which he will be discussing with the contractor.

Wayne Nygren, speaking for the Database Oversight Committee, referred to a letter from Steve Alexander of Reg. 43 Santa Clara regarding problems he perceives with the database and possible transfer of information. Alexander is a computer programmer who has worked closely in developing the LPC's data processing programs utilizing a program known as SMART. David Wire suggested the possibility of substituting a program such as MS Access for SMART that would be more readily accessible to Regions than the current program. This would also allow the contractor to transfer data to the regions

electronically. That led to lively discussion among committee members about the possibility of intervention and the need for encryption. The ExCom changed a standing resolution to allow certain forms of transmission in encrypted form.

Ted Brown, chair of the Elections Committee, reminded the ExCom that the California primary has been moved up to March, instead of June. As a result, he said, everything else has moved up accordingly (see story on deadlines on page 3). He said the Party will need to start recruiting candidates and to begin training them early. Brown said the Party also needs to get a magnetic tape of Registered Libertarians from the Secretary of State's office as soon as possible. Jon Petersen reported the Santa Clara Region office has the capability to make lists from that tape for candidates. Brown also said that his committee will be sending out information regarding regional caucuses to nominate candidates by convention.

The report of the Publication Oversight Committee announced Richard Venable's resignation to avoid a perception of conflict of interest because of greater involvement in editing *LPC News*. Laura McFadden has accepted the position. Lawrence Goldberg presented a proposed price change in the contract with Atlas Communications for publishing *LPC News*. The change was asked because of sharp increases in paper and printing costs during the past year. A cost comparison with alternative publications was presented to justify the increase. The ExCom was almost unanimous in saying that *LPC News*, along with *California Liberty*, was the best and most attractive communications tool the Party has ever had. Price was a factor, though, because of budget and plans for the increased utilization of the newspaper in reaching new members. The ExCom directed Atlas Communications to re-study its proposal and gave the OpCom authority to settle on a firm contract. A motion by Cullene Lang to call for new publication bids died for lack of a second.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be at the Long Beach Hyatt Regency on Sunday, June 25. The starting hour will be announced later. Originally, George Reis of Reg. 30 Orange County had talked of hosting the next meeting, but acceded to Laura McFadden, chair of Region 66. McFadden is one of the principals of the 1996 State Convention. The Long Beach Hyatt Regency has been chosen as the convention site and McFadden wants the ExCom to see the facilities.

Platform Committee

Major topics: Privacy, discrimination, subsidies, judiciary

Platform Committee Members:

Ted Brown, Chair
Larry Leathers, LA Reg 62
Kim Goldsworthy, LA Reg 63
Michael Everling, LA Reg 64
Jean Taborsky, LA Reg 65
Les Mueller, LA Reg 66

Don DeGroat, Stanislaus
David Sarosi, Riverside
Bill Evers, Santa Clara
Bill Holmes, San Diego
Laura Stewart, East Bay
Bill Crain, Napa
Rodney Austin/Ron Payne/Jonathan Richter, Fresno (1 vote)

A great deal of thought and lively debate was evident in the Platform Committee hearings and on the convention floor. In the interests of brevity, we are including in this report only the added or changed language. A revised edition of the Platform, with the new language, is being prepared. All interested persons will be notified when it is ready.

Freedom Of Expression

Add to the end of the 2nd paragraph — We support the repeal of all laws restricting or controlling the making, distribution or viewing of sexually explicit motion pictures or other materials by adults.

Protection Of Privacy

Add to the end of the 2nd paragraph — We also favor repeal of the U. S. ban on export abroad of Clipper-free encryption devices produced by American companies. Government-imposed encryption standards together with an export embargo on devices not containing Clipper chips will inhibit commercial development of new privacy-enhancing products.

New 3rd paragraph — We also oppose any government policy on digital transmission of telephone messages that requires the installation of surveillance-facilitating software in telephone switching equipment in order to expose personal telephone-calling patterns and credit card purchases to the view of the government. Such information should be private.

Discrimination

New 2nd paragraph — We support the implementation of the California Civil Rights Initiative of 1996 ending governmental discrimination based on sex, race or national origin.

New 3rd paragraph — We therefore call for the repeal of the so-called Civil Rights Act of 1991 whose self-contradictory provisions force employers to use hiring quotas on the basis of race and sex in order to avoid "disparate impact" lawsuits, but whose provisions make it illegal to use such hiring quotas.

New 4th paragraph: We call for repeal of the Americans With Disabilities Act, which mandates costly expenditures of taxpayers' money for new equipment for and rebuilding of public facilities and imposes large costs on businesses to provide access and jobs for the physically and mentally handicapped (including those who are drug or alcohol dependent). Indeed, the benefits that the act requires employers to provide are sure to discourage employers from hiring low-skilled or severely disabled people.

Delete Section c. of 5. WELFARE dealing with issue.

Judicial

New paragraph to Section 1. — Child abuse cases should be considered criminal cases rather than administrative proceedings. Hence, in such cases, the accused is entitled to the presumption of innocence and protection against arbitrary governmental searches and seizures.

Update language in 4th paragraph, line 3, as follows: "Unfortunately, the existing 3-Strikes-And-You're Out measure fails...". In 4th paragraph, next to last line, change "extended"

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to "enhanced", so it would read: Prison space for these enhanced sentences should come from pardoning those prisoners who were incarcerated for victimless crimes.

Add at end of Section j — "or tort."

In Section k, line 2, delete the words — "statutory rape laws, and..."

Add new Section l., re-lettering subsequent sections — The serious crime of forcible rape should not be confused with cases of psychological pressure or persuasion. Nor should it be confused with cases in which an alleged victim was voluntarily under the influence of alcohol or other drugs, but was not incapacitated. "Psychological pressure or persuasion" shall not include threats.

Add new Section p., re-lettering the subsequent sections — In private lawsuits the loser should pay the costs and litigation expenses of the winner.

Rights Of Children

In the 2nd paragraph, line 4, delete "For this reason..."

Add new final paragraph — We oppose laws that grant government social workers, such as child protection services, the authority to strip search children at will.

The Right To Keep And Bear Arms

Replaced Section c. with the following — The repeal of laws requiring permission from any government agency for any purpose relating to arms and ammunition.

Education

Add at the end of Section k. — "and an end to all government subsidies to students, such as Pell Grants and the federal student loan program."

Money And Banking

New Section h. — The Equal Credit Opportunity Act, the Community Reinvestment Act and other measures that force banks and mortgage companies to fulfill racial quotas in making mortgage loans, and the federally sponsored lending code drawn up by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that seeks to impose such quotas under the guise of voluntary social responsibility. Such measures enforce governmental racial preferences and will artificially channel scarce capital into unproductive projects.

Transportation And Mass Transit

New Section b. re-lettering the remaining — We call for the repeal of Clean Air Act rules that require auto trip reduction. These rules fine employers who do not make their employees car pool, take mass transit, bicycle, walk, work four day weeks, or telecommute.

In section h, delete last sentence — "In addition to the dissolution of federal agencies, we propose deregulation of the trucking industry at the state, as well as the federal level."

Subsidies

New 3rd paragraph: We favor the free market in the electronics industry; therefore, we oppose bestowing cash subsidies, cut-rate government loans, loan guarantees or other assistance, on the electronics industry to develop high-definition television. We also oppose the imposition of technical standards on the high-density television industry by the government. Any such standards should evolve instead out of marketplace experience.

Water

New 4th paragraph — We call for the elimination of the current doctrine of "use it or lose it" that automatically transfers unused privately-owned water to governments or other claimants. Under the current doctrine of prior appropriation, recreational use is not considered a beneficial use. We hold that owners of land adjacent to bodies of water should be able to establish riparian property rights through "first regular use" of the water for recreational purposes.

Pollution

In the 3rd paragraph, add to beginning: "We call for repeal of the Clean Air Act and call for the abolition of ..."

Energy

In "We support", add new Section a. re-lettering subsequent sections — We favor the creation of a free market in oil

by instituting full property rights in underground oil and by the repeal of all government controls over output in the petroleum industry.

In existing Section a., substitute for the last sentence — We support abolition of the Department of Energy and the abolition of its component agencies, without the transfer of their powers elsewhere in the government.

In section f., substituted for existing language: Privatizing all government-owned energy assets such as the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, the power marketing agencies, and mineral bearing onshore and offshore lands.

Under "We oppose," delete from Section b: "such as any odd/even gas rationing plan."

Add at end of Section c. — and government fuel efficiency standards for motor vehicles, and any governmental requirements that manufacturers build and sell "zero emissions" motor vehicles or ones that run on fuels other than gasoline, such as methanol or ethanol.

Add new Section j. — The "strategic storage" program, any attempt to compel national self-sufficiency in oil, an extension of cargo preference law to imports, and any attempt to raise oil tariffs or impose oil import quotas.

Insurance

New 4th paragraph — We oppose regulations that would force insurance companies to adopt "community rating" and raise prices for low-risk customers in order to artificially subsidize high-risk customers.

Failed motions included:

Police

Add a new 3rd paragraph: We oppose the "core purposes" doctrine that would rule out private prisons.

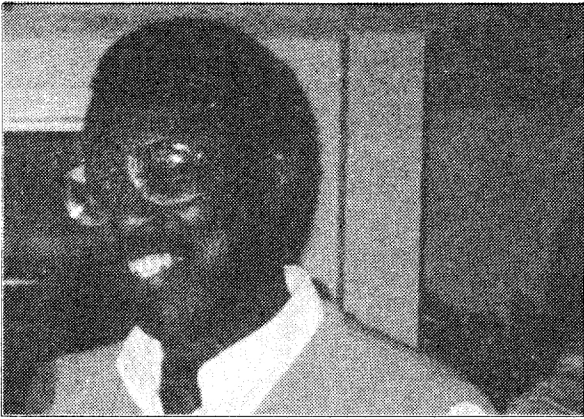
Proposed new plank: Bankruptcy

We hold that individuals and business firms that declare bankruptcy — unless their debt contracts explicitly allow them to default in the event of insolvency, for instance granting the shareholders limited liability for the debts of a firm — are not fulfilling their contractual obligations to their creditors and are thus participating in legalized theft. The government should cease providing an avenue through bankruptcy laws for violation of the rights of those creditors who have provided goods or performed services and are entitled to payment under the terms of the contract.

Therefore, we call for the repeal of the federal bankruptcy laws and abolition of bankruptcy courts and declare that all individuals and business firms must take full responsibility for their contractual obligation. We encourage and applaud the use of private mediators to assist debtors to work out solutions that are acceptable to both debtors and creditors.



The Southland Keg Club presented its Golden Spigot Award at the annual meeting during the LPC Convention at the Oakland Airport Hilton on Sunday, February 20, 1995. The award is given to organizations who follow Libertarian principles of freedom of choice. This year the Gold Spigot was presented to Philip Morris, which owns Anheuser-Busch Breweries. Ava Harper (right), spokesperson for Philip Morris, accepted the award from Richard E. Venable.



Rodney Austin

I come to serve

by Rodney Austin

I feel greatly honored to have been elected to serve as an At-Large Representative to the Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of California. Some of our upcoming duties will include ratifying the state budget, chartering new county central committees and establishing a statewide political action committee.

I have signed on to two subcommittees of the ExCom. On the Membership Committee, I will work to develop plans for increasing our party membership. I am particularly interested in reaching out to the politically disenfranchised and disaffected communities.

I will also be working on the newly-formed Research and Development Committee whose job will be to gain knowledge about voter preferences, economic data and marketing strategies. This was an idea stressed by Gene Burns in his speech at the convention.

This is a crucial time. We're approaching the 10 percent mark in the polls, an important barrier. Voters will no longer consider us unelectable, the media will no longer be able to ignore us and voting Libertarian will no longer be seen as "wasting your vote."

There is a split in the party over whether we should run for as many offices as possible or concentrate our resources on winning a few local races. What do you think? My job is to bring your input to the ExCom.

Please write me at 4515 East Washington, Fresno, CA 93702 or call me at 209/255-5561 or e-mail me at htf13a@prodigy.com.

(Austin is a member of Reg. 10 Central Valley. This article appeared in the March 1995 issue of the *Valley Libertarian News*, published by chair Jonathan Richter.)



Art Olivier (2nd from left), Libertarian Bellflower City Council member, uses public-access cable TV show to air issues he can't get passed in Council chambers. (See story "More than

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(Alameda & Contra Costa Counties)
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Common Sense BBS:
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(Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne)
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Angels Camp, 95222
Libertarian Hot Line:
209/736-6881
Contact: Gary Hines or Bob Mulvany
Phone: 209/728-9056
Meeting Date: 1st Thursday
Time: 6:30 PM
Place: Round Table Pizza, Angels Camp
(Next to Save Mart)
Chair: Gary Hines
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Chair: Jonathan Richter
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Reg. 38, San Francisco

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Meeting Date: 2nd Tue.
Place: Freedom's Forum Bookstore
1800 Market St.
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Reg. 41, San Mateo

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San Carlos, 94979
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Meeting Date: 3rd Wed.
Chair: Kate O'Brien
Vice Chair: Jim Profit
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Treasurer: Jim Profit
Editor: Christopher Schmidt
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Reg. 43, Santa Clara

3249 Stevens Creek Blvd.
#207, San Jose, 95117
Contact: Brad Walker
Phone: 415/964-4862
Business Meeting:
Date: 3rd Thursday
Time: 7:00 PM dinner
8:00 PM Business
Place: Coco's Rest., 1209 Oakmead
Pkwy (@ Lawrence Expwy., one block
from US 101), Sunnyvale.
Officer's Meeting:
Date: 2nd Mon.
Time: 7:30-9:00 PM
Place: Reg. 43 Office, 33249 Stevens
Creek Blvd., Ste. 207, San Jose.
Mid-County Discussion Group
Date: 2nd Wed.
Time: 7:00-9:30 PM
Place: Coco's in Sunnyvale
Monthly Get-Together
work party, call for info.

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Voice/FAX: 209/524-1776

Reg. 51, Sutter/Yuba

Box 3185
Yuba City, 95992
Fax /Phone: (916)755-3044
Contact: Todd Herman
Phone: (916)673-2208
Meeting: First Thurs.
Time: 7:00 PM
Location:
Sutter Cty Library
750 Forbes Ave
Yuba City

Reg. 52, Tehama

Contact: Ross Crain
Phone: 916/527-8676

Reg. 57, Yolo

Contact: Lauri McClinton
Phone: 916/757-1928

Tip foils raid on cannabis buyers group

The Cannabis Buyers Club of San Francisco, which provides medicinal marijuana to AIDS, cancer and other patients with medical prescriptions, had to close its doors for a day in

early April after a friendly high-ranking city government official tipped off the club about a planned federal raid. The raid never took place because local officials refused to offer assistance.

Mark Valverde, secretary of Reg. 38 San Francisco, said that city and law enforcement officials are on record as supporting medicinal marijuana and have adopted a "hands off" policy to the club.

In a press release, Valverde called the planned raid "a new level of absurdity." The following week, a protest rally drew hundreds of sympathizers to the Federal Building on Golden Gate Avenue.

Letters to the Editor

Libertarian Party:

I found a copy of *California Liberty*, read it and enjoyed it. Please send me more information on the Libertarian Party.

Thank you,

D. L. Salituri,

Jamestown, CA

P.S. I didn't use the coupon because I am going to make copies of it for friends.

(Ed. Note: The coupon referred to is on the last page of *California Liberty* in the lower right corner of the political map. It lists the LPC address and gives the 800 telephone number.)

and local events

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Phone: 619/344-7722

Reg. 15, Kern

Contact: Ryan Gifford
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Bakersfield, CA 93312
Phone: 805/589-8734

Reg. 19, Los Angeles

Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County

(see Reg. 61 to Reg. 68)
3381 Long Beach Blvd.,
Long Beach, 90807
Phone: 310/490-3840

Contact: Ted Brown
E-mail: Ted4LiberT@aol.com
Phone: 818/568-8404
Business Meeting: 4th Mon.
Time: 7:30 PM
Place: 3381 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach
Phone: 310/490-3840

Karl Hess Club

Date: 1st Mon.
Time: 7:00 PM

Place:
Contact: Michael Everling
Phone: 213/225-3405
Chair: Ted Brown

Reg. 30, Orange

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Fullerton, 92635
Phone: (714)540-5053
Contact: Geoffrey Braun
Phone: 714/993-4851
e-mail: GeoffBraun@eworld.com
Bus. Meeting: 1st Monday
Time: 7:00 PM
Place: 17280 Newhope St., Ste. 7,
Fountain Valley

Social Mixer: 2nd Thursday
Time: 7:00 - 10:00 PM

Place: Randall's
3 Hutton Ctr. Dr., Santa Ana
Chair: Geoffrey Braun
Vice Chair: Vic Wagner
Sec.: Tom Reimer
Treas.: Paul Studier

Reg. 33, Riverside

6639 Magnolia Ave
Riverside, 92506
Contact: Gene Berkman
Phone: 909/369-8843
Meeting Date: 3rd Wed.
Time: 7:00 PM
Place: Pepitos Restaurant
Central & Magnolia Sts., Riverside

Reg. 36,

San Bernardino

P.O. Box 57
Ontario 91762
Contact: Ethel Mohler
Phone: 909/796-0959
Meeting Date: Last Tue.
Time: 7:30 PM
Place: various, Call for information
Chair: Ethel Mohler
Vice Chair: Nancy Upfold

Sec/Treas: Edward E. Moss

Reg. 37, San Diego

P.O. Box 16449
San Diego, 92176
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Phone: 619/530-1776
Business Meeting:
Date: 1st Mon.
Time: 7:00 PM
Place: 10969 Red Cedar, San Diego
Supper Club:
Date: various, call for exact date
Time: 6:30 PM
Dinner: 7:00 PM
Speaker: 8:00 PM
Place: King's Inn
1333 Hotel Circle South
in Mission Valley

Public Access TV Show:
call Pat Wright for info.
619/497-1085
e-mail: patwright@delphi.com

Liberty Toastmasters

Date: Thursdays
Time: 6:15 PM
Place: Coco's on Balboa, 2 blks east
of Genesee

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Reg. 40, San Luis Obispo

Contact: Gary Kirkland
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Meeting Date: 2nd Thurs.
Place: Upper Crust Pizza
785 Foothill Blvd.
San Luis Obispo

Reg. 42, Santa Barbara

Contact: Michael Lamboley
Phone: 804/964-9569
Meeting Date: 15th of the month
Time: 7:00 PM
Program: 8:00 PM
Discussion: 9:00 PM
Place: Maikai Rest., State St.,
on south side of Hwy. 101.

Reg. 56, Ventura

Contact: Bill Brown
Phone: 805/987-4078
Meeting Date: 2nd Tues.
Time: 6:30 PM
Place: Round Table Pizza
corner Arneill & Ponderosa
Camarillo

Los Angeles County

(Reg. 19, LPLAC)

Reg. 61, San Fernando Valley

11216 Vanowen St.
North Hollywood, 91605
Contact: Dave Larkin
Phone: (Voice or FAX)
818/980-1233
E-mail: 72037.430@compuserve.com
Supper Club:
Date: 4th Thurs.
Time: 7:00 PM
Place: Carrows Restaurant
18355 Ventura Blvd, at Reseda
Blvd. Tarzana
Pub Club:
Date: 3rd Fri.
Time: 7:30 PM

Place: Pineapple Hill Saloon, 4454 Van
Nuys Blvd., Sherman Oaks
Granada Forum

Date: Tuesdays
Place: Hermans' Hall, 5657 Lindley
Ave., Tarzana
Phone: (818)385-4003
\$3.00 Donation

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E-mail: devinc@aol.com

Supper Club:
Date: 3rd Thurs.

Time: 6:30 PM
Dinner: 7:00 PM
Program: 8:00 PM

Place: Chris' Italian Restaurant
10105 Venice Blvd., Los Angeles

\$3.00, RSVP: \$5.00 at door

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Vice Chair: Bob Weber

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Treas.: Devin Cutler

Reg. 63, Pasadena/ Glendale

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Phone: 818/9793-7883

Meeting: 1st Wed.
Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Shakey's Pizza, 2180 Foothill
Blvd., Pasadena

Chair: Dennis Decherd

Vice Chair: Curtis Feger

Sec.: Wayne Turner

Treas.: Rachel Brown

Reg. 64, Central Los Angeles

Contact: Lawrence Goldberg
Phone: 818/556-0901

Meeting: 4th Wed
Time: 7:30 PM

Place: Soup Exchange, 5750
Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles

Chair: William Weilberg

Liberty Shooters

Date: 3rd Sunday

Place: alternates between
Northridge Rifle & Pistol Range,
19015 Parthema St.,
Northridge and
Insight Shooting Range, 17020
Alburtis Ave., Artesia

Contact: Bob Weber
Phone: 310/204-0612 for
information

Reg. 65, Southeast Los Angeles

16911 Bellflower Blvd.
Bellflower, 90706

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Phone: 310/865-4089

Fax: 310/866-3191

E-mail: delii@liberty.com

Meeting: 1st Tue.
Time: 7:30 PM

Place: Grinder's Restaurant, 19008
Pioneer Blvd., Cerritos.

Chair: Rodger Rosie

Vice Chair: Matt Piazza

Sec.: Ray Acosta

Treas.: Jean Taborsky

Reg. 66, Long Beach/ South Bay

3381 Long Beach Blvd
Long Beach, 90807

Phone: 310/490-3840

E-mail: QueenORods@aol.com

Business meeting:
Date: 3rd Thurs.

Time: 7:30 PM
Place: 3381 Long Beach Blvd.,
Long Beach

Philosophy Circle:
Date: 2nd Sun.

Time: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Place: 3381 Long Beach Blvd.,
Long Beach

Chair: Laura McFadden

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Editor: Laura McFadden

Reg. 67, East San Gabriel Valley

150 N. Walnut Ave., #A
San Dimas, 91773

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Phone: 909/599-4974

Meeting: 4th Thurs..
Time: 7:30 PM

Place: Marie Callendar's, 3117 E. No.
Garvey Ave., West Covina

Chair: Lee Borton

Vice Chair: Paul Andrews

Sec.: Diane Neuman

Treas.: Lee Borton

Reg. 68, Antelope Valley

P.O. Box 901851
Palmdale, 93590

Contact: Bob Burke
Phone: 805/948-2470

Meeting: 3rd Wed.
Time: 6:30 PM Business mtg.
7:00 PM Dinner

Place: Thai Original Rest.
957 E. Palmdale Blvd.
Palmdale

Chair: Eric Fussell

Vice Chair: Jeff Sutherland

Sec.: John DeThomas

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Editor: Sandi Roundtree

Reg. 69, Mojave

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Pismo Beach, 93448.
FAX (909)623-5347.
Share what your region does with the rest of the state.**



Notes from the Southern Vice Chair

Richard H. Halvorson

I have visited the San Bernardino, Riverside and Southeast Los Angeles Regions and the Karl Hess Club.

Matt Piazza (Reg. 65) is the Libertarian candidate for the 60th Assembly seat. If better than a 50 percent "Recall Paul Horcher" vote is registered, the election of his replacement would be on the same ballot. The person with the most votes will be elected; theoretically, someone with 21 percent of the actual vote could win. While the recall has created considerable press, off-year elections traditionally have small turnouts. Despite Willie Brown backing Horcher and the fact there are several Republications running, even 2,000 votes could win the district. If all registered Libertarians turned out and voted for Piazza, this race could help put Libertarians on the map with our very credible candidate.

I spoke on CCRI at the regular meeting of Reg. 65 South-east Los Angeles. Chair Rodger Rosie combines all essential Libertarian activities in one meeting - social, dinner/speakers, business, campaigns and issues. Articles, Letters to the Editor, media events, upcoming activities are presented. Legislation is monitored and letters or postcards are distributed for members to sign on the spot.

Suggestion: Your region should consider this very effective form of getting all members involved.

Riverside is testing holding outreach meetings quarterly in other areas of the county. Besides the regular monthly meeting in Riverside, gatherings have been held at Lake Elsinore and Moreno Valley. They attracted regulars, plus inactive and potential members. The result has been several new members, plus some renewals.

Office for Reg. 33 is Renaissance Books, 6639 Magnolia Ave., Riverside, 92506, telephone 909/369-8843. Owned and operated by Berkman and Henson, this bookstore is not only a magnet for region activists, but draws people interested in diverse topics. The major Libertarian bookstore in Southern California, they carry a complete supply of books, magazines and literature.

The Karl Hess Club featured Comandante Cero of the Sandanista Party, Edén Pastora. The candidate for president of Nicaragua related how he resisted pressure from the Extreme Left and Right, the KGB and the CIA. As a centrist, he desires to remain pure to what he considers the principles of freedom. He would abolish all arms if he could; he saw too much killing over the years. He did not distinguish between private arms and armed forces; they have been confused and abused in his country. If elected, he would apply for U.S. economic and technical support. While not exactly a PC Libertarian, Pastora certainly provided another perspective, grounded in his dramatic life experience.

Jeanette Burton, Chair of Reg. 36 San Bernardino, is moving. Until new elections can take place, Ethel Mohler will be Acting Chair and Ed Moss, Acting Treasurer. San Bernardino is so large, of course, that even within the larger metropolitan area it can take over an hour just to attend a gathering. One person drove for over two hours, from Newberry Springs on the way to the Nevada line, just to arrive at the end of the meeting.

Suggestion: In larger, less dense regions, we might take a cue from United We Stand America. It has gone more to e-mail, faxing and telephone trees to communicate with and involve members. Most UWSA members don't feel they're involved unless they are writing or contacting the media or government officials on some pressing issue.

Suggestion: Many UWSA members have been voting Libertarian. Lawrence Goldberg and Terry Savage, among others, have related activities that both Libertarians and UWSA have joined. We are currently running the CCRI campaign on that basis. Contact your local UWSA group for projects, also.

A follow-up on last month's suggestion: San Diego is now publishing the business agenda in advance in its newsletter. The last regular business meeting had one of the best turnouts yet!

There's more than one way to get point across

Art Olivier, Reg. 65 Libertarian who was elected to the Bellflower City Council last year, acknowledges he has accomplished little in his first year of office. "That," he says, "is because I am in the minority and my proposals to put money-related issues to public votes are routinely voted down." City Council actions usually end up with a vote of 3 to 2.

What Olivier cannot get accepted in council, he airs on a public-access cable TV show that he co-hosts with Richard Gard. "The Political Money Trail," can be seen every Thursday at 8:00 p.m., on Continental Cablevision Channel 53.

Topics have ranged from discussing a proposed county library tax, the history of hemp, health care and the dismantling of government agencies that intrude in private lives and obstruct free trade. One of the latest shows has accused the

Mayor of Bellflower of accepting low-cost and free rubbish hauling from the company that holds the Bellflower garbage franchise. Both the mayor and the franchise holder deny any wrongdoing. Olivier says he hasn't said anything on the show that he hasn't said in Council chambers.

A recall movement by Olivier backers against the mayor and one other Councilman is awaiting review of the wording of the petition by the City Clerk and the City Attorney so they can begin gathering signatures.

Olivier said he started the show in 1991 to hone his public speaking skills. Now he uses it to get his ideas to the public.

He explained the name of his show by saying, "Every law that is passed has to do with money. Find the money trail and you can find out why this or that law was put into existence."

The California Civil Rights Initiative

Lately, the growing California Civil Rights Initiative has been generating as much rhetoric as did Proposition 187. Maybe more. The initiative has been building for the past three years, but the momentum behind the initiative began gaining strength much earlier.

The original concept of affirmative action in the early 1960s prohibited federal contractors and subcontractors from discriminatory employment practices that either favor or disfavor any individual or group. It has moved on to encompass state and local governments and companies that deal with all those entities.

Proponents of the initiative point out that by the late 1960s, the emphasis began to shift from equality of opportunity to equality of results, and from individual rights to group entitlements.

Opponents say that affirmative action is still necessary. Among them are individuals such as former Mayor of Los Angeles Tom Bradley. Some say it doesn't go far enough, that even more laws enforcing affirmative action are needed.

Founders Thomas Wood and Glynn Custred, university professors from the San Francisco Bay Area, have been trying to build grass roots support. Among their supporters is United We Stand America.

Another proponent is the LPC that officially endorsed the proposal at its convention this past February. The ExCom had given it favorable consideration last year pending ratification by the convention delegates. Among the more active pushers within the Party are Southern Vice Chair Richard H. Halvorson and At-Large Alternate Representative Bob Weber.

A State Senate bill was recently voted down in committee. Three or four other bills on the same subject are being introduced in both the Assembly and the Senate. Backers are hop-

ing that at least one of those will pass in order to get the measure on the ballot next year.

Only a two-thirds vote of the legislature is needed for that to happen. If the proposal needs to be initiated by the people, some 600,000 signatures will be needed. That can be expensive and time-consuming. Unlike many proposals which been handcrafted by lawyers into verbose, convoluted sentences and paragraphs, the CCRI is refreshingly simple and straightforward. The main point of the initiative is stated in a single sentence. (See box at side.) That sentence does contain 53 words, but it is fairly simple and direct in its presentation. However, a computer grammar check program did give it a Gunning's Fog Index of 21.6 and a Flesch Reading Ease Grade Level of 17. (By comparison, the program gave this article a Fog Index of 11.4 and a Reading Ease Grade Level of 8.3) There are six other paragraphs, each of which is also one sentence long, which deal with certain legal aspects of law.

What can you do to help?

First, let your state legislators know your feelings on CCRI.

Then, contact Richard H. Halvorson at:

4402 Kamloop Avenue,
San Diego, CA 92117-3528

Tel.: 619/273-6328

Ask him what other steps you can take to help get this passed through the legislature.

Do it now!

The Text of CCRI

(a) Neither the State of California nor any of its political subdivisions or agents shall use race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin as a criterion for either discriminating against, or granting preferential treatment to, any individual or group in the operation of the State's system of public employment, public education or public contracting.

(b) This section shall apply only to state action taken after the effective date of this section.

(c) Allowable remedies for violations of this section shall include normal and customary attorney's fees.

(d) Nothing in this section shall be interpreted as prohibiting classifications based on sex which are reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the State's system of public employment or public education.

(e) Nothing in this section shall be interpreted as invalidating any court order or consent decree which is in force as of the effective date of this section.

(f) Nothing in this section shall be interpreted as prohibiting state action which is necessary to establish or maintain eligibility for any federal program, where ineligibility would result in a loss of federal funds to the State.

(g) If any part or parts of this section are found to be in conflict with federal law or the United States Constitution, the section shall be implemented to the maximum extent that federal law and the United States Constitution permit. Any provision held invalid shall be severable from the remaining portions of this section.

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