



Former LPSM Chair wins reelection!

Kate O'Brien retains seat on Rancho Simi Rec & Parks Board

by Robert Giedt

In an amazing comparison to the Florida Presidential recount efforts, former LPSM Chair Kate O'Brien successfully held her seat on the Rancho Simi (California) Recreation and Parks District Board after her nearest contender abandoned his recount effort on the seventh day of hand recounting. O'Brien initially took the third and final board spot by a razor-thin margin—just 3 votes out of over 95,000 cast—when all votes were finally tallied on November 28.

O'Brien's opponent, Jim Dantona, Jr. called for a hand recount after the announcement. This hand-recount cost his campaign \$1,200 per day (after he had already outspent O'Brien more than \$20,000 to \$0 before election day), until he was forced to abandon his efforts on day seven. Many libertarian volunteers were on hand in the Elections Office during that time to observe the recount efforts.

This victory is the closest non-partisan race for a California Libertarian in recent memory and is yet another feather in the cap of the LPC's Operation Breakthrough. Congratulations, Kate! 🍷

2001 LPSM Annual Meeting January 18

LPSM officer election main agenda

by Robert Giedt

The Annual Meeting of the Libertarian Party of San Mateo County will be held on **Thursday, January 18 at Hobee's Restaurant in Belmont** (see below for the exact location). The primary purpose of this business meeting is to elect LPSM officers for 2001.

Any dues-paying member of the Libertarian Party is eligible to vote and run for an office in the LPSM Executive Committee. If you're interested in a particular position, we'd love to have you come on down and join our crew!

On the next page is an abbreviated list of the duties of LPSM elected officers (as described in the LPSM bylaws at <http://www.lpsm.org/>):

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Statewide & county votes on ballot measures

Proposition	All California Counties						San Mateo County				
	Yes	No	Y%	N%	A%	Yes	No	Y%	N%	A%	
32 Veterans' Bonds Pass	6,709,560	3,278,248	60.5%	29.6%	9.9%	160,528	72,401	61.4%	27.7%	10.9%	
33 Legis Retirement fail	3,791,715	5,941,814	34.2%	53.6%	12.2%	95,456	131,374	36.5%	50.3%	13.2%	
34 Campaign Contrib Pass	5,903,907	3,933,949	53.2%	35.5%	11.3%	135,398	93,624	51.8%	35.8%	12.4%	
35 Public Works Proj. Pass	5,442,138	4,428,702	49.1%	39.9%	11.0%	124,784	105,165	47.8%	40.2%	12.0%	
36 Drug Treatment Pass	6,199,992	3,991,153	55.9%	36.0%	8.1%	159,373	79,646	61.0%	30.5%	8.5%	
37 Fees, Taxes fail	4,579,981	4,963,684	41.3%	44.8%	13.9%	88,320	131,930	33.8%	50.5%	15.7%	
38 School Vouchers fail	3,085,457	7,387,753	27.8%	66.6%	5.5%	62,757	184,800	24.0%	70.7%	5.3%	
39 School Bond 55% Pass	5,402,822	4,733,205	48.7%	42.7%	8.6%	133,894	104,933	51.2%	40.2%	8.6%	
A Supervisor Pay fail						76,559	136,210	29.3%	52.1%	18.6%	
B Crime Lab Bonds fail (req. 2/3 vote)						145,276	77,086	55.6%	29.5%	14.9%	

November meeting notes

by Christopher Schmidt

November's meeting was mostly social, but we also reviewed some of the election campaigns just concluded and discussed some ideas and upcoming events that need planning.

Recap of Jack's campaign

Jack talked about various candidate round tables, TV broadcasts, and press interviews he was able to take advantage of. He posited that it may be fair to take credit for the narrow defeat of Measure B (the county crime lab remodeling bond), since he used some of his appearances to speak out against the need for a bond for this purpose. (The *San Francisco Chronicle* also noted the LPSM's usual opposition to bond financing.)

Introductions

Hospital board candidate Melisse Lusin

introduced us to her baby daughter, and noted that this was her last race for the foreseeable future, but her husband, Brian Holtz, said he'd be willing to run!

Bob's discussion topics

Bob raised a number of ideas for discussion. We declined to take any local position on Florida's ballot mess (1Y-4N-3A). We talked some about the mechanics of state and local initiatives. Most people present were interested in the problem of increasing our voter registration. Bob expressed the goal as getting voters to ask themselves "Why am I registered as a member of my present party?"—observing that many philosophical libertarians are registered in another party because their parents registered that way before them. The result of the discussion was that Bob organized a committee to pro-

mote LP voter registration, to meet later and discuss the subject further.

Open county offices

Bob volunteered to keep track of open offices in the county. Linden volunteered to keep tabs on the election calendar.

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NEXT BUSINESS MEETING:

Tuesday, January 18
 Hobee's Restaurant
 1111 Shoreway Road
 Belmont
(off Ralston on the bay side of 101)

Dinner (optional):
 6:00–7:30PM in the dining room alcove

Business meeting:
 7:30–8:45PM in the dining room alcove

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Chair: Presides at all business meetings, sets meeting agenda and ensures all officer positions are filled.

Vice-Chair: Assistant to the Chair and performs those duties in the chair’s absence.

Secretary: Records the votes of the central committee and the Executive Committee. Provides meeting notes to the Newsletter Chair for inclusion in the newsletter.

Treasurer: Manages party funds under the supervision of the Executive Committee. Compiles monthly Treasurer’s reports and keeps financial records.

Membership Chair: Responsible for activities to maintain and increase Party and central committee membership.

Public Relations Chair: Responsible for the dissemination of information about the Party to the media and the public.

Newsletter Chair/Editor: Publishes the monthly newsletter with pertinent information about Party activity and the results of any central/Executive committee votes.

Campaigns Chair: Responsible for coordinating candidate recruitment, training and support for candidates originating in San Mateo County.

Activities Chair: Responsible for coordinating activities intended to involve, motivate, and inspire members.

Database Chair: Maintains the database of members, prospective members and newsletter subscribers.

November meeting notes—
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LPC platform committee

Jack expressed an interest in serving on the LPC platform committee, to which the LPSM would appoint a delegate at the December meeting.

San Mateo County vote tallies for Libertarians

by Christopher Schmidt

San Mateo County citizens cast 209,665 votes for our candidates in November. The closest race was Howard Van Jepmond’s two-way school board race, which he lost by a margin of only 5%. In all three races where we ran head-to-head with a Reform Party candidate, ours garnered more votes.

Harry Browne/Art Oliver	993
Gail Katherine Lightfoot	2,576
Barbara J. Less	4,465
Joseph W. Dehn III	1,724
John J. “Jack” Hickey	4,294
Steve C. Lundry	4,669
Robert A. Green	19,666
Jack Hickey	54,759
Howard Van Jepmond	74,408
Melisse S. Lusin	16,904
Elizabeth A. Harper	14,813
Rodd Bench	6,286
Kim “Berly Dean” Epperson	4,108
Total	209,665



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(includes membership in the national, state and local Libertarian Party)



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Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
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The Libertarian Party is the Party of Principle. To assure and affirm that our party never strays from its principles, we request our members to sign the pledge below. (Non-signers cannot vote on party business.)

I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals.

Signature: _____

I choose to set my dues at:

\$10 Local newsletter only *(signature/pledge not required)* _____

\$25 Basic _____

\$100 Sustaining _____

\$250 Sponsor _____

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\$1,000 Life _____

Plus an additional contribution to the San Mateo Region:

\$ _____ Monthly Pledge _____

\$ _____ One-time Donation _____

TOTAL: _____

Payment method:

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