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# LIBERTARIAN AND GREEN PARTIES INTERVENE IN KENNEDY LAWSUIT TO CHALLENGE BALLOT ACCESS LAWS

#### by Andrew Kolstee LPNY Chair

On August 5, 2024, a motion to intervene was filed by the Libertarian Party of New York (LPNY) and Green Party of New York (GPNY) in Team Kennedy v. Berger et al (1:24-cv-03897-ALC), the lawsuit brought by Robert F. Kennedy Jr. against the New York State Board of Elections, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. Team Kennedy filed a lawsuit on May 21, 2024 challenging numerous aspects of New York's independent petitioning laws.

The LPNY and GPNY seek to join the lawsuit as plaintiffs. Both were unable to maintain their ballot line in 2020 after then-Governor Andrew Cuomo used the COVID emergency state budget to boost the required number of votes to be a ballot status political party from 50,000 for the gubernatorial ticket to 130,000 votes for the top of the ticket every 2 years. A further obstacle to providing New York voters with more choice was put in place

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by requiring parties seeking ballot status to collect 45,000 valid signatures, up from 15,000, in the same 6-week period. New York is now one of the most difficult states for political parties to obtain and

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# **STATE CONVENTION SET FOR ALBANY**



by Andrew Kolstee LPNY Chair

The 2024 LPNY State Convention will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2024 at the Marriott Courtyard Albany Thruway Hotel in Albany, New York.

The newly elected State Committee

will be seated to elect a new Executive Committee.

The convention will begin at 11 a.m. with a buffet lunch. There will be a panel of speakers during lunch. More details will be release as the panel is finalized. The business will begin at 12 p.m. and will likely adjourn around 5 p.m. The deadline to book the hotel room is August 25, 2024. We have a special rate of \$169 for both Friday and Saturday.

To register, go to the website at lpny.org/convention to register.

The full schedule is on the convention portal, and is subject to change as the convention approaches.

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maintain a ballot line, among those with the highest signature per day requirement.

"This is a clear attempt at voter suppression which is happening around the country, mostly initiated by the DNC as they continue to deal with their party in disarray no matter who they place at the top of the ticket while Republicans threaten to curtail civil liberties and cater to the rich. Now is the time that this country needs independent voices and choices," said Gloria Mattera, Co-chair of the Green Party of New York."

The LPNY and GPNY sued the New York State Board of Elections in 2020 (1:20-cv-05820-JGK) after the thresholds were increased. This turned into a three-year court battle that ended in 2023 after going all the way to the Supreme Court of the United States (22-893), which declined to hear the case.

The current lawsuit includes challenging the draconian and frivolous requirements demanded of smaller parties and independents to meet in order to place a candidate on the ballot and secure a ballot line, including the high number of signatures in a very short time period, the high cost of collecting those signatures, the laborious work of identifying towns/cities in each Congressional District that has no bearing or connection to a voter's registration, and the requirement to name a slate of presidential electors that must be placed on the independent nominating petition even though political parties with ballot status submit their slate of electors after their nominating convention.

Notably, the high cost of running a petition drive is noted in the lawsuit, with the Libertarian Party spending

FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK		
TEAM KENNEDY,		
Plaintiff,	)	
and	)	
GREEN PARTY OF NEW YORK, LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK, DR. JILL STEIN, GLORIA MATTERA, HOWIE HAWKINS, CRYSTAL SHARADIN, MARGARET WALTON, ANDREW KOLSTEE, MARK BRAIMAN and RICHARD PURTELL,	) ) ) ) )	
Plaintiff-Intervenors,	)	
-against-	)	
HENRY T. BERGER, in his official capacity as the Co-Chair of the New York State Board of Elections; PETER S. KOSINSKI, in his official capacity as the Co-Chair of the New York State Board of Elections; ESSMA BAGNUOLA, in her Official capacity as a Commissioner of the New York State Board of Elections; ANTHONY J. CASSALE, in his official capacity as a Commissioner of the New York State Board of Elections; KRISTEN ZEBROWSKI STAVISKY.	) No. <u>1:24-cv-03897-ALC</u> ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) )	

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

nearly \$300,000 in 2022 and failing to get Larry Sharpe, their candidate for Governor, on the ballot. In 2024, the GPNY and Jill Stein campaign spent about \$368,000 to get Stein on the ballot, and also fell short. Kennedy, on the other hand, spent \$1.1 million to get on the ballot and was successful.

"The laws put in place by the major parties force minor parties and independent candidates to spend enormous amounts of money just to get on the ballot. The major parties enjoy automatic ballot access, whereas we must allocate significant resources just to compete," said Andrew Kolstee, Chair of the Libertarian Party of New York. "Republicans and Democrats are essentially using this tactic: eliminate the competition by making it too costly for them to run. As the popularity of the two major parties declines, they continue to implement these barriers, preventing third parties and independents from gaining traction. Challenging these ballot access laws is essential to give voters more choices."

Co-plaintiffs joining the LPNY and GPNY include the Jill Stein Presidential campaign; Andrew Kolstee, LPNY Chair; Rich Purtell, LPNY 2nd Vice-Chair, who also stood in on the Libertarian Party petition as the Vice-Presidential candidate until the Libertarian National Convention selected their candidate; and Mark Braiman, Secretary of the LPNY, all New York. Voters who feel they will be harmed by not having their choice for president on the ballot. Howie Hawkins, Green Party presidential candidate in 2020 stated as his reason that "I spent 40 hours securing 972 signatures for Jill Stein's independent nominating petition. I know from talking to several thousand voters that most people believe all serious candidates should be on the ballot, that they want more choices than the two major party candidates, and that many of them want a more progressive option to vote for. These people and the over 42,000 people who signed the Jill Stein petition ought to have the right to vote for who and what they want."

# Michael R. Rebmann 1957–2024

# **REMEMBERING MICHAEL REBMANN**

#### by Andrew Kolstee, LPNY Chair and Lisa Gansky, Former Member of the State Committee (JD1)

The Libertarian Party of New York mourns the passing of Michael Rebmann, who left us on Thursday, August 15, 2024, at the age of 66, after a courageous battle with cancer, just days before what would have been his 67th birthday. Michael was a steadfast champion of liberty until his passing, serving as a representative from Judicial District 8 on the State Committee since November 8, 2021. Even as his health declined, he remained resolute in his commitment to two primary goals: fighting cancer and advocating for liberty.

Michael's dedication to the Libertarian cause was evident in every role he took on. After joining the State Committee, he became a vital member of the Rules Committee on November 29, 2022, and later, the Platform Committee on June 4, 2023. He also contributed to the Communications Committee and was an active organizer for the New York State Mises Caucus. In the critical months leading up to the 2024 Libertarian National Convention, he served as the New York State Coordinator for Michael Rectenwald's presidential campaign.

Locally, Michael took on the responsibility of managing three Libertarian campaigns, including Charles Roggen's two campaigns for Akron Village Trustee in Erie County and Wendi Szabo's campaign for Royalton Town Council in Niagara County. While these were smaller, grassroots efforts, Michael's dedication to ensuring their success was evident. His commitment to advancing Libertarian principles at the community level was a testament to his passion for the cause, even in the face of significant challenges.

Michael set three major goals for 2024, and with remarkable determination, he accomplished each one. His first goal was to organize the LPNY's Nominating Convention in Watkins Glen, which took place over St. Patrick's Day weekend in March 2024. As Chair of the organizing committee, Michael orchestrated a highly successful event, including a presidential debate, and significantly boosted the party's fundraising efforts-the event became one of the most profitable in recent LPNY history. His second goal was to attend the Libertarian National Convention in Washington, D.C., where he not only represented New York as a delegate but also delivered a powerful nominating speech for Michael Rectenwald-a speech he spent considerable time crafting. Despite significant physical challenges, his presence was a testament to his unwavering spirit. His third goal was to attend PorcFest in New Hampshire, a goal he achieved with the support of fellow Libertarian Duane Whitmer.

Michael Rebmann's life was a testament to dedication, courage, and an unyielding belief in the principles of liberty. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him and by the broader Libertarian community. His legacy of tireless advocacy and determination will continue to inspire those who follow in his footsteps.

# CREATING A FOUNDATION FOR MIDDLE EAST PEACE

#### by Vincent O'Neill State Committee Member (JD10) LPNY Vice-Chair (2002-2003)

From Civilization to Savagery and Back: Crisis and Opportunity

The Chinese word for "Crisis" and "Opportunity" is the same, and the current Israel-Hamas War provides a perfect example of the concept. The inhuman manner in which it is being conducted both a symptom and continuation of civilization's long decline.

Innocent civilians are a main target. There has been the taking of hostages, bombing of civilians and massive destruction of private property. The situation displays the degeneration of warfare down to a level that is less than primitive and unacceptable if a civilized solution is to be found. It is time for all sides to admit this situation cannot be allowed to continue. The situation in the Middle East has reached a crossroads, and the same is true for the entire world, particularly regarding the issue of warfare in general and between nations in particular.

The Hamas-Israel War is a microcosm of this situation.

#### **Two Choices**

One choice is for the adversaries involved in this, and many other conflicts, to continue down the path they are on. This is the path that led to the current Israel-Hamas War and to the inhuman way it is being conducted. This path leads to the destruction of civilization.

The other choice is to take a step back and create a foundation that will lead to defusing the current situation and probably lead to a lasting peace. The situation is not new. The Defense Casualty Analysis System estimates World War II deaths as 15 million military personnel and 38 million civilian casualties. It is time to choose between civilization and savagery.

Creation of a civilized framework to address outstanding issues is necessary for a proper solution. As long as a sincere effort is made to address issues of contention, the likelihood of a foundation for peace being created increases exponentially. World War III is not an option.

The past, present and future actions of the United States also will need to be addressed. The U.S. must get its own house in order.

This will start with addressing the U.S. relationship to Israel. Through its previous actions, the U.S. has acquired certain current responsibilities regarding the State of Israel. Therefore, the first step is to accept responsibility for its previous actions, and propose a foundation that can lead to a lasting peace.

However, the responsibilities the United States has acquired are not unlimited. Once these are addressed, any additional steps will be completely up to the combatants, Israel and Hamas. There are a

number of related issues will create a foundation for a wider solution.

The Necessary First Step

The first step is to End the War between Israel and Hamas. This requires a Ceasefire, the Return of all Hostages, and negotiations. These negotiations will be between Israel and Hamas, and will address the issues between them.

There are a number of related issues will create a foundation for a wider solution. They will be addressed by Israel, the U.S., and the Middle East States. Once this step has been taken, many important side issues can be addressed, and move the situation in the Middle East toward lasting peace and prosperity. This will also lead to the United States returning to a constitutional, non-interventionist foreign policy.

It is time for all sides to admit the current situation cannot be allowed to continue. The Israelis and the Palestinians will also have to take responsibility for their own actions, which is the only way a Just Solution can be brought about.

A proposal to create this situation follows.

1. The Palestinian State Question The "Arab Peace Initiative" of 2002 emphasized Palestinian Statehood as a key objective.

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rently No Palestinian State in existence. This doesn't mean that such a state will never exist, nor does it mean that there is a requirement for it to ever exist. It just means that there are other issues that must be addressed first.

2. All countries must admit the current, internationally recognized borders.

Also, Israel must drop its claim that it has a 'right to exist'.

Denmark doesn't have a 'right to exist', but it definitely exists. The Roman Empire didn't have a 'right to exist', but it definitely existed. The United States of America doesn't have a 'right to exist', but it definitely exists.

The State of Israel exists. Period.

3. Address the Status of Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

Tel Aviv will remain the capital of Israel for the near future. This will allow the status of Jerusalem, a city sacred to three religions, to be addressed by the best people associated with these religions.

A likely result is that Jerusalem will be the spiritual capital of these three religions, administered by the Israelis, with equal access to all.

4. Officially End the Arab Boycott of Israel.

The Arab Boycott of Israel, in effect since 1945, is largely symbolic at this point and only sporadically enforced. It has been the target of numerous actions by the U.S. government over the years.

The boycott should be ended immediately. This would be a giant step in the right direction, and would make it more likely for related issues to be addressed.

5. Free (or Freer) Trade

The likely next step would be for Israel and its neighbors to implement either completely free trade with each other, or at least freer trade. The Free Trade Agreement that was recently signed between the United Arab Emirates and Israel on May 31, 2023 would be the ideal solution:

DUBAI, May 31 (Reuters) - Israel signed a free trade agreement with the United Arab Emirates on Tuesday, its first with an Arab state and one which eliminates most tariffs and aims to lift their annual bilateral trade to more than \$10 billion. It was signed in Dubai by Minister of Economy and Industry Orna Barbivai and her counterpart, UAE Minister of Economy Abdulla bin Touq Al Marri, after months of negotiations.

Tariffs will be removed or reduced on 96% of goods traded between the nations. The UAE predicted the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement would boost annual bilateral trade to more than \$10 billion within five years.

An also acceptable and more conservative fallback position would be for Israel and its neighbors to institute reciprocal maximum tariffs of 10% on trade with each other for the next 3 years, followed by a review of the results. This would undoubtedly lead to acceptable relations between Israel and its Arab neighbors immediately, and lead to gradual and improving prosperity for all.

The tariffs could be steadily reduced as relations improve.

6. Rebuilding Gaza.

How the Israelis and Palestinians address this issue is the key to how their relationship will develop moving forward.

The Israelis and the Palestinians will have to take responsibility for their own actions, which is the only way a Just Solution can be brought about. Once this step has been taken, many important side issues can be addressed, and move the situation in the Middle East toward lasting peace and prosperity.

As long as they make a sincere effort is made to address this and related issues, the likelihood of a foundation for Peace and prosperity being created increases exponentially.

The best way to address this issue is by relying on free markets, free trade, private charity, and acceptance of responsibility.

7. Addressing U.S. Foreign and Domestic Policies

This also leads to the need for constructive criticism of U.S. Foreign and Domestic policies.

The U.S. has acquired certain responsibilities to the state of Israel due to its intervention in the 1973 War, and subsequent interventionism and meddling in the Middle

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East.

However, these responsibilities are not unlimited, and are not eternal.

Since these responsibilities exist, the U.S. also has acquired responsibilities to the Palestinians living in Israel.

However, more than these acquired responsibilities, the U.S. has to fulfill its responsibilities to the American people, starting with upholding the Constitution of the United States.

Therefore, once the U.S. has addressed the responsibilities it has acquired to the Israelis and Palestinians, the U.S. must address its many violations of the U.S. Constitution as well as a foreign policy that primarily consists of violations of any acceptable standard of civilized behavior.

Most U.S. Foreign and Domestic policies are unconstitutional, and the Foreign Policy of the U.S. has been less than exemplary for quite a long time. We will start with the fact that the United States has bombed at least 32 countries without a preceding Declaration of War since the end of World War II and go on from there.

Once this issue is addressed, the U.S. responsibility to restore Con-

stitutional Foreign Policy could then be addressed. The end of an interventionist Foreign Policy will be one result. It will also create a foundation where the end of economic interventionism will follow logically.

As long as a sincere effort is made to address this and related issues, the likelihood of a foundation for World Peace being created increases exponentially.

"The time to make your peace treaties is when you're at your strongest"- Ed Clark, 1980 Libertarian Party Presidential candidate Ed Clark was speaking about Israel at the time, and it still applies today. It also applies to the United States.

# 28th Annual Long Island Libertarian Cookout (LILCO)

# Saturday, August 24, 2024 3 PM - 7 PM

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and fixings will be supplied. Bring something to share.

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# 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.

# QUEENS LP: ROBERT LUSTER TO SPEAK ON "A LIBERTARIAN MAINIFESTO"

#### by Queens County Libertarian Party

Join Queens Libertarians (in its topical event for LPQC) on September 14 at noon, to hear retired professor Robert Luster speak on his formulation of "A Libertarian Manifesto." Discussion will be held in a new Astoria location we are trying out, Stamatis Greek and Mediterranean Restaurant at 29-09 23rd Avenue (details on their menu are at https://stamatisrestaurant.site/). This address will follow its monthly business session, covering Queens LP planning and subcommittee updates.

Luster will overview 5 current issues where a libertarian understanding may be applied (such as on immigration, abortion, gun control, the economy, foreign affairs, etc). Nuances and difficulties within such issues will be addressed as a means of providing an introduction to libertarianism and types of libertarian thinking. Attendees will also discuss the upcoming election situation, and LPQC's 30th anniversary meeting in October. Hope to see you there!

# **COUNTY AFFILIATE NEWS**

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**NEXT MEETING:** Held Monthly via Zoom

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# **KINGS (BROOKLYN)**

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

Tues., Sept. 17, 2024 at 3 PM @ Fourth Avenue Pub 76 4th Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11217 (3rd Tuesdays)

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### **MADISON**

NEXT MEETING: TBD 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:**

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NEXT MEETING: Thurs., Sept. 12, 2024 at 7 PM @ Landmark Diner (2nd Thursdays)

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NEXT MEETING: TBD

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# **PUTNAM**

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### QUEENS

NEXT MEETING: Sat., Sept. 14, 2024 @ 12 PM The Original Stamatis Restaurant 29-09 23rd Ave., Astoria (2nd Saturdays)

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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., Sept. 4, 2024 at 6:30 PM Alexis Diner, North Greenbush (first Wednesdays)

> <u>CONTACT:</u> Jennifer O'Connor, Acting County Chair joconnor@lpny.org

#### **RICHMOND (STATEN ISLAND)**

NEXT MEETING: Thurs., Sept. 18, 2024 @ 7 PM @ Coffee and Collectibles (3rd Thursdays)

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# **ULSTER**

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### WAYNE

NEXT MEETING:

Sat., Sept. 28, 2024 at 10 AM Yellow Mills Diner 2534 NY-31 Palmyra, NY 14522 (last Saturdays)

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Contact us for more details!

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# **STATE COMMITTEE:** ELECTION CERTIFICATION DEADLINE NEARS

#### by Andrew Kolstee LPNY Chair

The 2024 State Committee elections are near completion! The Elections Oversight Committee has met to certify the election results, which are due by August 31, 2024.

The new State Committee will be seated at the State Convention scheduled to be held in Albany on September 21, 2024.

#### 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 Jennifer O'Connor\* Gary Triestman

#### <u>Judicial District 4</u> (3 seats)

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 Olenski

#### Judicial District 7 (4 seats) Steven Becker Justin Pelletier

Sean Phelan James Ziobro

#### <u>Judicial District 8</u>

(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

#### <u>Judicial District 12</u>

(1 seat) Jeffrey Monheit

#### Judicial District 13 (1 seat) no candidates

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