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New York: Libertarian Party to Field Nine Candidates in 2014

New York Libertarians gathered over 35,000 petition signatures in six weeks this summer to qualify nine candidates to appear on the New York State ballot on November 4 as Libertarians.

New York's Libertarian ticket will be headed by Long Island real estate broker Michael McDermott for Governor. Michael is joined by former State Chair Chris Edes for Lt. Governor, U.S. Navy veteran John Clifton for Comptroller, Manhattan defense attorney Carl Person for Attorney General, Grant Lally for Congressional District 3 (Long Island), Gigi Bowman for Senate District 5 (Long Island), John K. Wilson for Assembly District 37 (Queens), David Casavis for Assembly District 73 (Manhattan) and Mark Glogowski, Assembly District 139 (western New York). In all, fourteen Libertarians filed for public office in New York State this year.

Fortunately, the 2014 drive in New York was below budget so more ballot access funds are available to other states. In large part, that was due to the extraordinary efforts of many volunteers across the state who gathered over 15,000 signatures for the Libertarian candidates.

"I am humbled by the overwhelming support and hard work performed by the thousands of people who realize that we are fighting for their freedom and liberty," stated Michael McDermott, Libertarian Candidate for Governor of New York. "The two old parties continue to give us a choice of the lesser of two evils, but they do so at their own peril. We the People will now have a viable third choice on November 4: The Libertarian Party of New York".

On September 2, incumbent State Senator Carl Marcellino filed a lawsuit to remove Libertarian Gigi Bowman from the November ballot. New York Libertarian Party Chair Mark Axinn commented, "The Republican Party will stop at nothing to prevent choice on the ballot. Neither the Board of Elections, the courts nor the voters should be fooled by their duplicity."