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## Response to Chadderdon Appeal

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Members of the Judicial Committee:

I would like to address one issue that has been largely ignored in the filings I have seen in connection with Andrew Chadderdon's attempt to appeal the action of the July 9, 2022, convention of the Libertarian Party of Michigan.

Following the resignation of the LPM's Chair and First Vice Chair, Andrew Chadderdon called me to discuss the matter. I urged him to promptly notify the LPM membership that the vacancies would be filled at the upcoming convention on July 9, 2022. My rationale in doing so is I believed that would be the fairest thing to do given the convention was already scheduled and called. It seemed to me, as it did to the vast majority of the LPM members with whom I discussed the issue, that in this unusual situation it would be much better for the delegates chosen by the LPM membership to fill these important offices, rather than permit the handful of members sitting on the Libertarian Executive Committee to do so. Andrew rejected this approach, expressing concern that because the July 9 convention was a candidate nominating convention, it had no power to fill officer vacancies.

Consequently, in order to provide additional authority for filling the vacancies on July 9, 2022, I prepared and circulated the attached petition for a special convention to be held in conjunction with the July 9 convention for the purpose of filling any and all officer vacancies (also including district vacancies) on the LEC then existing or occurring in connection with the convention. I submitted the petition with 46 signatures (at the time CRM indicated there were 325 LPM members, and more than 10% had signed the petition) to Andrew Chadderdon and Daniel Ziemba on July 29, 2022, and requested that they promptly advise the LPM membership of the call to the special convention. They refused to provide such notice to the membership. As of July 7, 2022, the 51 persons listed on the attached list had signed copies of the petition and I had transmitted those copies to Andrew Chadderdon and Daniel Ziemba.

Given that I provided the signed petition 10 days prior to the July 9 convention, after that convention had been noticed to all LPM affiliates (60 days) and members (30 days), and at a time when affiliates were still selecting delegates to the July 9 convention and thus could add more delegates interested in filling the officer vacancies, a prompt notice of the special convention would have afforded reasonable notice to the membership. Andrew Chadderdon chose not to given that notice, and consequently cannot now complain that the July 9 convention's election of officers to fill vacancies was invalid, because notice was not given of the special convention. In fact, David Canny did actually send a notice to the LPM membership advising them officers would be selected at the upcoming convention, and I have been told that the Mises Caucus, of which Andrew Chadderdon is a leader in Michigan, notified its members to make sure to attend the convention if needed to participate in such a vote.

I would point out that if you nevertheless decide the petition for special convention was valid, but the July 9 convention's action in filling officer vacancies was not valid because insufficient notice of the special convention was given, then it follows that you must also order the LEC to promptly issue a call and give notice of that special convention in order to fill those vacancies.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Hall

Signatory to the attached Petition

Delegate to the July 9, 2022, LPM Convention

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**2 attachments**

 **Signatories to LPM Petition-c.pdf**  
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 **YowPetition.pdf**  
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