

County Updates

Apache County

If you are interested in helping establish an Apache County Libertarian Party, please reach out to Alex Flores at alex.flores@azlp.org.

Cochise County

By Eli Webb,
CCLP Chair

CCLP will be hosting a booth at the Sierra Vista Oktoberfest at the Veteran's Memorial Park in September. We are looking for additional volunteers to help staff the booth throughout the entire festival, as well as petition circulators to get the Libertarian Party on the ballot in Cochise County. Please contact us at contact@cochiselp.org if you are interested in volunteering.

Coconino County

If you are interested in helping establish a Coconino County Libertarian Party, please reach out to Alex Flores at alex.flores@azlp.org.

Gila County

For upcoming GCLP events and opportunities visit gilaazlp.org.



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Grow Free With Us AZLP 2021 Mid-Year Report

By Emily Goldberg, AZLP Chair

The AZLP was founded in Tucson in 1972. For nearly 50 years, we've opposed government mandates, advocated for school choice, medical choice, military non-intervention, home rule for the sovereign nations within the geographic bounds of our state. To the credit of our past leadership and activists, we've continued to be a ballot status party run entirely on the passion and drive of volunteers for more than 25 years.

AZLP's current Board has been in office just over six months. The extraordinary talent of this team has allowed us to expand our horizons like never before. We presently have almost 40,000 registered voters in Arizona. We started this year with four chartered counties, and are now at nine, due in large part to the efforts of Alex Flores, Secretary and County Development Chair. Cochise County is presently collecting signatures for its ballot access drive, and Pinal is next! We have pledged that all fifteen counties will be chartered by the end of our term in 2023!

Messaging has caught fire under the on-point voice and social graphics of Lauren Snyder, 2nd Vice Chair and Communications Director. Our Twitter account received 128,000 impressions last month, and Facebook 14,000! Our press release on medical freedom was picked up by national outlets. More than 600 new volunteers signed up to assist at

events and on campaigns through the portals created by IT Director Sean Stinson, also at work building out our database. Not sure what you'd most like to do? Volunteer Coordinator Jeremy Todd will find a way to plug you in! Interested in running for office in 2022? 1st Vice Chair/Candidate Coordinator Barry Hess will get you set up, please contact him at Barry.Hess@azlp.org.

This newsletter on your screen (or in your hands) is available through the incredible work and dedication of Fundraising Director and Events Committee Chair Andi De Bellis. If you have info you'd like to share in the newsletter, a fundraising opportunity, or events the party should promote or have a presence at, write to her at: andi.debellis@azlp.org. AZLP's history as a volunteer-staffed organization and small party meant, historically, that we didn't have a formal fundraising process or standard budget. Unlike the "big two", we receive no corporate, union, or PAC funds. I am very, very proud that the two fundraising campaigns already held this year (Let Freedom Grow, which ran May-July, and Loyal to Liberty, currently running) both had a better-than-expected response; however, we are still significantly below our goals for the year. \$2, \$5, or \$10 per month makes a huge difference to the AZLP;

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Greenlee County

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La Paz County

If you are interested in helping establish a La Paz County Libertarian Party, please reach out to Alex Flores at alex.flores@azlp.org.

Maricopa County By Brandon Slayton, MCLP Chair

For upcoming MCLP events and opportunities visit lpmaricopa.org.

Mohave County

No updates this month! Please check back with us in September!

Santa Cruz County

If you are interested in helping establish a Santa Cruz County Libertarian Party, please reach out to Alex Flores at alex.flores@azlp.org.

Pinal County

By Sean Stinson,
PCLP Secretary
We are looking for volunteers to help grow the Pinal County LP. We are also looking for volunteers to help with our Ballot access initiative. Please reach out to us at pinalcylp@gmail.com!



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

VARIOUS DATES AND LOCATIONS

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH OUR LIBERTY OUTREACH ACROSS THE STATE!

VISIT TINYURL.COM/AZLPVOLUNTEER TO CHECK OUT OUR UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES!

if every registered LP voter donated \$2 per year, AZLP would easily reach its organizing and advertising funding goal! We will soon be rolling out AZLP-branded items we think members will be proud to share our message with pride and will love giving as gifts.

We are proud, also, to announce the kick-off of working groups – meant as legislative monitoring teams, lobbying teams, and policy-generating centers (mini think-tanks) in critical areas including 2nd Amendment, Education Reform and School Choice, Medical Freedom, Water and Resource Management, and Immigration – stay tuned for additional information on how to sign-up through the website to join one or more of these

working groups. We are also very proud to announce that the LP's First Nations Caucus was founded this summer in Arizona, with members from at least five sovereign nations (and from all over the U.S.) already involved. Two of AZLP's Board Members now sit on the Board of the national party – Treasurer Robert Allen Pepiton is the national party's Assistant Treasurer, and Secretary/County Development Chair Alex Flores was elected as Region 1 Alternate Representative in a special election early July.

Grow free with us! Growing freedom in Arizona starts with you! If you would like to be more involved in the state party, please take two simple first steps: (1) Please sign up to be

a Precinct Committeeperson in your county. A Precinct Committeeperson is a neighborhood leader of local Libertarians and is the necessary first step to becoming eligible to hold most other offices in the party (your precinct name is on your voter ID card or available on the Secretary of State's website). Please complete the form on our website and transmit it to the county chair in your county if you have one; if you are in an unchartered county, please return it to me at chair@azlp.org. (2) Please show your support for growing freedom in Arizona by making a monthly donation to fund the party's ongoing work, growth, and development, in any amount that you can; \$2 to \$15 to \$100 are all welcome.

Showcasing Arizona to Libertarian in Other States

August 27-29 marks a celebration of the Libertarian Party's 50th year, with a weekend of festivities in Colorado (Tickets and registration still available at 50.lp.org). Each state party has been asked to donate a gift basket to be auctioned at a silent auction, reflecting the history of the state and local art and treats; the overall requested value is meant to be in the \$500+ range. The proceeds will go towards LP national's affiliate support committee.

The AZLP is requesting donations of Arizona interest items for our gift basket. Two bottles of local wine have already been donated. We'd

love to have items such as small weavings; Native silver or turquoise jewelry; Kachina dolls; Acoma pottery pieces; Copper pieces; signed copies of books written by Arizona authors; prickly pear candy or jelly; Arizona pecans; anything reflective of the 5 Cs, or the history and culture of Arizona. What can you share to commemorate the parts of Arizona you love? We need to get the basket on the road by August 25 at the very latest, so time is of the essence! Please reply quickly to: chair@azlp.org or 2ndvicechair@azlp.org and we'll make arrangements to get the item from you. Thank you!



Candidates' Corner

Meet Steve Remus!

By Steve Remus

Hello, I am Steve Remus and I am one of the gubernatorial Libertarian candidates. I am an AZ native and have a family history in Tucson that goes back over 100 years. I served in the US Air Force, and am a combat veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom. I specialized in emergency management, command, and control operations during my time in the service. Subsequently I spent 5 years at the Pentagon dealing with natural disasters, pandemic response, and various other international response incidents. I have experience managing strategic planning with multi-billion-dollar budgets while using a unique prioritization methodology to cut wasteful spending and increase program efficiencies. My experience managing teams in multiple industries makes me a versatile candidate that can speak to many issues while also understanding the importance of continually educating and understanding more nuanced issues that require multi-point solutions. I believe that as we chip away at government created problems to

reveal a free and independent Arizona, my versatility and knowledge will be integral in providing actionable solutions for success. Please consider signing my candidate nomination petition if you are a resident of Arizona and are registered to vote Libertarian/Independent:

bit.ly/3jNN8vI



Calling All LP Candidates!

By Andi De Bellis

If you are a LP candidate running for political office within the state, we'd love to showcase you! To be featured next month's newsletter, please send an email to Andi De Bellis at newsletter@azlp.org.

Meet Jeff Metrick!

By Jeffrey W. Metrick

Hello, I am Jeff Metrick, and I am running as the Libertarian candidate for Congress in the 6th Congressional District. I am a strong proponent of limited government, medical freedom, educational freedom, criminal justice reform, and immigration reform. I moved to this great state from IL, to have more of the freedoms that I have always pushed for. I served in the US Army from 2002-2006. I am also a small business owner and have a first-hand understanding of how government regulation hinders economic growth. I believe that people should live their lives as they see fit, so long as they don't harm others, and that people are responsible for their own actions and cannot hold other people accountable for where they are at in life.

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Navajo County

By Alex Flores,
NCLP Chair

Freedomfest was held in Show Low on July 3rd. NCLP was present walking about the festival.

NCLP meetups are held the last Saturday of every month, 6pm, at Licano's in Show Low. Business meetings are held electronically on a quarterly basis, the next being through zoom on Sunday September 26th at 6pm. Links are provided for all those expressing an interest to attend, either through social media or by email.

Navajo County needs 26 more registered Libertarians to qualify to petition for continued ballot access.

Pima County

By Andi De Bellis

This past Tuesday, the PCLP rallied in Downtown Tucson to protest the Pima County Board of Supervisors' proposed mandates in direct violation of medical freedom and bodily autonomy.

Friday, August 13th, the PCLP is very excited to be cutting the ribbon on its very own headquarters in Tucson. The Ribbon Cutting Open House will be taking place 6pm-8pm at 5546 E 4th St.

PCLP monthly meetings are held every 3rd Tuesday at 7pm at our new HQ!

National Update: 4 Weekends Left of Training!

Mid-July, 3 AZLP members joined Libertarian activists from the 13 states for Affiliate Leadership and Campaign Fundamentals training in Salt Lake City. Candidate Recruitment Director Cara Schulz, Development Director Tara DeSisto, Activism Coordinator Michelle MacCutcheon, Affiliate Projects Coordinator David Aitken, California Executive Director TJ Ferreira, and Frontier Project Director Apollo Pazell provided a weekend packed with informative and useful programming on topics that including:

communications, fundraising, professionalism, field development, IT, strategic PR, writing bylaws, and many other topics.

Four more weekend trainings will occur over the course of the next few months. LP national members can attend the training in any region. Register at: bit.ly/3fPGKCX

Have an idea or want to contribute to the next issue?

Reach out to us at newsletter@azlp.org

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Yavapai County

Contact Tim Benjamin for information on upcoming meetings.

Yuma County

By Howard Blitz,
YCLP Chair

The YCLP held its summer meeting Monday, August 9th. Discussion at this meeting centered around obtaining more libertarian registrations, participation at the upcoming Yuma County Fair, and how best to promote the YCLP. On September 17th, we will be supporting the Freedom Library's Statue of Liberty Replica Dedication.

Upcoming Events

- **Pima County Libertarian Party HQ Ribbon Cutting & Open House**
Friday, August 13th, 6PM – 8PM
5546 E 4th St, Tucson, AZ
- **San Tan Valley Happy Hour**
Saturday, August 14th, 3PM
San Tan Flat, 6185 W. Hunt Hwy, Queen Creek, AZ
- **Yavapai County Monthly Meeting**
Sunday, August 15th, 1PM
1650 AZ-260, Camp Verde, AZ
- **Pima County Monthly Meeting**
Tuesday, August 17th, 7PM
5546 E 4th St, Tucson, AZ
- **Gila County Monthly Meeting**
Wednesday, August 18th, 7PM
1000 W Country Club Dr, Payson, AZ
- **End the Damn Wars! Rally**
Saturday, September 11th, 12PM
Eldorado Park, Scottsdale, AZ
- **Statue of Liberty Replica Dedication**
Friday, September 17th, 6PM
2655 S 4th Ave, Yuma, AZ

To see more events and upcoming volunteer opportunities please visit:

Events Calendar-

azlp.org/get-involved/events

Volunteer Portal-

tinyurl.com/azlpvolunteer

