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Five More Libertarians Elected to Office Despite Republican and Democratic Attacks

WASHINGTON DC — Five Libertarian Party candidates around the country were elected to office on Tuesday, in spite of increasingly harsh partisan attacks by Republicans and Democrats.

“We’re becoming a threat,” said Libertarian Party national Chair Steve Dasbach. “The two-party system is reacting to us now.”

Republicans and Democrats went on the offensive against Libertarian candidates in Virginia, Arizona, Alabama, Missouri, Montana, and Pennsylvania, said Dasbach.

“In years past, they would just ignore us. Now, in nearly half our races, they devoted considerable resources to attacking us,” he said.

“Where we ran serious races, the Republicans and Democrats saw us as a bigger threat than the other party. They would even work together to defeat us. Frequently, they resorted to underhanded tactics and wild allegations,” said Dasbach.

Despite this, five of the nearly three dozen Libertarian candidates in this off-year election ended up in the winner’s circle.

In a closely watched race, Dr. Jimmy Blake won a seat on the Birmingham, Alabama, City Council, garnering 55.5% of the vote in a two-way non-partisan race. Blake is the chairman of the Libertarian Party of Alabama.

In New York, Rebecca Wilber became the first Libertarian in state history to gain public office. She was elected to the Town Board in Woodstock in a four-way partisan race for two seats.

Three more Libertarians were victorious in Pennsylvania. Timothy Moir was elected Inspector of Elections, Upper Merion’s Gulph 2 precinct; Danielle Cauley won the office of Inspector of Elections, Upper Merion’s King 2 precinct; and John Pata won as a write-in candidate for Judge of Elections of the Lower 11th District, Middletown township.

The new Libertarian office-holders join four Libertarian State Representatives in New Hampshire and three city councilors in California. In all, more than 100 Libertarians serve in public office around the USA.

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