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1. TEXAS LIBERTARIAN PARTY CANDIDATES BREAK RECORDS AGAIN

AUSTIN - January 2, 2008 - 173 candidates have filed with the Libertarian Party of Texas (LPT) to run for federal, state, and district offices in 2008. This number does not include candidates for President and Vice-President.

The LPT is also aware of 37 candidates who have filed for county-level offices. For the first time, Libertarian candidates filed for every statewide race. Libertarians filed for 30 of the 32 U.S. House seats, 12 of the 15 Texas Senate seats (80%, a record percentage), 102 of the 150 Texas House seats (68%, a record percentage), and 5 of the 7 State Board of Education seats (71%, a record percentage).

Candidates will be nominated at county and district conventions in March, and at the state convention in June.

Several nominations will be contested. Among the contests, three candidates filed for U.S. Senate, and four filed for Texas House in District 107.

An unofficial list of candidates may be found here:<http://www.lptexas.org/candidates.shtml>;

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## 2. STATE COMMITTEE MEETS AT SITE OF STATE CONVENTION, FEB 2

The State Libertarian Party Executive Committee of Texas (SLECT) will be in Fort Worth this Saturday Feb 2, 1-5 PM at the Radisson Fort Worth Fossil Creek ([http://www.radisson.com/ftworthtx\\_north](http://www.radisson.com/ftworthtx_north)). Visitors are welcome to attend.

This site has been chosen as the location for the 2008 state convention June 13-15. More details about the state convention will be presented in this newsletter as they become available.

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## 3. PATRICK BARTON JOINS STATE STAFF

The Libertarian Party of Texas has hired its newest staff member Patrick Barton. Patrick joins Art DiBianca as a staff member working under the direction of our executive director Wes Benedict.

Patrick is a recent graduate of the University of Richmond where he majored in History, International Studies: Diplomacy & Politics and made the Dean's List and National Honors Society. He participated in the Congressional Student Leadership Conference in Washington DC and was a Field Assistant for the Brownback for President campaign.

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## 4. DIXON TO ADDRESS UT, NEEDS YOUR IDEAS

State Chair Pat Dixon been asked by the University of Texas (UTLAMP.org) to make a presentation to approximately 150 people about the Libertarian Party. The presentation will be on February 13. In order to help with the presentation, he requests your help in preparing for this presentation. He would like you to provide your best example of a person that represents the far left and the far right. He is looking for one individual on each side to use as examples to the audience. Please send your extreme left and extreme right examples to [Chair@LPTexas.org](mailto:Chair@LPTexas.org).

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## 5. WANT TO BE DELEGATE TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION?

The Libertarian Party National Convention ([www.lpconvention.org](http://www.lpconvention.org)) will be held from May 22-26 in Denver. That comes before the Libertarian Party of Texas state convention, which by state law has to be held on the second Saturday in June (June 14, 2008).

Normally the delegates from Texas to the national convention would be selected at the state convention. But since the national convention comes first, the party's by-laws require that the delegates shall be chosen by an open meeting of the State Executive Committee (SLECT).

That meeting is in Fort Worth on Saturday, February 2 (See topic #2 above)

As many items of interesting and important business occur at these conventions, most in attendance desire to be credentialed as delegates so that they can participate and cast votes. Texas typically has a large allotment of seats for delegates and has not filled its delegation at previous conventions.

If you would like to be a delegate to the national convention, please contact members of the state executive committee (LPTexas.org/leadership.shtml) prior to the February 2 meeting. You are not required to physically attend the meeting as long as you have submitted your name in advance.

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## 6. DIXON DISCUSSES GLOBAL WARMING

State Chair Pat Dixon presented the issue of Global Warming on the weekly television show "Live and Let Live" on Dec 22. The video has been uploaded and posted on Google video. It can be found at <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=617434640025336908>

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## 7. MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Fellow Libertarians,

We have completed our candidate recruiting and want to thank the candidates for helping us break the record again. We had a goal of 250 candidates on the ballot, and fell short with 210 filed. Some of these are contested nominations so the final number of candidates on the November ballot will be lower. We really wanted to fill the races for state representative. There are 48 districts in which a Libertarian will not appear on the ballot for state representative. Out of those 48, 22 of them had Libertarians on the ballot last time. While this is disappointing, we still break the record of 2 years ago.

One of the critical issues for every candidate is to take the advice of our staff in keeping their paperwork in order. Filing the required reports to the state of Texas is very important and can be accomplished with the help of our staff.

I want to thank our staff for the great work they do. We have now hired Patrick Barton to join Art DiBianca working under the direction of Wes Benedict. We have an ambitious but realistic budget this year and need to raise additional funds to keep our staff working. Thus

far 14 people have pledged over \$11,000 toward our goal. Last year many of you pledged over \$48,000 to keep our staff going. Please consider joining them in contributing to our efforts. Contact us at 512-442-4910 or [Director@LPTexas.org](mailto:Director@LPTexas.org). You can make a secure online donation at [lptexas.org/membership.shtml](http://lptexas.org/membership.shtml).

To reward you for your support, we started a membership program last year. We reward membership card according to the level of contribution (gold, platinum, etc) each year. If you have not yet received your membership card please contact us.

We continue to be asked about the Ron Paul campaign. He has far exceeded the expectation of most people and has grown the liberty movement. People often ask how they can support both Ron Paul and the Libertarian Party.

To fully disclose, I have donated the federal limit to Ron's campaign, but I have donated more to the Libertarian Party. I have volunteered at Ron Paul events and in the Ron Paul office in Austin.

The only restriction is that state law prohibits someone from voting in the Republican primary and being a candidate or leader for another political party. However, Brazos County activist Clyde Garland suggests Libertarian candidates can influence many votes. A Libertarian candidate cannot vote in the Republican primary for Ron Paul, but they can publicly state their support for Ron's campaign.

We do have an individual that filed to contest Ron Paul for the congressional race. Our conventions will be conducted properly and allow the delegates to decide who our nominees are. I as state chair cannot and will not interfere with the ability of the delegates to make this decision.

I think this is a great time for the Liberty movement. You might be interested in reading our executive director's opinion on this ([wesbenedictforinc.blogspot.com/2007/05/my-600-says-ron-paul-presidential.html](http://wesbenedictforinc.blogspot.com/2007/05/my-600-says-ron-paul-presidential.html)). Remember that we will have lots of candidates on the ballot for federal, state, and local offices that can benefit from the growth of the liberty movement.

I have been asked by the University of Texas to make a presentation to approximately 150 people about the Libertarian Party. The presentation will be in February. In order to help with my presentation, I would appreciate it if you would tell me what person you think represents the far left and the far right. I am looking for one individual on each side to use as examples to the audience. Please send your extreme left and extreme right examples to me at [Chair@LPTexas.org](mailto:Chair@LPTexas.org).

Lastly, you might enjoy my presentation on Global Warming. This has been posted to Google video at <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=617434640025336908>  
We are coming up on a busy March when our precinct and county conventions kick off. Let's be well prepared and be ready for the great opportunity to grow the liberty movement.

Patrick Dixon  
Chair, Libertarian Party of Texas

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8. SCHEDULE OF IMPORTANT DATES:

March 11: Precinct conventions

March 15: County conventions

March 22: District conventions

May: Municipal elections

May 23-25: LP national convention, Denver CO, [www.lpconvention.org](http://www.lpconvention.org)

June 13-15: Texas LP convention, location TBD

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