

The Liberty Quill

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News from the Chair

Fellow Libertarians,

The new year has already begun with a swell of energy and action! Our annual convention was held in January with record-breaking attendance! The convention theme, Improving Upon Our Best, highlighted the local party's achievements during 2018 and also addressed plans for how the party is preparing to foster continual growth and influence in Santa Clara County politics and public policy.



I am pleased to introduce our new executive committee:

Chair - Jennifer Imhoff

Vice Chair - Mark Hinkle

Secretary - Kimberly Davis

Treasurer - Robert Imhoff

Activities Chair - Salvador Robles

Campaigns Chair - John Inks

Fundraising Chair - Jonathan Tran

Membership Chair - Chris Le

Newsletter Chair - Kennita Watson

Publicity Chair - Samuel Le

Judicial Committee - Joe Dehn, Steve Haug, and Bill White

LPC Platform Representative - John Ward

LPC Platform Representative *Alternate* - Salvador Robles

The event was dedicated to beloved personality of the Beat Generation and Libertarian Albert Hinkle. Special guests included Libertarian Party of California Chair Mimi Robson and Northern Vice Chair Dr. Brent Olsen, as well as Affiliate officers from San Francisco, Solano, and Kings Counties.

I wish to send a special Thank you to Gurinder, one of our strong supporters and member, at [PostNet](#) for assisting with our printed material. Members of the party who were not able to attend will be receiving a copy of the printed prospectus in the mail shortly.

With Liberty,



Chair, LP SCC

Guest Blog: Profit by M. Davis

Recently I got into a discussion with a friend of mine about health care and how it gets paid for. We were comparing different flavors of private and public insurance and payment mechanisms. At some point during the conversation, he mentioned removing “the profit motive” as being a desirable attribute of some of the publicly-paid options. It occurred to me only later that a lot of people don’t really understand what “profit” is, or what function it serves. In fact, many people have it exactly wrong!.... [<read more>](#)

LPC State Chair Candidates

At our county convention last month, we had the opportunity to hear from the three known candidates for Chair of the Libertarian Party of California; current state Chair Mimi Robson from Long Beach, LNC At-Large Member Joshua Smith from Antioch, and our own county Treasurer Robert Imhoff from San Jose. All three candidates offer strong visions for the future of the party as we prepare for the next presidential election. The San Francisco Libertarian Party has provided video of these candidates from both our convention and the SF LP Convention held the previous week.

[<video from LP of Santa Clara Convention>](#)

[<video from LP of San Francisco Convention>](#)

The Libertarian Party of California will be holding their annual convention on April 5-7 this year in Concord. The state convention is always a great event with

quality speakers, including former San Jose Councilmember and [pension watchdog Pete Constan](#)t. More important, this convention is where we vote on party business. The convention will include platform and bylaw changes as well as the election for state officers. The LPC Chair position is the most contested; however, we will also be voting on Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Northern Area Coordinator, and multiple at-large positions. We encourage our members to attend this event.

[<learn more about the LPC Convention>](#)

Volunteerism: Sleeping Bags for the Homeless

The Libertarian Party has always stood for volunteerism. We understand that there is no perfect solution for the struggles our society faces, which is why government solutions rarely work. Encouraging nonprofits to embrace problems allows for more solutions to reach out to more demographics, and also allows for supply and demand to further efforts and discourage organizations from perpetuating a problem for job security. Getting out into the community to practice what we preach and meet our neighbors is a core focus of what a local political party should do.

Here in Santa Clara County, one of the most apparent problems is homelessness. This is why we are working with Sleeping Bags for the Homeless Silicon Valley to see how Libertarians can help provide basic needs to the homeless population. With the low temperature and windy conditions forecasted right now, Sleeping Bags for the Homeless will have the greatest and most immediate impact. If you would like to assist with organization of these efforts, please reach out to Jonathan Tran at info@scclp.org.

Learn more about [Sleeping Bags for the Homeless Silicon Valley](#)

The Eagle Eye

Local focus on city issues that fortify or threaten your liberties [<read more>](#)

News From Our Neighbors...

News, Events, and Activism from our Libertarian Party Neighbors in the nine county Bay Area region. [<read more>](#)

Upcoming Events

Don't miss these upcoming meetings in February...

- [February 9, 2019](#)
[LPC Executive Meeting \(Long Beach\)](#)
 - [February 16, 2019](#)
[Liberty & Coffee \(Sunnyvale\)](#)
 - [February 19, 2019](#)
[SVTA - Taxpayers' Toolkit](#)
 - [February 22, 2019](#)
[The Mount Hamilton/Bastiat Society \(San Jose\)](#)
[Joshua House, from Institute for Justice](#)
 - [April 5-7, 2019](#)
[LPC Convention \(Concord\)](#)
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