



RIVERSIDE COUNTY LIBERTARIANS SUPPORT ANTI-REDEVELOPMENT LAWSUIT

On September 7, the Libertarian Party of Riverside County Executive Committee voted unanimously to support a lawsuit filed by the Lakeland Village/Wildomar Tax Payer Association against the county of Riverside. The suit was filed in response to the establishment of Redevelopment Project Area No. 1-1986, Amendment No. 1, Lakeland Village/Wildomar Sub-Area. The project area was approved by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors on July 6, 1999 and is known as Ordinance 793.

The following is part of a statement of support adopted by the LPRC Executive Committee:

“As Libertarians, we are keenly aware of the vast powers that redevelopment agencies hold over taxpayers and property owners. We are firmly convinced by all available evidence that redevelopment is a negative, not positive influence upon communities. Rampant abuse and mismanagement are frequently cited complaints among others.

While there is no evidence of corruption with regard to the recently approved Lakeland Village/Wildomar RDA at this time, we are deeply concerned over a lack of sufficient communication between the RDA Project Area Committee (PAC) and affected residents/property owners. It is also troublesome that after repeated requests to place the formation of this RDA to a public vote, PAC members publicly stated that voters are not well informed enough to make such a decision. Public hostility by certain PAC members to those who disagree with their positions is also noted as a concern of affected residents.

In disputes between the public and private sector, we invariably take the side of citizen and businessman since they have the most to lose in a David versus Goliath struggle: Their property, money and individual rights. In this case, it is the residents and business owners versus Riverside County. Therefore, the Libertarian Party of Riverside County (LPRC) wishes to express its support of the Lakeland Village/Wildomar Tax Payer Association in its current lawsuit against the County of Riverside. Furthermore, we urge our members within the Lakeland Village/Wildomar RDA to join in any and all activities undertaken to end the redevelopment nightmare which is just now beginning to emerge.

The LPRC wishes the Lakeland Village/Wildomar Tax Payer Association best of luck in its legal quest.”

In an extension of its support, the LPRC Executive Committee unanimously voted to appoint Libertarian activist and Lakeland Village homeowner Lorna Spangler as its official liaison with the Association. ■

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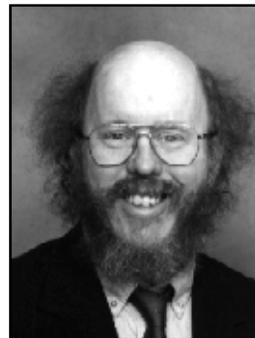
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...and more to be announced!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DRUG WAR TEACHES ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL LESSONS

Dear Letters Editor:

Top ten list of drug war accomplishments:

10. Make the health problem of a few the economic and security problem of everyone and discourage treatment by rewarding admission with a prison sentence.
9. Protect drug consumers from themselves by incarcerating them where they can be sodomized and where drugs are readily available.
8. Waste billions of tax dollars repeating the historical failure of trying to prohibit a voluntary transaction, and destroy countries in the process.
7. Convert a peaceful trade into a criminal enterprise.
6. Prove once again that increasing trade risk increases trade profit.
5. Prove once again that our police and judiciary can be corrupted with money.
4. Prove once again that restricting supply temporarily increases price, the high price attracts more suppliers to satisfy the demand, and their competition lowers the price.
3. Prove once again that prices are higher where there is little competition, i.e. where suppliers kill each other at some risk to innocent bystanders.
2. Temporarily price a product out range of its consumers and convert them into thieves.
1. Encourage the use of drugs by children by making it illegal rather than just stupid.

Regards, Gerald,
gfa@earthlink.net

NO NEW COSTCOS NO NEW WAL-MARTS

Assembly Bill 84 prohibits new development of retail stores that exceed 100,000 square feet if 15,000 square feet or more are devoted to selling groceries and prescription drugs. AB 84 was rushed through the Legislature by union groups at midnight before the close of the session. If AB84 passes, Californians would be forced to pay higher prices for groceries and drugs in a non-competitive environment. You might want to check the Costco store in your neighborhood for postcards opposing AB 84. Or send your own card to Governor Gray Davis

Dear Letters Editor:

So our esteemed Democrat legislators are going to save small businesses by excluding food and drugs from Costco aisles. Why not bicycles? Perhaps because bicycle businesses are not unionized. Given the amount of campaign donations Gray Davis received from unions, you can bet he'll sign the bill.

It seems unions thrive on force and despise voluntary action. This time instead of using goons to intimidate business owners, they employ government to do their dirty work. If Davis signs the bill, get your recall partition at

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From the Chair:

MORE THAN 100 CALIFORNIA LIBERTARIANS RUNNING IN YEAR 2000!

We, as a Party, set three main internal goals for 1998:

1. Increase our dues-paying membership to 7,000
2. Increase our monthly pledge base to \$6,000 per month
3. Maintaining ballot status (DONE!)



MARK HINKLE

Goal 1:

In August our membership count dropped by just 35. Thank goodness the summer doldrums are over. At press time, I don't have the latest Project Archimedes results, so you'll have to wait until next month for those numbers. We have devised a simple (yet effective) means to assist the LNC in membership retention. The non-renewal rates are the highest for first-year members. To remedy that situation, we're asking county and regional Chairs to make a special effort to phone those people whose memberships are about to expire and simply ask them to renew. We know from experience that this can easily double the response rate.

Additionally, since October and November are going to be prime signature-gathering times for our candidates, we're going to supply them with membership information to hand to those eager to support the Party.

Personal appeals to join, made by a visiting candidate, are highly effective.

Goal 2:

While August was the month to concentrate on growing our monthly pledge program, September was the month we used to pursue funds from our major donors. I'm pleased to report that in response to our financial crisis, one major donor has contributed our single largest check to date: \$10,000.

This gives us some breathing room, but additional monthly pledgers are absolutely necessary if we're to continue our growth.

LPC has endorsed these external goals for 1999:

(1) Prop 215, isn't just a good idea, it's the law!

The www.215NOW.com web site continues to get better and better. As a computer professional, I use the web a great deal in my work. I visit a lot of fancy web sites with tricky graphics and special effects. However, our 215NOW web site still stands out. It's simple, straight forward, and easy to use. If you haven't visited it in a month or so, do yourself a favor and check it out.

(2) The Repeal of Prop 10: the tax on tobacco users

I understand that 675,000 signatures were submitted to meet the requirement of 461,000 valid signatures. We're awaiting the results of the verification from the Secretary of States office.

(2a) Vehicle Tax Initiative (phase out of the car tax) submitted by Assemblyman Tom McClintock and Senator Ray Haynes. This one didn't make it.

(2b) None Of The Above (not mentioned last month) has qualified for the March 2000 ballot and has been endorsed by the LPC's Executive Committee. There are some fears that it might cost us some votes and perhaps ballot status. However, our voter registration totals have been growing nicely. With that growth, I strongly suspect we'll attract stronger candidates to offset any possible loses.

(3) 200 candidates in the year 2000

108 candidates have already been identified and Ted Brown continues to perform his magic of recruiting our largest team of candidates ever. Plans are in place to provide unprecedented support for the candidates by the LPC and the LNC. We're working together to achieve this very ambitious goal.

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- **Howard Kaloogian**, California State Assemblyman, 74th District
- **Declan McCullogh**, Washington bureau chief, Wired News
- **Geoff Metcalf**, Talk Show Host, Hot Talk 560 KSFO, San Francisco
- **Richard Rider**, veteran San Diego Libertarian Party activist
- **Dr. Mary Ruwart**, Author, *Healing Our World* and *Short Answers to Tough Questions*
- **Jacob Sullum**, *Reason* magazine senior editor

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LIGHTFOOT DECLARES FOR U.S. SENATE RACE IN 2000



Gail Lightfoot, immediate past LPC Chair and 1998 LP candidate for Secretary of State, has declared her intention to run for the U.S. Senate seat occupied by Diane Feinstein. Lightfoot says, "My name resonates with voters. As the LPC Secretary of State candidate, I received 216,751 votes – well over the 2% requirement to keep the LPC ballot qualified."

Lightfoot is a charter member of both the LP and the LPC. She joined the LP in January 1972 and the LPC later that same year. She has been very active both as a candidate and as a leader within the LPC. Gail has held many offices including Regional Chair and Executive Committee member of East San Gabriel Valley, state party Secretary, Southern Vice Chair and as Chair in 1990 and again in 1995-96. She served on the state Executive Committee for 16 years.

Lightfoot plans an aggressive campaign depending upon funds available for travel. She expects to appear on cable TV and talk radio much more than in 1998. "The cable and talk radio venues have taken on the task of providing information to the voters not forthcoming on network TV or news radio. I said in 1998 that our candidates must be prepared for even greater interest in their campaigns. I am confident the 2000 election will bear out my prediction."

Lightfoot is already beginning fund-raising efforts. "It is important to begin now to raise enough money to take me and my campaign to every part of the state in 2000," Lightfoot said. She will be accepting checks made out to "Lightfoot for U.S.Senate" sent to Gail Lightfoot, P.O. Box 598, Pismo Beach, Ca., 93448.

BLANKET PRIMARY OPPONENTS FILE WRIT Prop 198 challenge seeks U.S. Supreme Court hearing.

A petition for a writ of certiorari was filed on September 2, 1999, in the U.S. Supreme Court. Following the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruling favoring the Blanket Primary, plaintiffs asked for a high court ruling. The questions presented are: whether California's new blanket primary law — which allows voters of any political affiliation to cross party lines at will and to participate in the selection of other parties' nominees — violates the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution and whether the associational rights of political parties are afforded less protection under the First Amendment than the associational rights of other private associations. The attorney for the Libertarian Party of California noted that of some 7,000 cases presented only 125 are actually heard. Richard Winger, however, stated in his *Ballot Access News* that two recent opposing decisions of Circuit Courts on the issue of non party members voting in a primary may increase the chances the case will be heard by the U.S Supreme Court..

Plaintiffs: California Democratic Party, California Republican Party, Libertarian Party of California, Peace and Freedom Party, Art Torres, Kathy Bowler, Paul Jorjorian, Gail Lightfoot, C. T. Weber.

Respondents: Bill Jones, Secretary of State, Californians for an Open Primary, Michael Schroeder, Shawn Steel, Donna Shalansky.

*We mourn the loss of
Dr Bob Sheckler (Kern County Chair)
who died of cancer on September 7.
He was buried September 11 at Ridgecrest Cemetery,
next to his wife Dori who died in 1997.*

*His youngest son Robert now resides in Dr Bob's home
at 4024 Weiman Ave Suite B, Ridgecrest CA.
Robert is continuing Good People Publishing Company
established by his beloved parents.*



(Left) Santa Clara County LP activist Don Cormier looks on as a visitor takes the World's Smallest Political Quiz at the county fair this summer. (Right) Marv Rudin and Don Cormier were two of the 25 activists who staffed the LP booth at the Santa Clara County Fair.

POLITICS AS USUAL

Excerpts from the San Diego Libertarian newsletter.

BLACK'S BEACH PLAN BARED

Nudity has been commonplace at Black's beach (a secluded area North of San Diego) for decades. A long-ignored ban on nudity will now be enforced. The crackdown (pun intended) on public nudity was prompted by complaints that male exhibitionists have been harassing women.

The San Diego Union-Tribune, 6/18/99.

NO DRUGS IN FATAL RAID

The El Monte Police Department has no evidence that anyone in the family of Mario Paz, a 65-year-old man fatally shot in the back by an El Monte officer during a search of his home, was involved in drug trafficking. Paz was shot to death in full view of his wife, Maria Luisa, by an officer who entered their bedroom during the raid.

Los Angeles Times, 8/28/99.

GOOD NEWS ON HAIR BRAIDING

California sting operations have targeted what the government obviously believes is an sinister threat to the public order: African-Americans braiding hair without a cosmetology license. Fortunately, a U.S. District Court has just declared the reasoning used to justify such enforcement actions unconstitutional. The court ruling probably means that someday SaBrina Reese will be able to run her business without fear of harassment. Last year, the state cosmetology board sent two people

to her shop to entrap her for practicing cosmetology without the required 1,600 hours of schooling and a license. The problem is that there is no cosmetology school offering instruction in Ms. Reese's non-chemical hair-braiding technique. Nor is it on the licensing exam. Ms. Reese faced a possible one-year jail sentence after being busted.

Wall St. Journal, 9/1/99.

MY DISABILITY: BEING A DRUNK

A high school basketball star who was dropped from the team for drinking says he is a recovering alcoholic. He is suing in federal court for \$100,000. in damages and position on the team under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The San Diego Union-Tribune, 9/10/99.

LATER, SCULLY

Hungary's Supreme Court has prohibited the state-owned television station from airing the "X-Files" show before 11 PM, saying the sci-fi mystery harmed children's mental health. It is one of Hungary's most popular shows.

The San Diego Union-Tribune, 6/18/99.

5.9 MILLION U.S. OFFENDERS

The number of U.S. adults behind bars or under police supervision last year reached a record 5.9 million offenders, almost 3 percent of the adult population, the Justice Department reported. The figure, in a

report issued by the department's Bureau of Justice Statistics, means that about one out of every 34 adults were in the nation's prisons and jails, or on probation or parole for various criminal acts. This correctional population represents an increase of 163,800 people from the previous year.

Reuters, 8/22/99.

SCHOOL CREATES KILLER FUNGUS

A civil rights lawsuit has been filed by Montana NORML against Montana State University at Bozeman to retrieve all documents possessed by researchers there on the development of a mutant fungus that would destroy all plants in the cannabis family. The fungus, known as fusarium oxysporum, is the same strain that Florida wishes to use to eradicate cannabis plants.

NORML Weekly Press Release, 8/12/99.

TOXIC TORTS BY GOVERNMENT

Thousands of workers in federal uranium-enrichment plants in Kentucky and Tennessee have been exposed to lethal doses of plutonium. Although the workers took precautions against excessive exposure to radioactive uranium, they were unaware of the presence of plutonium at the plant. (Plutonium is about 100,000 times more radioactive per gram than uranium and can cause cancer if inhaled in microscopic amounts.)

THE LIGHTHOUSE, 9/13/99.

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LPC REGIONAL CHAIRS CONFER AT WONDER VALLEY RANCH

Notes from Conference Chair

It was a pleasure for me to host local party officers from around the state in the Fresno foothills for the inaugural Regional Chairs Conference. Nineteen persons from thirteen different local parties attended and participated.

The Saturday seminar series allowed a good exchange of information and ideas on all of the major aspects of local party building. John Graham of San Diego revealed some of the strategies and tactics used by the SDLP in helping to save San Diegans countywide over a billion dollars in taxes. Cullene Lang of Butte County explained how she organized fun activities to increase the LPC membership in the Long Beach area at 2-3 times the state party rate. LPC Chair Mark Hinkle explained how he attracts financial donors and how local parties can take advantage of monthly pledging. Joe Dehn of Santa Clara County explained the intricacies of LPC membership data and useful features of the LPC web site. Jonathan Richter of Fresno offered tips on writing effective letters-to-the-editor and thought-provoking calls to local talk shows.

The Sunday meeting featured vigorous discussion of several topics of interest to local parties. Jeffrey Sommer led a discussion of the proposed Northern Chairs Caucus. Mark Hinkle explained and fielded questions on the current LPC financial situation. Ideas about meeting the 200-candidate goal for the 2000 election and the future of the conference were also exchanged.

Not to be ignored were the intriguing interactions among attendees during the Saturday night BBQ and the Sunday morning brunch. Discussing liberty under the stars on a beautifully comfortable summer evening was intoxicating indeed!

Planning for the 2000 conference has already begun. Evaluations of the attendees have been compiled and are being studied. I would also like to hear from you, especially if there is one significant factor that caused you to pass on this year's conference. Drop me a letter, call, e-mail, or fax, or buttonhole me in person.

Rodney Austin, Northern Vice Chair
rkaustin@cybergate.com

Lizard Teaches Lesson at Regional Chairs Conference

On Saturday night, after a very enjoyable evening, while I was sleeping, something bit my finger! My hand was over my head at the top of the bed. After a few seconds, it bit the same finger again but harder! This time I was fully awake and jerked my hand away and I could hear something scurrying away. It must have been a little lizard thinking my finger was, perhaps, a fat worm.

That lizard – it may weigh an ounce – was going to have me for dinner and I weigh 190 pounds! What an attitude!

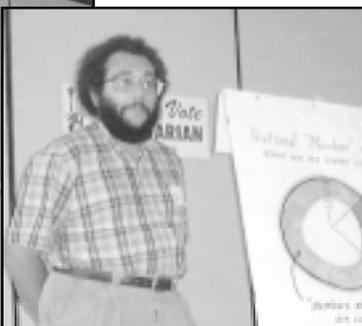
When I get discouraged about the huge job ahead, just thinking about that lizard puts a whole new light on things. Thank you lizard.

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(Editor's note: Albert took the photographs on this page. He has more photos of the conference on his web site - see address above)



Clockwise: Rodney Austin, Northern Vice Chair, leads a discussion on elections and candidates. Mark Hinkle, LPC Chair, tells how to get and keep monthly donors. The "breakfast club" enjoy a meal and talk. Joe Dehn discusses membership. JR (nobody) Graham, Deputy Southern Vice Chair, demonstrates how to use signs effectively. Cullene Lang, Butte County LP Chair, tells how to build membership by having fun.



*Executive Director Update:***ROS FOCUSES ON LP CONVENTION & MEDICAL MARIJUANA**

JUAN ROS

With less than six months before the LPC's 2000 convention in San Diego (see front page and page 4), LPC Executive Director Juan Ros switched gears last month to focus on organizing the big event. "Few people realize what an enormous undertaking a convention is," Ros said. "The key to a smooth-running convention is preparation, preparation, and more preparation. By doing the hard work now, we avoid problems when the Libertarians start showing up!"

Ros has been busy working with the Balcom Group, the convention planning and management firm hired by the LPC to assist with the 2000 convention. "Professional help is a must for a convention of this size. Balcom has been instrumental in negotiating the hotel contract, putting together the registration brochure, and advising on the speaking program. And I am confident that they will save me from pulling my hair out during the stress of the actual convention!"

In addition to the LPC 2000 convention, Ros has been working overtime on the 215NOW! web site, which is quickly becoming one of the most comprehensive medical marijuana web sites around. Ros adds news links to the site's Media page on a daily basis and has begun sending out weekly updates with the latest news and information to a base of roughly 5,000 215NOW! subscribers — a number that continues to grow.

"I'm very pleased with the direction the web site has taken. It began with a limited but important focus — pressuring the federal government to reschedule marijuana — and has developed into more of a general-interest medical marijuana web site, the place to go for the latest news. Our media archives contains stories from all over the world, across the United States, Canada, and the UK, which simply demonstrates how widespread the appeal of medical marijuana really is."

215NOW! recently led a lobbying effort against California State Senator John Vasconcellos (D-Santa Clara). His bill, SB 848, would establish a voluntary medical marijuana registry system in California. When Ros caught wind that Vasconcellos was bucking to political pressure and planned to amend his bill to make the registry mandatory for all medical marijuana patients, Ros took action.

"Through my contacts on the Attorney General's Medical

Marijuana Task Force I learned about the proposed amendments. Even though the LPC had not taken a position on SB 848, it was clear that making the patient registry system mandatory is anti-Libertarian. So I issued an Action Alert to the 215NOW! subscriber list and urged everyone to contact Senator Vasconcellos and pressure him into not amending the bill," Ros recounted.

In the 24 hours after issuing the Alert, Ros received dozens of e-mails from 215NOW! subscribers who had contacted Vasconcellos, thanking 215NOW! for taking the lead against the draconian amendments. "In the end, Vasconcellos pulled the bill from consideration under threat of a gubernatorial veto," Ros stated, "but he will likely reintroduce the bill when the Legislature reconvenes in January. We'll continue to keep an eye on the Senator and we'll lobby him again should the need arise."

In addition, Ros issued a news release regarding the SB 848 amendments, citing "Five Reasons Why Proposed

Changes to Medical Marijuana Law are Wrong." The release resulted in phone calls from the *San Jose Mercury News* and the *San Francisco Examiner*.

To subscribe to the 215NOW! updates and action alerts, visit the site at <http://www.215Now.com>.

On August 26 Ros participated in a picketing and leafletting demonstration at Los Angeles' Exposition Park. The reason? To protest the use of public funds to entice the NFL to award its new expansion football team to Los Angeles. The demonstration was organized by Fullerton City Councilman and veteran tax fighter Chris Norby, who heads the anti-redevelopment group Municipal Officials for Redevelopment Reform (MORR).

Media coverage for Ros was not limited to the NFL demonstration, however. On September 3, Ros made his third appearance on Los Angeles radio station KPFK 90.3 FM, on host Joe Domanick's Friday roundup of the week's news events.

Ros was also interviewed by San Francisco's KIOI-FM weekly public affairs program. The topic was Proposition 10, the 50¢-per-pack cigarette tax spearheaded by actor/director Rob Reiner that was narrowly approved by voters last year. The LPC has endorsed a ballot initiative that would repeal Proposition 10, and Ros answered questions regarding the LPC's role in the tobacco tax repeal.

"With election time closing in, I expect our media coverage to grow considerably. Our media outreach strategies have resulted in a lot of contacts and good relationships, both in print and on talk radio. Between our expected slate of 200 candidates and our endorsement of — or opposition to — the various ballot measures, the LPC should be all over the airwaves the next 12 months!"

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

LPC officers and reps meet September 19

The Executive Committee of the Libertarian Party of California met in Glendale on 19 September 1999. This was a relatively short meeting, scheduled for only four hours as part of a weekend mainly devoted to a "team building" seminar.

The minutes of the 19 June meeting were approved with some corrections.

The Chair reported on his activities, focusing on topics relating to fund-raising. The Northern Vice Chair reported on his activities, focusing on the recent Regional Chairs Conference. The Southern Vice Chair reported on some recent changes in regional leadership and noted that he has been spending most of his time on candidate recruiting.

The Treasurer presented financial statements showing that the LPC had liabilities in excess of assets by about \$14,000 as of the end of August. The largest item among the liabilities was two months worth of UMP revenue owed to the regions. There was discussion of the situation, topics including: a planned telemarketing campaign, the possibility of borrowing from regions with extra cash, the 215Now web expense, getting help from national for petitioning expenses, newsletter advertising revenue, promotion of the pledge program jointly with the regions, major donor fund-raising, and plans for the next direct mail letter. The budget was amended to allow for more spending on media relations.

The Executive Director presented a report covering media activities, lobbying projects, the status of various proposed ballot measures, fund-raising, his work on the 215Now project, and plans for the 2000 convention.



JOE DEHN
Regional Representative

There was discussion of the 2000 campaign. Ted Brown reported on his recruiting activities and said that 108 candidates for partisan office had been identified so far. Some items briefly discussed included help to be provided to candidates in the form of voter lists and maps, the lack of a primary contest for US Senate that might have been good for publicity, and the increased use of petitioning by mail.

The Committee heard a presentation by Bonnie Flickinger about her possible candidacy for State Assembly.

There was a discussion of the extent to which membership data should be made available directly to candidates. It was decided to leave this decision up to the officers under the authority already granted to them by the bylaws.

There was discussion of which names of potential presidential candidates the Chair should provide in response to the inquiry which the Secretary of State will be making in October as part of the process of preparing the primary ballot. It was decided that the Chair should include at least the five names now listed on the LP web site, plus Ron Paul if he indicates

willingness to be a candidate by that time. The Chair may at his own discretion include other names that may come up in the meantime.

There was discussion of criteria for participation of presidential candidates in presentations at the state convention. It was decided that to appear in the debate a candidate will have to obtain the signatures of 15 people who either are delegates or have purchased a convention package, with each person being allowed to sign only one such petition.

The Committee voted to endorse the candidacy of John Scott Ballard for Congress and a proposed initiative to limit application of the "three strikes" law.

Other topics briefly discussed included: providing membership recruitment material for candidates to use while petitioning, review of the standing resolutions, the Style Committee report on the Platform, and problems with distribution of membership data to the regions.

The next meeting is scheduled for 21 November in Santa Clara County.

This is a summary of the meeting and is not intended to be replied upon as a complete record of business.

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Convention Information
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