



T LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK

An Urgent Message for Former FLP Members

Dear Liberty Supporter,

My name is Tony D'Orazio, and I am Chair of the Interim State Committee of the Libertarian Party of New York (LPNY).

Organized in 1972, and until 2018, the Free Libertarian Party of New York (FLP) served as the voice of liberty-minded individuals throughout our state. Larry Sharpe's historic showing in the 2018 gubernatorial race won the LPNY ballot access and forged the FLP's place in history. In the past, the annual dues you paid to the FLP helped support our mission to promote Liberty and to run pro-liberty candidates through New York State. Although the LPNY cannot have memberships as the FLP did, we hope you will consider making an annual donation or a monthly pledge to the LPNY to support our continuing mission.

Over the past two years, the LPNY has achieved several historic milestones:

- More than half of the counties in New York State are now represented by an LPNY-chartered county organization.
- We passed designating petitions for Libertarian candidates last winter and held our first-ever party primaries in June, electing State Committee members, putting Libertarian candidates on the ballot across New York State, and bringing us attention on political calendars and ballot rows.
- On September 26 and 27, in New Rochelle, our first elected State Committee will be seated and will choose the individuals to lead our party for the next two years.

Despite these gains, the LPNY is facing new threats:

- Governor Cuomo, through his hand-picked public campaign finance commission, made restrictive and legally binding recommendations to increase ballot access thresholds for minor parties and requirements for independent petitioning.
- Although the commission, and all its actions, were declared unconstitutional, the same recommendations were subsequently passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor under the

outrageous and dictatorial budget powers abdicated to him by the legislature under cover of COVID-19 hysteria.

- Government-imposed COVID-19 restrictions on our rights to assemble, move, and speak freely have made it difficult for our local, state and Federal candidates to use traditional methods to canvass and reach voters.
- We have seen an influx of infiltrators from the D/R Complex with no allegiance to libertarian values, whose only interest is to sell our line to the highest bidder.

In summary: The duopoly has recognized that we are a force to be reckoned with. They will stop at nothing to silence us and subvert our right to promote the Libertarian Party as the only viable alternative to the two-party system.

In concert with the Green Party of New York, we have filed a federal lawsuit against the Board of Elections to have declared unconstitutional the latest assault on our ballot access and freedoms of speech and association. We must continue to expand into unorganized counties and grow our enrollment. We must promote voting on the Libertarian line for our Presidential candidate to maintain ballot access.

As a former FLP member, your consistent support helped us spread the Liberty message and win ballot access. We recognize that many of you may be struggling financially due to our government-imposed economic morass. **A monthly pledge of \$3, or an annual donation of \$25 – the same amount you used to pay in annual FLP dues – will help us continue our fight in court and our outreach efforts to increase Libertarian enrollment and Libertarians elected statewide.** If you can donate or pledge more, please consider doing so. Please [click below](#) to donate, or send your check to the "Libertarian Party of New York", P.O. Box 13402, Albany, NY 12212.

Thank you in advance for your support at this critical time for our Party, our State and our Republic.

In Liberty,
Tony D'Orazio
Chair, Interim State Committee
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