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EMINENT DOMAIN BLIGHTS RIGHTS!

by Deb Hamm

Until fairly recent, people built their own homes and worked in the fields or towns they grew up in. They knew the farmers and shopkeepers. Now, we can hardly imagine this type of life. We don't know who manages, much less owns the big box stores where we get everything (one size fits all). We don't know where our food is grown, or how, and most don't seem to care.

The halls of "justice" are filled with blank faces - people who absently dispense the forms we "need" in order to appease the powers that be, whether or not their laws are just.

Eminent domain (ED - like "Ted") abuse makes us deal with the ongoing legal-sleaze of words that redefine the Constitution, as well as challenge the underpinnings of quasi-governmental agencies, such as "urban renewal authorities" (their names change with the wind), which have overseen the most egregious abuses of property rights in recent history!

Colorado lead the nation (1860's), handing ED to almost any source of capital that could use it. "Takings" went to private ways of necessity - reservoirs, drains, flumes, or ditches... across the lands of others, for mining, milling, domestic, or sanitary purposes.

Legislatures showed a marked bias for rapid expansion of railroad and mining, allowing condemnation to the new "public service corporations", and shielded them from damage suits, as they did for state officials. They created a "need" before a problem arose. They knew then, as they know now, what they are doing.

The 1870's brought unprecedented extensions of ED being granted to private corporations. The period of industrial growth led mining companies to condemn property for access and transport facilities, under an "affected with a public interest" notion, which allowed them immunization from common liabilities... unlike today.

Power companies built beside railroads as regional, or nationwide enterprises, were defined as "public utilities". Courts "rationalized" this, noting that the gas or electricity was used by the public, yet the plant was not.

Takings became more comprehensive and far-reaching. ED was used for large, systematically planned projects, industry-related, and involving complex forms of industry-government cooperation - Urban redevelopment and infrastructure expansion. And the razing of slums to build "low-income" housing "satisfied" the public use requirement, leading to the Housing Acts of 1937 & 49.

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MR. NICKS YOU DONE US PROUD

by Frank Atwood, Travis Nicks Campaign Treasurer

Mr. Travis Nicks you ran very well. You have nothing to be embarrassed about. We your supporters saw and found nothing lacking in you. You were great!



We failed to win.

Maybe we failed you, but the task and burden now is on all of us to focus on building the base of the party and doing outreach.

Friends, much thanks to everyone who contributed and was supportive of our campaign. We weren't able to deliver victory. Respectable showing - "Yes." Victory - "No" thank you for your support.

Campaign Assumptions:

The assumption that all three parties worked under was Mohandas K. Gandhi's quote:

First they ignore you,
 Then they laugh at you,
 Then they fight you,

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YES! FOR VOTER VERIFIABLE PAPER BALLOTS

by Paul Tiger

- * Would you like to have your Libertarian voice heard in your community?
- * Would you like to have the press call you and ask your opinion and then actually print what you have to say?
- * Without spending tons of sweat and money?

This is an issue that is multi-partisan and is of interest to all that wish to be able to have some effect on their environment through the ballot box.

Between January 2004 and January 2006 new federal and state legislation will be forcing changes in the method by which all Americans will vote, and how the votes will be tallied.

The new methods that are proposed and the only ones being certified are all manufactured by for-profit companies with proprietary hardware and secret software.

The most important issue as seen by computer scientists; civil libertarians; county and state clerks, and Joe-in-the-street is a Voter Verifiable Paper Ballot.

These new systems were created to report the tallies at the close of polls. The goal is instant gratification for incumbents and challengers.

But if you press a VOTE button and you don't see a printed ballot, how do you know what your vote was? Furthermore, think about how the tally is kept in a computer. A recount would pretty much be constituted by pressing the Total button as many times as you liked. If the software had been rigged, you would always get the same answer.

A Voter Verifiable Paper Ballot being created by computers in polling locations; that can be read there and confirmed on an opto-scanner or by direct manual examination, that's your ballot. You can always fall back to manual counting if you suspect errors in the programming, or foul play. If the ballot can be seen printed on paper, humans can always count them and beat a rigged system.

The US and many states have had a long history with elections rigging. Small and large conspiracies in many states proof enough for this Libertarian.

The proponents of the new laws in the elections division of the Secretary of State's office think that the Help America Vote Act is addressing a civil rights issue. It provides support for the Americans for Disabilities Act. However, while it is nice to give the disabled the ability to cast a secret vote, the regulation requires the replacement of all of the existing equipment, and the elimination of all paper ballots.

Alice Madden (D-HD10-Boulder) has authored a bill (HB04-1296) now in committee in the state house that requires that electronic voting devices produce a paper ballot, and that it be counted. The LPCO supports this bill.

Get involved locally; at the state; and federal levels. There are local citizen's groups meeting all across the nation, and many cities in Colorado. ColoradoVoter.org is a good resource for information.

This is not about what party you are a member of, this is about whether your vote will be counted!

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### Campaign - from page 1

We will put you to work. If you have not volunteered yet, but have been thinking about it, quit thinking and e-mail the Campaigns Director immediately!

For inspiration see the fantastic campaign being run by Travis Nicks for Arapahoe County Clerk.

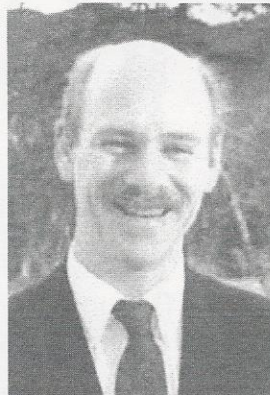
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THE LP MAKES IT EASY TO RUN FOR OFFICE

By Rand Fanshier



"It's never too late to be what you might have been" - George Eliot

When campaigns director Michael McKinzie approached me with the opportunity to run for House District 13, my first thought was, "No way - I don't even have time to do what I have on my plate right now!" But as I considered the matter, I realized what a value it will be this year, in a presidential election season, for the libertarian message to be heard in the debates and in the press. And based on my ad-hoc contact with people on the street, it had become manifestly clear that most of the voting public no longer felt that their interests were being represented by our public officials. As far as personal reasons to do it, in my 2 years of on and off again activism, I felt had only begun to grasp today's political landscape and bring my sophomore understanding of libertarian

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SUPREME'S RULE AGAINST THE CITY! by Deb Hamm

The Colorado Supreme Court: "holds that an urban renewal authority does not retain the power to condemn a parcel located within an urban renewal area when that parcel has been sold to a private entity, developed in accordance with the goals of an urban renewal plan, and formally released by the authority."

An urban renewal authority's condemnation power is derived exclusively from Colorado's Urban Renewal Law, which authorizes condemnation of private property for the sole purpose of eliminating or preventing the spread of blight."

Shawn Mitchell's bill addresses the high costs for property owners to fight the city and developers with deep pockets, just to hold onto their property. Lois Tochtrop's bill died, a partisan shame, as it would have more narrowly defined eminent domain. Republicans will get their own bill passed, rather than Tochtrop's. Feathers are quickly being jammed into bonnets, for the next election. Even if it means their bills will be unrecognizable in the end. Just "get one passed". FreeArvada.com

FREE STATE PROJECT - NEGATIVE IMPACT ON LIBERTY?

By John Thomas

There has been a distinct drop off in activism in the LP. There are many factors - bad economy, troubles at National, off election year and Iraqi war blues.

However there is another factor as well. The Free State Project (FSP). It's not my goal to pick a fight with the Free Staters nor do I intend to debate the merits of the project.

Talking to some, not all, of the folks who have signed up for the FSP, one would get the impression that utopia is around the corner. I've been given the impression that many have abdicated from local activism in favor of the FSP.

I also have been given the impression that they believe that "when" the 20,000 people of the FSP head to their final destination that "numbers alone" will do the job for winning liberty for them.

If you have signed up for FSP, are still active locally and realize that you have quite a huge undertaking ahead of you, obviously this article is not aimed at you.

If the FSP pulls off without a hitch and the 20,000 people who say they will move do so, they are in for the fight of their lives. Do you believe for a moment that the established powers will sit idly by and wait for the FSP to come take over their state? I can guarantee the media of the target state will be sure to "educate" the citizenry of the load of "nut cases" that are heading their way. The state house of the FSP target state will pass the most restrictive third party and independent laws ever seen. The combined coffers of the Democratic and Republican parties will flow from across the nation into the FSP target state. In short, the members of the FSP will likely face a political battle that will dwarf anything freedom fighters have seen since we shot at guys in funny red coats with muskets.

Am I suggesting the battle can't be won or that they should give up now? Not in the least. However, I am suggesting that if FSP members think that they can win with minimal effort and no preparation, they are dooming the FSP to failure.

At this point the FSP has two realistic ways to go. The project will launch as anticipated and 20,000 people will pack and move to the target state or organizational difficulties won't allow the project to launch at all.

For FSP to have a hope of success, all its members have to be battle hardened political warriors with all their skills fresh with current knowledge of organizational

methods, campaign strategies and issues that matter to the electorate.

The FSP will arrive in the bull's-eye with the combined political might of the nation pointed right at them. The FSP can't afford to have people show up who have been politically inactive, who are slowly trying to get themselves ramped up to work again. They can't afford the time to train the inexperienced up to task. They can't afford internal fights over organizational concepts and multiple failed experiments to find out what works. They can't afford to attempt things that "seemed" to work okay in 1990 but are too dated to be effective now.

The only hope of the FSP is to have members who are ready to volunteer and are experienced in what works and what doesn't.

FSP members need to be active with their local affiliates now. They need to be able to walk into the FSP target state with a habit of so many hours per week (or day) committed to the work of liberty. They need to start with current knowledge of what works and doesn't in a functioning political organizations. They need fresh experience in running for or helping someone else run for office.

There's an additional reason to pitch in an effort behind your local affiliate if you want to give the FSP a fighting chance. How many times have we heard of a Libertarian getting elected to a local office (or even state level office) somewhere in the U.S. only to have the major parties put all the pressure they could muster against them in the next election, and snuff them out? If FSP members get active locally before they head off to their target state, they would create a nationwide surge for the LP that would force the major parties to direct some of their anti-liberty resources to local flash points rather than throwing all of it at the FSP. The surge may fuel enough activity to keep momentum going at the local level even after the FSP packs up and moves.

What if the FSP just doesn't work and nobody moves? It could happen.

Projects of this sort have fallen flat before. By not helping your local affiliate you are burning a bridge that may not be able to be rebuilt. If FSP fails, are you planning on giving up? If not, you had better hope that there is a viable political organization locally to carry on the fight.

In summary, the FSP is going to require more effort from its members than they

were doing in their previous locality. The FSP will be in the middle of an apocalyptic fight for liberty. The FSP can only succeed if its members are experienced and ready to work. And finally, a FSP member helping their local affiliate not only prepares them for the battle ahead but also creates other targets for the Republicans and Democrats to engage.

Utopia is not an option and the hard work begins now.

GET INTO LIBERTY!

Send images & articles about your affiliate, what's going on in your town, etc... Don't rely on the editor. I won't write all the articles. It's up to YOU!

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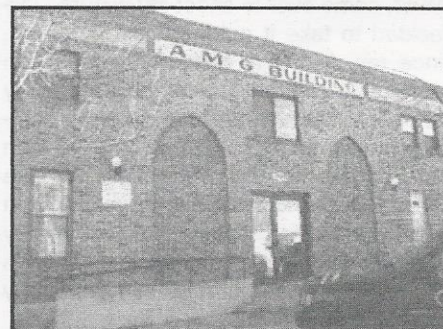
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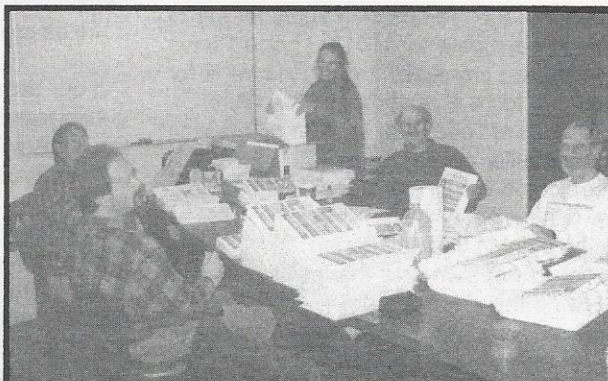
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Stuffing the Bench Ads

LP MAKES IT EASY - Cont from pg 2

There's no better self-improvement system on earth that can compare with allowing one's convictions and grasp of the subject to be tested in the fire of public exposure. It seems the public never asks the questions you want them to ask, and they always come up with a new wrinkle that your perfectly crafted solution fails to address! So, one evening in January, I told Michael, "OK-I'll do it."

I spent half an hour with Michael on the phone, and we went on the internet at the same time and he showed me what documents and forms had to be downloaded and printed out. Apparently, he was prepared to mail them to me if I didn't have a computer and printer. I spent a couple of hours one evening filling out the forms, and one of them had to be notarized. Fortunately, my fiancé was a notary which made that part easy, but if I had to, my bank offers notary service for free and I could have taken the paperwork down there. I made two copies of the forms, one for Michael and one for my records, and then I mailed the originals to the Secretary of State's office. That completed the legal requirements of my candidacy.

Okay - now I had to get down to putting together a message for the voting public, and a nice digital photo of myself in a suit and tie. I spent another evening crafting the key message points for my campaign, and later that week a friend of mine, Jeffrey Oliver, came over to shoot my picture. We decided to take it outdoors on my porch, since my district is basically a mountain community and that would show me in my element. Michael had me send my campaign message and photo by email to Tom Parker, who is the webmaster for the www.LPCOCandidates.org website. Tom added me to the list of candidates, and by clicking on my name, journalists and voters and other libertarians now can get to my campaign information.

What's next is to get to convention in Estes Park the last weekend in May, and hope that the membership votes for me to be the candidate for HD13. I hope I have shown you how easy the procedure is for applying to be a candidate in the LP.

Thanks to Judd Ptak and the others who got us ballot access back in the 90's, it is your job now to fill every available candidacy. Otherwise, what

is the point in your libertarian belief in freedom and this political party? Let's do this thing, it's easy: Call, leave a message, and get the ball rolling today!

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## Nicks Campaign - cont from pg 1

Then you win.

**Ignore** - We ourselves chose to ignore the Democrat who was unable to get sufficient signatures to be on the ballot. We described the election as only two candidates on the ballot, even though the Democrat was announcing she was a write-in candidate and trying to earn the respect of anyone fighting her, but we and the Republicans judiciously ignored her.

**Laugh** - The Republicans generically campaigned and specifically ignored us. We, Libertarians, never were threatening enough to prompt them to fight us. Any attempts to laugh at us were frustrated by Travis being so good. Mr. Nicks gave them no opportunity to laugh at anything.

**Fight** - We fought the Republican and lost. The Republican had the name recognition and resources to exploit the absentee ballot voting population and was able to successfully ignore and avoid us.

**WIN** - We squeaked by the Democrats and took SECOND Place. The questions I want to be asked here in Arapahoe County are: "Are the Democrats competing with Libertarians to be the first Third Party in Arapahoe County."

or "Has the Libertarian Party graduated to Second Party status in Arapahoe County?"

Visibility and Credibility:

**Yard Signs** - We won the yard sign war. I know of a Republican who after the election took one of our signs to use it as a model for the next political campaign he is in. That's flattery. We done good.

**Media** - We read all the newspapers, spotted Tracy Baker's debate challenge, convinced Peter Boyles to host a debate and both Tracy and the Republican refused to attend and Mr. Nicks got great PR. The sequel was the Aaron Harbor show, where Baker attended, but still we haven't seen the Republican.

Travis Nicks had endorsement interviews with The Denver Post, The Rocky Mountain News, and the Aurora Sentinel. He did not get any endorsements, but only because he was young - 27. Old man, you done us proud.

What if's:

If our base had been better, or if we had gotten significant endorsements, if we had the monies for newspaper ads, then maybe the Republican game plan might have collapsed.

One on one I spoke with disgruntled Republicans disappointed with President Bush's identity theft of the Democratic agenda, and I thought a sizeable percentage might use this election as a statement opportunity. I was wrong.

I was hoping guilt by association of party might have tarred the Republican with

Baker fallout. - I was wrong.

In an election in which there were only two candidates on the ballot, I thought members of the other major party would cast votes our way - I was wrong.

I thought the Uncle Nasty constituency might impact the election more. - I was wrong.

I am humbled by Travis putting it to the test and concede we need to do more.

Future Game Plan:

We must create a tipping point. . I encourage everyone to read Gladwell's book *The Tipping Point*. Personally, I am searching for the elements of a self sustaining chain reaction to build our base. If not "self sustaining", at least minimum friction.

Basic Theoretical Question:

Which is easier to do:

- 1) persuade a non voter to vote Libertarian or
- 2) convert a non Libertarian voter to vote Libertarian?

Applied Solutions:

Uncle Nasty may work on the first half. On the second half, I'm speculating about sending "World's Smallest Political Quiz" to Republican and Democrat primary voters and let them consider assessing their candidates in an authoritarian vs. libertarian context. I'm eager to hear others thoughts on this topic.

In Summary:

Newton is reported to have said: If I saw further it was only because I was able to stand on the shoulders of giants like Galileo. Lincoln stood on his own long legs and Fremont's shoulders. Mr. Nicks, you too, are one of the giants. Thank you, we are tasked with broadening the base, and being more worthy of you next election.

Frank Atwood 720/260-1493

Treasurer

Side Bar #1

In the beginning, August 2003, I saw a Denver Post article that explained the different candidate signature petition requirements for the Tracy Baker, Arapahoe County embattled County Clerk recall election. The approximate numbers were: Republicans - 4,000, Democrats - 8,000 and others "only" 750. I clarified that we the LP qualified as "others" and started sending out pleas for someone in Arapahoe County to run. I speculated that it might be a competitive two way race. Ralph Shelnevar heard my plea and Travis volunteered. The Democrats weren't able to get on the ballot. We had a two way race

*"Diplomacy is the art of saying 'nice doggie' until you can find a rock" - Will Rogers*



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## THE SHORT SELL

In the past few years of campaigning I learned quite a bit from people who consider themselves to be Libertarian activists. What they are are salespeople.

After a career in selling technology, I thought that this would be easy for me. First, you have to know your product. If I didn't get one customer, I did indeed learn my product.

I don't want to be insulting to the Libertarian Ideal to suggest that you can sell it like you can sell hard drives. You can't, but the philosophies of the buyers and sellers are very similar.

Someone isn't going to buy hard drives unless they have a need, and the same is true of liberty. If people have a need for it, they will listen to your pitch.

If you knew that someone wasn't in the market for your commodity then why would you spend (waste) your time speaking to them?

So here I am standing around in a booth, trying to figure out who in the crowd wants to buy liberty? Nobody's wearing badges like at the shows, so I can't tell the buyers from the browsers. I'm lost with knowledge and skill, because I can't identify my potential customers.

Even working a group, what glimmer am I looking for? What's the best demographic for our target market? There were plenty of senior Libertarians around to coach me, and incorporated with my own style I have since found many ways to recognize an opportunity to sell Liberty.

While we all plan large and small events to attract new membership, let's remember to put some effort into the short sell.

I identify the short sell for Liberty in two ways: one is that seek to mention Libertarianism in a way that prompts a question about it, or invites queries for further investigation; and secondly to sell to the buyer's needs, always leaving them with a question about their current level of Liberty. Never give a satisfactory pat answer. Leave a question in the mind of the buyer. And never take more than a few minutes.

My goal in the short sell is to attract true Libertarians. The ones that will bother to educate themselves and join the party of determined free will. Let them research

their purchase and buy because they need Liberty.

The long or hard sell serves to waste your time, and that of the potential buyer. They need time to think, they want you to shut up. In closing any big sale (or small), I have always valued the need for silence while the buyer was making a decision. The same is true for selling Liberty. The buyer is making a decision of personal choice. Making an outward statement of a belief system. Making a change. Like coming out.

In your daily efforts, whenever possible, remember the short sell. Someone at work asks your opinion, and you respond, "Well as a Libertarian...". Or overhearing someone say something about taxes, pitch in your fifth wheel comment on how that wouldn't be a concern if Libertarians were elected. And keep on walking.

Let your customers come to you. Find out in your own circles whom the vacillating Libertarians are. Get them started, but let them finish.

When you are in a crowd at an outreach event, you can go out and seed the area with pamphlets and the short sell. Go back to the booth and let them come to you. You'll have wasted a quarter on printed materials for those that don't have a pressing need for Liberty, and an investment overflowing with dividends from capturing the minds and hearts of those that join the Libertarian Party.

*Paul Tiger, Candidate for Boulder County Commissioner —  
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Extra, Extra, Extra, NEW CANDIDATES, NEW SPEAKERS, NEW TWIST ON HB 1142

This years state Libertarian Convention, dubbed "The Faces of Liberty" to be held at the Holiday Inn in Estes Park, has just gotten bigger.

This years Presidential Candidate hopefuls will be speaking. As you may or may not be aware, film producer Aaron Russo has just thrown his hat into the ring. For the first time in Colorado we will be holding a non-binding primary for the Presidential race.

Besides the previously announced speakers, a high ranking, retired Denver Cop, speaks, for the first time, about what REALLY happened at Columbine. Also appearing will be Peter Hendrickson, who's book "Tax Code" blows apart common misconceptions about the income tax and the IRS. This seminar alone is worth the price

of the convention. Joining this fine line up will be Radio's own Uncle Nasty of KBPI, wait until you hear what he has to say....

1142 HOW WILL IT AFFECT OUR PARTY??? Some claim that the LPCO must change it's bi-laws and constitution, in order to abide by this new minor party law. Others claim that adhering to this law will put us in violation of the National Party's rules. Would this mean we would cease to be a Libertarian affiliate??? Who is right. Both? Neither? The lines have been drawn, this is going to be one hot debate, that you will not want to miss.

The Free State Project will be present. New Hampshire has been chosen, but has it? Many dislike the idea of moving to this state. As a result of this a second free state project has begun. Boston T Party has chosen the second runner up, Wyoming, as the new free state. Watch this topic be debated as East vs. West. Be there to hear them and decide for your self, which is right for you.

This years convention organizers have offered business owners within the party an opportunity to advertise at the convention, rent a table to sell their goods, and/or on the convention web site (www.lpcon2004.com). If you are interested please call (303) 669-9111.

The Holiday Inn in Estes Park is located minutes from Rocky Mountain National Park, with the towns great charm a short walk away. For information on the rates or to make reservations please call (970) 586-2333, or call Tom Parker for convention information @ (303) 665-2150. (see add on page).

Don't miss what could be the greatest LPCO convention yet, as we debate the hottest topics to face us this decade!

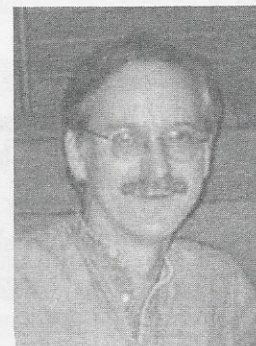
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## CAMPAIGNS REPORT

by Michael McKenzie

It's past time for our Candidates to be up and running. If

you've been thinking about running, now is the time to decide YES!! If you've already decided to run, have we talked to you? If not, please e-mail the Campaigns Director immediately. If you have



not heard from a member of the Campaigns Team within the last week, there is a good chance that you've fallen through the cracks. Please e-mail the



Campaigns Director immediately! We are updating our list and need to make sure all Notaries are on it. If you are not a Notary Public, please consider becoming one. It's cheap, easy and a great help to the LPCO. We will need all Notaries to attend the business portion of the State Convention this year. There's a lot of work to be done at the State Convention.

If you have run for public office before, and do not intend to run again, be a Campaign Manager. If you have some experience that you feel qualifies you for this position, please e-mail the Campaigns Director.

The Campaigns Department can always use volunteers. If you volunteered for something, and have not heard from a member of the mail the Campaigns Director immediately! You may have slipped through a crack.

#### ED Blights Rights - from page 1

Funny how those slums keep "moving" around, morphing into a differently named "blights", with a "different" façade. Keeps it going and going and taking and taking - proving that what they "do do" doesn't work! The big box stores soon go belly up, which few businesses can afford, except another BB, which again "needs" subsidizing, from US.

Urban renewal entities condemned "slum land", selling to private developers. The Supreme's upheld condemnation using "public purpose" rather than "public use". Saying Congress must have very broad discretion in using public objectives. That the purpose of eliminating slum was eminently justifiable and esthetic purposes might be sufficient to justify a taking.

ED abuse expanded to housing and retail developers, who in collusion with governments, have systematically destroyed our RIGHT to build our own homes and provide for our families. With mass quantities of regulations, it predisposes us from attaining truly affordable, "sustainable", homes - not reliant upon "public utilities" and their high cost.

We are dependent upon a system that further destroys our lands, by continuously building roads into forests - to "protect us" from wildfires. A little examination will lead one to find that the excuses are simply ways of smoothing the way for future corporate/government/industry driven developments, who mask their true intentions behind quasi-governments, and their "rulings".

A project in a "blighted" Denver area, which has some "small low-income" housing, is being offered to a developer, so he can build low-income housing, with a beginning price of only \$175k. What if you could build a home for less than \$50K? We are being denied the RIGHT to build our own home, in a way that best suits each of us. Discriminatory land sales, being "pre-offered" to developers, with tax funded subsidies, disallows us a level playing field and the opportunity to bid on the lots, not to mention the inability to build what you want. This is the land of the Free?



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