

Free Orange County

"I moved to America because I love the freedom of choice, but I see that being eroded more and more by the government."

— *Billy Idol*

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Boddie Senatorial Campaign Gears Up

Supporters organize to raise funds, earn votes

By David Bergland

Be sure you get the name right. **Richard B. Boddie**, a.k.a. "Dick" Boddie, is working hard to be the Libertarian candidate for U.S. Senate from California in 1992. Coming off his long and productive campaign for the Libertarian presidential nomination, Boddie, of Huntington Beach, is taking steps to ride the momentum into the Senate nomination.

Boddie and supporters from several states met at the Viscount Hotel near LAX on September 28 to begin the campaign, covering several objectives: (1) To review the Boddie for President campaign experience to document the lessons learned there; (2) To establish a strategy to obtain the LPC U.S. Senate nomination for Boddie; and (3) To establish an organization to implement that strategy.

One key result of the meeting was the adoption of a "mission statement" for the campaign: "To restore the American dream of individual freedom and personal responsibility by making the Libertarian choice a viable alternative for the voters of California in 1992."

Most significant of goals adopted was to achieve in excess of one million Libertarian votes in the 1992 U.S. Senate campaign. This is obviously ambitious when one considers that it would exceed Ed Clark's 1980 presidential vote total (the highest

yet) gathered from the entire country. On the other hand, the LP is much better known than in 1980, the Democrats are declining rapidly, and the electorate is much more receptive to voting for alternatives. Whether a million votes is a realistic or overly optimistic goal will be determined by how much Libertarians are willing to put in to the campaign and the attitudes of California voters on election day.

Participating in the planning were, from Orange County, **Dave Nolan, Roger Bloxham, Lynn Atherton-Bloxham, Brian Schar, Gary Hull, Rock Wylie**, and **Scott Bieser**. Atherton-Bloxham is affiliated with the Heartland Institute, a public policy foundation centered in Chicago.

Also in attendance were **Chuck Geshliger** and **Tamara Clark**, of Las Vegas. Clark is a feminist activist and a former Democrat. From the other extreme was **Linda Grau**, a former conservative Republican, who will be leading the Public Relations work for Boddie. Linda's first decision, based on scientific polling, was that from now on Boddie's first name is Richard, rather than the familiar nickname.

The next planning and organizing meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 3 at 3 p.m., at a location in Pomona to be determined. All interested persons are urged to attend. For more information contact **Jerry Collette** at (818)909-9445.

Special election of OCLP Central Committee Officers

The offices of vice-chair, treasurer and secretary will be filled by election at this month's meeting, Tuesday, Oct. 15.

For location and time, see back page.

OCLP officers to be chosen this month

A sudden crop of vacancies among the county party officers will result in special elections to fill the offices of vice-president, secretary and treasurer. The elections were called at the Sept. 17 meeting to be held this Oct. 15.

Brian Schar was recently elected to the Chair position vacated by **Roger Bloxham**, who resigned to pursue some private business. Schar had heretofore been both Secretary and joint-Treasurer with Bloxham. Thus when Schar moved up he effectively vacated two positions.

Steve Marczeski, the county vice-chair, also resigned because he is moving out of the area.

The OCLP treasurer manages the party's bank account and books. The secretary picks up mes-

sages from the party's auto-answer phone line and passes them along to the proper departments. The vice-chair assists the chair and runs meetings in the chair's place if he/she is absent.

At this point the only announced candidate for any of these positions is **Richard Boddie**, who is also running for U.S. Senate in 1992.

Ironically, Schar may be unable to attend this month's meeting due to a scheduling conflict. This leaves Bloxham, as Chair Emeritus, in charge of running the meeting until the new vice chair is elected. It seems Bloxham can't get away from running meetings, although he did get out of writing a Chair's Column for this issue.

Candidates needed for Campaign '92

It should come as no surprise that the Libertarian Party is a political party and that one of its primary functions is to run candidates for public office. Indeed, the party was created on the premise that political candidates have a broad public forum in which to promote libertarian ideas and that doing so will hasten the spread of these ideas and their implementation.

Now, it's up to you.

The opportunities for libertarian ideas and the LP have never been better. No one trusts the career politicians any more. Recent events, such as the David McCann campaign, indicate that 1992 LPC candidates will multiply vote totals from the past. It is important that, in every election, the voters have the chance to vote Libertarian. If that happens, some might even be elected. We won't know unless we try.

This means that our goal should be to have a Libertarian candidate on the ballot for every position. Those who have been candidates in the past will tell you that there are great rewards that come from meeting the challenges of organizing a campaign and meeting people. In these changing times, with the public so much more receptive to our ideas than ever, being a representative of the LPC is sure to pay substantial dividends in personal growth.

Offices available for filing in Orange County include two U.S. Senate seats and several U.S.

Congress, State Senate and Assembly seats.

Filing for all offices begins in January, so there is no time to waste. For more information, call Campaign '92 Director **Ted Brown** at (818) 568-8404 or Orange County Chair **Brian Schar** at (714) 840-6833.

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McCann gets 38 percent of vote

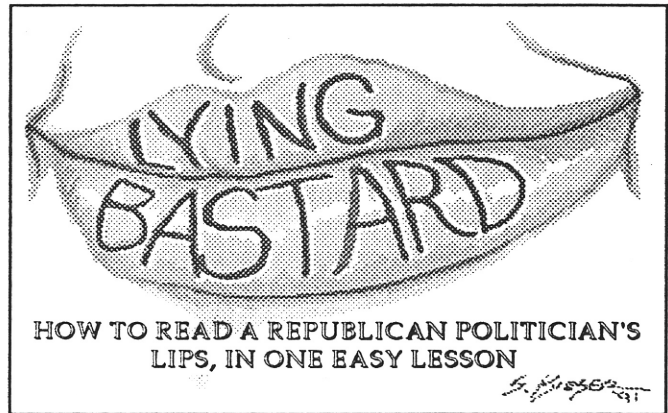
Right-wing Republicans led by Richardson renege on \$50,000 pledge

Dr. David McCann, Libertarian Party candidate in a special election for State Assembly in the 5th District (Sacramento), won 11,760 votes (37.8 percent) against Republican B.T. Collins' 19,377 votes (62.2 percent). This showing is a record for Libertarian candidates in Assembly elections. There was no Democrat in the race.

By comparison, McCann had a higher vote percentage in this two-way contest in a safe Republican district than the Democratic candidate running against Republican Mickey Conroy in a similar special election in the 67th Assembly District in Orange County on the same day.

The 5th District includes parts of Sacramento and Placer Counties. Conservatives were upset that Collins, a career bureaucrat and Chief of Staff for former Governor Jerry Brown, was the Republican nominee. McCann received support from the Gun Owners of California, American Pistol & Rifle Association, National Tax Limitation Committee, and Ted Costa of People's Advocate. Before the election, the National Rifle Association pledged to help McCann with volunteers and direct mail, but failed to perform.

Conservatives led by former State Senator H.L. Richardson pledged to raise \$50,000 provided Libertarians pledged \$30,000. Libertarians met this unprecedented challenge with pledges exceeding \$30,000 contingent upon performance by the conservatives. Richardson reneged, lamely arguing that McCann was not anti-abortion enough to suit conservative contributors.



There are some valuable lessons here. The McCann campaign, with a budget of only \$15,000, had a great success. With the planned \$80,000 budget, he could have been elected. In fact, he was very close at the polls on election day, but lost the absentee ballots by 6,000 votes.

We also made a positive impression with all the gun rights organizations and individual gun owners. They are beginning to learn that it is only the Libertarians who can be trusted to uphold their right to own firearms. They have also learned that the Libertarians will do what they say when a deal is made.

One more positive result of the McCann campaign was a thirty percent growth in the Sacramento County LP. This shows that 1992 will be a magnificent year for LP growth and wider acceptance of libertarian ideas. All we need is good candidates and member

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Meeting Time & Place

The Orange County Libertarian Party will meet Tuesday, Oct. 15 at The Neighborhood Community Center in Costa Mesa, located at 1875 Park. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting begins at 7 p.m.

For up-to-the-minute details concerning the next meeting please call party Chair Brian Schar at 840-6833.

South County Meeting

Libertarians in the southern party of the county also meet the fourth Tuesday of each month in Laguna Beach.

Jim and Linda Rushing organize these meetings at the Laguna Beach Hotel, 425 S. Coast Highway. This month the meeting will be in the Catalina Room from 7 to 10 p.m.

How to get here from there

ADAMS

From the 405 FWY, take Harbor Blvd. south to 19th, turn right, then turn left on Park. The Community Center will be on the right.

HARBOR

FAIRVIEW

From Highway 55 take the detour onto Victoria over to Harbor, turn left, go to 19th, turn right, then turn left on Park.

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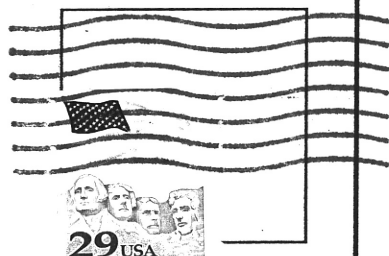
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