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F.A.Q. about an IMPORTANT UPDATE regarding moving the LPCA 2023 State Convention

The Libertarian Party of California Executive Committee has made some changes that impact the 2023 State Convention. Our bylaws require 120 days' notice for our conventions, and in accordance with that timing requirement, notice was given to the membership for the event to be held at the DoubleTree Hotel, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, CA 95815.

For reasons that are discussed below, the Executive Committee recently cancelled our contract for meeting space with the DoubleTree and has instead signed a contract for meeting space at the Embassy Suites, 100 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA 95814. However, the Executive Committee cannot on its own move the convention after the 120-day notice deadline has passed. Only the convention delegates can officially do that.

This F.A.Q. will hopefully address the questions that arise from this decision.

Q: Don't our bylaws require the setting of the location of the convention 120 days in advance?

A: Yes. And because it is too late for the Executive Committee to move the convention site – only the delegates can agree to adjourn the convention to a new location – an extra step will be necessary for convention delegates to act and agree to move the convention from the DoubleTree to the Embassy Suites. Because notice was given for the convention to occur at the DoubleTree, that is where the convention must be called to order initially. Then those delegates present at the DoubleTree can adopt a motion to officially adjourn the event to the Embassy Suites.

This could be done if no one but the LPCA chair were present at the DoubleTree, however it is important for full disclosure to understand that because our bylaws have no hard minimum number for quorum, the call to order at the DoubleTree will begin the convention with power to act in the name of the convention. The chair and the secretary will be present at the DoubleTree at 8:30 a.m. in the lobby of the hotel to call the convention to order. The chair anticipates an immediate motion to adjourn the convention from that location and reconvene a short time after at the Embassy Suites. When such a motion is adopted, then the convention can officially move to the Embassy Suites.

Obviously it would not be practical or efficient to have 100+ people show up at the DoubleTree for a motion to adjourn when we have no contracted meeting space there. On the other hand, we don't want an unrepresentative group trying to conduct business there while others are waiting at the Embassy Suites trusting that the convention will move there. If you wish to assist in the moving of the convention you can show up at the DoubleTree to help formally adjourn our convention to the Embassy Suites. All Parliamentarians that were consulted agree that once the meeting at the Doubletree is called to order a motion can be made immediately to adjourn the meeting to Embassy Suites.

Q: Why did the Executive Committee decide to cancel the contract with the DoubleTree and sign a contract with the Embassy Suites?

A: When the DoubleTree was researched as a location for the 2023 convention in early 2022, the Convention Committee was unaware of any upcoming remodeling projects. When the final contract was signed to hold the convention at the DoubleTree in June 2022, plans for remodeling the hotel had begun and the event staff assured the ExCom that remodeling would be done in time for the 2023 convention. During the December 10th, 2022 4th Quarter Executive Committee meeting at The DoubleTree location,

the ExCom was informed that due to a labor shortage, the remodeling would probably not be completed by the time of our convention. Access between rooms and the convention space would be blocked by construction requiring people to go outside. In addition, many of the rooms that have not been remodeled are of a condition that many of those who attended the Dec. 10th meeting and stayed at the hotel in unremodeled rooms did not feel it was worth the \$139/night, in addition to the musty smells.

Q: How much are rooms at the Embassy Suites?

A: The room rate for The Embassy Suites is \$229/night. This is a \$90 difference, but the perks at the new location will offset the price. The Embassy Suites include a complimentary hot breakfast buffet with omelet station at their Marketplace Café, Friday 6:30-9:30am, Sat. & Sun. 7:00-10:30am. In addition, for those who did not get a package that includes speakers, there is a balcony area above where the speakers will be. You can take your free breakfast and listen to the speakers. The current convention package to have access to see speakers and breakfast both mornings, Saturday & Sunday, is currently \$150. In addition, between 5:00 to 7:00pm, The Embassy Suites hosts a complimentary wine/beer/ spirits bar, so free alcoholic beverages (no limit between 5 and 7pm) is another way this offsets the cost difference between the two hotels.

If you stay two nights, the difference is \$180+taxes between the two hotels. However, minus access to speakers on the balcony with a free hot breakfast (\$150 equivalent value), if you think you will drink more than \$30 in free alcoholic beverages over the duration of the convention (Friday night through late Sunday), then you are monetarily ahead.

With the current Embassy Suites contract, the LPCA has only 83 room nights booked at the rate of \$229/ night. So if you want to switch hotels, do so soon as soon as possible to guarantee the group rate.

You can book a room at The Embassy Suites three ways:

- 1) Visit the link here: <https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=SACESES&groupCode=CESLPC&arrivaldate=2023-02-16&departuredate=2023-02-19&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>
- 2) Visit www.sacramento.embassysuites.com and make a reservation using the group/convention code: **LPC**.
- 3) Call **(916) 326-5000** and let the Front Desk Agent know you would like to make a reservation under the **Libertarian Party of CA** discounted rate.

Please keep in mind that all reservations must be in by **January 27, 2023**.

Q: Will having the convention at the Embassy Suites cost the LPCA more money?

A: Both The DoubleTree and The Embassy Suites are Hilton properties. The DoubleTree has agreed that they are not up to snuff to hold our convention as we originally contracted and were willing to let the contract end with no penalties or fees. They hope in the future, once their property is remodeled, we will consider them for a future state convention or other events. There is no difference in the contractual cost of the convention between the DoubleTree and Embassy Suite.

Q: How far apart are the two hotels?

A: The distance between from The DoubleTree Hotel, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, CA 95815 and The Embassy Suites, 100 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA 95814, is between 6 to 8 miles, depending on which route you take. The drive time between the two hotels is 12 to 15 minutes, given light to moderate traffic.

Q: What is the parking situation at The Embassy Suites?

A: There are many parking options.

- 1) The Embassy Suites offers only valet parking for \$35/day with unlimited in and out privileges. All the parking spaces underneath the hotel are for valet parking only.
- 2) Across the street is Tower Bridge Garage, 1289 Front Street and Capitol Mall. There is a crosswalk right across Capitol Mall (Street) between this garage and Embassy Suites. The daily rate is \$24/day and the garage is open 24 hours with **weekend pre-pay rates of \$10**. Make sure you park in this red brick building, not the One Capitol Mall Parking, which is a cream-colored building and closed on the weekends. Read all the information regarding parking rates info at this link: <https://www.cityofsacramento.org/Public-Works/Parking-Services/Lots-and-Garages/Rates>
- 3) To the east and a 2 minute walk across the bridge over the I-5/99 Freeway, is X Lot, another Sacramento public parking lot with a rate of \$15/ weekday rate, evening rate of \$5/4pm-6am, and **weekend rate of \$5/day**. Parkmobile #551. Access to parking lot is from the corner of 2nd St and N St. More info on this page: <https://www.cityofsacramento.org/Public-Works/Parking-Services/Lots-and-Garages/Rates>
- 4) If you want to search for more parking option, the map to public parking can be found here: <https://www.cityofsacramento.org/Public-Works/Parking-Services/Parking-Map>
Rates on the various lots can be found here: <https://www.cityofsacramento.org/Public-Works/Parking-Services/Lots-and-Garages/Rates>

Q: If I already have a reservation with The DoubleTree, and don't want to spend more money, must I change hotels?

A: No, you do not need to cancel your reservation with The DoubleTree if you want to stay there. If you are willing to stay in a hotel that is a 15 minute drive, plus time to find parking, get credentialed and be ready to start business each morning, you can keep your reservation. If you have difficulty getting up in the morning, you may find it more convenient to stay at The Embassy Suites hotel.

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Q: If I have already made a reservation at the DoubleTree and want to move to the Embassy Suites, do I need to contact the DoubleTree?

A: Yes, if you decide you would prefer to stay at the Embassy Suites and currently have a reservation at the DoubleTree there will no be cancellation fee, but please be sure to cancel that reservation no later than 24 hours prior to your scheduled Check-in or you may be charged for your first night's stay. You can call them to cancel your reservation at [\(916\) 929-8855](tel:(916)929-8855).

Q: What are some other benefits to moving the convention to the new location?

A: The Embassy Suites is located right at the south end of Old Sacramento. There are multiple places to go for morning coffee, lunch, dinner and drinks within walking distance. With The Doubletree, the hotel restaurant is not open during lunch and their evening dining menu is extremely limited, and based on reviews of those who ate there on Dec. 10th for the evening fundraiser, the food wasn't that very good either. The Embassy Suites has the Marketplace Café and Tower Bridge Bistro for in-hotel dining. FYI, a hot chocolate with brandy was \$12 at The DoubleTree, which makes the complementary 5-7pm drinks at

The Embassy Suites a bargain, in that respect. All restaurant options required driving from The DoubleTree.

A benefit of the new location is that The Embassy Suites is a 0.6 mile/12 minute walk, or short Uber/Lyft, from the Sacramento Amtrak Station, if you wish to take the Amtrak Capitol Corridor Train between San Jose/Oakland/San Francisco and Sacramento.

You can see the route map with stations here: <https://www.capitolcorridor.org/route-map/>

You can view the train schedule here: <https://www.capitolcorridor.org/schedules/>

Cost of a round trip ticket from Oakland to Sacramento would be about \$58.

In addition, there are attractions within walking distance of The Embassy Suites:

Old Sac: Restaurants, bars and shopping area hub, 3 by 5 blocks of the Old West, the original downtown Sacramento on the river, located north, right across the street from The Embassy Suites hotel. <https://www.oldSacramento.com/>

Laughs Unlimited Comedy Club, 3 minute walk north in Old Sac: <https://www.laughsunlimited.com/>

California State Railroad Museum, 8 minute walk, at the north end of Old Sac: <https://www.californiarailroad.museum/>

Old Sacramento Underground Tours, 8 minute walk: <http://sachistorymuseum.org/tours/underground-tours/>

Crocker Art Museum, 6 minute walk south: <https://www.crockerart.org/>

California Automobile Museum, 1 mile walk or 4 minute drive south: <https://www.calautomuseum.org/>