

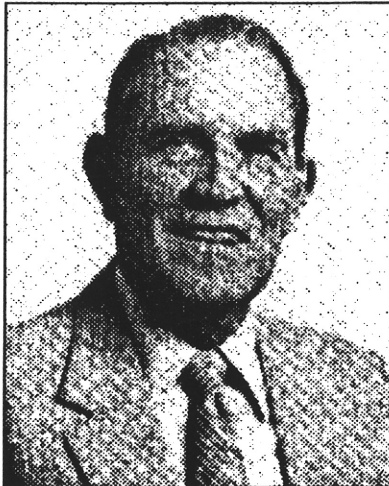
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Libertarian wins city council seat

Villa Park activist Bob Patchin credits long-time civic involvement



Robert I. (Bob) Patchin

"I believe in the maximum of personal and property rights, and the minimum of tax and government interference in your life."

This quote is from the campaign flier of winning Villa Park City Council candidate Robert I. (Bob) Patchin, who came in first out of six candidates vying for two open seats.

"It all started a couple of years ago when the city made plans to build a civic center in my neighborhood," Patchin told fellow OCLP

members at their November meeting.

Patchin began attending council meetings regularly and raising such a ruckus that the council invited him to join a "Civic Center Evaluation Committee," apparently in hopes of shutting him up. Instead, as a result of his committee involvement the city wound up canceling the civic center project.

Not one to rest on his laurels, Patchin continued to be involved virtually full-time in civic activities (which as a retiree he was able to do). His involvements included helping produce a summer concert in 1991 and a "Pageant of the Pledge" event in 1992 for the city's school children, working with the local Water Conservation Committee to come up with a less stringent water conservation program, and developing a viable plan for the city's recreational pathways.

"I became known as the guy who cuts through all the confusion to the core issues, the guy who always does his homework," Patchin said. He also developed

a reputation as a tough fiscal watchdog determined to minimize government spending.

Patchin recalled an occasion in which the school district announced it would hike fees for the use of its facilities by Little League sports teams. The Little League sought a subsidy from the city to cover the extra cost, but Patchin dug in and fought, successfully, what he decried as a city subsidy of the area school district. He said when some accused him of being insensitive to the needs of the city's children he was able to point to his involvement in the summer concert and "Pageant of the Pledge" as proof that he did care.

In his \$950 campaign for city council, Patchin said probably the single most important thing he did was print and post 200 yard signs around the city. "I hate those things, but you've got to have them or else people don't get the sense that you're for real." He added that after the election he made certain that all the signs that had gone up were taken down.

Major strategy session set for January

National, state and local Libertarian Party officials and activists are expected to converge in Pomona on Sunday, Jan. 17 for a post-election strategy conference and brain-storming session.

The event, titled "Where Do We Go From Here?" is to be held at the Pomona Valley Mining Company, sponsored by the Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County and directed by Gail Lightfoot, with assistance from Jerry Collette.

"This is not an outreach event," Collette explained. "It's mainly for activists and candidates, to take what we've all learned so far and come up with new ideas for the future. We want people to come here with their ideas for what to do next."

The gathering will commence with a brunch buffet beginning at 10 a.m., with the program following at 11:30 a.m. until 4 p.m., Collette said.

Prepaid admission before Jan. 9 will be \$20. Those reserving admission before Jan. 13 will pay \$24, and unreserved admission at the door will be \$28. Those who wish to miss the brunch and just

attend the rest of the conference will be charged half price, Collette said.

Payments may be sent to LPLAC, 11500 West Olympia Blvd. #400, Los Angeles, CA 90064. More information may be had by calling the LPLAC at (310) 312-4515.

Taking a stand on asset forfeiture

State Chair Pat Wright will be sending a registered letter to every member of the California congressional delegation asking them to take a stand against civil asset forfeiture. The responses will be publicized and "we'll know who to target for defeat in 1994," he said.

Civil asset forfeiture laws allow the government to confiscate private property it claims was involved with certain illegal activities. The victim does not have to be convicted or even formally charged with a crime.

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Local election results

Title	Candidate	OC votes (%)
President/VP	Marrou/Lord	4460 (.46)
U.S. Senate (L)	June Genis	21,783 (2.2)
U.S. Senate (S)	Richard Boddie	27,729 (2.8)
Cong. 39th	Jack Dean	6174 (3.9)
Cong. 45th	Gary Copeland.....	14,777 (5.8)
Cong. 46th	Richard Newhouse ...	9712 (8.0)
Cong. 48th	Ted Lowe.....	3936 (3.1)
St. Sen. 33rd	Doyle Guhy	20,543 (6.1)
St. Sen. 35th	Eric Sprik	16,536 (4.5)
St. Ass. 67th	Brian Schar	12,556 (6.8)
St. Ass. 69th	David Keller	3217 (5.4)
St. Ass. 70th	Scott Bieser	11,763 (6.4)
St. Ass. 72nd	Geoffrey Braun	9076 (5.7)
St. Ass. 73rd	Paul King	3678 (3.8)
Villa Park CC	Bob Patchin	1614 (41.9)

(first place)

Source: Orange County Registrar of Voters

Notes: Lower-ticket candidates fared better than upper-ticket candidates, who had to contend with more competitors. The "protest vote" in most races amounted to roughly 6 percent, which LP candidates split with the AIP, Green and P&F candidates in some races.

LPC Convention '93 set for February

The California Libertarian Party will hold its annual convention on Presidents' Day Weekend, Feb. 12-15, at the Sunnyvale Hilton in Sunnyvale, near the San Jose airport.

Hotel rooms are \$52/night for up to four persons—an unusually good deal for a quality hotel. To reserve a room call 408-738-4888.

Convention packages purchased before Dec. 31 are \$239 for the full package, \$199 for meals but no program, and \$99 for the bare-bones attendance package. After that the prices will be \$275, \$225 and \$125, respectively.

Payments may be sent to "LPC Convention '93," 3249 Stevens Creek Blvd. Ste 207, San Jose, CA 95117. For convention details contact the Convention Committee at 408-243-2711.

Paid-up party members are eligible to join Orange County's delegation to the convention. Those interested should call the party office at 540-5053 or attend the December meeting.

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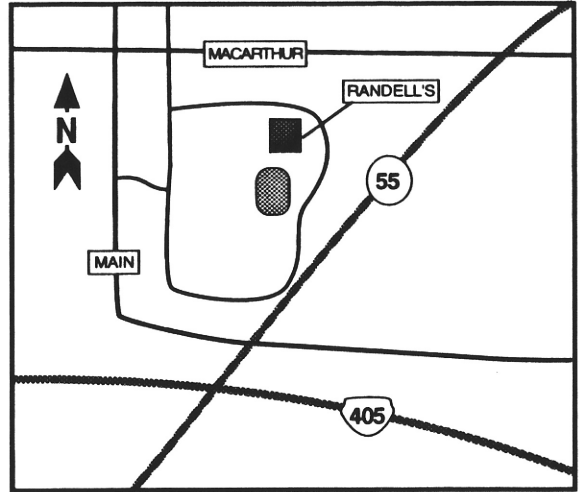
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Meeting Time & Place

The Orange County Libertarian Party meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the art gallery next to Randell's Jazz Club, located at 3 Hutton Centre Drive in Santa Ana (see map).

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"We all want better things out of life, better jobs, better conditions generally. But we'll never get them until we begin to learn that the source of our benefits is the market where production and distribution ensue, and that the source of much of the evil we have to contend with is the imposition of naked power wielded by politicians..."

— Robert LeFevre



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