

## New Jersey Libertarian

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## Candidates File for Governor and Assembly

The Jeff Pawlowski for Governor campaign filed 1,452 signatures (800 required) to qualify for the November election ballot. In addition, seven (7) candidates filed for New Jersey Assembly: Kevin Ferrizzi, District 5; William Hunsicker, District 14; Jason Scheurer, District 14; Anthony Pio Costa, District 26; Kenneth Kaplan, District 26; Louis Jasikoff, District 35 and James Conway, District 39...

#### **Gloucester County Plans Meeting**

A meeting will be held at noon on Saturday July 16th to organize the Gloucester/Camden County Libertarian Party. The meeting will be held at the James H. Johnson Memorial Library (also known as the Deptford Free Public Library) 670 Ward Dr., Deptford.

#### It's that time!

Come on out to the NJLP Annual Picnic and General Meeting on Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 1 pm, at Polanka Park in South River.

Meet our candidate for governor and enjoy great food and beautiful park facilities.

Details on Page 2.

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#### Pawlowski Campaign Earns Ballot Access and Press Coverage

The Pawlowski campaign has successfully submitted sufficient signatures to put Jeff on the ballot. Read the story on Page 3.



Above: On May 24<sup>th</sup>, Jeff Pawlowski spoke at the Citizens Against (Garden State Parkway) Tolls Forum at the Hampton Inn, in Woodbridge. PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN BY AND PROPERTY OF RAYMOND E. BABECKI. PERMISSION GRANTED FOR RE-PUBLICATION AD-INFINITUM, PROVIDED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT INCLUDED.

The first print article of the campaign appeared Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, in Greater Media's "Suburban" that serves Old Bridge and Sayerville. Read the story on Page 4.

#### Calendar

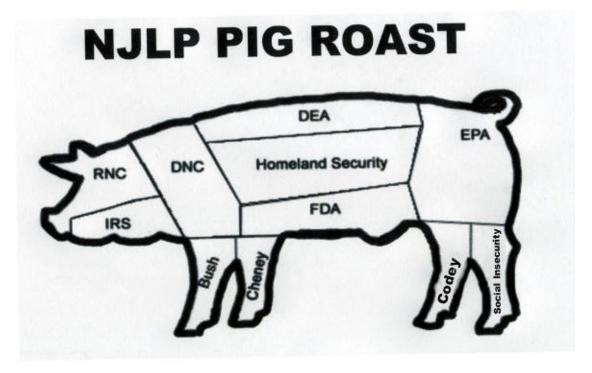
July 9, 2005 Annual NJLP Picnic and General Meeting at Polanka Park in South River

August 21, 2005 State Board Meeting at Tumulty's Pub, New Brunswick, NJ

September 18, 2005 Steering Committee Meeting at Stefanelli Residence, Tinton Falls, NJ

October 16, 2005 State Board Meeting at Tumulty's Pub, New Brunswick, NJ;

November 12, 2005 General Meeting, Location to be determined.



**Come devour Big Government! NJLP Annual Picnic and General Meeting** Hosted by the Pawlowski for Governor campaign, who will be picking up the tab for the event! Saturday, July 9th Polanka Park, South River 1 PM Meet the Candidate! Enjoy great food!

Directions to Annual Picnic and General Meeting, Polanka Park, South River

The Polish War Veterans Picnic Grounds is located less than a mile off Route 18 in South River, NJ (near East Brunswick).

#### From the Garden State Parkway -

Southbound	
1a. Take Exit 124 - Toward Sayreville/South River	0.1 miles
Northbound	
1a. Take Exit 125 - Toward Route 35/Sayreville/South Amboy	0.2 miles
b. Turn Left to take the Chevalier Avenue ramp	0.1 miles
c. Turn Left onto Main Street extension.	1.3 miles
2. Turn slight Right onto CR-670/ West Main Street	2.7 miles
3. Turn Right onto McArthur Avenue	1.0 miles
4. Turn Right onto CR-535/Veterans Memorial Bridge	0.7 miles
5. Turn Right onto CR-677/ Reid Street	0.3 miles
6. Turn Right onto William Street	0.4 miles
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#### Pawlowski for Governor Campaign Update



The Pawlowski campaign has successfully submitted sufficient signatures to get Jeff's name on the ballot. The campaign wishes to send out a big thank you to those who have helped with the petitioning.

The campaign has been very busy. This past month Jeff campaigned at many events and publicized his candidacy throughout the state. On May 9th Jeff spoke at Ramapo College during a symposium on Campaign Finance Reform. He questioned the constitutionality of the regulation of political speech.

On May 20th, both Dennis and Judy of the popular Dennis and Judy radio show threw their support behind Jeff. During an interview with Jeff, Dennis stated that Jeff is "his guy" and that voting libertarian is "the only way to go."

On May 24th, Jeff addressed the Citizen's Against Tolls forum. He shared the viewpoint of many guests that the toll system is inefficient and dangerous. Jeff called for an end to the NJ Turnpike Authority and the many patronage jobs it provides.

Now that petitioning is complete the campaign needs to concentrate on fundraising and publicizing Jeff and the Libertarian party. Your funds could help to insure that Jeff is included in the debates. We need to raise funds quickly so that we can afford to do a nationwide fundraiser. Please consider sending in a donation today. Details and more information is at Jeff's website: http://pawlowskiforgovernor.org

www.pawlowskiforgovernor.org Phone: 732 208 8155 Fax: 800 547 2197

New Jersey Libertan Jeffrey Pawlows for Governor 20	
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Address of contributor - include City, State, a	Zip Contributor's Employer's Address - include City, State, and Zin (if donation is over \$300 aggregate)
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#### Printed on the front page of the Suburban, June 9th, 2005

#### Former boro official running for governor

BY JOHN DUNPHY Staff Writer

SAYREVILLE — Jeffrey Pawlowski is throwing his political hat into a much bigger ring.

The former Democratic borough councilman, who last year made an unsuccessful bid for a council seat on the Libertarian ticket, is running again. This time, he is seeking to be governor of New Jersey.

"If no one's bringing up

the issues, we'll never have any change," said the

45-year-old father of two. "Our main thing is to send a message that we're dissatisfied with government in New Jersey, and people need a choice."

The Libertarian Party, described as "a true independent opposition party" by the New Jersey chapter's official Web site, www.njlp.org, was founded in 1971 in Colorado and has since spread to all 50 states.

Pawlowski, a 14-year resident of Sayreville, served as councilman from 1999-2001 and as a Planning Board member from 1997-2001. He ran for council with 19-year-old running mate Chris Koszalka last year in a race that was won by Democratic incumbent Thomas Pollando and his running mate, Daniel Buchanan.

Pawlowski has said his decision to change parties about two years ago was in an effort to "open up the government," citing a need for people to have more choices than they have with the common two-party system.

"Look at the total dissatisfaction of the people of New Jersey," he said. "They have no choice. Their choices are the same two parties that have run for the last 100 years."

"Nobody ever does anything," Pawlowski added.

The current frontrunners for governor are Democrat Jon Corzine and Republicans Doug Forrester and Bret Schundler.

Pawlowski said his party is looking to gather 1,600 signatures — double what is needed in order to run — to jump-start his first-ever bid for governor. He said the Libertarian Party is currently raising \$30,000 to allow the state chapter to do a nationwide mailing, informing all Libertarians about his campaign.

The ultimate goal, Pawlowski said, is to raise \$300,000, the amount required to gain additional funding from the state. If that amount is raised, a candidate is also required to participate in public debates.

"If we can get into those debates, it's going to make a big difference," Pawlowski said.

Though he acknowledges the challenges involved in running for the highest political office in the state, Pawlowski said he is looking forward to getting across the message that people will have more than just two choices for governor when they vote in November.

"I think it's almost impossible to win with the way the system is," he said. "But sometimes you don't have to win to change things."

"Get me into the debates," Pawlowski added. "If we can get into the debates, we'll bring up the questions that need to be asked."

More information about Pawlowski and his campaign can be found at www.pawlowskiforgovernor.org.

## Draft Minutes of NJLP June 12, 2005 Steering Committee Meeting, at 24 Inverness Drive, Marlboro

- 1. Quorum and Call To Order. As a quorum was attained, the meeting was called to Order at 1:25 p.m. In attendance were: Pat Bontempo, Len Flynn, Ginny Flynn, Robert Hull, Liz Macron and Lou Stefanelli. Absent: Emerson Ellett, Ken Kaplan, and Jeanne Macron. Also in attendance were NJLP members: Ray Babecki, Ken Chazotte and Jay Edgar. Mr. Bontempo presided as Interim Chair in the absence of Mr. Kaplan. Ms. Macron acted as Secretary in the absence of Mr. Ellett.
- 2. Prior Minutes Approval. The minutes of the May 22, 2005 State Board meeting were approved, without correction or change from the Draft Minutes published in the most recent Newsletter.
- 3. Treasurer's Report. Lou Stefanelli presented the Treasurer's written report. Mr. Stefanelli noted that we have approximately \$11,000.00 in cash. He noted that the report does not contain information about transactions from our credit card processor because the information was not available at the time the report was written. Mr. Stefanelli noted that we are running ahead of last year in terms of new and renewal memberships. He noted that National dues have risen from \$1275 to \$1900 and NJLP dues have risen from \$1605 to \$2900 for the five month period reported.
- 4. Pawlowski Campaign. Jay Edgar reported on the Pawlowski Campaign. The petition drive was successful and Mr. Pawlowski is now on the ballot. The campaign is finalizing design of its brochures and preparing several mailings. A mailing to members of the National LP is anticipated, but cannot be done until the campaign receives a reply to its inquiry of two weeks ago addressed to Joe Seehausen at National. Databases are being compiled for fundraising purposes. There was a discussion of the need for the campaign to raise and spend \$300,000.00 in order to get into the debates. Our candidate will get a tremendous amount of public and media attention if he is included in the debates. Fundraising is therefore key at this time. The Pawlowski Campaign is eager to coordinate its efforts with the Assembly Candidates.
- 5. Assembly Candidates. Seven candidates for Assembly have filed petitions with the State. The candidates are: Lou Jasikoff (35<sup>th</sup> District), William Hunsicker, (14<sup>th</sup> District), James Conway, (39<sup>th</sup> District), Tony Pio Costa ( 26<sup>th</sup> District), Ken Kaplan (26<sup>th</sup> District), Kevin Ferrizzi, (5<sup>th</sup> District) and Jason Scheurer (14<sup>th</sup> District).
- 6. Audit Committee. Jay Edgar reported that the Audit committee is seeking volunteers with financial background. The audit will cover the last five years. Mr. Stefanelli commented that the records are contained in "Quick Books" since 1998.
- 7. Discussion of Dues and National Office. Mr. Hull reported that there are still issues outstanding. Mr. Stefanelli reported that the membership information we sent to National for the period December through March is now updated in our data base. Although this was viewed as promising by both Stefanelli and Hull, they agreed that there is still no resolution with respect to the payments made in May and June of last year. Mr. Stefanelli noted that he still has received no reply to his April 29, 2005 letter to Mr. Dixon at the National party. Mr. Bontempo suggested that a brief update on this matter be included in the next newsletter. Mr. Stefanelli agreed to write the update and submit it to the newsletter.
- 8. New Business Rule. Mr. Hull proposed to extend by a year the NJLP membership of candidates who achieve ballot status. The purpose of this measure would be twofold: first to protect against the possibility of a candidate's membership lapsing during the campaign; and second, to reward the candidate for achieving ballot status. After some discussion of the language, a motion was made and passed by unanimous vote that a business rule will be added to the existing rules confirming that the NJLP will "provide a regular one year NJLP membership to candidates who achieve ballot status."
- 9. Procedure for Conducting Party Business On-Line. Mr. Flynn reported that the By-Laws committee is drafting changes to permit the conduct of party business by email. Mr. Flynn sought feedback from the body. Mr. Stefanelli highlighted several problems with conducting business on line, such as inadequate notice, lack of a record and inadequate opportunity for debate. He suggested that email be used only for emergencies. Ms. Macron and Mrs. Flynn felt that no formal changes were required. Mr. Bontempo agreed that email interactions could be useful but cautioned that new members be advised of the procedures. Mr. Flynn noted that any single member of the Steering Committee could veto any online action of the committee and this serves as a safeguard against abuse.
- 10. Retainer for Election Law Challenge. Mr. Flynn reported that he had finally received the Cost Retainer Agreement from Mr. Hecker, the New York lawyer contacted by Renee Steinhagen, to pursue CAPP's challenges to New Jersey election law. Mr. Hecker's firm is looking for a cost retainer of \$10,000.00 to be paid 1/3 each by the NJLP, the Green Party and the Conservative Party. Mr. Stefanelli stated that he would not want to send our share of the funds unless we could be assured that the other two parties had contributed their share. It was generally agreed that if we send one third, it should only be done on the condition that none of our funds would be spent unless and until the other two parties contributed their share. Mr. Hull requested detailed information about the specifics of the proposed lawsuit. Ms. Macron and Mr. Flynn did not have the information available and it was therefore agreed to postpone any action on the cost retainer until the July meeting. At that time, Ms. Macron and Mr. Flynn will present the membership with details of the proposed litigation and the membership can revisit the question of our continued participation in the CAPP litigation. The motion to postpone was passed unanimously.
- 11. Announcements. Mr. Flynn announced "Project Full Slate". The purpose would be to have 13 Congressional Candidates for 2006.
- 12. Future Meetings. Future meetings were set as follows: 8/21/05 State Board Meeting at Tumulty's Pub, New Brunswick, NJ; 9/18/05 Steering Committee Meeting at Stefanelli Residence, Tinton Falls, NJ; 10/16/05 State Board Meeting at Tumulty's Pub, New Brunswick, NJ; November 12, 2005 General Meeting, Location to be determined.

#### LPCNJ's Open Government Task Force activities covered in Star-Ledger

The following appeared in the June 7, 2005 Star Ledger, Somerset/Hunterdon edition. The correspondence to and from the prosecutors office is available at www.lpcnj.org at the "Open Government Task Force" link.

If you read my February 22, 2005 letter to the prosecutor (and the December 30, 2004 attachment to it) at the above link, you'll see that Prosecutor Forrest is spinning the issue a bit when he is quoted, in the last sentence of the article, as saying that "It unfortunately was not brought to us that that scenario ever occurred." The precise issue was indeed brought to his attention and the only thing that's unfortunate is that his office misapprehended it. - John Paff

# Prosecutor will not sanction Bound Brook board Investigators still checking allegations of Sunshine Law violations by borough planners

Tuesday, June 07, 2005 BY JOE TYRRELL Star-Ledger Staff

Bound Brook officials who failed to keep minutes of closed-session borough council meetings will not face sanctions after the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office received assurances that the problem has been remedied for future meetings, authorities said yesterday.

The prosecutor's office, however, is still looking into whether members of the borough planning board met to discuss municipal business in private, which would violate the state's Open Public Meetings Act, Prosecutor Wayne Forrest said yesterday.

The investigation was launched after John Paff, a local member of the Libertarian Party, reported that the borough council had no minutes of closed sessions from 2003 and 2004. The state's so-called Sunshine Laws require that those records be kept and later made available. In a letter last month to Paff, Detective Sgt. Brian Hoey from the prosecutor's office said borough officials have offered assurances that they "will take all necessary steps to ensure compliance" with the Open Public Meetings Act regulations on closed-session minutes.

Borough attorney C. Douglas Reina confirmed that the minutes could not be found. He said former Borough Clerk/Administrator Thomas Brodbeck was ill and eventually retired during the period for which minutes are missing.

Paff had sought the records to determine if there were closed-door discussions concerning ongoing redevelopment proposals or borough Police Chief Kenneth Henderson, who currently is suspended while awaiting trial on numerous misconduct charges.

Paff said he accepts the outcome of the investigation, but was disappointed that the prosecutor's office did not "at least slap the wrist of the borough attorney and past council members for not noticing (the violation) for several years."

Hoey's letter also indicates that the borough redevelopment advisory committee did not violate the state's Sunshine Law when it held private subcommittee meetings. Hoey determined that the statute only covers boards and committees organized by law and "empowered to spend public funds or affect persons' rights."

Paff said that part of the investigation missed his point. He said the problem is that the subcommittee includes enough members of the borough planning board to constitute a quorum, and contends that the planning board is meeting under the advisory committee name in private and without public scrutiny. "It would be clearly unlawful, for instance, for a quorum of the planning board to meet in the back room of Joe's Bar & Grill to discuss municipal business," Paff said. "I don't see how such a private gathering becomes lawful just because the planning board quorum meets under the auspices of an advisory committee."

Forrest said his office's response to Paff only covered the legal responsibility of the advisory group, and did not include the concerns about the planning board quorum. He said that issue would require further investigation by his office to determine if a Sunshine Law violation occurred.

"It unfortunately was not brought to us that that scenario ever occurred," Forrest said. "We'll look into it."

### LPCNJ's Open Government Task Force activities covered in Star-Ledger

The following appeared in the May 26 Star Ledger, Union County edition, regarding the settlement of my lawsuit against the Union Township Committee. Following the article is the text of the resolution that was passed by the Township Committee at its May 24, 2005 meeting.

Union Township's willingness to pass this resolution ought to make it easier to persuade other municipalities to pass similar resolutions. – John Paff

## Closed-door meetings data more available in Union Twp.

Edited minutes will be open to the public

Thursday, May 26, 2005 BY JASON JETT Star-Ledger Staff

The Union Township Committee has resolved to make the public more aware of proceedings that go on behind closed doors.

The governing body adopted a resolution Tuesday to make redacted minutes available to the public within three weeks of closed sessions. The private discussions during public meetings typically involve legal, personnel or contractual matters.

"The township's doors should be opened as widely as possible so that the public can satisfy itself that the township is being run in an honest and efficient manner," began the resolution adopted in a unanimous vote.

The action ended the threat of a lawsuit by the Libertarian Party. John Paff, secretary of its Central Jersey chapter, was there to witness it.

"It was refreshing that they decided to take another look at their procedures," Paff said of committee members. "Most towns fight me tooth and nail, as if they do not want people to have the information.

"They (township officials) reviewed it and fixed it, and I commend them," he said.

The Libertarian Party has conducted a campaign throughout the state the past year to have municipal bodies comply fully with state public meetings and records laws.

Paff said litigation against the Perth Amboy City Council is in the appellate division of state Superior Court, and legal action is pending against the Franklin Township Redevelopment Agency and Highland Park Planning Board.

In addition to releasing minutes edited to protect personnel or officials in legal matters or contract negotiations, the township committee is to make available public versions of minutes for closed sessions dating to January 2000.

The resolution stated the minutes would be "redacted only to the extent necessary to protect the public interest," adding the reason for the edit should be given "as specifically as possible."

Finally, the minutes of closed sessions are to be reviewed semi- annually to determine whether the passage of time allows for them to be updated to disclose previously redacted material.

Like open-session minutes, the public versions of minutes from closed sessions are to be maintained in book form in the clerk's office for inspection by anyone who requests access.

#### Libertarian Links

Link of the month:

## Libertarianism.com A great outreach web site

If you'd like to steer the curious to a good libertarian site, Libertarianism.com might be the perfect introduction to our philosophy. Provided by the Advocates for Self-Government, it's a clear, attractive, well thought out collection of definitions, FAQs, positions, books, and even a list of celebrity libertarians.

Pawlowski2005.org

NJLP.org

The New Jersey Bartender

(http://www.cjnj.org/html/the\_nj\_bartender.html)

Reason Online (http://www.reason.com/)

Advocates for Self-Government

(http://www.theadvocates.org/index.html)

International Society for Individual Liberty (http://www.isil.org/)

**Heartland Institute** (http://www.heartland.org/)

Laissez Faire (http://www.laissezfaire.org/)

The Future of Freedom Foundation

(http://www.fff.org/)

The Free State Project

(http://www.freestateproject.org/)

**Drug Policy Alliance** 

(http://www.dpf.org/homepage.cfm)

The CATO Institute (http://www.cato.org/)

The National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML)

(http://www.natlnorml.org/)

Fully Informed Jury Association (FIJA) (

This list is just a small sample of the resources available online. For more, check out the NJLP.org/links.php site.

Got a great link? Share your favorites by emailing the web address to editor@njlp.org.

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#### Courier News coverage of LPCNJ's Open Government Task Force LPCNJ's Paff "unsatisfied" with Bound Brook's compliance

A follow-up article appeared in today's (6/14/05) Courier News.

It's a bit silly, but Prosecutor Forrest is publicly insisting that the issue regarding the Planning Board quorum is a "new issue." In fact, I raised that issue in the LPCNJ's February 2005 letter to Forrest's office (see http://lpsmc.org/OGTF/BBpWebready.pdf).

I think that Forrest is embarrassed that his staff misread the February 22, 2005 letter. Instead of admitting that his staff erred, he is suggesting that I just recently raised the Planning Board quorum issue. Good grief.

I'm glad that I've taken the trouble to put all the source documents on the web. This way, anyone who decides to check can easily see that Forrest is full of beans. -- John Paff

#### **Bound Brook committee back under county probe**

by GREG MARANO Staff Writer

BOUND BROOK -- The Somerset County Prosecutor's Office has investigated at least two allegations the borough violated the Open Public Meetings Act but has closed the inquiry without pressing charges. However, Somerset County Prosecutor Wayne J. Forrest has confirmed his office is looking into another matter brought to his attention by John Paff, chairman of the Central New Jersey Libertarian Party's open government task force.

Paff said Forrest is re-examining an allegation involving the Bound Brook Redevelopment Advisory Committee.

Forrest said that matter is already closed and that his office is investigating a more recent matter that Paff brought to his attention regarding the Borough Council and the Redevelopment Advisory Committee. Forrest would provide no further details.

Paff, however, said there is no new matter.

In a February letter to the prosecutor's office, Paff asked for an investigation into the borough's Redevelopment Advisory Committee meetings. Paff wrote that because the Redevelopment Advisory Committee allegedly was holding private, unadvertised meetings and because its members make up a quorum of the Planning Board, the alleged sessions amounted to illegal meetings of the Planning Board. If true, that would violate New Jersey's Open Public Meetings Act.

The prosecutor's office disagreed.

Borough attorney Doug Reina cited a statute saying the Open Public Meetings Act only applies to public bodies with the power to spend public money or to affect a person's rights. Therefore, he said, advisory bodies such as the Redevelopment Advisory Committee aren't included in the statute. In a May 3 letter to Paff, Detective Sgt. Brian Hoey wrote that the prosecutor's office agreed with Reina's assessment of the situation.

"It would appear from this exemption portion of the statute that a subcommittee of an advisory committee does not qualify as a public body as contemplated by the Open Public Meetings Act," Hoey wrote, though his letter made no reference to the fact that the committee members who were meeting also constituted a quorum of the Planning Board.

Also in his February letter, Paff asked the prosecutor to investigate the Borough Council's alleged failure to keep minutes of executive session meetings on Aug. 3, 2003, and Feb. 3 and May 11, 2004.

In his May 3 letter to Paff, Hoey wrote that he had discussed the complaints with Reina. Borough officials attribute the gap in records to a turnover in personnel, specifically the position of borough clerk, which Tom Brodbeck vacated for medical reasons in June 2003.

"Mr. Reina has assured us that (new clerk Donna Marie) Godleski and her staff will take all necessary steps to ensure compliance with the Open Meetings Act," Hoey wrote in his letter to Paff.

Paff, however, said he is unsatisfied.

"I was hoping, however, that the SCPO (Somerset County Prosecutor's Office) would have at least slapped the wrists of the borough attorney and the past council members for not noticing -- for several years -- that no closed session minutes were being approved during the public Council meetings," Paff wrote in an e-mail to the Courier News.

In his February letter to the prosecutor's office on this matter, Paff had asked investigators "at least correspond with the borough on this matter so as to document this violation and decrease the likelihood of its reoccurrence." \*

# perty in our Lifetime Free State Project

The Free State Project is a plan in which 20,000 or more liberty-oriented people will move to the state of New Hampshire and work within its political system to reduce the size and scope of government.

The Project will reduce burdensome taxation and regulation; reform state and local laws; opt out of federal mandates; and press for the restoration of constitutional federalism.

The Free State Project will show the world what liberty can accomplish!

We don't want to wait decades for most citizens in the US to realize that the nanny state is an insult to their dignity. For those of us who already understand the debilitating effects of a government bent on reducing liberty rather than increasing it, the Free State Project aims at liberty in a single state,

What do we mean by liberty? We believe that being free and independent is a great way to live, and that government's maximum role should be to help individuals defend themselves from force and fraud.

## Where & Whu?

The state where we will move was decided by a vote of the FSP membership after we reached 5,000 commitments. Population was the critical factor. Our research so far indicates that 20,000 activists could heavily influence only states with under about a 1.5 million population, or which spend less than \$10 million on political campaigns in any given two-year election cycle. New Hampshire met the population criterion, and its distaste for big government and a generally welcoming attitude toward the Free State Project were pluses.



Join the Free State Project and take part in a rapidly growing movement aimed at securing liberty in our lifetime. To learn more, you're invited to visit our website at www.freestateproject.org. Check out our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page, and visit our articles sections which contain more detailed information about the project. Whether you wish to become a full-fledged member or are sympathetic but unable to relocate, the Free State Project wants you!

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#### Show your true colors in NJ

At long last, you can register as a Libertarian. Fill out the form below and mail it to your county election board.

#### Atlantic County

1333 Atlantic Ave., 4th Floor Atlantic City, NJ 08401

#### Bergen County

1 Bergen County Plaza, Room 310 Hackensack, NJ 07601

#### **Burlington County**

P.O. Box 6000

Mount Holly, NJ 08060

#### Camden County

P.O. Box 1066

Camden, NJ 08101

#### Cape May County

10-12 W. Mechanic Street

Cape May Courthouse, NJ 08210

#### Cumberland County

60 Broad St. W., Suite 210

Bridgeton, NJ 08302

#### **Essex County**

33 Washington Street

Newark, NJ 07102

#### Gloucester County

P.O. Box 352

Woodbury, NJ 08096

#### **Hudson County**

595 Newark Avenue

Jersey City, NJ 07306

#### **Hunterdon County**

P.O. Box 2900

Flemington, NJ 08822-9952

#### Mercer County

P.O. Box 8068

Trenton, NJ 08650

#### Middlesex County

777 Jersey Avenue

New Brunswick, NJ 08901-3605

#### Monmouth County

300 Halls Mill Road

Freehold, NJ 07728

#### Morris County

P.O. Box 900

Morristown, NJ 07963-0900

#### Ocean County

P.O. Box 2006

Toms River, NJ 08754-2006

# State of New Jersey Political Party Affiliation Declaration Form

I, being a registered voter at the address listed below, do hereby declare that I wish to affiliate with the following political party:

Democratic*	
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Republican\*

Green Party

Libertarian Party

Reform Party

U.S. Constitution Party

#### OR

 being a registered voter at the address listed below, wish to formally disaffiliate with any political party:

Independent

Last Name

First Name \_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial

\_\_ (day) \_\_

Accord

Natural Law Party

Date of Birth: (month) \_\_ New Jersey Residence:

Street \_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Apt. No. \_

Municipality\_

County

Zip Code

Signature or mark of registered voter

Date

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#### Libertarians in Print

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#### America under attack from within

Dear Editor:

I was pleasantly surprised to see that the idea of requiring public school students to wear uniforms to class is being questioned by local residents ("Word on the Street," Suburban Trends, May 4, 2005).

Public (government run) schools are really just indoctrination centers that take children and try to "mold" them into perfectly socialized little citizens who won't be troublesome citizens who stand up for themselves. Requiring that students who attend public schools wear uniforms would just further the crushing of individualism in this country.

Freedom is under attack in America, and it's not from Middle Eastern terrorists, but rather our own government! From the FBI, CIA, IRS, EPA, OSHA, FCC and who knows how many other federal bureaus (none of which are authorized by the Constitution, incidentally) right down to the local mini-potentates who sit on zoning boards and other meddlesome town committees, they all wish to control your life and your property.

I am amazed at how the American people just sit there and take it without being outraged. In 1776, our ancestors resisted the biggest empire in the world at that time – Britain, for less interference than we have to put up with today from our own out-of-control government.

The last thing we need are students being required to wear uniforms, if anything smacks of fascism, socialism, militarism, authoritarianism and every other form of collectivist regimentation, this idea is certainly it!

Even if you are not a Libertarian like me, any thinking person has to reject the idea of further turning students into mindless automatons who will only obey and not think!

Mark Richards, West Milford

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