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## Campaign Update – NJLP Office Opens & Candidates on the Ballot!

By Lou Jasikoff, NJLP Chair

As of June 13 Jason Scheurer and Derek DeMarco are officially on the ballot for U.S. Senate and U.S. Congress (District 8) in New Jersey. I want to thank everyone who got involved and gathered signatures on their behalf to make this happen. (See page 2 for the Honor Roll of petitioners and the initial press release for the campaign. – Editor) It was encouraging to see so many get involved.

Going forward we will need everyone's help to run the successful campaign we are planning. You can expect to be contacted shortly by me or one of our expanding staff to ask what you can do and the level of commitment you are willing to make. There will be a role for everyone who chooses to help make this campaign successful. We will need an enormous amount of help to man the events that are planned and are going to be planned for the coming months. The campaign is starting to fall into place. Thanks for all the help so far and I think we are going to make real progress this year.

Kevin Ferrizzi and I signed the lease on June 12 to have our first New Jersey Libertarian Party office right on the Atlantic City Boardwalk from now through at least November. The new Atlantic City office is located at South Sovereign and Boardwalk, between the Tropicana and Hilton Resorts. This is a high traffic area—certainly the highest traffic area in New Jersey during the summer season—and the office opened in time for the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. See the **picture on page 4** and feel free to pass the photo around to your friends. You are all welcome to stop by and visit.

We are located right on the Boardwalk and the office is next to the 4th of July festivities at the beach bar which features the Beach Boys, Three Dog Night, and another group for the Independence Day weekend. We are also at center stage for the August sky show that had 500,000+ visitors last year. The Borgota Open (tapping into the poker enthusiasts) is every weekend starting July and continuing through September. The office offers us huge exposure and fundraising opportunities for the NJLP to build its membership for years to come.

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## NJLP Picnic and General Meeting Saturday, July 19 at Flynn's in Morganville

The NJLP Summer Picnic and General Membership Meeting has been set for Saturday July 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 1:00 PM at the Flynn's home in Morganville (Marlboro Township). The general membership meeting is scheduled to begin at 1:30 PM and the picnic will follow.

This will be your first chance to hear about the exciting developments in the Jason Scheurer for Senate campaign plus the Bob Barr/Wayne Allyn Root national effort from our very busy State Chair Lou Jasikoff. A key activity at the picnic will be collecting and processing petitions for Barr/Root from NJLP petitioners with appropriate recognition and awards for all contributors.

**Please bring:** Your own meat plus one dish to share. Gas grill and tubs of ice with cold soft drinks will be provided along with snacks and picnic utensils. Extra lawn chairs would help.

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**Barr/Root Petition Enclosed!**

## Campaign Update Report (cont.)

Plus the office provides a southern location for the Barr/Root/Scheurer campaign as well.

Currently we have taken booths at two events with many more to come:

July 10-13 Club Fiat-Lancia Unlimited [www.flu.org](http://www.flu.org) Event speaks for itself. Bobb Raynor is the NJLP county coordinator for Camden and Gloucester Counties and he is President of the club. This appearance is coordinated with Pennsylvania LP.

September 13 Black/Latino Expo Philadelphia Convention Center, see <http://www.blacklatinoexpo.com> See **press release following** to see the impact of this event. This is a joint venture with National and Pennsylvania LPs.

We want to hear from all of you about events going on in your communities this year and ones you would like us to attend or help support. We want to be involved in as many fairs, parades, and community affairs as is possible. So let us know. Our event calendar will be posted at [www.njlp.org](http://www.njlp.org) Remember there will be a role for everyone so please get involved.

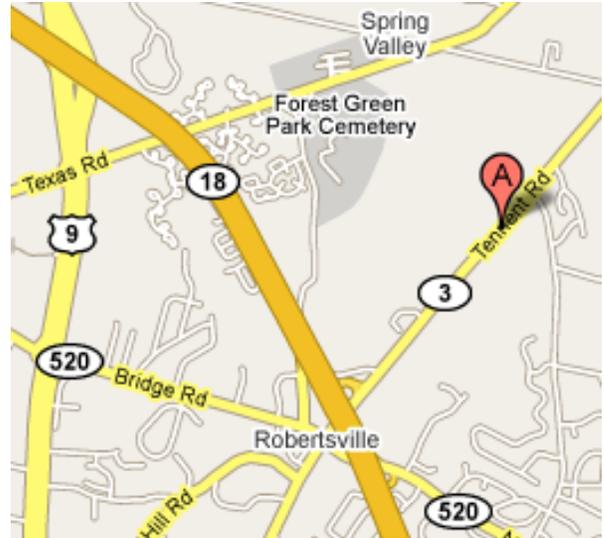
Feel free to contact me anytime and I will hopefully see all of you soon somewhere on the campaign trail. Lou's contact information is:

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## Honor Roll of NJLP Petitioners for Jason Scheurer for U.S. Senate

| Petitioner            | Signatures  |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Ray Cragle .....      | 2           |
| Shalls.....           | 3           |
| Bill Howcott.....     | 5           |
| Lisa Stevens .....    | 8           |
| Dave Trend .....      | 11          |
| Derek DeMarco.....    | 16          |
| Dick Roth.....        | 20          |
| John Taylor .....     | 20          |
| Ginny Flynn. ....     | 25          |
| Jacobs.....           | 26          |
| Tim O'Brien.....      | 28          |
| Kevin Ferrizzi .....  | 51          |
| Maria Marinaccio..... | 91          |
| Len Flynn.....        | 192         |
| Ken Kaplan .....      | 194         |
| Lou Jasikoff .....    | 511         |
| Total.....            | <hr/> 1,214 |

## NJLP Picnic (cont.)



Directions to Flynn's: (Call 732-591-1328 if you get lost.)

We are one mile EAST of Routes 18 and 520 on Tennent Road. From Route 18 South (leaving New Brunswick), take the second ramp (Morganville exit) at the first exit AFTER you pass over U.S. Route 9. This exits directly onto Tennent Rd., just go 1/2 mile to Flynn's.

Going north on Route 18 from the Jersey shore take the Morganville exit, which is about 3 miles past the Route 79 exit. After the jughandle, turn LEFT onto Tennent Rd. and go 1/2 mile.

The Flynn abode is the blue colonial farmhouse on the left in front of "Tires to Go." Park up the hill in the lot in front of the tire company and walk down to our house.

Lou Jasikoff has assigned Derek Demarco and Len Flynn to handle ALL arrangements, so please direct any picnic comments/suggestions to them at [mopman312@cs.com](mailto:mopman312@cs.com) or [len@drflynnconsulting.com](mailto:len@drflynnconsulting.com) respectively.

For Immediate Release – June 30, 2008

## Libertarian Party to Attend Black Latino Expo

### First on board for Philadelphia Convention Center event

Philadelphia, Pa – George Clark, CEO for Black Latino Expo, announced today that the Libertarian Party will be represented at the September 13, 2008 Philadelphia Convention Center event. "I am pleased to have the Libertarian Party on board and expect to have all political parties represented at this

important cultural event,” stated Clark. Thomas Jefferson once said, “Whenever there are free men they will make themselves heard.” Today that statement has evolved. It is now men and women who will make themselves heard, and it is no longer just the Democrats and Republicans...but now also the Libertarians.

“The Black-Latino Expo is the first of its kind in the U.S. and is expected to have wide spread appeal to a multicultural audience. Business marketers have typically marketed exclusively to either the Latino community or the African American community, but bringing both groups together under one roof will be the perfect venue for those entrepreneurs, business owners, and political parties to penetrate this huge and diverse market,” added Clark.

“As the Libertarian Party matures and becomes a greater force in the electoral process it is important that we reach out to this important voting community. We not only want to spread our common sense message, but also let these communities know

we want them to become involved with the Libertarian Party, and that there really is another choice beyond the two party system. We are looking forward to attending and are glad to have this opportunity to be at the Black Latino Expo,” said Lou Jasikoff, spokesperson for the Libertarian Party.

Clark concluded, “The daylong event will feature seminars on financial literacy, education and empowering parents. We will also provide voter registration booths at the event and a portion of the proceeds from the event will be going to several non-profit and/or social services in the Delaware Valley.”

For information on the Black Latino Expo contact George Clark at [clarkproject@gmail.com](mailto:clarkproject@gmail.com) or visit us at [www.blacklatinoexpo.com](http://www.blacklatinoexpo.com)

For information on the Libertarian Party contact Lou Jasikoff at [ljasikoff@gmail.com](mailto:ljasikoff@gmail.com) or (973) 752-9164. You can visit at the N.J. party website at <http://www.njlp.org>

**For Immediate Release – June 20, 2008**

## **Libertarian Officially on Ballot – Jason Scheurer in NJ Senate Race**



Trenton, NJ – Jason Scheurer, the former certified and clean election candidate from West Windsor, will represent the Libertarian Party as its standard bearer for the U.S. Senate in the State of New Jersey according to Lou Jasikoff, Chair of the New Jersey Libertarian Party and campaign manager for the Scheurer campaign.

“I could not be more excited to have such a quality candidate representing the Libertarian Party this year. We will run a very aggressive campaign in conjunction with the Barr/Root Presidential campaign, and look forward to pointing out the differences between the Libertarian Party and the tired and failed policies of the Republican and Democratic Parties,” said Jasikoff.

“Runaway spending, a crumbling education system, rampant illegal immigration, corruption at every level of government, a bankrupt social security system, and a failed foreign policy make it more important than ever to offer to the voters of New Jersey a real choice this coming November. The time is now to make the real changes needed to get America back on the right track and not rely on the same two political parties that have brought us to the place we are today,” said Scheurer.

Scheurer concluded, “I commend the Zimmer campaign for calling for more debates so the citizens of New Jersey get to hear where the candidates stand on the issues from the candidates themselves. I call on both the Zimmer and Lautenberg campaigns to publicly state their willingness to include the Libertarian Party in all debates and challenge them to open and serious discussions on the critical issues we are faced with as a nation today.”

<http://www.jasonforsenate2008.com> and [www.njlp.org](http://www.njlp.org)

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For Immediate Release – June 26, 2008

## Libertarians Open Campaign Headquarters

Atlantic City Boardwalk to serve as first statewide office



Trenton, NJ – The New Jersey Libertarian Party signed a lease this past week securing space right on the Atlantic City Boardwalk to serve as its campaign headquarters. It is the first of many offices anticipated to open around the state, to help coordinate campaign activities in what is anticipated to be a very active and aggressive campaign season according to Lou Jasikoff, Chairman of the New Jersey Libertarian Party.

“I could not be more excited with the anticipated opening of the office on what is probably the highest profile area in New Jersey during the summer months. Already we have campaign meetings, fundraisers, and events planned for the southern tier of the State,” said Kevin Ferrizzi, a Deptford resident, and campaign coordinator for southern New Jersey and Treasurer for the New Jersey Libertarian Party.

“Day in and day out thousands of boardwalk visitors will get to see first hand and read literature on how the policies of both the Republican and Democratic Parties have led us to a financial crisis, soaring energy and food prices, and continual decline in respect and confidence in our current political representatives and leaders,” added Sean Colon, Vice Chair of the New Jersey Libertarian Party and campaign coordinator for central New Jersey.

Jasikoff concluded, “Never before have we been afforded such an opportunity to contact and reach as many people as we will this year on the Atlantic City Boardwalk, and we will use this opportunity to spread the common sense Libertarian message of a balanced budget, limited government, and personal freedoms like never before.”

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## Breaking News from Atlantic City – July 5, 2005

By Kevin Ferrizzi, NJLP Treasurer  
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### Hello Libertarians!

I have just spent the first full day at our new Atlantic City office at South Sovereign and Boardwalk, between the Hilton and Tropicana and must tell you all that I am very excited about the amount of traffic we have. **Dozens** of people stopped in to talk with us. Some of them were wondering what the Libertarian Party was, others already knew about us and were amazed to see us in public. More than a few of the stop-ins were from Party members from other states as well as college students from Rutgers, Temple, University of Maryland, University of Delaware, John Hopkins, and others. These party faithful were ecstatic to see us out and getting active. Dozens more people stopped to stare in wonder that we really existed as a political party! I can't count how many people walked by, looked at our beautiful sign, and continued on their way while discussing the Libertarian Party and the Bob Barr Presidential campaign.

We have collected signatures for the Barr/Root nomination petitions, contact information from everyone that stopped in, handed out a ton of literature, raised a little bit of cash, and converted a few lost political souls, all in our first day of operations. The Hilton Beach Bar is about 20 yards away, the fireworks displays from all the shore towns were visible from our booth (we were actually front row for the AC fireworks last night, our booth was surrounded by the crowd of people), and the Atlantic City Air Show is coming up, which brings in about 300,000 people every year. The show will be performed above the beach directly in front of our place.

I encourage any activist who is interested in participating in this great opportunity to come down and spend a day with me and Lou. It is a fun time, hanging out on the Boardwalk and talking to people. Anyone who is interested in interacting with people and trying to win over the citizenry one at a time can contact either Chairman Lou Jasikoff or me to set up a schedule.

### Future Meetings & Events

**Saturday, July 19** – NJLP Annual Picnic and General Meeting at Flynn's, 1:00 PM

**Saturday, September 13--** Black/Latino Expo  
Philadelphia Convention Center

## NJLP Delegation at National LP Convention



L to R, back row Jason Scheurer, Tony Federici, Tim O'Brien, Lou Jasikoff, John Taylor, Maria Marinaccio, Paul Tahan, Walter Luers; front row Kara Ross, Sean Colon, Jay Edgar, Derek DeMarco. Missing: Dan Karlan, Mike Howley

According to the June 2008 issue of *Ballot Access News* (*BAN*), the delegates at the National LP Convention in Denver, CO had a very interesting experience as they voted to select candidates for President and Vice President on May 25, 2008. The convention chose former Georgia Congressman Bob Barr for President and Wayne Allyn Root for Vice President. *BAN* noted that Barr served in Congress for eight years, "longer than either Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama has served so far"!

The *News* then went into a description of the convention voting, as follows.

"For those nostalgic for old-fashioned U.S. presidential conventions, the Libertarian event was a treat. Six ballots were held to determine a presidential nominee. No major party has had to hold six ballots to determine a presidential nominee since 1940, when the Republican convention also

took six ballots to nominate Wendell Willkie. Barr and Mary Ruwart were separated by only one vote on the first ballot, and were tied on the third and fourth ballots. Barr actually lost votes between the second and third ballots, whereas Ruwart gained on every ballot. ...

The rules were that after each ballot, any candidate who pulled less than 5 percent was eliminated. Furthermore, whoever placed last was also eliminated. The turning point in the presidential selection was after the Fifth ballot, when Wayne Allyn Root, who had just been eliminated, took the podium and asked his supporters to help him be the vice presidential candidate with Barr. This was an obvious but indirect appeal to his supporters to vote for Barr for president on the Sixth ballot. (The final vote was 324 to 276. – Editor)

Vice President balloting took two ballots. On the Second Ballot Root defeated Steve Kubby by 289 to 255."

The NJLP delegates were strong Wayne Root supporters voting 11-3 over Ruwart for 5 ballots. When Wayne was eliminated, the Root backers all voted for Barr on the final ballot, finishing with an 11-3 margin for Barr over Ruwart. (Since the NJLP does not sanction secret balloting by our delegates, your curious Editor has determined that the Ruwart supporters were Edgar, Karlan, and Federici and the Root stalwarts were Jasikoff, Colon, Tahan, DeMarco, Scheurer, Ross, Taylor, Luers, Marinaccio, O'Brien, and Howley.)

The New Jersey delegates appeared to be comfortable with the National LP slate. Here are several photos of the national standard bearers with the N.J. team.



L to R, Wayne Root, Lou Jasikoff, Bob Barr



L to R, Kara Ross, Sean Colon, Wayne Root, Jason Scheurer



NJLP District 8 Congressional Candidate Derek DeMarco shaking hands with Bob Barr after Barr won the nomination.

## Barr/Root Petitioning – Let's Get Busy!

By Frank Warren, Petition Coordinator

The New Jersey petition for the LP Presidential ticket is now available and is **included with this newsletter** plus online at: <http://www.lpcnj.org/LP-Presidential-Petition.pdf> I have also posted the Oath and Acceptance that each of the 15 Electors needs to complete and have notarized.

Completed Oaths and Petitions may be submitted to me at the following address:

Frank Warren  
2560 US HIGHWAY 22 PMB 263  
SCOTCH PLAINS NJ 07076-1529

Oaths are needed in ASAP. Petitions sent in must be sent to arrive no later than Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup> and personal delivery to my residence must be no later than Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. **The best way to turn in petitions is at the NJLP Picnic on July 19!**

Email questions go to [kb4cyc@webwarren.com](mailto:kb4cyc@webwarren.com) or [petitions@njlp.org](mailto:petitions@njlp.org) I can be reached by phone at 908-315-3641 10 AM to 2 PM weekdays or 10 AM to Midnight on Saturday and Sunday. If you reach voicemail, leave a message and I will be paged.

Thanks in advance for all who help.

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**Proudly voting Libertarian, since the only wasted vote is the one NOT for smaller government (i.e., Republicrat, et al.).**

## Press Conference on the Secretive Police Internal Affairs Procedure

By John Paff

At a June 23, 2008 press conference, held on the steps of the Monmouth County Courthouse in Freehold, three organizations representing Latino police officers released a report that is highly critical of "the inadequacy of the system used to file complaints against police officers for alleged improper or criminal behavior." I was invited to attend the conference by one of the report's authors because of my open government advocacy.

While the three groups plan to file reports in every New Jersey county, they selected Monmouth County as a starting point. After analyzing statistics on complaints against officers from every local police department in the county, the report concluded that very few complaints filed by citizens against police resulted in disciplinary action being taken. For example, citizens filed 69 "excessive force" complaints against Asbury Park police officers but none resulted in discipline being imposed. Countywide, only 11 "excessive complaints" were sustained out of the 387 filed. Since police refuse to disclose any case-specific information, the public has no way of knowing whether the process is working in a fair and legitimate manner.

"The data in this report leads one to wonder whether citizen concerns are taken very seriously at all and whether the review process is more about protecting police officers than protecting the public," the report states. Copies of the report, which offered 10 specific recommendations, were distributed at the press conference and are available on-line at <http://www.monmouthpolice.com>.

I believe that the New Jersey Libertarian Party should view this as opportunity to work with these groups to help bring some accountability to the police disciplinary system. Specifically, I think that a county committee, or the NJLP itself, ought to collect and compile raw police disciplinary data from one or more New Jersey counties and collaborate with the Latino groups to bring the inadequacy of the system to the forefront. It costs \$6.00 per police department to purchase 8 years worth of the raw Internal Affairs reports. In Gloucester County, for instance, which has approximately 20 local departments, the total expenditure for the project would be around \$120.

If you or your county organization would like to plug in, please feel free to contact me at 732-873-1251 or [paff@pobox.com](mailto:paff@pobox.com).



Danna Hargett in center leads discussion of Ron Paul's bestseller, *The Revolution: A Manifesto*.

## Readings in Liberty Group Meets

By Danna Hargett

The inaugural meeting of the "Readings in Liberty" met on June 8<sup>th</sup> in West Windsor. Readings in Liberty is a small-government minded book club organized by Danna Hargett. Danna was a West Windsor Precinct leader for the Ron Paul campaign and works at Princeton University. Ron Paul's newest book, *The Revolution: A Manifesto*, was discussed by those attending. "Readings in Liberty" intends on meeting monthly, discussing limited-government literature and enjoying the company of like minded lovers of liberty. The next meeting is scheduled for August 3rd at which we will continue to discuss *The Revolution: A Manifesto*. For more information, contact Danna at [dhargett@princeton.edu](mailto:dhargett@princeton.edu).



Top of the Ticket in New Jersey

## Members Write to Newspapers

### Never lose sight

Dear Editor

Every year around Memorial Day we get to hear all kinds of flowery speeches about how our veterans fought and died to keep us free. Politicians of both major political parties wrap themselves in the flag and really try to “out patriot” their rivals. It is really quite a spectacle to behold!

Our veterans should be honored, and the best way to do it is for someone to stop lying to them and the American people about how our country gets caught up in foreign wars and conflicts that are none of our business, and in many cases actually help bring about bloodier future wars.

[Mark described a long history of intervention: Woodrow Wilson, Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman, Lyndon Johnson, Ronald Reagan, George Bush Sr., and Bill Clinton.] ...

Now don't you think it's just possible that all this international “do-gooding” and arrogant intervention on the U.S. government's part (especially in the Middle East, where we support the state of Israel and autocratic Arab leaders who we bribe to be our “allies”) just might cause some of the resentment in that part of the world?

September 11 occurred not because “they hate our freedom” (our own government “hates our freedom” just for the record) but because we stick our noses into other nations' affairs.

I'm sure many will think it very cynical of me to bring this all up but someone has to say it, our so-called leaders view our military as cheap, expendable cannon fodder to be sacrificed for the “greater good” and they view the American people as tax cows to be milked weekly to pay for all these wars and crusades. It was with good reason that the founders of our republic warned against foreign “entanglements” and alliances.

How many more Americans have to get killed for nothing overseas and how many billions do we have to have stolen in taxation to fund this immoral and unconstitutional foreign policy of ours before the people wake up? By all means, honor the fallen on Memorial Day but never lose sight of the fact that these wars have been based on our government's lies!

Mark Richards

West Milford

Published in *West Milford AIM* on May 22, 2008 and *Suburban Trends*, May 21, 2008

### More than a bit arrogant

Dear Editor:

In the March 29 issue of *AIM West Milford* there was a news article about a rally to be held on March 22 to protest the proposed Walgreen's Pharmacy coming to West Milford.

It should be called the “Anti-Property and Anti-Consumer Choice Rally.”

It strikes me as more than a bit arrogant for certain local “activists” to take upon themselves to decide what choices in the marketplace consumers in West Milford will be allowed to have.

The fact that one of the leaders in this anti-choice drive is a woman who has championed in the past for anti-property rights measures (such as the Highlands Act) is no surprise. The so-called green movement is just anti-free enterprise ideology masking itself as “environmentalism.” I hope no local business leaders will be taken in by their rhetoric; if the property rights of a Walgreen's can be curtailed by local “busybodies,” than the property rights of other local businesses can be curtailed as well.

This issue is kind of personal for me since I lost my job at a local lumber and building materials center in Butler because of the restrictions placed on the construction industry under the Highlands Act. On behalf of myself and the other employees of Excelsior Lumber who lost their jobs over the last six months, I want to say “thank you” to all the tree huggers and bug chasers out there who support the Highlands Act and who don't think it goes far enough!

One can only hope that business leaders will band together and take a principled pro-property rights, pro-free market stand against these people who are crippling the economy. One way to fight these people is to join organizations like “Americans for Prosperity” ([americansforprosperity.org](http://americansforprosperity.org)). AFP is a principled free-market, libertarian, pro-property rights group that I support and would urge others to get involved with and support as well.

Personal liberty and economic liberty are interrelated issues that cannot be separated, and you can't have one without the other.

Mark Richards

West Milford

Published in *West Milford AIM* on April 17, 2008 and *Suburban Trends*, April 16, 2008

## Guest Editorial: Get YOUR "Letters to the Editor" Published!

By Richard Rider

Submitting letters to the editor (LTEs) is the most cost effective thing an individual can do to influence an issue. The public, media, and politicians heed LTEs. Indeed, some studies indicate that the LTEs section is the most frequently read section of newspapers!

Some pointers on how to write and submit LTEs:

1. Short, concise letters are more likely to be published than long, meandering ones. Keep them under 150 words, and for big papers, under 100 words. Longer letters are also more likely to be edited; it's better you do your own editing.
2. Ever notice how you read LTEs? Most people read shorter letters first, and then perhaps they'll read the longer ones. Thus, shorter letters have a better chance of being both published and read.
3. What to write about? A current news story. Every day offers us many stories on which to comment. Replying to editorials (agree or disagree) is also effective.
4. Be timely. Respond within a day or two of an article's publication. Indeed, same day response to an article or editorial in a daily paper is a MAJOR factor in your chance of getting published.
5. Pick an issue of importance to you. Show some passion. And humor.
6. Briefly state the argument you're rebutting or responding to. Don't do a lengthy rehash; it's a waste of valuable space, and boring.
7. Stick to one subject. One issue per letter.
8. Offer two or three solid points for your position. We all have 23 reasons why our viewpoint is correct, but don't list them all.
9. Don't be shrill or abusive. Editors often discard personal attacks.
10. Logically organize your LTE. Briefly recite the argument you're opposing, then state your position, then present your evidence. Close with a short restatement of your position, or a pithy comment. ("Jimmy Breslin says possession of firearms should be limited to law enforcement officers. I say when only the police have guns, the police state is just around the corner.")
11. Facts and figures raise your LTE above the "sez you, sez me" category. ("Anthony Lewis calls for taxing the rich to balance the budget. Is he aware that if we confiscated the entire income of the top wage earners in this country (those earning over \$200,000), this would run the federal government for exactly 8 days?")
12. Expert testimony bolsters your case. ("George Will claims we need the draft to defend America. But General Edward C. Meyer, Army Chief of Staff, recently stated...")
13. Proofread for errors in spelling, punctuation, and grammar. Newspapers often edit to correct mistakes, but your LTE will more likely be published if it's already "clean."
14. Edit. Some say a letter shouldn't be mailed right after it's written. Put it aside for an hour or more. Rereading it later will often help you spot errors in reasoning, stilted language. etc. Read your LTE to a friend for objective input.
15. But don't let your letter wait too long and lose its timeliness. The Internet has made the prompt submission of LTEs ever more important.
16. Try to view your letter from the reader's perspective. Will your arguments make sense to someone without a special background on this issue? Did you use technical terms not familiar to the average reader?
17. Should your letter be typed? Yes!
18. Ideally, submit your letter by email and fax. Faxes have higher editorial visibility (and are faster than snail mail), while emails are easy to "copy and paste" (and protect you from human error in transcription).
19. In newspaper column publishing (and most emails), a paragraph should rarely be longer than three sentences. Preferably no more than two. People don't read long paragraphs -- including editors!
20. Direct your missives to "Letters to the Editor," or a similar sounding title. Name the specific paper in the greeting so they don't think it's been sent to other publications.
21. Include your name, residence address, email address, daytime phone number, and signature (if on paper). Papers don't publish this info, but they may use it to verify that you wrote the letter.
22. Most important -- write! Don't aim for a perfect letter. Just give it a good effort and send it.
23. Letter writing is the one thing any one of us can do on our own, without the need to work through a group. No committees necessary.
24. Don't be discouraged if your LTE isn't published. You've still given the editor a better sense of public opinion on an issue—and some strong arguments.

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**COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION ON THIS PAGE  
AND ON PAGE 2 PRIOR TO CIRCULATION**



Total Number of Signatures on this Petition \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Signatures on all Petitions \_\_\_\_\_

**PETITION OF NOMINATION FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION  
FOR ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT  
800 Signatures Required  
(N.J.S.A. 19:13-5)**

To The Honorable Attorney General:  
(N.J.S.A. 19:13-3)

Each signer of this petition certifies that the following statements are true:

- 1) I reside in the State of New Jersey;
- 2) I am legally qualified to vote for such candidate;
- 3) I have not signed any other petition of nomination for the primary or the general election for such office;
- 4) I request that you cause to be printed upon the official general election ballot the names of the candidates and their designation of party or principle (N.J.S.A. 19:13-4)

**CANDIDATES' REQUEST FOR DESIGNATION ON THE  
OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT**

The candidates herein having been endorsed for the office mentioned in this petition, do hereby request that there be printed opposite the names of candidates on the general election ballot the following designation: (Designation must not exceed three words and must be in accord with (N.J.S.A. 19:13-4.)

**Libertarian Party**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print or Type Designation of Party or Principle)

**NAMES OF CANDIDATES (Optional):**

The candidates of said party or principles for whom the electors are to vote are: (Names should appear the same on **ALL** petitions to be filed.)

**Bob Barr**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print or Type Name)

for President

and

**Wayne Allyn Root**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print or Type Name)

for Vice President

**Please Print or Type Names and Addresses of ALL Electors**

|     | Name                | Number, Street or Avenue     | City               |
|-----|---------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1.  | Leonard Flynn       | 254 Tennent Road             | Morganville        |
| 2.  | Virginia Flynn      | 254 Tennent Road             | Morganville        |
| 3.  | Brenda Bell         | 114 Westervelt Avenue        | North Plainfield   |
| 4.  | Frank Warren, Jr    | 114 Westervelt Avenue        | North Plainfield   |
| 5.  | Walter Luers        | 105 Belvidere Avenue         | Oxford             |
| 6.  | Daniel Karlan       | 97 Manhattan Avenue          | Waldwick           |
| 7.  | Kenneth Kaplan      | 1480 Route 46                | Parsippany         |
| 8.  | Ray Cragle          | 37 Wallace Road              | Princeton Junction |
| 9.  | Denis Keith Quarles | 1505 Butler Way              | Wall               |
| 10. | John Taylor         | 1 Scenic Drive               | Highlands          |
| 11. | Richard Edgar       | 8 Arneytown-Hornerstown Road | Cream Ridge        |
| 12. | Tim O'Brien         | 274 Hopewell Road            | Medford            |
| 13. | Kevin Ferrizzi      | 685 Chathan Road             | Somerdale          |
| 14. | Paul Tahan, Jr      | 8 Brandywine Road            | Wayne              |
| 15. | Anthony Federici    | 10 Masker Road               | Glenwood           |

**EACH** elector must sign an Oath of Allegiance and a Certificate of Acceptance (separate sheets provided).

# SIGNATURE SHEET

Signature and residence address of registered voter:

|     |                                      |            |
|-----|--------------------------------------|------------|
| 1.  | _____                                | _____      |
|     | Signature                            | Print Name |
|     | _____                                | _____      |
|     | Residence Address(Number and Street) | (City)     |
| 2.  | _____                                | _____      |
|     | Signature                            | Print Name |
|     | _____                                | _____      |
|     | Residence Address(Number and Street) | (City)     |
| 3.  | _____                                | _____      |
|     | Signature                            | Print Name |
|     | _____                                | _____      |
|     | Residence Address(Number and Street) | (City)     |
| 4.  | _____                                | _____      |
|     | Signature                            | Print Name |
|     | _____                                | _____      |
|     | Residence Address(Number and Street) | (City)     |
| 5.  | _____                                | _____      |
|     | Signature                            | Print Name |
|     | _____                                | _____      |
|     | Residence Address(Number and Street) | (City)     |
| 6.  | _____                                | _____      |
|     | Signature                            | Print Name |
|     | _____                                | _____      |
|     | Residence Address(Number and Street) | (City)     |
| 7.  | _____                                | _____      |
|     | Signature                            | Print Name |
|     | _____                                | _____      |
|     | Residence Address(Number and Street) | (City)     |
| 8.  | _____                                | _____      |
|     | Signature                            | Print Name |
|     | _____                                | _____      |
|     | Residence Address(Number and Street) | (City)     |
| 9.  | _____                                | _____      |
|     | Signature                            | Print Name |
|     | _____                                | _____      |
|     | Residence Address(Number and Street) | (City)     |
| 10. | _____                                | _____      |
|     | Signature                            | Print Name |
|     | _____                                | _____      |
|     | Residence Address(Number and Street) | (City)     |

## SIGNATURE SHEET

Signature and residence address of registered voter:

11. \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Residence Address(Number and Street) \_\_\_\_\_ (City)

12. \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Residence Address(Number and Street) \_\_\_\_\_ (City)

13. \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Residence Address(Number and Street) \_\_\_\_\_ (City)

14. \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Residence Address(Number and Street) \_\_\_\_\_ (City)

15. \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Residence Address(Number and Street) \_\_\_\_\_ (City)

16. \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Residence Address(Number and Street) \_\_\_\_\_ (City)

17. \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Residence Address(Number and Street) \_\_\_\_\_ (City)

18. \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Residence Address(Number and Street) \_\_\_\_\_ (City)

19. \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Residence Address(Number and Street) \_\_\_\_\_ (City)

20. \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Residence Address(Number and Street) \_\_\_\_\_ (City)

SIGNATURE SHEET

Signature and residence address of registered voter:

21. \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Residence Address(Number and Street) (City)

22. \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Residence Address(Number and Street) (City)

23. \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Residence Address(Number and Street) (City)

24. \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Residence Address(Number and Street) (City)

25. \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Print Name

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Residence Address(Number and Street) (City)

26. \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Print Name

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Residence Address(Number and Street) (City)

27. \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Print Name

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Residence Address(Number and Street) (City)

28. \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Residence Address(Number and Street) (City)

29. \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Residence Address(Number and Street) (City)

30. \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Residence Address(Number and Street) (City)

**AFFIDAVIT OF PERSON WHO CIRCULATES THIS PETITION AND WITNESSES SIGNATURES**

The witness taking the affidavit below must be the person who obtained the names on this set of signatures or several sets of signatures. The witness must take the affidavit for each set he/she solists and sign in the presence of a person authorized to administer affidavits (e.g., notary public).

State of New Jersey :

: ss.

County of \_\_\_\_\_ :

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Print Name of Witness) \_\_\_\_\_ (Address)

being duly sworn, upon my oath say that such petition was signed by each of the signers thereof in his/her own proper handwriting; that each of such signers is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a legal voter of the State of New Jersey, and that such petition is prepared and filed in absolute good faith for the sole purpose of endorsing the person herein named in order to secure his or her nomination or selection.

Sworn and subscribed to before me at

\_\_\_\_\_, N.J.,

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Circulator/Witness)

this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
(Day)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address of Circulator/Witness)

\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_  
(Month) (Year)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City or Town) (Zip Code)

\_\_\_\_\_

**QUALIFICATIONS OF ELECTORS:**

Minimum age requirement: 25 years  
Legal Voter of the State of New Jersey  
Citizen of the United States for 7 years next preceding the election