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Petition Drive Begins – You can help!

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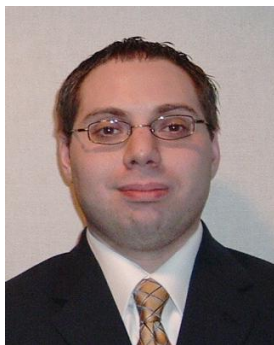
Often alone or with little help NJLP candidates have had to get petition signatures and, even though New Jersey has reasonably low signature requirements compared to other states, getting strangers to sign the petition is still a nuisance. Now there are **three** ways to support our candidates. The first way arises specially this year, thanks to a major alteration of the election law brought about through litigation. Petition circulators no longer have to live in the district that the candidate represents, so ...

On May 7 Ken Kaplan and Len Flynn announced the formation of the **NJLP Petition Posse**, a group of volunteers dedicated to gathering signatures for the NJLP's 2008 candidates. If you can help with signatures, please contact Ken (973-978-9722) or Len (732-591-1328) to join the "posse." They plan to travel anywhere in the state to get signatures for our candidates.

Ken has accepted the call to manage signature collection for the Jason **Scheurer for U.S. Senate** campaign. Jason needs 800 valid signatures from N.J. registered voters to get on the General Election ballot and Ken is aiming to gather 1,500.



Jason Scheurer



Derek DeMarco

Derek **DeMarco** is running for Congress in the **8th District** and needs signatures too (minimum 100). The petition posse is mobilizing to get these signatures.

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PorcFest 2008

By Rich Goldman



Libertarians and liberty lovers of all stripes will gather in Gilford, New Hampshire in June for the 5th Annual Porcupine Freedom (and Music) Festival (aka PorcFest). As the premier event of the Free State Project (FSP), PorcFest welcomes pro-liberty activists from across the nation to see why New Hampshire was selected by FSP's membership to be the destination for those who are willing to work effectively in a concentrated effort towards "Liberty in Our Lifetime."

The Free State Project (www.freestateproject.org) "is an effort to recruit 20,000 liberty-loving people to move to New Hampshire. We are looking for neighborly, productive, tolerant folks from all walks of life, of all ages, creeds, and colors who agree to the political philosophy expressed in our Statement of Intent, that government exists at most to protect people's rights, and should neither provide for people nor punish them for activities that interfere with no one else."

This libertarian-sounding message, though it is from an officially non-partisan organization, has resounded loudly in LP circles. Many organizations in New Hampshire, including the state LP, have already benefited from the first 500 "Free Staters" who call NH home.

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Steering Committee Reports

By Paul Tahan, NJLP Secretary

Since the March 15, 2008 membership meeting at the regional convention, the newly elected members of the NJLP Steering Committee under the leadership of Chair Lou Jasikoff have committed themselves to building on last year's efforts and fixing observed problems. First, the NJLP committees are meeting by phone to facilitate discussion and ease the burden of travel on the committee members. Vice Chair Sean Colon has arranged these conference calls through his company at no cost to the NJLP.

Second, the members are discussing business informally each week to facilitate progress between monthly meetings. Foremost among the projects that benefit from this more intense attention is an effort to systematize the processing of membership renewals and fund-raising, particularly using the NJLP website and the internet.

Finally, the regular monthly meetings are much more efficient without the hours of driving needed to get everyone together. (Let us not forget the cost of gas, too!)

On Thursday, April 24, 2008 the Steering Committee met by conference call at 8:00 PM. Five members were present at 8:04 establishing quorum. Jason Scheurer was absent and Kevin Ferrizzi connected at 8:18 PM.

The committee authorized \$275 as the NJLP share for participation in the Black-Latino Expo in Philadelphia on September 13, 2008. (National LP will pay half the \$1,100 cost and the LPPa and NJLP split the balance.) Attendance is estimated to be 30,000-50,000. Ken Kaplan suggested we prepare a marketing plan as well as Libertarian literature in Spanish to improve its effectiveness. Lou will be meeting with Arlen Specter and Mr. Nutter at the National Convention for further discussion.

Lou Jasikoff reported that the NJLP share of the regional convention donations was \$2,181. The NJLP picnic was set for July 5, 2008, and the committee budgeted up to \$500 to cover its cost.

The committee noted the need to streamline flow of information as the volume of new members is likely to increase. Officer Manuals are to be prepared to help this process. Each officer needs to write up a manual on specific duties and operations of their position within the party. The deadline for the manuals is Christmas 2008.

Lou Jasikoff reported that Jason Scheurer was open to running for US Senate and Jason confirmed this the next week after his minor back surgery. The committee also approved Derek Demarco as a candidate for Congress in District 8. The next meeting/conference call was set at 7:00 PM on Wednesday May 14, 2008. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Editorial Praise for NJLP and Paff

In a Friday, April 25, 2008 editorial, *The Express Times* (covering Warren County, New Jersey) wrote favorably about the NJLP's Open Government Advocacy Project's work.

EDITORIALS

Officials should know laws about open government

Friday, April 25, 2008

Shining a light

Most elected officials in New Jersey cringe when John Paff shows up at public meetings. He's been hop-scotching across the state pointing out the subtle and not-so-subtle ways in which municipalities and school boards fail the public when it comes to open government. Paff, the chairman of the New Jersey Libertarian Party's Open Government Advocacy Project, has targeted more than 90 municipalities. Last year, he successfully sued a Middlesex County school board that wasn't providing enough detail on closed-door meetings. Recently he's been corresponding with officials in Washington, urging the borough to provide more specific reasons for discussions out of public earshot. He says one-word explanations such as "litigation" and "personnel" simply aren't enough. And he's right.

He's also raised concerns about a contract award notice that didn't provide a dollar amount for the borough's public defender contract. The borough's attorney, Richard Cushing, has yet to issue an official response. But Councilman Andrew Turner told *The Express-Times* that Paff raises valid concerns and that any oversights aren't deliberate attempts at public deception but "a bad practice that's been continued." Bad habits can and must be broken, especially when government transparency and public confidence in our elected officials are at stake.

The climate is improving, thanks to watchdogs such as Paff and their ability to cite relatively strong state open records laws to make their cases. Since Paff's prodding last year in neighboring Washington Township, for instance, its township committee not only provides detailed public explanations of closed-door meetings but also tapes and keeps full minutes of those sessions. Still, the news media and open government advocates shouldn't have to fight this battle one community, one school board, at a time. Our elected leaders should understand the laws -- and follow them.

Future Meetings & Events

May 22-26 – Libertarian National Convention in Denver, CO

Wednesday, May 28 – NJLP State Board meeting by conference call starting at 7:00 PM

Tuesday, June 3 – Petition filing deadline for NJLP candidates for General Election (except President)

Saturday, July 5 – NJLP Annual Picnic and general meeting at Polanka Park in Savreville

Instructions for Scheurer Petition

By Ken Kaplan

(For the full "Petitioning 101" instruction document see the NJLP website or contact Ken for a copy.) The hardest part of petitioning is overcoming the self consciousness about doing it. Once you decide to get started, the rest is easy. Or for company join the Petition Posse, see page 1.

You need to be registered to vote in New Jersey. (You have to be one of the signers of the petition, although it can be on the copy someone else is circulating, and you can sign only one petition for each office.) You'll need a ball point pen and a clipboard for outside work.

Start with a few signatures from friends or family. This will warm you up, plus it will mean you don't have to approach strangers with a blank petition. Extra bonus: Once you get past the ten lines on the first page, the people won't be tempted to read the details of what they're signing.

Your goal is the most signatures in the shortest time. Don't attempt to debate the issues. You are not out to make Libertarian converts. Then do two steps: 1. Make eye contact, and 2. Smile and give your six second sales pitch. Here are two samples: "Hi, I'm trying to get enough signatures on this petition to get my friend, John Doe's, name on the ballot. Can you help me out?" or ... "Hi, I just need a few more signatures to get my candidates name on the ballot. Can you help me out?"

After you're done, take all of your petitions to a notary. In his/her presence, you must sign the statement on each back page stating that you "witnessed" all of the attached signatures. (You can find a notary at any law office or at your bank.)

Finally, return the petition promptly. Mail the petition by May 27 or earlier. Hand delivery is safest. Use the attached mailing label to return your petition to Ken Kaplan. The second label is for NJLP Treasurer Kevin Ferrizzi to receive your contribution to the NJLP Federal Fund. (See page 5.)

Have fun, and good luck!

New Developments in National LP Presidential Race

On May 12, 2008 former Congressman Bob Barr announced his intention to seek the Presidential nomination of the Libertarian Party. Barr was in Congress from 1995 to 2003, representing Georgia's 7th District. Barr has been a member of the LP since 2006 and he served as regional representative on the Libertarian National Committee, speaking at many Libertarian events across the nation.

Barr joins former Alaska Senator Mike Gravel, who quit his race for the Democratic Party Presidential nomination in October 2007 when debate sponsors and the Democratic

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The second way to support the Scheurer statewide NJLP campaign is to **complete the petition enclosed with this newsletter** by gathering signatures of your family and friends, neighbors and coworkers then sending the notarized petitions to Ken no later than May 27. Follow the instructions on page 3 of this newsletter. The filing deadline for NJLP candidates for the 2008 candidates is Tuesday, June 3, 2008!

Finally, the NJLP welcomes your contribution to the **Federal Fund** to help our federal candidates. Use the form on page 5.

Help the freedom fight and join the posse!

Mailing labels:

Send completed petitions to:

Ken Kaplan
1480 Route 46, Apt 231B
Parsippany, NJ 07054

Send Federal Fund checks (page 5) to:

Kevin Ferrizzi
685 Chatham Road
Somerdale, NJ 08083

According to *Libertarian Party News* there are 14 people trying to win the LP nomination – and the NJLP/LPPa convention attendees had the opportunity to see nine of them debate on March 15 at the regional convention. One candidate at our convention, Bob Jackson of Michigan, terminated his campaign on April 7, endorsing Bob Barr.



Bob Barr



Mike Gravel

Gravel and Barr have received considerable recent media attention, but neither campaigned extensively at LP state conventions. Other candidates have traveled widely to visit and meet state delegations. Another delayed candidate is Dr. Mary Ruwart, who declared her candidacy on March 21, 2008. She was too late for the NJLP/LPPa convention on March 15, but the 57 year old Texas native gained a number of endorsements from party notables to support her campaign and she participated in the Heartland Libertarian Conference.



Mary Ruwart

To learn about the LP Presidential candidates, go the National LP website at <http://www.lp.org/libertydecides/> then proceed to the individual candidates' websites. Now the national convention delegates from the NJLP have just 10 days from Barr's announcement to the May 21-26 National Convention to sort through the crowd and figure out who should be the standard bearer for the national party in 2008.

Good luck team!

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Free State Project activists have been very active and vocal advocates for libertarian approaches to public policy issues. From cutting taxes and spending to decriminalizing small amounts of marijuana possession, to fighting motorcycle helmet and automobile seatbelt laws, the FSP early movers have joined forces with the LP and other liberty-leaning interest groups on issues before the state legislature as well as at the local level.

Beyond politics, policy and ideology, though, PorcFest (www.PorcFest.com) is simply a fun way to enjoy a summer vacation, see some great scenery, and enjoy camaraderie with like-minded folks who, like you, understand and cherish freedom. The porcupine was chosen as the FSP's mascot because besides being indigenous to New Hampshire, it is a gentle, peaceful creature, but you don't want to step on one!

Scheduled June 9-15, 2008 at the Gunstock Mountain Resort in Gilford, NH, the festival is expected to draw over 400 attendees. There will be live bands performing on Friday and Saturday, along with workshops and guest speakers. Throughout the week, attendees will enjoy bus tours around the state, shooting range trips, a road rally, hiking treks, camping, and more. In the evening, those who choose to stay at the campground will enjoy campfires, pro-liberty movies, social activities and "open-mic" singing performances. Visitors who prefer not to camp have many nearby hotels and motels available.

The Free State Project invites New Jersey Libertarians to come to New Hampshire and discover new freedoms, new friends, and a successful approach to achieving liberty in our lifetime.

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Full page	\$60
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Quarter page	\$20
Eighth page (business card)	\$10

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NJLP Federal Fund

The NJLP's federal candidates need your contributions, both money and time. Please take the time to fill out this form and add a check to help the freedom fight continue. Please help our candidates help YOU. Your generous contributions are greatly appreciated.

I wish to support Libertarian Party candidates running for Federal offices. Enclosed is my contribution of

\$250 \$100 \$50 \$10 Other: \$ _____

Make checks payable to "NJLP Federal Fund."

Send checks to: Kevin Ferrizzi, NJLP Treasurer
685 Chatham Road
Somerdale, NJ 08083

NOTE: We respect your privacy and will keep the identity and amount of our supporters' donations confidential to the extent permitted by law. Individual annual contributions to State Party Committees like the NJLP Federal Fund are limited to \$2,100 per calendar year, and contributor information for donations over \$200 must be reported. We do **not** report contribution information for any donation unless required by law.

Contributions are not tax deductible.

Check here to use address from mailing label



Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____

Occupation: * _____

Employer's name: * _____

** Federal law requires political committees to report the name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer for individuals whose contributions exceed \$200 in a calendar year.*

Exclusions – check all that apply:

- I am not a U.S. citizen nor a permanent resident alien I am a federal contractor
 This contribution is not with my own personal funds

Excluded from contributing? You can still help the freedom fight by donating directly to the NJLP. Send your contribution check made out to "NJLP" to the address above.



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CALL TOLL FREE
1 800 201-NJLP

I want to become a member of the Libertarian Party! I have checked the level at which I want to join and have enclosed the corresponding dues. I certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force to achieve social or political goals. (Signature required for membership only) X _____

Check here to use address from mailing label

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (____) _____ E-mail _____

Occupation & Employer _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Life Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Patron Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Sustaining Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> \$35 Supporting Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Regular Membership | |

Newsletter subscription is included with your membership.

Donation

Enclosed in my additional contribution of \$_____ to help the NJLP in its efforts to expand individual liberty.

Send to a Friend

I have a friend who might be interested in the NJLP. Please send a complimentary copy of the *New Jersey Libertarian* to:

Please remove my name if the mailing list is rented

Make check payable to NJLP and mail to: NJLP, P.O. Box 56, Tennent, NJ 07763

You can also join the NJLP on-line at http://www.njlp.org/membership/new_member.php



New Jersey Libertarian Party
P.O. Box 56
Tennent, New Jersey 07763
800-201-NJLP www.njlp.org

Total Number of Signatures on this Petition _____

Total Number of Signatures on all Petitions _____

PETITION OF NOMINATION FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION

PETITION FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR

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 a legally qualified to vote for the candidate named herein;
- 3) I have not signed any other petition of nomination for the primary or for the general election for such office;
- 4) I request that you cause to be printed upon the ensuing general election ballot the name of the candidate and his/her designation of party or principle; (N.J.S.A. 19:13-4)

5) **Name of Candidate: Jason Scheurer**

Residence and Post Office Address (Both)	City	Zip Code
307 Trinity Court # 7	West Windsor	08543

CANDIDATE'S REQUEST FOR DESIGNATION OF THE PARTY OR PRINCIPLE ON THE OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

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

County	Party or Principle	County	Party or Principle
1. ATLANTIC	Libertarian Party	12. MIDDLESEX	Libertarian Party
2. BERGEN	Libertarian Party	13. MONMOUTH	Libertarian Party
3. BURLINGTON	Libertarian Party	14. MORRIS	Libertarian Party
4. CAMDEN	Libertarian Party	15. OCEAN	Libertarian Party
5. CAPE MAY	Libertarian Party	16. PASSAIC	Libertarian Party
6. CUMBERLAND	Libertarian Party	17. SALEM	Libertarian Party
7. ESSEX	Libertarian Party	18. SOMERSET	Libertarian Party
8. GLOUCESTER	Libertarian Party	19. SUSSEX	Libertarian Party
9. HUDSON	Libertarian Party	20. UNION	Libertarian Party
10. HUNTERDON	Libertarian Party	21. WARREN	Libertarian Party
11. MERCER	Libertarian Party		

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 _____

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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)

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Signature _____ Print Name _____

Residence Address(Number and Street) _____ (City)

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Signature _____ Print Name _____

Residence Address(Number and Street) _____ (City)

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Residence Address(Number and Street) _____ (City)

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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)

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 solicits 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/her nomination or selection.

Sworn and subscribed to before me at

_____, N.J.,

(Signature of Witness)

this _____ day of _____
(Day)

(Street Address of Witness)

_____, 20_____
(Month) (Year)

(City or Town) (Zip Code)
