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Chair's Message

We made history in 2016. The NJLP put a record 20 candidates on the ballot and received over 122,785 votes. This includes Presidential nominee Gary Johnson who earned a record 72,477 votes in the Garden State. Johnson also set a national record for the LP by winning nearly 4.5 million votes.

The Libertarian Party is exploding in New Jersey. Registered Libertarian voters are up 105% in the past 12 months. NJLP membership is up 110%! Thank you for your incredible support!

The 2017 NJLP State Convention is March 11th at the Rutgers University Conference Center in New Brunswick. It will feature Larry Sharpe, Bob Bowdon, Mike German, and Julie Borowski.

We are gearing up for the 2017 statewide elections for Governor, State Senate, and State Assembly. We expect to continue our growth next year and beyond as we advance the cause of liberty.

Our organization is not comprised of scripted career politicians. We are regular working people volunteering our time and energy so our children can live in freedom and peace. If we can do this so can you!

Dissatisfaction with both establishment parties is at an all-time high. New Jersey property taxes, income taxes, estate taxes and inheritance taxes are all among the highest in America. Due to excessive regulations we are consistently voted the worst place to start a business. We have more people leaving New Jersey than any other state. When adjusted for cost of living 30% of New Jersey now lives in poverty. Politicians have crippled our taxpayers with over \$170 billion in state debt. At \$55,550 per taxpayer that's the highest in the nation.

This is unlimited government run amok. The only future for our state is to reject the corruption and hypocrisy of both establishment parties. Let's empower people instead of the politicians.

Our unprecedented growth is happening for a reason. It isn't because we have the most money or the most powerful political connections. It's because we're continuing a long tradition of New Jerseyans standing up for their rights.

Patrick McKnight
Chair, NJLP

2016 NJLP Vote Totals

Gary Johnson U.S. President	72,477	1.9%
Bill Sihr U.S House 1	2,410	0.8%
John Ordille U.S House 2	3,772	1.3%
Jeremy Marcus U.S House 4	3,320	1.0%
Claudio Belusic U.S House 4	7,424	2.2%
Judith Shamy U.S House 6	1,720	0.6%
Dan O'Neill U.S House 7	5,343	1.5%
Dan Delaney U.S House 8	3,438	1.9%
Diego Rivera U.S House 9	3,327	1.4%
Jeff Hetrick U.S House 11	3,475	1.0%
Tom Fitzpatrick U.S. House 12	2,482	0.9%
Demos Backos Bergen County Freeholder	6,339	0.6%
Peter Rohrman for Bergen Country Freeholder	8,691	0.8%
Doug Burgoyne Allendale Town Council	384	7.9%
Michael Chazukow \West Milford Town Council	1,993	11.5%
Edmond T. Maciejewski Berkeley Town Council	1,271	10.2%
Patrick McKnight Montgomery Township Council	1,542	13.5%
Joe Rafferty Washington Township Town Council	662	1.4%
Michael Roche Ocean Township Town Council	960	23.1%

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By Laws Change Proposal

by Jim Tosone

In an ongoing effort to keep the [NJLP Bylaws](#) consistent with our needs and practices, the following motion will be on the Business Meeting Agenda for the upcoming State Convention. It was been reviewed by the Bylaws Committee, which recommends approval. Approval requires a Yes vote from two-thirds of the General Members in attendance.

Bylaws Revision Resolution - Membership

Whereas, the current practice of the New Jersey Libertarian Party is to provide free memberships to students

Whereas, this does not conform to the latest version of the bylaws (as approved November 12, 2016)

Resolved, modify paragraph 5. Membership adding the underlined text:

... Thereafter, such a person shall become a member upon payment of dues to the NJLP. Payment of dues will be waived if the person is a full-time student at the time of joining or renewing. ♦

Berkeley Heights Sunshine Act

by John Paff

Citizens in the Township of Berkeley Heights (Union County) are collecting signatures to put the "Berkeley Heights Sunshine Act" as a referendum on the November 2017 general election ballot. The Act will require the Township Council, Planning and Zoning Boards and other public bodies to go beyond the transparency requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA).

Voters in municipalities, such as Berkeley Heights, that have adopted an Optional Municipal Charter Act of 1950 (Faulkner Act) or Walsh Act form of government may initiate such legislation and force it to a public vote by collecting signatures equal in number to ten-percent of the ballots cast in the most recent election where General Assembly members were selected. It's a useful tool that allows voters to circumvent recalcitrant and entrenched local elected officials.

Specifically, the Act will require: a) that meeting agendas are fixed and publicized on-line at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, b) that all proposed contracts, resolutions and other documents referred to in a meeting agenda also be available on-line at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, c) provide a five-minute per person public comment session near the beginning of each meeting, d) prohibit members of the public body from texting during meetings, e) require detailed resolutions that precisely set forth the topics to be discussed during closed or executive session, f) comprehensive (as opposed to the "reasonably comprehensible" standard required by the OPMA) minutes of closed or executive sessions to be posted on-line within 60 days of the meeting, g) quarterly review of closed session

minutes to determine if previously redacted material can be disclosed and h) on-line posting of every meeting's audio by the fifth day after the meeting. ♦

New Edition of "Idiot's Guide: The U.S. Constitution"

by Jim Tosone

The Second Edition (2016) of the *Idiot's Guides: The U.S. Constitution* has been published. It is an update to the First Edition (2007). As with the First Edition, I was a contributor to the book, providing a liberty perspective on the Articles, the Amendments, their application to current issues, and the future of the Constitution. You'll find me in the Acknowledgments described as "the noted amateur constitutional scholar."

The *Idiot's Guides* series is targeted toward smart people who want to know more about a particular subject area. The Constitution book is by no means a libertarian treatise. But as part of a widely-read series, *Idiot's Guides: The U.S. Constitution* is one way to get libertarian ideas introduced to a wider audience. It is available in both Print and Kindle editions. ♦

Membership Dues Change Proposal

by Jim Tosone

At the January State Board meeting, we discussed the idea of raising the Regular State Member fee from \$15/year to \$25/year. All other Member levels (Supporting, Sustaining, Patron, and Life) would remain the same.

The rationale is: 1) the fee has remained unchanged since 1983. Adjusting for inflation, \$15 in 1983 dollars is equivalent to \$36 in 2017 dollars, and 2) we now offer free memberships to full-time students, who account for about 25% of our members. So we are supporting a larger membership base without a corresponding increase in revenue for our General Fund.

The Board agreed not to take an official position on this, but instead let the General Membership decide during the Business Meeting at the State Convention. So I will introduce the motion below at that time. Approval requires a Yes vote from a majority of the General Members in attendance. [Note: at a recent meeting of the Southern Region, their members voted in favor of increasing the fee to \$20. So if the motion below fails, we can then consider a motion to raise the fee to \$20.]

Membership Dues Change Resolution

Whereas, the current annual Regular Membership Fee has remained unchanged since 1983,

Whereas, our current practice of providing free memberships to full-time students has increased our membership size without a corresponding increase in revenue,

Resolved, The Regular State Member fee will be \$25/year beginning April 1, 2017. ♦

Membership Dues Change Proposal – Alternative View

by Jay Edgar

At this point I lean towards opposing a dues increase to \$25. Some time ago we had considered raising our dues. The justification was that “There Ain’t No Such Thing As a Free Lunch” (TANSTAAFL) as popularized by science fiction writer, Robert Heinlein. The \$15 fee was maintained because this was determined to be the cost of a member. This cost consisted of mailing a monthly newsletter and a yearly dues renewal. The cost of postage has increased with inflation and government incompetence. However, amazingly the cost of printing and production of a newsletter has decreased faster than inflation due to innovation. Electronic communication provides us with alternative, practically free means of keeping in touch with our members. We no longer produce a monthly snail mailed newsletter. Our newsletter printing and mailing currently costs about \$0.75 per copy. We only produce about four issues per year instead of the previous twelve. So even at the \$15 level we now make an even higher “profit” on our regular members.

I’m not adamantly against the increase, but would like to urge our convention delegates to tread carefully in raising our dues. Higher dues will discourage a percentage of potential members. I have no idea what this percentage is, but I do know that people often visit our site wanting to get involved and are discouraged when they realize that it costs money to get involved. In effect, we will be trading a small increase in our yearly income with an unknown (but probably small) drop in our number of members.

For our delegate’s information, I note that 35% of all of our members voluntarily pay higher than the \$15 regular dues. 41% join at the \$15 level and 24% have now joined at the new free student rate. I hope that we make the right decision, whatever that is. ♦

Public Spending Disclosure Rule Inches Closer to Enactment

by John Paff

During the summer of 2014, [Parsippany-Troy Hills Township](#) (Morris County) hired a consulting firm that was at least partially owned by the Township’s recently retired Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and then [refused to tell the public how much taxpayer money the consulting firm was to receive under the contract](#).

While the amount to be paid was listed in the contract itself, Township Clerk Yancy Wazirmas refused to provide a copy of the contract in response to my Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request because it “hasn’t been signed by the Administration (meaning Mayor James Barberio) and given to the Clerk’s Office yet. That could take up to 30 days.” Further, I was denied access to the unsigned contract because it was considered “advisory, consultative and

deliberative.” And finally, neither the resolution that authorized the contract nor the Certificate of Available Funds (a certification that the CFO must provide showing that there are sufficient funds in a budget line to cover the contract’s cost) disclosed the amount of the contract.

I felt strongly that public bodies, when they vote to approve a contract, should be required to create a publicly accessible document that discloses the maximum amount of public money that could be paid out under that contract. Accordingly, on August 1, 2014, I (in my role as Chairman of the New Jersey Libertarian Party’s Open Government Advocacy Project) submitted a formal [Petition for Rulemaking](#) to the Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) within the Department of Community Affairs seeking a rule amendment that would “require all Certifications of Available Funds to explicitly set forth the maximum dollar amount of the contract to be awarded.”

The DLGS agreed with my proposal and [published a formal proposed rule amendment](#) in the January 20, 2015 New Jersey Register. Unfortunately, it failed to move forward on the rule within one year, causing it to expire. So, on March 16, 2016, I submitted a [second, similar petition](#) which is moving through the process. In a formal proposal published in the [February 6, 2017 New Jersey Register](#), the DLGS, after having reviewed a first round of public comments, has fine-tuned the proposed rule and has asked for more public comments prior to March 8, 2017. After reviewing any comments received, I am hopeful that the rule will pass thus enabling taxpayers to better learn how their money is being spent. ♦

Five NJ Corrections Officers Sexually Abused Female Prisoners Over the Course of Two Years

by Kelly W. Patterson, [CopBlock.org](#)

[Four New Jersey corrections officers have been indicted for sexual assault against nine women](#) at the Edna Mahan Correctional Facility for Women in Clinton, NJ. Corrections Officers Jason Mays, Ahnwar Dixon, Brian Ambroise, and Thomas Seguire were all indicted by a Hunterdon grand jury for engaging in ongoing sexual abuse of inmates over the course of two years. All told, they are facing 26 charges between them.

A fifth man, Joel Herscap, previously pled guilty to official misconduct for engaging in a “sexual encounter” with an inmate. He was subsequently sentenced to three years in prison. Herscap worked as an institutional trade instructor at the prison prior to being arrested.

Via the [Trentonian.com](#):

Hunterdon County Prosecutor Anthony P. Kearns III announced at a press conference Monday morning that two more senior corrections officers were charged with rape at the Edna Mahan Correctional Facility in Clinton. That brings the tally to a total of

five male employees, including four corrections officers, charged with the sex assault of nine female inmates at Edna Mahan over the past year.

Mays, 43, of Hillside, has been employed by the New Jersey Department of Corrections (DOC) since May 2005. He was indicted on five counts of official misconduct, one count of a pattern of official misconduct and three counts of sexual assault, all second-degree crimes, and two counts of criminal coercion and criminal sexual contact, prosecutors said.

Dixon, 38, of East Orange, has been working for DOC since November 2004. He was indicted on two counts of official misconduct, one count of a pattern of official misconduct and one count of sexual assault, all second-degree crimes, and three counts of criminal sexual contact, prosecutors said.

...In February, another senior corrections officer was arrested for allegedly having sex with a female inmate. Thomas Seguine Jr., 34, of Phillipsburg, was charged with official misconduct and sexual assault.

Then three months later, a kitchen worker at the jail was arrested for reportedly exchanging cigarettes with two female inmates in return for sexual favors. Joel Herscap, 55, of Alpha, was charged with two counts of second-degree official misconduct, two counts of second-degree sexual assault and one count of fourth-degree criminal sexual contact. Kearns said Herscap was recently sentenced to three years in jail on an official misconduct charge.

In October, Brian Y. Ambroise, 33, of Union, engaged in a sexual relationship with an inmate at the prison, authorities said, and was charged with official misconduct and sexual assault. ♦

New OPRA Lawsuit Filed by Libertarians for Open Government

by John Paff

According to a [May 13, 2016 newspaper article](#), former Shore Regional High School District (Monmouth County) business administrator Dennis Kotch "resigned under the cloud of an investigation." While the school district would not tell the newspaper exactly why Kotch resigned, it did attribute to anonymous sources that Kotch was "the subject of an investigation into the misuse of school funds."

In order to learn more about the matter, Libertarians for Transparent Government, a NJ nonprofit corporation (LFTG) filed a September 27, 2016 Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request seeking, among other items, Kotch's "date of separation and reason therefore" and any e-mails or other correspondence between school officials and law enforcement sent or received during 2016. In an October 6, 2016 letter, Kotch's replacement, Corey Lowell, denied LFTG's first request because it asked for "information" (i.e.

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Kotch's separation date and reason) as opposed to identifiable records. As to LFTG's request for the law enforcement correspondence, Lowell said that the request was "overly broad [and] invalid under OPRA."

On October 25, 2016, LFTG, through attorney [CJ Griffin of Hackensack](#), filed a civil lawsuit seeking to compel Shore Regional to properly respond to the OPRA request and to pay LFTG's costs of courts and attorney fees. In [Libertarians for Transparent Government v. Shore Regional High School District and Corey Lowell](#) (docket number not yet issued), Griffin argued that while OPRA generally requires requestors to ask for records as opposed to information, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-10 is different. That section of the statute states:

an individual's name, title, position, salary, payroll record, length of service, date of separation and the reason therefor, and the amount and type of any pension received shall be a government record.

Griffin argued that this section requires OPRA custodians to disclose information about public employees (e.g. an employee's "length of service," which changes daily) regardless of whether or not that information is embodied within a specific record. She argued that citizens, in many if not most cases, aren't familiar enough with how public bodies keep their personnel records to allow them to ask for the right record and that in many cases the information may not be recorded in writing at all.

Beyond that, Griffin argued that it is not enough for Shore Regional to just say that the reason for Kotch's separation was that he "resigned." She cited a 1991 New Jersey Supreme Court case holding that citizens are entitled to know the **real** reason public employment was terminated. That case, [South Jersey Pub. Co., v. N.J. Expressway Authority](#), stated

[T]he court will recognize that the public interest in disclosure is intended to enable the public to make a sound judgment about the reasonableness of the Authority's decision regarding [the employee], which authorized the expenditure of public funds to continue his salary and benefits for a substantial period of time

after his resignation had become effective. Without disclosure of the reasons for [the employee]'s "voluntary separation" from the Authority, the public cannot intelligently make such an evaluation.

Regarding Lowell's claim that LFTG's request for the district's correspondence with law enforcement was overly broad and thus invalid, Griffin pointed out that LFTG's request is very similar to a request that the Appellate Division in 2012 found clear enough to warrant a response.

No hearing date has yet been established by the Court and Shore Regional has not yet been formally served with the lawsuit. ♦

Letter to the Editor: Government should leave Airbnb services alone

by *Jim Tosone*

Published in the Bergen Record

Dear Editor,

Regarding "N.J. government moves to regulate short-term rentals" (Page 1A, Feb. 2):

Municipalities that impose restrictions or bans on short-term rentals illustrate a major problem with government. A new service, like Airbnb, is created. Thousands of owners and renters embrace it in a responsible way and benefit from it. A few problems arise, so towns create restrictions that penalize the vast majority of those using the service responsibly.

In instances where there have been complaints, they tend to be because of misbehavior like excessive noise, illegal parking and littering. Towns already have laws on the books to stop and to punish such activities.

The real crime here is that elected officials are willing to subject decent, upstanding owners in their towns to fines of up to \$1,000 per day and/or 30 days in jail.

Jim Tosone

The writer is vice chair of the NJ Libertarian Party ♦

Freedom Can Be Messy

by *Mark Richards*

Published in the West Milford Messenger

Dear Editor,

The letter writer of "Bigotry and racism have no place in the public sector," is apparently unable to differentiate between what is private and what is public.

A business establishment is the private property of the owner just as much the owner's home and life are private property. Did the owner get a government subsidy or grant of some kind? If not, then it is a private independent concern in which the owner/owners should decide who they will hire or do business with.

Let us follow the writer's argument to its logical conclusion which would be that no business could refuse to hire or serve

anyone who walked through the door. A gay owner would be forced to deal with a homophobic religious fundamentalist or perhaps a Jewish owner would be forced to deal with a neo-Nazi skinhead.

What then to do with a business owner who is racially prejudiced? The late, great free-market economist Milton Friedman said it best when he remarked, "the marketplace is color blind."

No business owner who wants to make a profit will turn away customers based on skin color; those who are that shortsighted are only helping their competitors who don't care what color you are as long as your money is green.

Another option to deal with a prejudiced business is to boycott it and urge (but not force) others to do likewise. People like the letter writer see coercive laws by government as the only solution to inequities in society, which suggests to me that those people really don't believe in a free society but rather in a regimented collectivized society like so much of the rest of the world is cursed with.

Yes, sometimes freedom can be messy but that's the beauty of liberty, you can walk away from bigots and deal with people who accept you as an individual.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the Libertarian philosophy can contact me, Mark Richards, at P.O. Box 441, West Milford 07480. Find out what we really believe in not what others say we do. ♦

The Folly of Open Borders

by *Timothy Francis O'Brien*

This idea of open borders is troubling. As a Libertarian, I'm supposed to be in favor of them, and in principle, I am. However, in the real world, I'm opposed to them. During a meeting last year to watch the Libertarian presidential debates, I had a discussion with a friend and fellow Board member. He denied a collective ownership of the land called the United States of America. I disagreed.

Countries are not going away any time soon. The people and governments in them favor borders. Mexico does, well, it does regarding its southern borders. In a 14 September 2016, UK Daily Mail article, Hannah Parry writes that, "It seems Mexico agrees with Donald Trump's plans to build a wall to keep out illegal immigrants - but only on its southern border with Central America."

It's obvious that Mexico¹ wants their wall for economic reasons. They don't want unskilled foreign workers flooding their economy, replacing their own unskilled workers, the ones they export to the United States. Another fact that people are unwilling to acknowledge is that entering Mexico illegally is a felony.

Article 1, §8-4 of the US Constitution says, "The Congress shall have Power to... establish a uniform Rule of Naturalization..." It also makes sense that this was a power delegated to the federal authority. It is obvious that it would be impractical for each state to decide for the rest who can

and cannot come into the Union. Article 1, §8-3 says, “The Congress shall have Power to... To regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes...” This, to me, is another indication that this power was granted to the federal authority.

So many people say that most illegal (not undocumented) aliens commit no crimes and simply are trying to make a better life for themselves and their families. However, let’s acknowledge the fact that by violating our sovereignty they are committing a crime. If they work here in violation of our laws, they are committing more crimes. If they use fraudulent documents or commit identity theft, they are committing more crimes. The list just continues. Just because they’re not violent felonies does not mean they are not crimes. And every day they do it means they just continue to commit these crimes.

Sanctuary Cities, that release violent criminal aliens, are violating the law. They don’t have to go out and seek these criminals; however, when the illegals commit a felony, are arrested for that crime, the arresting authority, once they have adjudicated the crime for which they were originally arrested, should turn them over to immigrations for deportation. It’s not like the Fugitive Slave Laws, where Southern States wanted the federal government to force citizens and law enforcement in other States to arrest and return escaped slaves. In this case, all they must do is detain someone they’ve already arrested.

My main argument in this issue is that we’re not playing by the same rules. No other country allows unfettered immigration. We cannot sustain that. Since Americans do not have the right of free emigration to other countries around the world, there is no quid pro quo. We cannot just go somewhere else. It is a matter of national security and a matter of protecting the rights of Americans.

Regarding guest worker status, we can address that. We need to make it 100% illegal for these guest workers to take advantage of any services like medical (with the exception of emergent care) care. As for their children, as long as they are paying the appropriate taxes (or paying for private education), they can take advantage of that service. No alien of any kind should be allowed to take advantage of any welfare program (we can argue the abolition of the welfare state at another time). When immigrants came to the USA in the 19th Century, they had to have a sponsor (who would assure that if the immigrant was not working would be taken care of by the sponsor), was disease free and would take advantage of no welfare programs. That should be the case today. The fact was, they did it legally.

Also, this is a short list of how other countries handle this issue. They’re not as forgiving as we have been: Russia: Illegal border crossing is considered a crime, and “captured illegal border crossers have been sentenced to prison terms.” In October 2008, a North Korean was caught and detained as an “economic migrant.” He was forced to serve six months in Russian prison before being deported.

Italy: A law passed by parliament in 2009 “penalizes illegal immigrants with a fine of €5,000-10,000 and allows immigration officials to detain them for up to 6 months.”

China: Whistleblowers who report illegals to the government receive a cash reward when their information “leads to an expulsion.”

Australia: Passed the Migration Reform Act of 1992. This act and its subsequent amendments, “collectively require the authorities to detain all non-citizens who are discovered in Australia without a valid visa.”

Iran: According to Wikipedia, “Since late April 2007, the Iranian government has forcibly deported back to Afghanistan mostly unregistered (and some registered) Afghans living and working in Iran at a rate between 250,000 and 300,000 per year. The forceful evictions of the refugees, who lived in Iran and Pakistan for nearly three decades, are part of the two countries’ larger plans to repatriate all Afghan refugees within a few years.”

Mexico: Tightened its immigration laws in 2008, and has been deporting mass numbers of Central Americans and Cubans.

One issue that we also have to look at is this. Why should we reward those who broke into the country by letting them jump the line and get in front of people who followed the law and did everything right? Think of the time and expense required to do it right way. Should we penalize them and reward those who broke the law?

You cannot deny that countries exist and the very concept of countries is not going away anytime soon. We can be purists and assert that we should have free and open borders regardless of what other nations do. That’s patently ridiculous and impractical. The economy has a tipping point. Even one job taken by an illegal alien is too many. And Sanctuary Cities should be abolished.

¹ Only focusing on Mexico because better than 50% of illegals originate from there. ♦

Response to Tim’s Article on Immigration *by Jay Edgar*

Tim’s article presents a point of view that is antithetical to libertarianism. It also misrepresents the NJ Libertarian Party position on the issue.

Open borders is not the NJ Libertarian Platform position. Our platform states “We support limited control over the entry into our country of foreign nationals who pose a credible threat to security, health or property, however we assert that peaceful people should be allowed to cross borders peacefully.” This is not an “Open Borders” policy.

Tim takes a flexible view of the intended role of the federal government in regards to both immigration control and the rights of States. Naturalization is not the same as immigration. Nowhere in the Constitution is the federal government granted the power to control immigration. Because immigration is not expressly mentioned in the

Constitution, the Ninth and Tenth Amendments allow for States and cities to control immigration, not the federal government. I do concede that what the Constitution actually says has been twisted by the courts and has rendered the Constitution meaningless. A libertarian is not necessarily a Constitutionalist. It is Tim's view of the Constitution that has gotten us where we are today – an out of control, expansive federal government that does not respect either individual rights or State's rights.

Free markets require the ability for both goods and labor to cross borders freely. Immigrants do not take jobs. Quite the opposite is true, restricting free markets destroys jobs.

His reasoning of undocumented workers must be committing crimes by coming into the country illegally is a circular argument that has no merit. It is also easily solvable by giving these workers a legal option to enter.

In the 168 Counties where most of the 11 million undocumented immigrants live, a full 41% of them follow the NJLP Platform on refusing to honor federal immigration detainer orders. The reason for this is simple, ICE does not respect human rights and destroys families. Deportations leaves children in foster care at a cost of nearly \$26,000 per year per child. It creates a large number of single mothers leaving children without fathers. Children are living in fear of separation from their parents.

During Obama's tenure the number of deportations has skyrocketed. As of the end of 2016, the Obama administration has removed a just over 3 million undocumented immigrants. I fear for the families of immigrants under the Trump administration.

Just because other countries choose to have unfree policies does not mean that we should. The United States has a long history of being a beacon of freedom, let's restore that beacon of liberty. ♦

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NJLP Platform 15. Immigration

Issue: We hold that human rights should not be denied or abridged on the basis of nationality or national origin. The right to freely travel between States and Nations is a fundamental right. Humans must be free to leave tyrannical regimes. Employees, employers, and contractors must be free to negotiate without government interference or restriction.

Principle: We oppose state immigration restrictions, whether for the purpose of cooperating with Federal restrictions or otherwise. We strongly oppose all measures that punish employers who hire undocumented workers. The state has no business regulating productive, voluntary interactions between consenting parties.

Transition: Undocumented non-citizens should not be denied the fundamental freedom to labor or move about unimpeded. We oppose government welfare payments to non-citizens just as we oppose welfare payments to all other persons.

We support limited control over the entry into our country of foreign nationals who pose a credible threat to security, health or property, however we assert that peaceful people should be allowed to cross borders peacefully.

The State of New Jersey must refuse to recognize federal immigration detainer orders ("Form I-247") unless arrestees have been charged with or convicted of violating certain criminal offenses.

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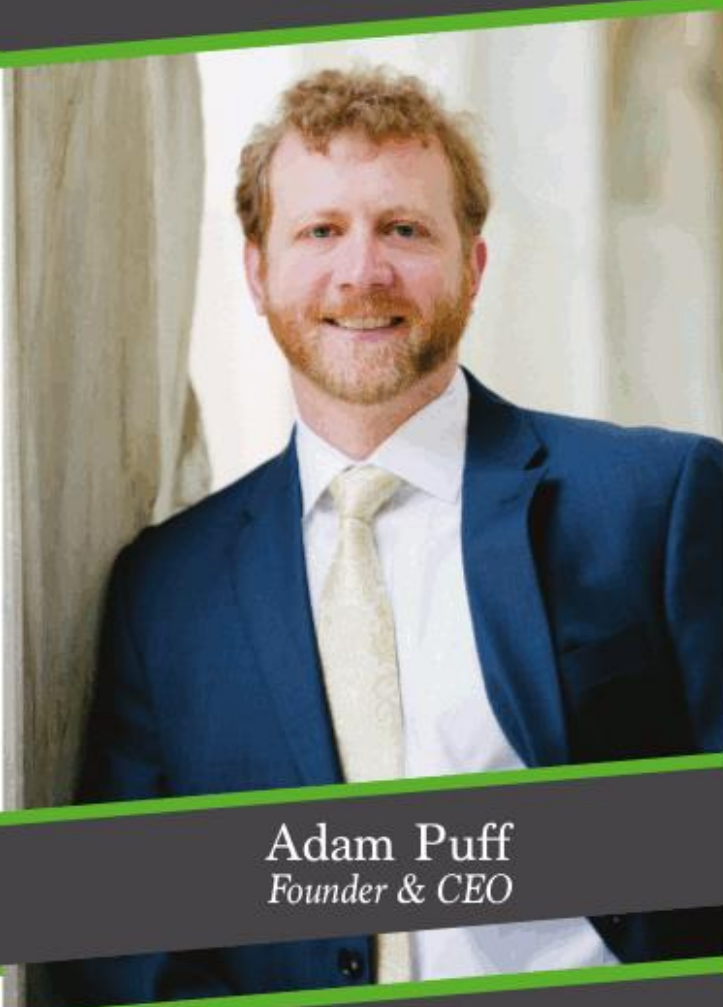
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NJ Libertarian Party Convention Announcement

March 11, 2017 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Rutgers University Inn and Conference Center
178 Ryders Lane
New Brunswick, NJ 08901

The Party's Business Meeting will be held from 9:00 AM until Noon and will be open to all. Registration will be required for the afternoon events which will include lunch and guest speakers. Our convention package will also include coffee and refreshments that will be available all day. We have a top notch selection of speakers this year!

Registration for the Convention will be \$55 until March 5th. After March 5th (including at the convention), registration will be \$65.

Tentative Agenda:

- 8:30 – 9:00 Gather for Continental Breakfast
9:00 – Noon NJLP Business Meeting (all our welcome, only NJLP members may participate)
- Nomination of 2017 Candidates
 - Election of NJLP officers
 - Discussion of NJLP Business
- Noon – 1:00 Luncheon
1:00 – 5:30 Speakers including:

Michael German
Bob Bowdon
Julie Borowski
Larry Sharpe

Note that the morning business meeting is free. You do not need to register for the meeting. Full speaker biographies and online registration is at <http://njlp.org/convention>. Contact Email: convention@njlp.org



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