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NJLP Convention Announcement

Announcing our Summer General Meeting.

Date: Saturday February 7, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM. Meeting is expected to start promptly at 9:AM. There will be a noon luncheon followed by afternoon speakers and presentations.

Location: Rutgers University Cook Campus Student Center, Multipurpose Room C

Meeting Agenda: See njlp.org/agenda

Convention Speakers and Registration: See njlp.org/convention or use mail in form at the end of this newsletter.

Statement from the Chair of the New Jersey Libertarian Party on U.S. Intervention in Venezuela

By: Bruno Pereira

As Chair of the New Jersey Libertarian Party, I must address the alarming justification now being offered for the United States’ military removal of Venezuela’s head of state.

In recent public remarks, a sitting United States senator declared, “The days of narco-terrorist thugs and tinpot third world dictators down south

pushing us around are over. We are a super-power. This is our hemisphere. And we are going to start acting like it again. President Trump is taking back control.”

That statement was not made by a fringe commentator or a private citizen. It was made by an elected federal lawmaker entrusted with constitutional responsibilities over war, diplomacy, and oversight of the executive branch. The language itself is not merely inflammatory. It is a declaration of doctrine. It asserts hemispheric dominance rather than constitutional restraint, power rather than law, and empire rather than republican governance.

For years, Marco Rubio has advocated direct United States intervention in Venezuela, repeatedly calling for regime change and the removal of its government by force. His position long predates the current crisis and reflects a belief that American military power should be used to reshape governments in Latin America when they are deemed hostile or inconvenient. That worldview directly conflicts with international law, which prohibits the forcible removal of sovereign governments and the seizure or control of national assets such as oil resources.

The rhetoric surrounding this operation makes the motivation unmistakable. Both Donald Trump and J D Vance have publicly framed Venezuela in terms of oil, resources, and strategic dominance. International law is clear that natural resources belong to the people of the nation in which they exist. Military force cannot lawfully be used to confiscate or control them. To argue otherwise is

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to revive the logic of conquest that the United States has long claimed to oppose.

What makes this moment especially troubling is the contradiction with prior public positions. President Trump has repeatedly stated that the Iraq War was a grave mistake that destabilized an entire region, enriched special interests, and cost countless lives without constitutional clarity or moral justification. Senator Vance has similarly criticized the Iraq invasion as a failure driven by elite consensus and unchecked executive power. Yet the removal of a sitting head of state through military force is, by definition, a regime change operation, no different in principle from the interventions they once condemned.

The historical parallel to Muammar Gaddafi and Libya is unavoidable. In 2011, the United States participated in the removal of Libya's leader without a declaration of war and without a credible plan for post-conflict stability. The result was not freedom or democracy, but the collapse of the Libyan state, the rise of militias, human trafficking, open-air slave markets, and a humanitarian disaster that continues more than a decade later.

President Trump later criticized the Libya intervention, stating publicly that the country was destroyed after Gaddafi's removal and that the United States should not engage in overthrowing governments without accountability or foresight. Senator Vance has likewise warned against regime change wars that leave nations worse off. By contrast, Senator Rubio praised the Libya intervention at the time and has consistently defended similar actions as necessary expressions of American power. The consequences of that thinking are now well documented and devastating.

Libertarians reject the notion that being a superpower entitles the United States to dominate an entire hemisphere or disregard constitutional limits. The removal of a foreign head of state is not a limited military operation. It is an act of war. It implicates Congress's exclusive authority to declare war and commits the nation to unpredictable and often irreversible consequences.

If the lessons of Iraq and Libya truly mattered, Venezuela would have been addressed through diplomacy, lawful international pressure, and peaceful engagement, not through unilateral force justified by the rhetoric of dominance and control. A foreign policy rooted in liberty requires humility, restraint, and respect for law, not declarations of ownership over entire regions of the world.

The New Jersey Libertarian Party calls on Congress to reassert its constitutional role and on the American people to reject a return to imperial foreign policy, disguised as strength. History has already shown us where this path leads.

National Convention Delegates Needed

The Libertarian National Convention is May 21st-25th in Grand Rapids Michigan. We have been allocated 20 delegates to represent the New Jersey Libertarian Party. Delegates will be approved at our Convention. If interested send a request to be nominated to chair@njlp.org. See inc2026.com for details.

Bylaws Committee Report

By: NJLP Bylaws Committee

The 2025 Bylaws Committee is proud to submit the following proposals for consideration during our Convention Business Meeting.

Proposal 1: Update Bylaws to change all occurrences of "VP of" to "Director of"

Rationale: The usage of VP was found to be confusing by our VP's. We do not have a President, we have a Chair. We already have a Vice Chair. Director is more along the lines of their positions.

This motion passed the Bylaws committee 5 to 0.

Proposal 2: Update Paragraph 6)c. 10, b, c, d, and e (online voting) as follows. Underlined text indicates insertion, strike through a deletion.

b. Motion is made via a newly created email with the subject starting as "Motion:", ~~email~~ with the full text of the motion present in the email, ~~and~~ a reply has been made to second the motion, and the presiding officer has recognized the motion.

c. Upon recognition ~~seconding~~ of such a motion, the Secretary, or other member acting in that capacity, shall make a reasonable attempt to notify all members of the Board, via some form of contemporaneous communication, that a motion has been made and the topic of such motion. The presumptive method for communication shall be by text message, however, any member may choose a different method of notification, provided they notify the Secretary in writing of such other method, and provided it is easily available and will not create an undue burden on the Secretary. If a member participates in the discussion they shall be deemed as having been notified.

d. A minimum of two business days are provided for discussion. The discussion can be ended early if all board members unanimously agree to ending the discussion.

e. After the minimum time for discussion, a motion and a second must have been made to close debate discussion and to proceed to a vote. This motion must be recognized by the chair and put to a vote. The motion to close debate requires a two-thirds majority of those voting to pass. The vote on closing debate ends once two-thirds of all board members vote in the affirmative or 16 hours have elapsed after the motion to close debate was recognized.

Rationale: The change to b was to reflect proper handling of a motion per Robert's Rules. A motion is not official until it is recognized by the Chair. Paragraph c was changed to allow for less text messaging of those who had obviously known about the online voting. Paragraph d was changed to give the body an option for getting a motion passed quicker. Paragraph e was updated to reflect the actual Robert's Rules procedure to close debate and to specify a timeline to allow board members to continue discussion.

This proposal passed the bylaws Committee with 4 ayes, 1 abstention.

Immigration and Enforcement: Is There a Better Way?

By: Vic Kaplan

In October of 2025, a Chicago US citizen, named Marimar Martinez, was shot five times, and survived. The Border Patrol agent who shot Marimar Martinez five times, wrote the following, "I fired 5 rounds and she had 7 holes. Put that in your book boys." Marimar Martinez was described by the government as a "domestic terrorist" and a threat to police. The agent claimed that Ms. Martinez drove towards officers before he shot her. However, body cam footage showed something completely different, the prosecution's case fell apart and a judge dismissed all charges against her.

In instances involving cars and federal immigration officers since August of 2025, of the four drivers that were charged by federal prosecutors, three had their charges dropped.

Other episodes, such as dragging a disabled woman from her car, the disappearance of thousands of detainees, a shooting death of a US-born citizen, and arrests occurring **during** citizenship hearings,

have raised questions about whether immigration can be handled in a different way.

As noted after numerous episodes, even after US born citizens on the streets presented proof of citizenship, they were still arrested, perhaps because the federal agents wanted to fulfill their arrest quotas. Fourth Amendment? Just a piece of paper, to some. Surely, others have argued, there must be a better way than either complete open-border immigration or being shot in the head.

One of Presidential Candidate Harry Browne's ads from 2000 had the following line, "This is federal law enforcement (an image shows a tank ramming into a Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas). This is the federal government's War on Drugs (an image shows a dead body). The more the politicians interfere, the worse the problems get."

US Immigration and Customs Enforcement is a product of George W. Bush's Homeland Security Department and is a part of the War on Terror. Anyone who is surprised by this behavior should not be. Agents are being told that they have immunity from prosecution from the very top.

So, how did we get here? Article I, Section VIII of the US Constitution does not list immigration as a federal power. This should come as no surprise, as the Declaration of Independence lists the King's immigration restrictions, as one of the grievances of the colonists, of why the colonies should be independent. Up until the Chinese Exclusion Act, the state governments had their own immigration policies. It was only in the second half of last century that federal immigration restrictions made it so that only family members and severely restricted work visa applicants could legally come to the US.

These restrictions incentivized undocumented immigration to the US.

What significantly increased the number of undocumented immigrants, was the [1996 Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act \(IIRAIRA\)](#) that further restricted legal immigration, banning legal migration through employers and family members. This incentivized undocumented immigrants to stay in the US, instead of leaving the US.

But it wasn't enough for the federal government to incentivize undocumented immigration. By incentivizing undocumented immigration, it also incentivized deportations, by making them financially profitable. Many made their living performing deportations. Incentivizing

undocumented immigrants guaranteed that there was plenty of work for deportation officers. The immigration laws had to stay in play, lest there would have been fewer people to deport.

Since the federal government didn't have a list of undocumented immigrants, asking people on the street for papers in a communist East Germany style (Republicans' worst dream of the 1990s) became a reality. Arresting US citizens also became a reality.

So what can be proposed to resolve this?

As the [Libertarian Party platform](#) calls for, people should be free to hire whom they want. Not liking people, because they are not white or were not born in the US, should not be a justification for the federal government to make employment decisions for the American people. Anyone who passes background checks should be free to come and work. ICE data confirms that 73% as of November of 2025 of those who have been arrested have not been convicted of any crimes and 95% have not been convicted of serious crimes. Let peaceful people work. Let local law enforcement deal with actual crime, instead of the federal government eliminating jobs, raising prices on the American people, and violating the American people's natural rights to life, liberty, and property. Using the power of the federal government to indulge in one's prejudice is a recipe for violating the natural rights of all people.

Dues Increase Proposal

By: Jay Edgar

In a previous issue I hinted that we may need to increase the prices of our dues. We have had a minimum dues of \$20 since April 2017. According to inflation calculators, \$20 in April 2017 has the same buying power as \$26.50 today.

I have received feedback from several members about potentially increasing our dues. Some of them were positive and wanted a large increase, some of them were negative and wanted no increase at all.

During our convention I plan on making a motion to change our dues structure as follows:

- Student Membership: Free (No increase)
- Regular Membership \$25 (\$5 increase)
- Supporting Membership \$45 (\$10 increase)
- Sustaining Membership: \$65 (\$15 increase)
- Patron Membership: \$100 (no increase)
- Life Membership: \$600 (\$100 increase)

I plan on asking to make these increases effective June 1, 2026. Note that all of these increases are

lower than the rate of inflation that we have seen since our last dues increase.

As some additional background, as of the end of December 4% of our current members joined at the Student level, 52% at the Regular level, 7% at the Supporting level, 11% at the Sustaining Level, 8% at the Patron level, and 19% at the Life level.

Again, another option would be additional fundraising. Our dues currently make up just over 40% of our total income. Donations made at njlp.org/donate/generalfund will help us avoid raising our dues. I look forward to discussing this at our Convention.

The Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) has been a Financial Boom to Insurance Companies ... at the Taxpayers Expense

By: Michael Guadagnino III

The Affordable Care Act, commonly called "Obamacare," was "designed" to expand healthcare coverage to millions of Americans, but it also created major financial opportunities for insurance companies. At its core, the law tyrannically required most Americans to have health insurance or pay a penalty (until the federal mandate penalty was reduced to zero in 2019). This mandate, paired with subsidies for lower-income individuals, brought millions of new customers into the insurance market—many of whom were previously uninsured. For insurance companies, this meant an immediate and sustained surge in policyholders, which translated into billions in new premium revenue.

Another financial advantage came from the creation of government-run online marketplaces where consumers shop for plans. While the ACA imposed certain regulations—such as requiring coverage for pre-existing conditions — it also guaranteed that insurers would have a central, highly visible platform to market their products to millions of potential customers. The plan comparisons often increased competition, but it also pushed more people to purchase coverage rather than skip it altogether, again expanding insurers' customer base.

The ACA also included government subsidies to help low- and middle-income Americans afford coverage. These subsidies didn't just potentially help patients—they guaranteed insurers would still receive substantial payments for premiums, even if customers could not afford the full amount themselves. In effect, taxpayer dollars flowed

directly into insurance company revenues through these subsidies, ensuring steady cash flow.

Insurance companies also benefited from “risk corridor” and “reinsurance” programs in the ACA’s early years. These programs were designed to supposedly stabilize the market by compensating insurers who took on higher-risk, sicker populations. This safety net reduced financial uncertainty, making it easier and more profitable for insurers to participate in the exchanges without fear of massive losses from expensive claims. This form of corporatism took away the risk that is seen in most every other company.

In addition, by requiring a standardized set of “essential health benefits,” the ACA allowed insurers to market more predictable and comprehensive plans. While this increased coverage obligations, it also let companies set higher premiums based on the richer benefits, further increasing revenue. Many insurers also found ways to adjust deductibles, copays, and networks to maintain or improve profit margins despite regulatory limits.

In short, while the ACA was framed as a patient-first reform, it created an expanded, subsidized, and stabilized marketplace for insurance companies. With millions of new paying customers, guaranteed government support, and reduced risk exposure, “Obamacare” was not just a healthcare overhaul—it

was a financial windfall for the health insurance industry.

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Abolish ICE

By: Jay Edgar

Nothing should arouse the ire of a libertarian more than having federal agents detaining people on the streets without probable cause. ICE agents have been canvassing the streets of New Jersey performing warrantless raids on homes and businesses. They have been sweeping up citizens, documented immigrants, and undocumented immigrants. We are witnessing the transformation of our communities into zones where “show me your papers” is no longer a dystopian trope, but a daily requirement.

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.

Within the past week alone, the tactics used by federal agents have mirrored those of authoritarian regimes.

- In Morristown ICE [kidnapped an honor High School student](#) who has never missed an immigration appointment and had an upcoming appointment with immigration authorities.
- Also in Morristown, a father stepped outside to [collect a food delivery and was snatched up – leaving his six year old daughter alone.](#)
- In Warren Township, ICE was seen [pulling people out of cars](#) and taking them away.
- Unknown masked [agents grabbed a woman and others and took them away](#) in Red Bank.

In the first 9 months of 2025 ICE has arrested [5,138 people in New Jersey](#). This is a 132% increase from the same period in 2024. Only [5% of those arrested have a conviction for a violent crime, 73% have no convictions at all.](#)

Many on the right are justifying government overreach with demands to enforce the law. These same demands were used by the left to justify the raids and murders that occurred with Waco and Ruby Ridge. In a libertarian society there would be no such thing as an illegal gun owner or an illegal alien – unless they aggress on the property or person of another. Supporting the militarization of civil law enforcement to enforce administrative codes is the height of hypocrisy for anyone claiming to value limited government.

The good news is that people are waking up and protesting across the country. Dozens of protests were held this past week throughout New Jersey including in [Morristown](#), [Roxbury](#), Elizabeth, [Clifton](#), [Bernardsville](#), [Montclair](#), [Jersey City](#), Bloomfield, Princeton, Trenton, West Orange, Verona, Newark, and many other towns. [Three bills have passed both the State Assembly and Senate](#) that severely limit the ability of ICE to commandeer state and local law enforcement resources. A [recent poll](#) found that 46% of Americans support abolishing ICE and 43% oppose abolishing it. Note that this was not simply reforming ICE but abolishing it completely.

[Our Platform is clear](#): **We support the right of humans to travel freely between political subdivisions.** We must demand the dissolution of federal agencies that exist solely to restrict the natural rights of individuals. It is time to stop the raids, stop the kidnappings, and restore the right of

all people to live without the shadow of a federal badge looming over their shoulder.

NJLP Committee Proposes Code of Conduct Document for the NJLP

By: Code of Conduct Committee

The State Board has formed a committee to draft a Code of Conduct for the Party. Below is what we came up with.

Purpose

This policy is intended to uphold liberty through responsibility and ensure that voluntary association within the NJLP remains grounded in respect, honesty, and integrity.

A. Respect, Privacy, and Professional Conduct:

The New Jersey Libertarian Party is founded on the principles of Liberty, personal responsibility, and mutual respect.

Members are expected to treat one another and the public with professionalism, thoughtful consideration, and fundamental decency in all Party activities, both in person and online.

B. Respect and Non-Harassment:

The NJLP affirms that liberty requires respect for the dignity and autonomy of every individual.

Harassment, intimidation, or threats - whether verbal, written, physical, or digital - are inconsistent with our values and will not be tolerated.

Members must refrain from:

- Personal attacks, insults, or sustained hostility toward others in Party business.
- Comments or conduct that a reasonable person would find intentionally demeaning or harassing based on race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, national origin, age, disability, or any other immutable characteristic.
- Unwelcome or inappropriate sexual behavior, advances, or innuendo.
- Conduct that creates an intimidating, hostile, or disruptive environment for others participating in Party affairs.
- Behavior that may jeopardize the brand, image or integrity of the New Jersey Libertarian Party.

When in doubt, err on the side of respect and professionalism.

C. Data Protection and Privacy:

Members shall respect the privacy and data of others within the Party.

- Party contact lists, membership records, or internal communications shall not be shared or published without consent.
- Information acquired in confidence or through Party channels should be treated as private unless explicitly authorized for public release.
- Digital systems and communications must be used in a way that upholds confidentiality, security, and voluntary consent.

D. Conduct in Public and Media:

Libertarians are ambassadors for the cause of liberty. When representing the NJLP, formally or informally, members should:

- Engage in civil, fact-based, and respectful discourse, especially on social media or in media appearances.
- Avoid conduct that deliberately misrepresents the Party, its platform, or its members.
- Distinguish personal opinions from official Party statements unless duly authorized to speak on behalf of the Party.
- Refrain from using official Party channels to advocate for anything not related to the NJLP, its Platform, or its candidates.

E. Responsibility and Process

Members are individually responsible for their conduct:

- If an issue arises, it should be addressed through the Party's existing bylaws and business-rule procedures, emphasizing fairness, transparency, and non-aggression.
- Retaliation against individuals who raise good-faith concerns is prohibited.

The State of Social Media

By: Bill Sihr, VP Public Relations

When I accepted the nomination for VP of Public Relations, I argued that our social media presence was off-brand and that we were at risk of implosion. Upon being elected and gaining access to the metadata I can confirm just how poorly our platforms were performing. All 3 of our major accounts saw decreased activity, followers and notoriety. From 03-23-24 to 03-22-25 our Facebook follower count went

down by net of 5,022 (primarily between the Months of Jan and Feb 2025), our X account devolved into a mere repost page, and our Instagram account hadn't been updated since January 2024.

I have dedicated the bulk of my spare time to correct these failures since being elected. I have made sure that our pages received regular updates (5 days a week on Facebook and X and 3 times a week for Instagram and our new Threads page) and that all of our posts were wholly consistent with our National and State platforms. While we are certainly far from where we ought to be (as the last 2 years were both net negatives) I am pleased to say that we have seen positive and mostly consistent improvements across our many pages. X has mostly seen month over month follower growth and Instagram has seen single months outperform entire years' worth of metrics. However, the damage done to our Facebook page has been incredibly difficult to undue.

As many of you are already aware, a significant and harmful shift occurred in the kind of posts we have shared over the past few years. A general and aggressive realignment towards the right resulted in serious changes in what the NJLP seemingly stood for, and our pages became choked with far-right apologists and ethno-nationalists. While we gained 1.3 k new followers on Facebook in 2024, it came at the expense of 6,278 unsubs. The impact of losing a net over 5k followers across 2 months cannot be understated. To put that into perspective per data I pulled about our fellow affiliates back in June we lost approximately the total number of followers as Delaware (2.3k), Idaho (sub 1k), Kansas (4.5), Maine (4.1k), Montana (3.8k), Nevada (5k), New Hampshire (sub 1k), New Mexico (2.8k), North Dakota (2k), Oregon (1k), Rhode Island (2.2k), Utah (4k), and Wyoming (1.5) [see the VPPR Report for June 2025 for more details). Further, a recent deep dive into our followers has shown that less than 70 of our members follow our FB page. Frankly, given what our accounts looked like, I don't blame them.

I know many of you have reservations about social media but given our size, influence and resources we NEED to improve our social media presence if we want to get anywhere. The fact is, we lack the resources for TV ads, video creators, billboards, etc. Social media is free, expansive and effective at getting the public's attention. That is why I am asking all members who have the time and the stomach for it to get back onto our Facebook, X and Instagram pages. We need members to like, comment, share

and CONTRIBUTE to these accounts if we want to expand our sphere of influence.

Currently, I am running a fairly regular content schedule. Mondays I make memes (which tend to get the highest views), Tuesdays I share Libertarian educational quotes, Wednesday I post the upcoming week's schedule, Thursday I reach out to members to give updates into what they are doing, and Friday I have community engagement questions (weekends are optional). Along with that on the 15th of every month I run a post about the current state of the National Debt and on the 24 Dr. Mike Guadagnino writes a column about Libertarianism and the medical field that we call "Dr. G's Freedom Clinic". I would like to get a few more monthly series going to help diversify the pages' offerings. Specifically, it would be great if we could get more professionals to talk about Libertarianism from particular fields. We also need more posts from the Regions. Back in April or May I have reached out to the North, Central and South Regions requesting a member(s) to provide some posts from their localities. Sadly, nothing materializes. Another request was made seeking TikTok video creators. Again, nothing came of it. Merely reposting materials from other pages does nothing to increase traffic and engagement, and there are only so many relevant news stories per week (and only so many hours for me to read and comment on them). We've spent the better part of a year correcting our ship's course. Now it's time to move forward.

This has been a very exhausting year. I have spent countless hours working on improving our pages and trying to restore the image of our Party online. I am very proud of the gains we've achieved and am willing to put in another year to get things back to where they ought to be, but there is only so much any one person can do. I owe a lot to those members that have assisted me along the way, and I have reached out to other affiliates for help, which has certainly been beneficial, but we cannot hope to expand with the little help we receive from membership. So please consider getting involved. We need video content creators, regular article submissions and Regional updates. We need members in the comment section dealing with the misinformation and hard-right extremism, and we need you to share the content with friends, family and colleagues. We don't have the resources or the reputation to move beyond word-of-mouth

advertising right now. Please help the New Jersey Libertarian Party have a presence and power online.

NJLP Challenges Wave of Overreaching Local Ordinances in Camden County

By: John Paff

Since early September 2025, the New Jersey Libertarian Party's Preempted Ordinance Repeal Project has been pushing back against a new wave of "peace and good order" and "parental responsibility" ordinances in three Camden County towns: Barrington, Runnemede, and Haddonfield.

All three municipalities are confronting similar issues—homelessness, aggressive panhandling, and groups of youth roaming business districts and residential neighborhoods. But in each case, local officials have reached for broad new code provisions that risk violating people's rights and exposing taxpayers to liability if the proposals are ever enforced.

In Barrington, the Project identified constitutional defects in a proposed "parental responsibility" ordinance that presumed parents guilty if their teenagers committed a second violation of the law. In response, the Borough tabled the ordinance for redrafting.

Runnemede followed with a proposal that would resurrect pre-1979 "vagrancy" and "delinquency" language and layer it onto the Borough's existing youth curfew—an ordinance that already conflicts with state law and basic constitutional protections. The Project has contacted the Mayor and Council and is hopeful that the measure will not be adopted at the December 2 meeting.

In Haddonfield, a proposed "homelessness" ordinance would effectively make it a crime to sleep in public after dark, padded with redundant language about disorderly conduct and public urination. The Project's intervention, along with public opposition, contributed to the Borough reconsidering its approach.

Taken together, these efforts show how quickly local frustration can lead to overbroad ordinances—and how important it is to insist that real solutions respect both state law and individual liberty.

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CONVENTION INFO

February 7, 2026
Rutgers Cook Campus

We are excited and pleased to announce the details for this year's Convention being held on the Rutgers Cook Campus in Multipurpose Room C, Cook Student Center located at 59 Biel Rd., New Brunswick, NJ on February 7th.

The Convention business 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Business will be open to all members and registered guests. Meals are available to attendees who have purchased them as part of a package or à la carte. Note: only valid members will be allowed to vote. Agenda is at njlp.org/agenda

Registration is requested for business and required for lunch/speakers. A noon Lunch will be available. Coffee, a light snack, and water will be available in the morning.

We accept all credit cards on the registration page. Reminder that business meetings are free to members. Registration requested.

Schedule:

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Credentialing

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM NJLP Business Meeting

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Lunch Break

01:00 PM - 2:00 PM Additional NJLP Business

2:30 PM - 6:00 PM Speakers and other events

The easiest way to register today is at njlp.org/convention



NJLP Convention Form

Check here to use address from mailing label on reverse

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Email Contact: _____ Phone Contact: _____

Full Convention Package \$60 _____ Business meeting (no lunch) is free.

Online registration is highly recommended and is at njlp.org/convention.

Mail this form with payment to: NJLP Convention, P.O. Box 56, Tennent, NJ 07763



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Are you a current member? **Please consider joining.**

I'd like to join the NJ 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.

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