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Chair's Message

I have some good news and I have some bad news.

The good news is we will be considering a very important Bylaws change at the November General Meeting. This proposal will consolidate our mostly inactive county chapters into three regional organizations: North, Central and South. It also consolidates the Steering Committee and State Board into one unified NJLP Board. Thirdly it delegates specific responsibilities to Board members by creating positions for VP of Membership, VP of Marketing and VP of Programs.

I strongly support this proposal because there is currently too much power and responsibility at the top level of our organization. We need more people to step up and become leaders in the NJLP. This will create a more productive and libertarian distribution of labor. Please attend our November meeting at the Omega Diner and help us discuss this proposal.

More good news is our 2015 NJLP Candidates are running excellent campaigns. I couldn't be prouder of these highly dedicated Libertarians. In terms of registered voters, the NJLP is the third-largest and fastest-growing party in the State. Our social media platforms are on fire with people supporting our common sense message of liberty. A new nationwide Gallup poll shows that 6 in 10 Americans are demanding a third major political party. There has never been a more exciting time to be a Libertarian!

The only bad news is we haven't had enough liberty activists step up and volunteer to support our outstanding candidates! Our candidates are working extremely hard to spread the message and grow our party. They deserve our fullest support!

Now is the time to volunteer your time and/or make a donation!

Won't you help our candidates make history? Please contact them TODAY to get involved with their street teams and help take the message of liberty directly to the disenfranchised masses.

Don't forget to renew your NJLP membership and make a donation to our State Fund at http://njlp.org/partyinfo/renew. We are proud to be 100% member-funded.

Patrick MckNight Chair, NJLP

Libertarian Candidates Make an Impression in State Assembly Candidate Debate

by Patrick McKnight

LIVINGSTON, NJ – The League of Women Voters held a debate for candidates for the State Assembly in the 27th district last Wednesday, September 30th. Libertarian candidates offered their solutions to economic concerns such as job creation, state budgeting and state pensions.

The Republican candidate promised to reach across the aisle, work hard and renegotiate pensions without mentioning any specifics. The Democratic incumbents, Assemblyman John McKeon of West Orange and Assemblywoman Mila Jasey of South Orange, were absent.

"If you re-elect these people you know what to expect," said Damien Caillault, one of the Libertarian candidates. "They will spend more, tax more, fund new projects, and in a few years, they'll come back for more."

Jeff Hetrick, the other Libertarian candidate, offered a pragmatic approach to problem-solving: comprehensive, root cause analysis. Mr. Hetrick wants to use this analysis to determine why the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission is running out of money. He expects to find overlapping expenses, outdated material and inefficient work practices. He proposed using the same methodology to evaluate (Continued on Page 2)

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*** Post Election General Meeting – November 15^{th} – Details on Page 7 ***

The NJ Libertarian Party Board is sad to announce the passing of NJLP Board Member, Barry Auerbacher. Barry was first elected to the board at our convention this past March. We are grateful for the time that we got to know Barry. Our condolences go out to his family and friends.

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school districts and the NJ Department of Transportation.

Discussing hunger in New Jersey, Mr. Caillault cited high property taxes. He explained that these prohibitively high tax rates render agricultural use of land financially unviable for many. This contributes to low in-state food production. He also mentioned that vertical growth was sometimes outlawed by zoning regulations in urban areas, which stand to benefit from it the most.

Caillault also suggested that everyone should join the Livingston Sunrise Rotary and the LHS Interact Club next time they go to Hillside NJ to help the Community FoodBank of NJ.

The entire debate was broadcast multiple times on Livingston TV, channel 34 on Comcast and channel 26 on Verizon.

The 27th District includes Chatham Township, East Hanover, Florham Park, Hanover, Harding, and Madison in Morris County and Caldwell, Essex Fells, Livingston, Millburn, Roseland, South Orange and West Orange in Essex County.

Left Wing NJPIRG Fleeces Rutgers Students

by Jay Edgar

Each semester there is a line item on my daughter's tuition bill that states "PIRG" with an expense of \$11.20. Elsewhere there is a statement that says that the fee doesn't need to be paid with instructions on how to opt out of this fee.

This is illegal. State law (18A:62-22) requires that any fee for organizations "which employ legislative agents or attempt to influence legislation" is only authorized by having "the student add the charge to the total amount due." This requires a positive check off for the fee. The law also requires specific language to be included on the bill. Many parents are duped into paying this fee without even realizing that it has been tacked on.

According to Nancy Winterbauer, Rutgers Vice President for Budgeting, when this law went into effect in 1995, NJPIRG deleted lobbying efforts from its University Concept Plan. However a quick look at their website or reading of emails from them shows that NJPIRG is actively attempting to influence legislation. Even their 2013 Concept Plan states that their goal is to "advocate for common sense policy solutions". They have clearly advocated for more government involvement in high speed rail, campaign financing, healthcare, environmental protection, consumer protection, and banking. They advocate for wage controls like the minimum wage, ending taxpayer subsidies for junk food, and ending highway boondoggle projects.

Even if some of their activities are worthy it is a violation of students' rights. The Fall 1999 Rutgers Law Review featured an article titled "I'll Speak for Myself: Compulsory Speech and the Use of Student Fees at State Universities." From that article:

Thomas Jefferson once announced that "to compel a man to furnish contributions of money for the propagation of opinions which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical."

Accordingly, it would seem that to compel a state university student to fund a primarily political organization is, likewise, sinful and tyrannical.

According to my recent Open Public Records Act request, Rutgers has paid NJPIRG \$1,627,109.35 for the school years 2012, 2014, and 2014.

I'm researching a lawsuit to bring Rutgers into accordance with the law. More details can be found on our website, njlp.org.

Bylaws Change Proposal

by Bylaws Committee

At our November 15th General Meeting we shall be considering the following changes to our Bylaws. The current version of our Bylaws and Rules can be viewed at http://njlp.org/bylaws.

Below is the explanatory statement and the proposed motion the Bylaws Committee will be making at the upcoming General Meeting.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

1. Replace the current County structure with three Boardlevel Regional Coordinators

Rationale: given our size, Regional organizations, in place of County organizations, will provide us with the critical mass needed to have an impact.

The proposed alignment of Regions is designed to balance population and geography: Northern NJLP: Pop. 3.0M (35%), Central NJLP: 2.7M (30%), Southern NJLP: 3.0M (35%). Since we needed a formal way to define the initial alignment and change it, I concluded they need to be in the Bylaws. But as with any Bylaws change, the assignment of a county to a region can be changed at any General Meeting, provided that notice of the proposed change was included in the written notice of the General Meeting.

2. Replace the Steering Committee / State Board structure with only a State Board

Rationale: Replacing County reps on the Board with Regional reps keeps the Board to a manageable size, eliminating the need for a separate Steering Committee

3. Reconstitute the State Board as follows:

Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and the following new positions: VP Membership, VP Programs, VP Marketing, three (3) Regional Coordinators. (The County Reps and three (3) At-Large Member positions would be eliminated.)

Rationale: Provides clear responsibility, authority, and recognition for three of our most important functions:

Membership (Recruiting and Retention), Programs (including Candidate Recruiting and Support), and Marketing (including Fundraising). The VPs are encouraged to engage others in helping them with their responsibilities. In addition to spreading the workload, this allows for specialized expertise in some of the areas of responsibilities, and grooms members to become State Board members. The three (3) VPs replace the three (3) amorphous At-Large Members.

MOTION

I move to recommend to the members at the November General Meeting that we amend the NJLP Bylaws and Rules as follows:

Bylaws

Update Paragraph 6. Meetings and Committees. Replace 6.c. State Board and 6.d. Steering Committee in their entirety with the following new 6.c.:

6.c. State Board

- The State Board shall consist of a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, VP Membership, VP Programs, VP Marketing, and three (3) Regional Coordinators, for a term to expire at the conclusion of the next State Convention or when their successors are elected.
- The State Board shall have the authority to fill any Officer or VP vacancies.
- 3. The State Board shall have full authority to act for the NJLP between General Meetings. The State Board may approve expenditures, draft positions, and select candidates after the annual State Convention. It shall also approve the appointments made by the State Chair as provided herein. The state Board shall prepare a non-binding budget for the NJLP for presentation at the State Convention. A financial review of the NJLP shall be conducted at least bi-annually under the direction of the State Board and the results distributed at the subsequent State Convention.
- 4. The State Board shall meet at the call of the State Chair or 25% of its members at least eight (8) times a year. At least ten (10) days notice shall be given for each meeting, but lesser notice shall suffice if all members agree.
- 5. A State Board member may designate in writing or by email an alternate for a meeting that the member cannot attend. This designee shall count toward the quorum. The alternate may vote if the other State Board members approve by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.
- 6. The VPs of Membership, Programs, and Marketing may engage other NJLP members to assist them in carrying out their responsibilities, as described in **9. Other Officials**.
- 7. Regional members can select a Representative by any ballot procedure they choose and report the results to the NJLP Secretary, after which the elected Representative can take office. No election shall take place without fifteen (15) days prior notice having been made to all members in the county.
 - a. Only NJLP members residing or working in a region shall be eligible for their region's office of Regional Representative or alternate, and to vote for these offices.
 - b. Each region may elect one (1) Regional Representative.

- c. The term of office for a Regional Representative shall be until the conclusion of the next State Convention or when the successors are elected.
- d. A Regional Representative may be removed and replaced at any time, provided that only those individuals qualified to select the Regional Representative may participate in the decision to remove and replace the Regional Representative. The procedure for removal and replacement shall be as determined by the state Board. Replacement shall be for the unexpired term.
- e. Vacancies otherwise created shall be filled in a manner determined by the State Board. The replacement shall be for the duration of the unexpired term.
- f. The Regional Representative office for a region is not vacant if no Regional representative has been elected to the position during annual elections.
- g. Representatives are expected to serve their regions by attending State Board meetings regularly. A representative may designate in writing or by e-mail an alternate for a meeting at which the Representative cannot attend, and the designee shall count toward the quorum and may vote if the other State Board members approve. Failure to attend two (2) State Board meetings by a Representative or alternate during a term shall result in the representative's seat being declared vacant. Vacancy takes effect upon the call of the roll at the beginning of the second missed State Board meeting.
- 8. Each member of the State Board shall have one (1) vote.

Replace 9. Other Officials in its entirety with the following: $\frac{1}{2}$

9. Other Officials

- a. Party Counsel: who shall be an attorney in New Jersey.
- b. **VP Membership**: whose responsibilities shall include new member and prospect outreach, College Outreach, and member retention. Members e-list (and its moderator), Announce e-list (and its moderator), Activists e-list (and its moderator).
- c. **VP Marketing**: whose responsibilities shall include Newsletter (and its Editor), Online Presence (Facebook, Twitter et al) (and their administrators), Website (and its Webmaster), Fundraising, and Public Promotion (e.g., press outreach, press releases).
- d. VP Programs: whose responsibilities shall include: Educational Programs, Member Programs, Candidate Development, Candidates e-list (and its moderator). Oversight of the Open Government, Police Accountability, Preempted Ordinance Repeal, and Special Projects.
- e. Editors, webmasters, social media administrators, and elist moderators must all be members of the NJLP.

Update Paragraph 11. County Organization as follows:

• Rename paragraph 11. County Organizations as 11. Regional Organizations

- Replace **11.a. Composition** with: There shall be three (3) Regional Committees: Northern NJLP, Central NJLP, and Southern NJLP. Each NJLP member in good standing shall be a member Regional Committee for the region of his or her residence. Voting shall be restricted to NJLP members.
- Delete **11.d. Deactivation**: unlike counties, there should never be a need to deactivate a region.
- Replace 11.e. Meetings with: "Unless and until a Regional Committee adopts bylaws to the contrary, a Regional Committee shall i.) meet at the call of its chair, or upon petition of five (5) percent, but no less than three (3), of its members; ii) give prior notice of each meeting to each member of the Regional Committee; iii) meet a minimum of four (4) times each year. In no event should the bylaws of any Regional Committee be inconsistent with those of the New Jersey Libertarian Party.
- Delete 11.f. Joint Committees: unlike counties, there is no need for joint regional committees.
- Add:

11.h. Assignment of Counties to Regions: The assignment of counties to regions will initially be:

- Northern NJLP: Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Passaic, Sussex, Warren
- Central NJLP: Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, Somerset, Union
- 3. **Southern NJLP**: Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Monmouth, Ocean, Salem

Other Bylaws updated below are minor revisions resulting from a consolidation of the Steering Committee and State Board into a new State Board, and replacement of Counties with Regions:

- 6.a.1. General Meetings: delete "Steering Committee, or"
- **6.a.3. General Meetings:** delete "Steering Committee or" [in two places]
- **6.b.1. State Convention:** replace "three Steering Committee At-Large members" with "other State Board members" and delete "Steering Committee or"
- 7.a. Officers: delete "Steering Committee," replace "NJLP Steering Committee" with "NJLP State Board," and replace "Steering Committee" with "State Board".
- 7.e. Officers: delete "Steering Committee and"
- 11.b. Regional Committees Selection of Candidates: replace all instances of "county" with "regional" and replace all instances of "Steering Committee" with "State Board"
- 11.c. Regional Committees Selection of Officers: replace all instances of "county" with "regional" (or "region" where appropriate)
- 11.g. Regional Committees Powers: replace all instances of "county" with "regional" and replace all instances of "Steering Committee" with "State Board"
- 12.a. Implementation: replace "Steering Committee" with "State Board"

- 13.d. Quorum: replace "County" with "Regional"
- **15.f.(1) Amendments:** replace "Steering Committee" with "State Board"
- 15.f.(2) Amendments: replace "County" with "Regional"
- **16. Dissolution:** replace "Steering Committee" with "State Board"

The following minor change to the bylaws moves a statement to where it more likely should be placed.

• Move the following from **9.g. Other Officials** to end of **5. Membership**:

Members shall be furnished, upon written request of the VP Membership, a copy of the membership list at reasonable cost of reproduction, provided that the private list may be used only for official NJLP business and may not be disclosed to any other organization or non-member individual.

Convention Rules

• 3. Election Procedure for filling Identical Positions: delete "Steering Committee Members At-Large"

Business Rules

- **3. Fiscal Policy:** delete "Steering Committee" in item 1
- **5. Membership:** replace "Steering Committee" with "State Board" in item 2
- **5. Membership:** replace "County Committees" with "Regional Committees" in item 3
- 7.c. Officers: replace "County" with "Regional"
- 9.b. Other Officials: replace "County" with "Regional"
- **9.d. Other Officials:** replace "County" with "Regional"
- 11. County Organizations: replace "County Organizations" with "Regional Organizations," replace "County Dues Share" with "Regional Dues Share," replace "county organizations" with "regional organizations"

Fighting For Mad People in New Jersey

by Joseph Dunsay

I normally avoid identity politics, because I think that laws should be based on universal principles and that putting accurate labels on everyone is impractical. It takes long enough to introduce myself as an American geeky Libertarian Jew who writes porn without also mentioning that I happen to be a bisexual mad person. Those last two labels aren't a large part of how I see myself. Dating men is just something I do sometimes. Locking me up for a year and nine months straight without pressing charges is just something Bergen County has done to me.

Mad people are individuals who have been through the mental health system at some point in their lives. The Mad Pride movement strives to advocate for their rights just like the Gay Pride movement advocates for the rights of gay people. I participate in the Mad Pride movement as a Libertarian who

fights for basic rights and as a biologist who sees major flaws in the psychiatric industry's theories about mental illness.

Mad Pride activists have their work cut out for them. Although Gay Pride activists succeeded in making conversion therapy illegal in New Jersey, state licensed doctors still routinely authorize their staff to pin down mad people and forcibly inject drugs into them in attempts to convert them from mad to normal. The #BlackLivesMatter movement draws attention to the problem of police killing Black people, but when Mad in America linked to an article about American police killing someone experiencing a mental health crisis every 36 hours, few people tweeted the post (http://www.madinamerica.com/2015/09/police-killed-someone-in-mental-crisis-every-36-hours/).

This year, I've organized a few events to raise awareness about the plight of mad people and where they can go for help. In May, I lead two protests in Northern New Jersey against electroshock, also known as ECT. This procedure involves attaching electrodes to a person and sending 450 volts through his brain, which is much more than the 120 volts that come out of a standard wall outlet. More recently, I put together Madfest 2015 in Bergen County so that the public could get information about nonprofits that help mad people. Although these accomplishments are modest, every bit helps in a movement that is often short on numbers.

I hope to keep working within the Mad Pride movement to improve the situation for mad people until all politicians will recognize the fundamental rights of mad people such as due process and control over one's own body. In the meantime, I'm glad that New Jersey has plenty of Libertarians who take principled stances in defense of people's rights regardless of what labels those people have. •

Lumberton Agrees to New Executive Session Minutes Procedures

by John Paff, NJLP Open Government Advocacy Project

Back in 2009, I <u>sued</u> Lumberton Township (Burlington County) because the Township Committee wasn't promptly disclosing the non-exempt parts of its nonpublic (executive or closed) session minutes to the public. During that action, I learned that Lumberton had completely lost the minutes of all executive sessions held prior to 2003. The Consent Judgment that resolved my lawsuit took steps to keep Lumberton from losing any more of its executive session minutes.

Earlier this year, I learned that Lumberton again lost its executive session minutes from 2011, 2012 and 2013. Since Lumberton, by failing to secure its minutes, violated the terms of my 2009 Consent Judgment, I, with Ted Rosenberg of Moorestown as my attorney, filed a Motion to Enforce Litigants' Rights.

In an <u>August 14, 2015 letter</u>, Lumberton Township Solicitor <u>George M. Morris</u>, who was not the Township Solicitor at the time the minutes were lost, described in detail how the 2011, 2012 and 2013 minutes were lost.

As for the missing 2011 through 20l3 minutes, I immediately made inquiry as to whether paper forms of the documents

exist. My inquiry included direct discussions with the Municipal Clerk, former Municipal Solicitor and each member of the governing body. I learned that as a standard practice, the governing body and the solicitor were provided paper copies of the minutes before their meetings. They reviewed the minutes and approved the same. Because the minutes were approved, but not yet authorized for release, the paper copies were collected and destroyed. Unfortunately, no paper copy was retained for these specific years, The electronic versions of the minutes were left on a thumb drive and that drive was corrupted, The Township worked with IT specialists to restore the information but it was unrecoverable.

On September 8, 2015, Superior Court Judge Marc M. Baldwin signed off on a <u>Consent Order</u> that the Township and I agreed to. This Consent Order, which is permanent, prescribes a procedure that should ensure that closed minutes are never lost again. It also requires executive session minutes to be approved promptly, reviewed annually and posted on the Township's website.

Lumberton also agreed to pay Rosenberg \$1,610 for legal services connected with filing the enforcement motion.

"... punishment aggravates the behavioral, health and social conditions of the affected people. States can use non-penal, public health measures to address drug dependence and drug use, including providing access to evidence based drug dependence treatment and other harm reduction services, and social support. Arrest and incarceration are disproportionate measures and as noted above, can affect access to fundamental rights to health, work, education, housing, vote and separate parents from children." - United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime in a leaked October 2015 briefing paper calling for decriminalization of all drugs. The paper was withdrawn after pressure from "at least one country".

Political Prisoner Irwin Schiff Dies in U.S. Jail for Protesting Taxation

by John Vibes, theantimedia.org

Maryland — Last week, political prisoner Irwin Schiff died behind bars at the age of 87. He was serving multiple sentences related to his work protesting and challenging tax laws. Throughout his life, Schiff authored many books, and ran for political office on several occasions. His final book *The Federal Mafia*; How the Government Illegally Imposes and Unlawfully Collects Income Taxes became the only non-fiction book to be banned in America.

At the age of 77 Schiff was sentenced to 14 years in prison, and he sadly died just before his planned release.

<u>In a recent statement</u>, son Peter Schiff explained how his father's condition took a turn for the worse while he was in custody:

The unnecessarily cruel twist in his final years occurred seven years ago when he reached his 80th birthday. At that point the government moved him from an extremely low security federal prison camp in New York State where he was within easy driving distance from family and friends, to a federal correctional institutes, first in Indiana and then in Texas. This was done specially to give him access to better medical care. The trade off was that my father was forced to live isolated from those who loved him. Given that visiting him required long flights, car rentals, and hotel stays, his visits were few and far between. Yet while at these supposed superior medical facilities, my father received virtually no medical care at all, not even for the cataracts that left him legally blind, until the skin cancer on his head had spread to just about every organ in his body.

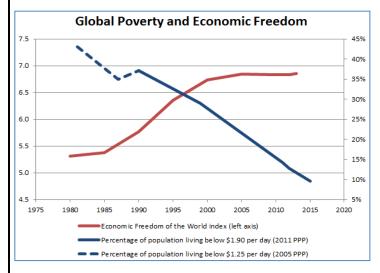
At the time of his diagnosis in early August of this year, he was given four-to-six months to live. We tried to get him out of prison on compassionate release so that he could live out the final months of his life with his family, spending some precious moments with the grandchildren he had barely known. But he did not live long enough for the bureaucratic process to be completed.

While in prison, Schiff reportedly had his <u>commissary money</u> taken by the IRS so he was unable to buy toothpaste and food items that he needed. The decision to force him to die in jail instead of allowing him to spend his final days with his family <u>was criticized</u> even by people who did not agree with his work.

The Dramatic Decline in World Poverty

by Ian Vásquez, Director Center for Global Liberty and Prosperity. Originally published by The Cato Institute

This week the World Bank released <u>new data</u> on world poverty, and projects it to fall to a record low of 9.6 percent in 2015. The graph below shows the dramatic decline of global poverty over the past few decades.



Using updated methodology, the World Bank recalculated poverty figures back to 1990. The new data track closely with previous Bank figures, which I use in the graph to show the fall in poverty since the early 1980s when 43 percent of the world's population was extremely poor. The record on poverty reduction is consistent with the unprecedented progress that humanity has made around the world in the whole range of indicators of well-being, and which researchers and others can explore at HumanProgress.org.

The drop in poverty also coincides with a significant increase in global economic freedom, beginning with China's reforms some 35 years ago and the globalization that followed the collapse of central planning in the late 1980s and early 1990s. As we celebrate this achievement and strive for further progress, we should not lose sight of the central role that voluntary exchange, freedom of choice, competition and protection of property play in ending privation. •

NJLP Social Media Goes Viral

by Patrick McKnight

NJLP Social Media platforms are experiencing tremendous growth and popularity. In the seven days ending 10/15 NJLP Facebook posts reached 645,162 people. Total page 'Likes' are up 18% to 3,487 from 2,962 a month earlier. Our meme "The More We Blame Republicans and Democrats the Less We Remember They're Both to Blame" was shared on the National LP page and reached 521,254 people and had 9,088 shares.

Keep sharing NJLP posts! This is an easy, free way to spread the message of liberty. Make sure to follow our page at https://www.facebook.com/NJLibertarian. ◆

Lawsuit Seeks Identity of State Trooper Who Sought Sex from Target of Arrest Warrant

by John Paff, NJLP Open Government Advocacy Project

At 10 a.m. on Wednesday, October 14, 2015, Mercer County Assignment Judge Mary C. Jacobson will hear argument in <u>Paff v. Department of Law and Public Safety, et al., Docket No. MER-L-1685-15</u>. This <u>Open Public Records Act (OPRA)</u> and common law right of access case was filed on my behalf by <u>Walter M. Luers</u> of Clinton.

The lawsuit challenges the New Jersey State Police decision to suppress the identity of a State Trooper who resigned or was fired for offering to not execute an arrest warrant in exchange for the warrant's target having sex with him. The case also seeks the Trooper's resignation letter and a plea agreement that resolved internal charges against the Trooper. No criminal charges were filed against the Trooper.

The matter will be heard on the 4th floor of the Mercer County Courthouse, 400 S. Warren St, Trenton. Members of media and public are encouraged to attend and observe but are advised to call the court at 609-571-4499 the day prior to confirm that the hearing date and hour have not changed. ◆

NJLP Post Election General Business Meeting

Sunday, November 15, 2015 4:30 PM Omega Diner 1337 US Highway 1, North Brunswick, NJ

All members are strongly urged to attend. We will be discussing and voting on changes to our bylaws structure and planning strategy for the 2016 election cycle. Please plan on attending.

Remember When Donald Trump Tried to Bulldoze an Elderly Widow's Home to Build a Limo Parking Lot?

by Daniel Bier, Editor of Foundation for Economic Education's Anything Peaceful

Donald Trump is leading the GOP primary polls with 24 percent (August). Trump, as *Reason*'s Matt Welch put it, may be a "vulgar anti-intellect who cannot string a coherent paragraph together." But he's also a consummate bully and crony capitalist who has never been shy about using government to coerce people who get in his way.

In 1994, Trump got Atlantic City, New Jersey, to condemn Vera Coking's home so that he could build limo parking for his Trump Plaza Hotel and Casino. The <u>Institute for Justice</u> took on Trump in one of its first big <u>eminent domain cases</u>:

"Vera Coking, an elderly widow from Atlantic City, knows firsthand the power of unaccountable government agencies. The Institute for Justice successfully defended Vera against the condemnation of her home by a State agency that sought to take her property and transfer it—at a bargain-basement price—to another private individual: Donald Trump.

Trump convinced the State agency to use its "eminent domain" power to take Vera's home so he could construct a limousine parking lot for his customers—hardly a public purpose.

And unfortunately, cases in which government agencies act not as protectors of constitutionally guaranteed rights, but instead as agents for powerful, private interests, have become all too common."

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Winter 20015 Volume XL, Issue 3 ©2015 The New Jersey Libertarian Party ISSN 1093-801X Editor, **Vacant** Thanks to <u>Institute for Justice</u>, she was able to beat Trump and the city government and win the right to keep her property.

Coking moved to a retirement home in 2010, having lived almost 50 years in her Atlantic City home. Coking's grandson finally sold the house in July 2014; less than two months later, the Trump Plaza Hotel and Casino closed for lack of business.

From the NJ Libertarian News Archives, 30 Years Ago, October 1985: "There's No Government"

by Don Meinshausen

(The following is a song meant to be sung to the tune of "There's No Business Like Show Business.")

There's no government like no government I know.

Something about it is so appealing, And I know that we can make it go, For all we have to do is start repealing

And get rid of the statist quo.

There's no taxes like no taxes

You'll smile as they go down.

For you really don't need welfare,

For you can live like a millionaire

For all you need is laissez-faire.

It's great, go smash the state.

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