



Central Committee Meeting August 16

Debate and endorse/oppose November ballot issues

by Robert Giedt

The primary focus of our Central Committee meeting on August 16 will be to discuss the upcoming November ballot measures and provide our official recommendations on which ones to support or oppose. Preliminary information can be found at the Shape the Future website at http://www.shapethefuture.org/content/november2001_roster.htm. There are plenty of bond/tax measures on the ballot, so we have to gear up for the inevitable fight ahead.

We're also planning to write and submit arguments against some of these measures, so drop by for a preview of what'll be on your November ballot! ☺

June & July meeting notes

by Linden Hsu

June Notes

Victory party

Our members celebrated the defeat of the three (out of five) tax/bond measures we opposed in the June Election. The mood was upbeat. Thanks goes to the voters and other taxpayer advocates.

Eyes and ears

Jack noted that a juvenile hall and other bond/tax measures would likely be placed on the November ballot. He recommended that we find individuals who would be willing to monitor such activities and notify us. If you know of upcoming bond/tax measures, please contact Jack or one of the other LPSM officers. Although we remain vigilant on behalf of taxpayers, please do not assume that we can follow all moves that might increase your tax burden.

Election ads

Christopher displayed our ad opposing the June Elections tax/bond measures. The ad ran twice before the elections in every edition of the *Independent*.

Election reform

Linden announced that he is a contact in San Mateo County for the CalIRV (California Instant Run-off Voting Coalition, see <http://www.calirv.org>).

IRV would be a significant step in election reform and is gaining a broad range of support. Various measures promoting IRV are progressing steadily at the local, state, and federal levels.

Central Committee Meeting

By power of the Chair, Jack called for an August 16 Central Committee Meeting to take positions on ballot measures for the November Elections.

The Executive Committee approved a motion for a September 20 Central Committee Meeting (Caucus) to endorse candidates for the November Elections (6-0-0).

Outreach

The Executive Committee approved a motion for Christopher to implement a mailing of up to 2,500 pieces to recruit people to sign ballot arguments, run for non-partisan offices, and/or donate to or join the party (6-0-0).

July Notes

Candidate announcements

Linden announced that he will be running for the Belmont City Council. Rob announced that he is planning to run for his school board.

Central Committee

The Executive Committee will be working to-

Changes to the San Mateo Libertarian newsletter!

by Robert Giedt

Beginning with this issue, your San Mateo Libertarian will squeeze down to a trim letter-sized format. By moving to this size, we're able to utilize the USPS's "NetPost Mailing Online" service (<http://www.usps.com/maillingonline>), saving us both many man-hours in assembly time and a small reduction in production costs. This should also allow us more flexibility for production/delivery time.

Finally, I'd like to apologize for the delays/sporadic nature of the newsletter. We should be back to our regular monthly schedule for the rest of the year. Articles are always welcome and can be sent to spaceman@best.com (50-300 word articles are the best size). ☺

wards running candidates for the San Mateo County Central Committee.

Ordinary business

The Executive Committee approved a \$50 expenditure towards the purchase of 1,000 copies of the *Libertarian Alternative*, where the difference between the cost and the funding will be covered by donations (5-0-0). The newsletter will be distributed during summer outreach as introductory material to libertarianism.

The Executive Committee also approved funding to reserve for two years <http://www.DebtFreeKids.org> at no more than \$75 (4-0-1). The domain can be used for hosting opposition to measures that burden future generations with debt. ☺

NEXT 2 BUSINESS MEETINGS:

Thursday, August 16 and
Thursday, September 20

Hobee's Restaurant
1111 Shoreway Road
Belmont

(off Ralston on the bay side of 101)

Dinner (optional):

6:00-7:30PM in the dining room alcove

Business meeting:

7:30-8:45PM in the dining room alcove

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