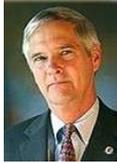


## LP Candidates

regL = registered Libertarians  
 regG = registered Greens  
 N% oth = N% registered as decline to state  
 200NL = Libertarian result in 200N  
 200NG: Green result in 200N. 0: not on ballot



Pres: Michael Badnarik  
 400K 0.32% CA:46K  
 Nader 504K CA:0  
 Green 107K CA:36K  
 2000L: 384K 0.36%  
 MIA: 150K Gray, 44K regL



U.S. Sen: James Gray  
 193K 1.7% 90K regL 20% oth  
 P&F 213K 1.9% 68K regPF  
 Green: 0 161K regG  
 2000L: 187K 1.7% (Gail L).  
 2000G: 324K 3.1% No P&F



US 12: Harland Harrison  
 4904 2% 1512 regL 25% oth  
 Grm: 22K 9.1% 4686 regG  
 2002L: 11K 7.1%\*  
 \*spent \$50K, no 4<sup>th</sup> party  
 2000L: 6K 3% no 4<sup>th</sup> party



US 14: Brian Holtz  
 8950 3.6% 2797 regL  
 Sent 23K emails to voters  
 No 4<sup>th</sup> 5547 regG 24% oth  
 2002L: 6K 3.5% no 4<sup>th</sup> party



CA Sen 14: Allen Rice  
 13173 4.0% 3574 regL  
 No 4<sup>th</sup> 8453 regG 23% oth  
 2000L: 13K 4.0%



CA Asm 12: Chris Maden  
 8382 5.9% 999 regL!  
 No 4<sup>th</sup> 4716 regG 31% oth  
 2002L: 6K 6.4% no 4<sup>th</sup> party  
 2000L: 0 no 3<sup>rd</sup> party



CA Asm 19: Miles Gilster  
 4241 2.7% 1030 regL  
 No 4<sup>th</sup> 2590 regG 24% oth  
 2002L: 1.8% Green 10%  
 2000L: 3.6% Reform 2.6%



Sequoia Healthcare District  
 Warren Gibson 18934 20.5%  
 Sonya Sigler 20571 22.3%  
 Endorsed by PA Daily News  
 Almost unseated 2 incumbents:  
 1<sup>st</sup> place: 30% 2<sup>nd</sup>: 27%



County Board of Ed, Region 6  
 Jack Hickey  
 49,015 30.1%  
 Incumbent: 69.9%

# Election Results

## Local Ballot Measures

*LPSM Recommendations and % voter agreement  
 (and editor picks on measures w/ no LPSM position)*

A: Sales tax for transit operations	No	25
B: No anti-gay discrimination by county govt	(Yes)	70
C: Acting county mgr needn't be internal	(Yes)	60
D: Make county's >3-yr temps civil servants	----	
E: Grand jury salary review for Supervisors	(No)	52
G: Belmont/RedShores school parcel tax	No	33
H: Sequoia High School bonds	No	31
M: Daly City sales tax for transit	No	65
N: Daly City business license tax increase	No	48
P: San Mateo city height/density rules	(No)	31
Q: Relax Redwood City marina height rules	(Yes)	46
S: Burlingame parcel tax for schools	No	22

## Behind the Numbers

**Michael Badnarik** received about 400K votes (0.32%), compared to 0.36% for Browne in 2000. Badnarik got 46K votes in California, meaning he was not voted for by >=44K registered Libertarians, and by >=150K people who voted for the LP Senate candidate. Nader got about 100K more votes than Badnarik, and Green candidate David Cobb got 100K votes of his own. Badnarik and Cobb have filed a joint lawsuit to force a recount in Ohio, citing alleged irregularities.

**California ballot measures.** Prop 62 lost, ensuring LP access to the general election ballot. Employer healthcare mandates and the ER phone tax lost, but voters approved bonds and millionaire taxes for other healthcare programs. Voters also disagreed with the LPC on Three Strikes and stem cell funding.

**County ballot measures.** The county transit tax passed comfortably, but various city revenue measures were balanced on the edge of the 2/3 approval requirement.

Highly-touted Senate candidate **Jim Gray** got the same 1.7% that our 2000 candidate got, and was outpolled by an unimpressive Peace & Freedom candidate. (*No Green ran.*)

**Brian Holtz** sent mass email to 23,000 of his voters, but other local LP candidates like **Allen Rice** had better totals, especially as compared to the number of registered LPers in their districts. By this measure, **Chris Maden's** result was almost unequalled statewide. Chris had no explanation, but didn't discount his district's high non-Demopublican registration (31% vs. 23% regionally).

Sequoia Healthcare candidates **Gibson** and **Sigler** had the effect of their *Palo Alto Daily News* endorsement blunted by a last-minute glossy mailing by the incumbent slate. Our own board member **Jack Hickey** polled an impressive 50,000 votes in his 2-way race with an incumbent education board member.

## State Ballot Measures

*LPCA Recommendations and % voter agreement*

1A: Protect local revenue from Sacramento	Yes?	84
59: Access to government information	Yes	83
60: Allow 3 <sup>rd</sup> parties in general elections	Yes	68
60a: Surplus state property	Yes	73
61: Children's hospital projects & bonds	No	42
62: Exclude 3 <sup>rd</sup> parties from general elections	No	54
63: Mental health services. Tax millionaires	No	47
64: Limit frivolous lawsuits	Yes	59
65: Protect local revenue from Sacramento	Yes	37
66: Limit 3 Strikes law to violent crimes	Yes	47
67: Emergency medical services; phone tax	No	72
68: Relax gambling laws for racing, card clubs	----	
69: DNA database for felons, some arrestees	No	38
70: Relax gambling laws for Indians	No	76
71: Regulate & fund stem cell research	No	41
72: Mandate employer health care coverage	No	51

## How Did Freedom Fare?

*Cato Institute Analysis by Patrick Basham*

Many voters got out on the illiberal side of the bed on Election Day. Exhibit A is the overwhelming approval of respective state bans on **same-sex marriage**. Ballots in 11 states asked voters to render their verdict on this issue. The response was unanimous. All of the proposed bans, many in the South but also the Midwest and even "progressive" Oregon, passed by overwhelming margins.

Alaskans were given the opportunity to decriminalize **marijuana**, thereby emphasizing rationality over persecution. Nevertheless, Alaska's voters rejected by a 14-point margin a measure that would have regulated the cultivation, use and sale of marijuana for persons 21 and older. Meanwhile, Oregon voters rejected the opportunity to expand the state's medical marijuana program. By contrast, some positive news came out of Montana where a proposal for medical marijuana for the critically ill passed by an almost two-to-one margin.

The freedom to **gamble** remained a hot ballot topic, as six states put a total of 13 measures before the voters. Oklahomans approved a state lottery but Nebraskans and Californians overwhelmingly rejected casinos and tribal casinos, respectively. In Michigan, popular approval will now be required before new forms of gambling facilities can be established. Majorities in Florida and Nevada approved increases in the job-destroying **minimum wage**.

The average voter remains deeply ambivalent about the appropriate degree of government involvement in our social and economic lives, presenting an opportunity for proponents of limited government to extend their efforts to publicize the benefits of freedom in both the economic and social spheres.

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*LPSM (113 members, 1730 registered) is the county's only organized opposition to tax hikes. Since 1990 we've helped stop about \$500M in new taxes  
LP-CA (90K registered) has ~70 office-holders, and contests far more seats than the Greens: 24-11 US House, 12-1 CA Senate, 35-4 CA Assembly  
LP-USA (22K, 235K): most candidates (1800), unique voters (3.3M), presidential ballot access (48 states to 36), elected officials (>300) of all 3<sup>rd</sup> parties*

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From the Editor

## LP's Best Issue: Entitlements

One massive problem will dominate American politics over the next decade and beyond, and it's not influenza fatalities (>20K/yr) or terrorism (<3K/yr) or war (~1K/yr) or the Patriot Act (~0/yr). It's entitlements.

Consider: 1) It's by far the biggest problem — \$50 trillion, vs. e.g. \$0.5 trillion for Iraq. 2) The Demopublicans have only been making the problem worse. 3) Libertarians already have the right answer: *privatization*. 4) Intergenerational inequity implies long-term rewards for the party that awakens and champions the young. 5) The major parties are too addicted to the senior vote to co-opt us on this issue. 6) The Greens are too socialist to co-opt us on this issue.

Entitlement reform is clearly what the LP should declare as our trump issue. The Greens can't follow suit, the major parties have bet too much on their losing hands, our policy ace is high, and the generational deck is totally stacked in our favor. To fold this winning hand would be sheer folly.

## 2005 LPC Convention

Fri Feb 18 – Sun Feb 20

Sheraton Gateway Hotel at LA International Airport  
[LPCAconvention.com](http://LPCAconvention.com) 310-642-1111

### Calendar

Th Jan 20, 2005 Supper Club/ **Annual Meeting:**  
officer & judicial cmte elections  
Th Feb 17, 2005 Supper Club/ Business Meeting  
Fr Feb 18, 2005 3-day LPC convention in LA

**Join us** for food and fun at the Belmont IHOP,  
510 El Camino Real, ½ mile N. of Ralston. Agenda:  
6:30pm Discussion & dining (all welcome)  
7:30pm Business (dues-payers only)

**Dinner is FREE if you join or renew  
your membership at the meeting!**