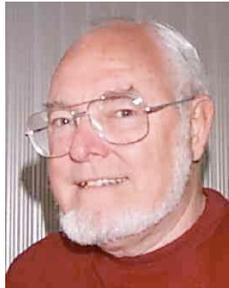




Hickey in 3-Way Race for Supervisor

“That government is best which governs least,” begins Jack Hickey’s candidate statement in his race for San Mateo County Supervisor, District 3. Currently a Director of the Sequoia Healthcare District, Hickey is running in the June 6, 2006, non-partisan race against incumbent Richard Gordon and Green Party activist Jo Chamberlain. Hickey, the long-time chair of the LPSM, has purchased a candidate statement, prepared campaign literature, and put up a campaign web site. Predicting a run-off election, Hickey plans to campaign all the way to November.



You can compare all three candidates at the League of Women Voters web site: <http://www.SmartVoter.org>

LPC Recommendations on State Props

No on 81 — \$600 million bond issue for public libraries. [Editors note: the Spanish language voter pamphlet incorrectly states the bond issue as \$600 billion.]

No on 82 — Estimated \$2.1 billion for a new universal preschool program, run by the counties, funded by a new 1.7% surtax on incomes over \$800,000 per couple.

Harry Browne Remembered

Libertarians were saddened by the loss of Harry Browne, Libertarian Party candidate for President in 1996 and 2000, who died on March 1, 2006. The ExComm of the LPSM invited Bill Henderson to say a few words in memory of Harry Browne. Henderson recalled the many achievements of Harry Browne, discussing two of his more famous books, *How I Found Freedom in an Unfree World*, and *Why Government Doesn’t Work*. He told us how Harry Browne, whose formal schooling stopped at high school, had educated himself to become a respected scholar. He told us how Harry Browne had predicted the massive inflation that ensued after the Nixon government stopped redeeming dollars for gold. Harry Browne, a great Libertarian, will be sadly missed.

Independent Launches Initiatives

Self-described independent Bill Cate has kicked off a campaign to put four small-government initiatives on the San Mateo County ballot. Cate, writing to this newsletter, described his moderate stance, “I don’t want to dissolve government. I just want to get better control of it.” Still he expects his measures could cause dynamic changes. Speaking as a guest at the LPSM meeting, he quipped that his initiatives might get him “labeled an enemy combatant.” Cate summarized his petitions:

1. Fiscal Disclosure

This ordinance would require San Mateo County agencies and private organizations receiving tax money to post their books on a web site accessible by the public.

2. Voter Approval of Taxes

This ordinance would require that all taxes, fines, licenses, and other assessments be approved by a majority vote of the citizens of San Mateo County.

3. Building Permit Homeowner Exemption

This ordinance would allow a homeowner in the county to renovate or remodel without a building permit, unless the near neighbors, who must be duly notified, want to object.

4. Rabies Protection

This ordinance would repeal the current law which requires veterinarians to report all rabies vaccinations to the County.

The last petition illustrates the deviousness of rabid government. The County does not use the vaccination reports to fight rabies. —It uses them to collect the pet-license fee! Consequently, according to Cate, whose wife is a veterinarian, some owners decide not to vaccinate their animals in San Mateo County, an area where “rabies is endemic.”

Cate plans to recruit circulators among supporters in a mathematical progression as the campaign accelerates. “A mathematical progression is like a chain reaction. You excite one particle and it excites two particles...[then] four particles...eight particles, and so on...”, explains Cate, “Everyone who visits is asked to email our URL to everyone in his address book who lives in San Mateo County. If we succeed, every voter in San Mateo County who believes that the people should be running the local government will have signed our petitions within a few weeks.”

Libertarians who want to sign or circulate the petitions can contact Cate at (650) 879-0654 or <http://SMCVoter.Org>

Harrison in Debate

Libertarian Harland Harrison began his campaign as a write-in for Congress with a debate at the College of San Mateo. Noe Chavez of the Business Students Association hosted the forum where candidates from three parties confronted one another. Although the incumbent, Tom Lantos, did not attend, Harrison debated two Democrats and two Republicans. Chavez, pleased with the results, later noted that the students learned a lot and “the faculty members gave it great reviews.”

Harrison presented his message of peace, small government, and human rights. He offered libertarian answers to the wide-ranging questions. Harrison pointed out how libertarians agree with the left on civil liberties, and with the right on economic freedom. He criticized Lantos and President Bush for the attack on Iraq and for violating civil rights.

Mike Moloney, a Republican candidate who ran as a Libertarian for CD 12 in 1998, also blamed Lantos and Bush for the Iraq war. His passionate message warned of a coming attack on Iran, with the US possibly using nuclear weapons, of the growing likelihood of a draft, and of the dangers of the *Project for a New American Century*. Moloney proclaimed his support for Kevin Hearle in the Democrat primary, and distributed fliers supporting him that show Lantos with Bush.

Democrat Kevin Hearle joined Harrison in calling for the impeachment of Bush, and defended civil liberties. He expressed

firm opposition to the war. Yet, like a “true Democrat”, he called for “single-payer” health care.

Republican Chris Huskins repeated his party-line message. When he said that he did “support the policy” of the Iraq war, enraged candidates broke the rules of the debate to challenge him. Democrat Robert Barrows likewise presented his party’s main line, supporting civil liberties under big government. When asked why students should take an interest in politics, Barrows asserted, unabashedly, that politics affected everything in their lives.

The *Daily News* reported the debate in a half-page article featuring an incongruous picture of the staged arrest of Tom Lantos in front of the Sudanese embassy two days earlier. The *News* later reported Moloney’s controversial fliers in a front-page article.

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Calendar

- Tuesday June 6, 2006 Election Day
- Thursday June 22, 2006 Supper Club/Business Meeting
- Thursday July 27, 2006 Supper Club/Business Meeting

Join us for food and fun at the Belmont IHOP, 510 El Camino Real, 1/2 mile N. of Ralston. Agenda:
6:30pm Discussion & dining (all welcome)
7:30pm Business (dues-payers and guests)

IMPORTANT! — Write-in Harland Harrison for Congress District 12

The LPSM circulated petitions to qualify Harland Harrison as a *write-in* candidate in the Libertarian primary for Congressional District 12, but under LPC bylaws, he also needs at least 40 voters to write “*Harland Harrison*” on their June 6 primary ballots.

Margret & Christopher Schmidt coordinated the petition drive as they did for the other LPSM candidates, collecting the required 40+ signatures, but getting on the ballot in November may require a lawsuit. Proposition 60 (a constitutional amendment) stated that the candidate with the highest vote total will be printed on the General Election ballot, but Secretary of State Bruce McPherson has instructed counties to follow the (now obsolete) Section 8605 of the Election Code, which required a write-in candidate to receive a minimum of one percent of the *total* vote for the office in the prior election—an impossibility when only Libertarians can vote in the Libertarian primary!

The Libertarian Party of California plans to bring such cases to court. If 40 voters write in Harrison, he can be a plaintiff. Aaron Starr, Chair of the Libertarian Party of California writes “Proposition 60 is now being considered by the California Supreme Court and a decision is expected within the next couple of months. If Prop 60 is upheld, we’ll have a very strong legal case that it over-rides Section 8605.”

Libertarians in Congressional District 12 (San Mateo-San Francisco) should write in “Harland Harrison” for “Representative” in the Primary Election, June 6, 2006. The “Write-In” arrow *must* be marked for the vote to count (as for any other candidate).

