



# Election woes

*Most bonds pass, but libertarians make good showing*

By Robert Giedt

**A**midst the lowest voter turnout in all 8 Bay Area counties (a mere 24.78% turnout of the 300,000+ San Mateo County registered voters), most bond measures were passed, and while only one libertarian candidate reached office, there was great voter support for all of them. The one special tax measure that was defeated was the Burlingame Elementary School Parcel Tax, saving residents of that community \$297/parcel/year. Unfortunately, Measure C, the \$207 million community college bond, passed—utilizing the new 55% threshold established by Prop 39 (which undermined the California constitution’s 2/3 rule).

In local elections, libertarian candidates had respectable showings, in particular Jack Hickey’s nearly 20% in his SMCCCD race, and Ray Bell’s 23% in his Sequoia H.S. District board race. For their races, and those of Rob Fliegler, Brian Holtz, William Henderson and Scott Rynearson, they were the candidates that just missed the cutoff for being elected (4th in an race that elected 3, etc.). —And Marguerite Kaufman was elected to the Skyline County Water District board by default! We also thank Linden Hsu, Howard Van Jepmond, and Chita Albert for running. Keep the faith, guys! Your hard work has not gone unnoticed.

What this low voter turnout ultimately proves is that every vote *does* indeed count, and that we need to ensure that we get out to the polls on Election Day—and get our like-minded friends and neighbors out as well. A few votes here and there can make the difference! ♣

## October meeting notes

by Linden Hsu

### Officer reports:

**Chair:** Jack has been extremely active this month. In addition to spearheading the “Don’t Abandon Liberty” ad campaign, he has been to many speaking engagements and issues forums. Here is a bullet list:

- Opposition to SMCCCD bond @ Pacifica City Council (CC)
- Presentation @ Democratic Party Forum
- Opposition to SMCCCD @ Belmont CC
- Opposition to Measure H @ Daly City CC
- Speech @ Shelter Creek Condos Homeowners Association

**Vice Chair:** Christopher would like to thank all that helped with the petition envelope stuffing party. The petitions have been mailed and are arriving at a rate to meet the signature requirement for “In-Lieu of Filing Fees”.

So far five new people have joined the party and many have donated.

### Public speaking:

This year a record number of people are doing public speaking for the LPSM.

Linden Hsu attended the televised Belmont CC Candidates Forum moderated by the League of Women Voters (LWV). He has also been going door-to-door with his wife campaigning.

Maad Abu-Ghazalah was unexpectedly offered an open seat on one of the panels while he was attending the American Muslim Alliance (AMA) national convention in Santa Clara. He took advantage of the opportunity although not to his satisfaction. Fortunately, the Chronicle mentioned his name and quoted him. At the Pacifica CC he spoke against endorsing the SMCCCD bond.

Rob Fliegler spoke in opposition to Measure H at the LWV’s forum and to the

## Golden Gate NRA outreach event December 11

by Mike Denny

**A**s many of you know, I’m a member of The Golden Gate United NRA Membership Committee. On December 11 at 7 PM, the GGUNRAMC will be hosting an outreach, recruiting and shooting event for liberty-minded individuals at the Jackson Arms shooting range in South San Francisco. There will be licensed shooting instructors there to assist shooters. You can bring your own handguns or use those available at the range. Snacks and beverages will be served and there will be no charge. Libertarians are most cordially invited.

Please put this event on your calendar and let me know if you can attend. Tell me your level of shooting experience and whether you would like to receive a safety training course so that arrangements can be made.

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SMCCCD bond at the Daly City CC regular meeting.

Bill Henderson attended the West Bay Sanitary District Candidate’s Forum moderated by the LWV. He enjoyed the experience. He spoke against cronyism in the district.

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### NEXT 2 BUSINESS MEETINGS:

**Thursday, November 15 and  
Thursday, December 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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**October meeting notes—**

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**Ad Committee report**

The Committee, headed by Jack, has raised \$1,750 to date. The first ad was run successfully early in the month in the *Independent* and a second ad was run prior to the November election. None of the LPSM matching funds have been touched and are expected to be used for future ads.

**Ad policy discussion**

The need for “more professional” advertising standards for the LPSM was debated at length, without reaching a consensus. As a general guideline for resolutions, any expectations of quality or performance can be handled by ensuring that such word-ing exists within future motions.

**Business**

The LPC Platform discussion has been deferred until the Annual (January) Meeting.

**Membership Form**  
(includes membership in the national, state & local Libertarian Party)



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**The Libertarian Party** is the Party of Principle. To assure and affirm that our party never strays from its principles, we request our members to sign the pledge below. (Non-signers cannot vote on party business.)

*I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

The Executive Committee authorized Jack to spend the remaining funds that he raised, excluding the LPSM match, for the “Don’t Abandon Liberty” ads and to print posters of those ads. (7-0-0). ☺

**NRA outreach—**  
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This event will be a great opportunity for Libertarians to meet some of San Francisco’s most active self-defense and liberty advocates... and for them to meet you. I believe that this will be great fun and good outreach for Libertarians as well. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

For more information and to RSVP, please contact Mike Denny at 415/986-7677 x123 during business hours. ☺

**I choose to set my dues at:**

- \$10 Local newsletter only  
*(signature/pledge not required)* .....
- \$25 Basic .....
- \$100 Sustaining .....
- \$250 Sponsor .....
- \$500 Patron .....
- \$1,000 Life .....

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- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly Pledge .....
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ One-time Donation .....

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