

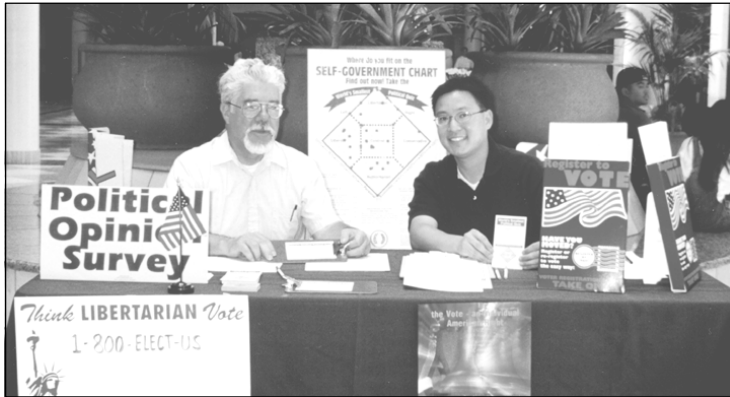


Hillsdale mall voter outreach

LPSM volunteers complete successful outreach effort

by Linden Hsu

This libertarian outreach event, organized and run by the LPSM, spanned two days and consisted of a table staffed by volunteers inside the Hillsdale Shopping Center. Our table was situated in a prominent location leading to considerable foot traffic.



Bob Green and Linden Hsu man the booth

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August meeting notes

by Christopher Schmidt

August's meeting was a sampler: an election, an endorsement, a few progress reports, and some planning of upcoming activities. Seven members attended, but only four voted on the central committee business.

Judicial Committee election

Steve Marsland was elected to the Judicial Committee unanimously, filling an empty seat.

Proposition 38 discussion

Prop. 38 was discussed before the meeting and at the meeting, and, in the end, the LPSM voted against endorsing the *National Average School Funding Guarantee [and Voucher] Initiative* (0-4-0); recommending a 'no' vote. This puts us on the same side as the *Howard Jarvis Taxpayers' Association*. Although our bylaws don't enable members to vote by proxy, the balloting in our online poll ran 2-5-0, and I received one e-mail response to the poll: against the measure. Discounting duplicates, inclusion of internet votes would have brought the totals to 2-7-0, yielding the same result. (The LPC Executive Committee made the opposite endorsement, as reported in the last issue. Libertarians of good con-

science have argued both sides of this analysis-resistant measure.)

Proposition 36 discussion

Consideration of Prop 36 was deferred, for lack of time.

SMC Board of Education recruitment

Jack reported on his successful recruitment of a (full) slate candidates for the San Mateo County Board of Education. His efforts have been rewarded already with front-page news coverage by the Independent Newspaper Group.

New LPSM website address!

I reported on our new easy-to-remember domain name: www.LPSM.org, underwritten by an anonymous donor.

New audio tapes

I further related that I had ordered the Advocates for Self-Government's *Liberty Communicator Series* of audio tapes, thanks to a donation from former Membership Chair, J.R. Prohaska. (Thanks, J.R.!) The tapes arrived, and they are now part of our audio tape lending library.

Public access TV?

Bob said that the *San Mateo Times* had picked up his announcement of our meet-

Jack Hickey to debate Ted Lempert on California school issues

by Jack Hickey

Jack Hickey, Chair of the LPSM and candidate for the County Board of Education, has been invited to speak at the *League of Women Voters' Fall Kick-off Celebration*. The event will be held between 3 and 5 pm on Sunday, September 24, at the Menlo Park Recreation Center at 700 Alma Street, at the corner of Mielke Drive.

Both Jack and his opponent, Ted Lempert will speak for about 20 minutes each about their perspectives on what it will take to fix the California school system. Propositions 38 and 39, as well as charter schools will be discussed by the candidates. A Q&A session will follow.

Come watch our local candidate in action! ☺

ing. He invited the LPSM to sponsor a panel discussion of upcoming ballot measures, to be aired on Foster City public access TV. He'd already done all the leg work to arrange the event, but our packed agenda prevented us from fully considering his proposal.

Voter registration days

Finally, Bob spent some time negotiating the schedule for staffing the LPSM voter registration days at Hillsdale Shopping Center. He and Linden divvied up responsibility for materials needed.

Next two meetings

The next two meetings of the Libertarian Party of San Mateo County will be held on Tuesday, September 12, and Tuesday, October 10. Drop on by! ☺

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING:

Tuesday, September 12

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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During the two day period, many people paused to look at our displays—particularly the poster-size version of the World's Smallest Political Quiz (WSPQ). Quite a few took the time to register to vote and/or complete a political survey. The survey was the WSPQ, a ten-question survey measuring political opinion on personal and economic issues. A few actually engaged in sophisticated political dialogue (occasionally to themselves).

A large number of inquires came from first-time voters who tended to be young or new citizens. Many were very pleased to see a friendly face answer their questions. Questions ranged from "If I register as one party, can I vote for another?" to "Where's the restroom?"

The event accomplished the two main goals of the outreach—community service and finding libertarian prospects. As a service, the volunteers registered 73 voters and countless others who took their forms home to complete. The volunteers answered many basic questions and educated people in the political process. 20 individuals requested more information about libertarian events and ideas. Hopefully, we will see them in our future meetings and events.

Each volunteer spent a few hours at the table and had an enjoyable experience. Most have expressed strong interest to help at the next event. Thanks go to June Genis, Jack Hickey, Linden Hsu, Ting Leong, Lillian Tsai, Rod Woodman, Irvin Chambers, Bruce McKenzie & his wife, and particularly event-mastermind Bob Green.

In summary, 73 people registered to vote, 76 (not necessarily the same) people took the quiz, the average quiz score was 61.6/100 personal and 46.2/100 economic (centrist tending toward left liberal). The most significant result was that 25% of quizzes scored libertarian!

Voter Registration Results:

Table with 2 columns: Party, # of registrants. Rows include American Independent (1), Decline to State (25), Democratic (32), Green (1), Libertarian (3), Republican (11), and Total (73).

World's Smallest Political Quiz:

Table with 4 columns: View, Count, %, and a note. Rows include Libertarian (19.0, 25%), Left (Liberal) (22.5, 30%), Centrist (24.5, 32%), Right (Conservative) (2.5, 3%), Authoritarian (7.5, 10%), and Total (76.0, 100%).

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Please print:
Name:
Address:
City/State/Zip:
Phone:
E-Mail:

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:

I choose to set my dues at:
\$10 Local newsletter only
\$25 Basic
\$100 Sustaining
\$250 Sponsor
\$500 Patron
\$1,000 Life

Plus an additional contribution to the San Mateo Region:
Monthly Pledge
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TOTAL:

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