



# Massachusetts Liberty

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## LP Celebrates Unprecedented Election

Libertarian candidates, campaign workers, and supporters had much to celebrate when they gathered at the Dedham Hilton on election night. Not only had a record number of votes been cast for Libertarians in Massachusetts, but the party and its ideals had received an unprecedented amount of media coverage.

Our candidates set an impressive standard for the future including:

Carla Howell's campaign for the United States Senate which received 308,743 votes,

Ilana Freedman's campaign for State Senate which polled 16,143 votes including 42% of the votes in her hometown of Billerica, and

Heather Ashcraft who raked in 1,977 votes in her bid for State Representative in the city of Boston.

Over all, close to half a million votes were cast for Libertarians in Massachusetts.

The total of 308,743 votes for Carla Howell is three times the number she earned when she ran for State Auditor in 1998. While statewide Ms. Howell finished third, only a few thousand votes behind the Republican Jack Robinson, she actually won more votes than Mr. Robinson in over 170 towns around Massachusetts. Her vote total also set a record for the highest percentage of the vote, twelve percent, for any Libertarian Party Senate candidate in the thirty year history of the party.

Ms. Howell said, "Our campaign proved that a bold and persuasive Libertarian platform is strong and compelling. 308,743 people voted at the level of U.S. Senate for a small federal government limited to those functions defined in Article One of the Constitution. This is unprecedented. It belies the claim that we must compromise or water-down our positions in order to get votes."

Along with the Howell campaign, the Euchner campaign for the U. S. Congress was a great success. In a three way race, 10,553 votes were cast for David Euchner. Televised debates, a segment on *Greater Boston* with Emily Rooney (Channel 44) as well as active campaigning clearly con-



Libertarian candidates were cheered at an election night rally in Dedham.

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### Libertarian Election Results

#### President and Vice President

Browne and Olivier 16,364 1% Massachusetts 6 way race

#### United States Senator

Carla Howell 308,743 12% Massachusetts 6 way race

#### United States House of Representatives

David Euchner 10,553 5% 4th District 3 way race

#### Senator in General Court

Michael Froimowitz 7,221 10% Hampshire & Franklin 2 way race  
 Peter Schoaff 7,782 16% 1st Middlesex 2 way race  
 Ilana Freedman 16,143 25% 4th Middlesex 2 way race  
 Kamal Jain 10,883 17% Middlesex & Worcester 2 way race

#### Representative in General Court

Francis Mackay-Smith 3,033 15% 4th Essex 2 way race  
 Dean Cook 326 2% 6th Essex 4 way race  
 David Rizzo 3,516 19% 8th Essex 2 way race  
 Alan Wilcox 3,364 19% 2nd Hampden 2 way race  
 Joseph Fischetti 3,455 20% 2nd Middlesex 2 way race  
 Carlton Garfield 747 5% 7th Middlesex 3 way race  
 Daniel MacKenzie 753 6% 9th Middlesex 3 way race  
 Irwin Jungreis 690 3% 13th Middlesex 3 way race  
 Patrick El-Azem 3,742 20% 16th Middlesex 2 way race  
 James Mollison 2,973 19% 24th Middlesex 2 way race  
 Ronald Bargoot 1,927 15% 13th Middlesex 2 way race  
 Vera Meyer 903 6% 38th Middlesex 3 way race  
 Richard Yampell 1,976 11% 6th Norfolk 2 way race  
 Heather Ashcraft 1,989 21% 9th Norfolk 2 way race



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## letter from the chair

### You Ain't Seen Nothin' Yet

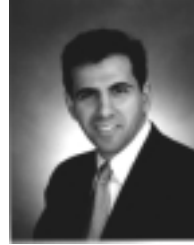
Once again, we've come to the end of another year and it's been a great year for the Libertarian Party in Massachusetts.

Last month, I said that I didn't know how the election would turn out. Well, now we know: Carla Howell received at least 308,743 votes in her race against Ted Kennedy. Overall, Massachusetts Libertarians received more than 401,808 votes from citizens of the Commonwealth.

Just to put that in perspective, the total number of votes that Libertarians received all around the country was about 3.1 million votes. That means that 13% of all of the votes cast for Libertarians in the 2000 election were cast **right here in Massachusetts**. That's about one vote out of every eight that was cast anywhere in the country. Carla Howell's vote total alone is more than three times the number of people who read the *Boston Herald* every day!

During the last two years, our registrations have gone from about 7,500 to more than 16,000. Just like the election cycle before it, our registrations have double again. And not only that: we're picking up registrations so fast that 20% of the new Libertarian registrations that have taken place anywhere in the country during the last two years have happened **right here in Massachusetts**. That's right: of all of the people who have registered Libertarian in American in the last two years, one out of five of them live in Massachusetts.

In fact, if you look at the votes received by our candidates excluding Carla Howell and Harry Browne (95,351 votes) you'd still have more votes for Libertarians in Massachusetts than were cast for all candidates put together in each of the other states in the union, with the excep-



Elias Israel

tion of only five: Alabama, California, Ohio, Texas, and Washington.

There's no denying it: the Massachusetts Libertarian Party is advancing the cause of Liberty by running candidates and making a difference.

### This Is Not The End

Winston Churchill once said at the start of World War II: "This is not the end. This isn't even the beginning of the end. But it may be the end of the beginning."

We have a newfound relevancy with the press and a stronger and more energized group of activists than ever before. But this is only the beginning.

With the new year, many cities and towns have elections for local office. In many cases, interested candidates will have to get their nomination papers as early as January. If you want to be a part of the Libertarian avante guard, go to your town clerk and ask about running for Town Meeting Member, or Selectman, or City Councilor. These are races that you can have a good chance in if you are willing to meet your neighbors face to face and ask for their support.

Our town committees served the party well in this election cycle, but we need more of them. If you are ready to start a town committee or a city committee where you live, contact me or Executive Director Christine Schoaff.

**Happy holidays and May the New Year be prosperous and joyous for us all!**

Victory!

## Submissions Welcomed



Liberty Cat asks...

Do you have news to share about a Libertarian event in Massachusetts? Photographs of a freedom rally? Are you looking for volunteers for an outreach booth or a campaign? Why not write a quick article for *Massachusetts Liberty* and submit it by sending e-mail to ma-liberty@la-ma.org, or by USPS to Mass. Liberty Editor, Post Office Box 2610, Boston, MA 02208.

## libertarian events

### **P**rovincetown Town Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 6, 7:00 P.M.  
At the Provincetown Inn on the first Wednesday of each month. Coffee and pastries will be on hand and the committee will be working to make an event of each meeting. Everyone is welcome. Contact Dave Atkinson at 508/487-0759 for more information or directions.

### **L**PMA Board Meeting

Saturday, December 2, 10:00 A.M.  
At the Peabody Marriot. Agenda topics include '01 planning and budgeting, and strategic presentations. Libertarian State Committee meetings are open to members of the Libertarian Party.

### **W**hitman Libertarian Town Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 12, 6:45 P.M.  
The Glass Room at TJ's Pub, on Route 18 near Route 27 in Whitman. Pizza and soda available starting at 6:30 P.M..

### **P**ioneer Valley Libertarian Association Meeting

Wednesday, December 13, 7:00 P.M.  
Bickford's, Springfield. The Pioneer Valley Libertarian Association meets the second Wednesday of every month at Bickford's on Boston Road in Springfield.

### **L**ibertarian Social

Saturday, December 16, 7:00 P.M.  
At the home of Jim and Sue Poulin, 11 Independence Drive, Woburn.

From 128/195 take exit 33A, "Rt. 3 South, Winchester." At the 5th traffic light (including the exit ramp 1) - about 2 miles - turn right onto Revere Road (church on left); take the 1st right onto Independence Drive, the next left (also Independence). #11 is the 2nd house on the right.

For information or directions call (781) 935-1509.

### **W**orcester County Libertarian Association

Sunday, December 17, 6:00 P.M.  
Tweed's Pub Restaurant, 231 Grove St., Worcester. Everyone is invited and welcome. Interested activists can contact Kevin Haskell at khaskell@lpma.org for more information.



The October meeting of the Worcester County Libertarian Association

### **N**ashoba Valley Libertarians Meeting

Wednesday, January 10, 7:00 P.M.  
At the home of Patrick and Laura El-Azem, 4 Donna Road, Chelmsford. All Libertarians in Westford, Chelmsford, Lowell, Littleton, Pepperell, and nearby towns are encouraged to attend.

## Libertarian Activist Organizing Speakers Bureau

Doug Krick, Libertarian State Committee member and founder of the "Pink Pistols" gun rights PAC is working on a new project, the creation of a Libertarian Speaker's Bureau in Massachusetts.

The Speaker's Bureau hopes to build a network of people across the state that can be called on, to appear at any event anywhere in Massachusetts where we are invited to speak. This means that we will need volunteers in every region, and hopefully every town. The group plans to make speakers available to schools, churches, businesses, civic organizations, community groups, and other people as well.

Doug has received training from Speak Out (Formerly the Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbians), and



Libertarian activist Doug Krick

has done other speaking events in the past. A number of other Massachusetts Libertarians have already offered to be speakers on a variety of subjects.

Amongst the people who have volunteered to speak are Carla Howell, David Euchner, Kamal Jain, Elias Israel, and David Atkinson.

The first task for the new organization is to sign up more speakers. If you are a past or present candidate, or have speaking experience, hold an elected office, are a member of a state or city/town committee, or would like to help spread the word about Libertarianism, please contact Mr. Krick.

Doug Krick's first speaking engagement has been tentatively set for January 2001 at a Massachusetts High School. He can be reached at doug.krick@lpma.org or 617-678-LPMA (5762). ■

# Libertarians Celebrate Record Election Results

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tributed to Euchner's strong 5% showing.

Euchner's votes contributed to an unprecedented national vote totals as well. The national headquarters of the LP reports that there were more than 1,660,000 votes cast for Libertarian candidates for U. S. House of Representatives. This is the highest total for any third party in American history.

In the Presidential race, Harry Browne received 16,364 votes. Browne polled 50% better than Buchanan here in Massachusetts.

This campaign season showcased the impressive growth of the Libertarian party over the last two years. In 1998 the party ran eight candidates statewide, including just one each for State Representative and State Senator. This year there were twenty two Libertarian candidates in Massachusetts. These candidates appeared in the newspapers and on television. They took part in debates, put up lawn signs, printed up bumper stickers, and did the hard work that makes a political party successful.

Candidates reached out to many new supporters. Mike Froimowitz spoke with Young Republican groups on campus and they passed a resolution to assist Libertarian candidates in races without a Republican contender. Patrick El-Azem worked with supporters of specific causes and arranged to have the Democratic Town Committee of Chelmsford sponsor debates between him and his Republican opponent. Ilana



Carla Howell was interviewed by reporters from NBC, Fox, and the WB network at the election night party in Dedham

Freedman also received support from many civic organizations in her district.

Dan MacKenzie participated in three debates with his opponents. In addition, he took the time to speak with the Editors and reporters of the *Waltham Daily News Tribune* and the *MetroWest Daily*. Although this meeting did not result in an endorsement, MacKenzie reports that they lauded his campaign with praise. MacKenzie was able to focus on issues that were of interest to the reporters such as recent changes to the public records law.

Filling in questionnaires was an easy way for candidates to reach new recruits and supporters. Most of the Libertarian candidates were included in the League of Women Voters guide printed by the *Boston Globe* and the newsletter of the Gun Owners Action League.

Working with groups who shared the Libertarian point of view on various ballot questions also increased awareness of our candidates and our party. The Howell campaign spearheaded leaflets a g a i n s t Question 3 at the dog racing tracks in Revere and Taunton.

The large number of volunteers and activists made our candidates successful. As Jim Sullivan pointed out "Courage is contagious. When

you say that you're going to vote for Harry Browne, or when you put a Carla Howell lawn sign in front of your house, it lets others know that their conviction to vote for a libertarian is not something unusual and weird. If your car sports a Jain or Euchner bumper sticker, who knows how many might then gather that bit of courage they need to step into the voting booth and cast a ballot for freedom? Don't be afraid to state your belief in freedom. If you don't state it now, you may not be able to state it tomorrow."

Indispensable to the electoral success was a support network fueled by town committees. Before the 1998 election there were no town committees and only a couple activists groups in the state. Today there are fourteen town committees fielding candidates, working on local politics, and supplying



Elias Israel congratulates Dennis Corrigan and Muni Savyon for their efforts in fielding over 20 candidates in Massachusetts

activists for campaigns. "In 1996, there were 3,065 registered Libertarian voters in Massachusetts," said Ms. Howell. "Today, there are over 16,066 registered Libertarian voters in Massachusetts. By Election Day 2002, we will have over 30,000 registered Libertarian voters in Massachusetts."

According to the candidates, over 800 volunteers worked on Libertarian campaigns. They collected signatures, put up yard signs, organized speaking events, and held signs outside the polls on election day.

Highlighting the fact that the LP has come of age in Massachusetts was the press coverage during this election cycle. Newspapers and television stations which completely ignored

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Over 200 Libertarian campaign workers and activists attended the election night celebration at the Dedham Hilton

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## notes from around the state

### Volunteers Needed for OPH Booth

Doug Krick is organizing an Operation Politically Homeless both to sign up LPMA members at the Massachusetts Fetish Flea Fair. He is looking for volunteers who would be willing to spend an hour or two helping educate people on Libertarianism in an environment where we usually get 50%+ of the respondents in the "Libertarian" quadrant of the World's Smallest Political Quiz. The people who have shown up in the past have reported, without exception, that they have enjoyed the time.

The event takes place at the Andover Ramada Hotel on January 27th and 28th. To volunteer please call Doug Krick at 617-678-LPMA.

### PVLA Hosts John Thompson

The Pioneer Valley Libertarian Association met on Wednesday, October 11, 2000. They had a very informative talk from John Thompson, a criminal defense lawyer, who discussed how plea-bargains and compensation for being a state's witness results in a form of bribery that corrupts the courts and the jury system. He described it as partially nullifying the jury.

### Tattooing Legalized in Massachusetts

With encouragement of Libertarians, tattooing is now legal in Massachusetts. Although the final decision was made by the Supreme Court, Libertarians Doug Krick and others had worked with legis-

lators in the general court on similar legislation. Congratulations to all for a restoration of a small, colorful liberty.

### LPMA Web Site #1

*Campaign & Elections* magazine thinks highly of the LPMA web site!

Their article "Clicks & Picks: Third-Party Sites" By Mary Clare Jalonick in the October/November issue reviewed third party web sites. Of those mentioned, a select few were pictured included ours which was #1. Hats off to web mistress Moira Ashleigh.

### Tuniewicz offers Political Commentary

Libertarian State Committeeman Mark Tuniewicz had the opportunity to offer commentary and analysis on election night.

WHRB-FM 95.3 (Harvard University Radio Broadcasting) is known the world over for the quality of its classical programming, and can be heard in most homes in the Greater Boston area. On election night Mark spoke as a "Libertarian political analyst". Also on the program was CNN's Jeff Greenfield, Bush foreign policy adviser Condoleeza Rice, US Representative Michael Capuano (D-MA), among others.

### Berchin Steps Down as Media Coordinator

Thanks to Elaine Berchin for all her work as media coordinator for the last two

years. She has been instrumental in the success of the LPMA as well as numerous candidates. Prema Popat will be taking on this important and interesting job soon.

### LP bats .714 on Ballot Questions

The LP position passed in 5 of the 7 questions on which members were united. In the plus column for liberty was the victory Question 1 which called for early redistricting, Question 4 which lowered the income tax rate, Question 7 which allowed charitable giving to be deducted. Also good news was the failure of Question 3 which would have criminalized greyhound racing and Question 5 which would have mandated a watered down version of socialized medicine.

Unfortunately voters turned down the back door method of eliminating the corrupt Turnpike Authority with question 6 and the opportunity to reform asset forfeiture and drug laws with question 8.

### LP investigating election irregularities

Our attorney, Edward McCormick, is looking for instances where votes in the recent primary do not appear to have been counted. If you know of such an instance, please contact our Chairman Elias Israel.

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Libertarian candidates in the past were clamoring for interviews and filming profiles of our candidates.

In the Lowell area, Libertarian candidates appeared numerous times on AT&T Cable's local news program. Four candidates, Jim Mollison, Ilana Freedman, Patrick El-Azem, and Peter Schoaff were interviewed on their primary night news coverage. In the days leading up to the campaign this station ran interviews with Mr. El-Azem and Mr. Schoaff. David Euchner was able to spread his message to voters throughout New England when his debate with Barney Frank was broadcast on WLVI channel 56. Carla Howell's campaign

was featured in a PBS documentary on her Senate race with Ted Kennedy.

On the Monday before election day, three different television stations contacted the Howell campaign to set up "campaign trail" interviews with her to use on the nightly news.

Election night was no exception to this trend. While jubilant supporters were celebrating the election success, cameras and reporters from NBC, Fox, and the WB network surrounded Ms. Howell seeking sound bites for their evening news. The printed media was there as well with reporters from the *Boston Globe* and *Lowell Sun* interviewing candidates.

The growth of the party was also evident in the fundraising efforts. In 1998 the

entire slate of statewide candidates raised less than \$30,000. This year, the Carla Howell campaign alone raised \$821,000. That money went to work as the Senate campaign ran a full slate of radio ads, and even ran television ads on every Boston network affiliate in the days leading up to the election.

Now that Election 2000 has been such an amazing success, it is time to begin planning and building for new Libertarian achievements in 2001 and 2002. The State Committee of the Libertarian Party of Massachusetts is currently looking for activists and volunteers to serve on the Candidate's Committee and to run for local office in 2001. If you are interested contact our Executive Director Christine Schoaff. ■

## Activists Raise Vote Totals with Electioneering

Christine Schoaff

It should come as no surprise to anyone who notices the large number of “undecided” voters in political polls, that many voters arrive at their polling locations without any idea for whom they’re going to vote. One final contact with our candidate or our party may be enough to move these undecided voters into our camp.

Asking voters to vote for Libertarians on election day as they enter the polling place is called electioneering. Established parties have been doing this for decades and this year many Libertarians across Massachusetts joined in.

Holding signs for your candidate at busy locations on election day or the days leading up to the election one type of electioneering. Such an event is called a stand out.

Libertarians such as Dan MacKenzie, Laura Hirschmann, Steve Olson, Frank MacKay-Smith, Laura El-Azem and Kevin Haskell organized groups of like minded local libertarians, set a time and location, and held signs supporting Libertarian candidates such as Carla Howell, Harry Browne and others.

Holding signs like this lets other people in your area know that Libertarian candidates are on the ballot and that Libertarians are active in their local communities. Massachusetts law requires that the signs be held and not erected. Laura El-Azem notes “Stand-outs are a low-stress, low-intrusion-factor activity that really helps the candidate’s name recognition while demonstrating visible support at the same time.”

On October 7th, Kim Bryant, John Boudreau, Rich Aucoin and Dan MacKenzie stood out for about 90 minutes. The next weekend, the stand-out in Waltham was a smashing success as well. Dan MacKenzie said, “Rich Aucoin, Kim Bryant, John Boudreau, his son, my wife Mary and I stood out from 10 AM to 2 PM. We were greeted with horn honking, cheering, and waving from passing motorists.” Encouraged by the reception he correctly predicted, “Momentum is building. I believe that we’re on our way to the best election results in the 29-



Brian Rowe, Bill Shirley, Richard Watras and Kevin Haskell at a Stand Out in Worcester. Photo by Norma Shirley.

year history of the Libertarian Party.” Throughout October, Waltham Libertarians organized standouts on four consecutive Saturdays. November fourth was also a Waltham stand out.

On October 21, Steve Olson organized a huge stand out at the South Shore Plaza in Braintree. Activists took over the median strip at the traffic lights leading to the plaza. Motorists picked up flyers and bumper stickers from the sign holding activists. This stand out was coordinated with the Question 4 sponsors, Citizens for Limited Taxation and Government. 1500 pieces of literature were distributed to motorists. Subsequent standouts were equally successful. As Steve Olson noted, “We were out there from 10 am until 4pm each day. The more bodies that showed up the more impact we had, the more literature we passed out and the more votes we received.”

Frank Mackay-Smith’s campaign organized a stand out on October 21st as well. Close to twenty people participated in this Ipswich and Hamilton-Wenham event. Post event pizza was enjoyed by all. “We did stand outs in Hamilton-Wenham and Ipswich holding signs for me and Carla Howell, and Harry. Special thanks to Steve Epstein for heading up the Hamilton-Wenham group! We had a great time! There was great response: lots of waves, several requests for lawn signs, and a good time all around.” reports Frank Mackay-Smith. In fact the stand out was so much fun and such a success that Mr. Mackay-Smith organized a subsequent event and expanded to include Manchester-by-the-Sea, and Georgetown.

Building on great coverage in the *Lowell Sun*, *Chelmsford Independent* and *Carlisle Mosquito*, the El-Azem campaign organized two stand-outs in the weeks before election day. Laura El-Azem, campaign manager for the Patrick El-Azem campaign for State Representative said, “We have people asking for yard signs whom we’ve never met; we have picked up some ardent and active supporters from the ranks of our Town Meeting representatives, and we even have a Selectman sporting an Elect El-Azem bumper sticker. But there are a lot of people who still think

that the incumbent is running unopposed!” These stand outs clearly helped the campaign convince 3,724 voters to support Patrick El-Azem.

Laura Hirschmann and Mike Conway organized the Dartmouth area stand outs. Libertarians supported the Howell Campaign on October 28th at the Dartmouth mall. Laura Hirschmann reports that “We had such a great time that we arranged another stand out on November 4th.”

Also on October 30, the Burlington Mall hosted a stand out organized by Peter Cuff for the Howell campaign. In early November, Kay Pirrello reports that “Four terrific volunteers – Rich Aucoin, Jan Taylor, Steve Lehar, and Rick Libby – held our 16 foot campaign banner over Route 128/95 during rush hour. They had a great time! Lots of people waved and honked!” As with all Libertarian electioneering, it was so much fun, they arranged to do it again.

Worcester area Libertarians rallied behind Kevin Haskell. They braved inclement weather to hold signs for the Howell campaign on October 30th throughout the afternoon next to WPI. Pizza was the reward for those who attended to, according to Mr. Haskell, “Make a statement for liberty and for Carla and, of course, the knowledge that you just peacefully fought for the idea of freedom that you so strongly believe in.” Their second Worcester stand out for Carla and Harry went even better than the first. Five local Libertarians showed for 2 1/2 hours this time. Norma Shirley,

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## Electioneering Raises Vote Tally

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Bill Shirley, Rich Fields, and Kevin Haskell held signs on the corner, while the Kathy Wacholtz stood on the elevated median strip and handed out Harry Browne materials. All of them held Carla Howell signs. "This was a perfect day for a stand-out, and we received a great deal of positive beeps, thumbs-ups, and smiles," reports Haskell.

Worcester Libertarians kept up the momentum through election day. They organized and staffed a stand out in front of a very busy polling station. In addition, they coordinated an election day stand-out with the Worcester Pistol and Rifle Club in support of the Carla Howell campaign.

Dave Rizzo coordinated election day standouts at the polls in Marblehead and Swampscott for supporters of Carla Howell, Question 4, and his own campaign. In Stow, Greg Troxel organized 11 person hours worth of sign holding. He reports that Howell received 18% of the vote in Stow and this shows that sign holding can improve vote totals.

On Election Day, Massachusetts law allows signs to be held 150 feet from the entrance door to the polling place. Sometimes, the town clerk will mark such a distance in chalk on the pavement and other times, the police officer on duty will be able to tell you where you can stand.

This year, Elias Israel visited many of the standouts, meeting with the neighbors and friends that have gathered to support Libertarian candidates. Rich Yampell, Joe Fischetti, Dan MackEnzie and other candidates spent time at polling places in their district to encourage voters to vote Libertarian.



State Committee member Steve Olson was recognized on Election Night for his work campaigning for Carla Howell and Question 4

In addition, the LPMA provided our electioneers with hand cards. Hand cards are a time honored way to let voters know who is on your party's ticket. They are generally about the size of an index card and have the names of all candidates from a party printed on one side.

Dan MacKenzie's campaign went one step further. He prepared a full two sided hand card which included a photo of the candidate. Volunteers for the MacKenzie campaign distributed these cards at throughout the city and at many different polling locations on election day

Christine Schoaff reports that Westford benefited from election day standouts. Joe Fischetti and Cliff Ryding helped distribute hand cards and hold signs.

"One older gentleman walked toward me on his way to vote. When I encouraged him to vote Libertarian and gave him a hand card, he was non-committal.

On the way out of the polling place, he stopped to thank me for letting him know he had other choices. He said he had voted the straight Libertarian ticket," says Christine Schoaff

In addition, working with the mock elections in the schools helped Westford vote totals as well. "As two parents and their young child went to enter the polling place, I encouraged them to vote Libertarian. The parents said that they had never heard of Carla Howell or Joe Fischetti (those were the signs I was holding.) Before they had gone two more feet, their daughter chimed in that these were Harry Browne's candidates. She had learned about Libertarians from the mock elections in her elementary school."

In addition to new Libertarian supporters, electioneering encourages existing supporters. "Many of the other Libertarians in town stopped to chat with me while I was holding signs at the polling places," says Christine Schoaff. "They clearly enjoyed seeing their party colors displayed so prominently."

Libertarians across the commonwealth reported that their electioneering efforts were very well received. Often, they would hear that someone from another party or holding signs for other candidates had voted for Carla Howell, Harry Browne or one of the many other Libertarians on the ballot.

On Election day there were more than two dozen Libertarian electioneering events. This is substantially more than in 1998 or 1996. As Elias Israel points out, "The more voters see Libertarians as the polls having fun supporting our candidates, the better our vote totals." ■

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## volunteer opportunities

### Massachusetts Liberty Needs Writers

Massachusetts Liberty is looking for a few people to write our regular articles and cover interesting Libertarian events. Most notably we need someone to contact the town committees each month and write up the one page "Notes From Around the State." The time commitment would be about 2 hours a month. If you're interested, please contact [ma-liberty@lpma.org](mailto:ma-liberty@lpma.org).

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### Operation Politically Homeless

Volunteers are needed to staff Libertarian outreach booths at conventions, fairs, gun shows, and similar events around the state. In addition the party needs a volunteer to coordinate OPH events. For more information please contact Elias Israel at 888-627-2725.

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# Libertarian Official Named to State Commission

**Tuniewicz is first Libertarian appointment by Governor Cellucci**

The number of Libertarian office holders grew in November when Mark Tuniewicz was appointed to the American and Canadian French Cultural Exchange Commission by Governor Cellucci. Tuniewicz is a State Committee member for the Libertarian Party of Massachusetts and Treasurer for the Libertarian National Committee.



Mark Tuniewicz

"I'm excited to serve the Commonwealth in this capacity and look forward to developing new economic, cultural and political ties with our northern neighbors," said Tuniewicz. Tuniewicz holds a degree in International Business and Finance and has a network of business contacts in Canada.

"I appreciate the Governor's confidence in making me his first Libertarian appointment," adds Tuniewicz.

In a letter to Tuniewicz, Cellucci notes that Tuniewicz's experience and sound judgment will contribute substantially to the Commission throughout his tenure. This appointment expires in 2003.

The American and Canadian French Cultural Exchange Commission consists of seven members descended from Canadians of French ancestry. According to a family-commissioned genealogy, Tuniewicz traces his mother's family lineage back through France, Canada and New England starting in the mid-1600's. "I was brought up in a heavily French-Canadian city, grew up speaking French at home, and have always cherished this part of my heritage," says Tuniewicz.

According to Massachusetts statute, the American and Canadian French Cultural Exchange Commission shall establish, maintain and develop cultural ties between French Canadians and Franco Americans; foster a special interest in the historical and cultural backgrounds of both groups, as well as in the economic, political, social and artistic life of the countries here involved.

The Libertarian Party is the third largest and fastest-growing political party in Massachusetts and in the United States. The Libertarian Party advocates reducing the size and scope of government, and stands for individual liberty and personal responsibility on all issues. There are 36 public offices held by Libertarians in Massachusetts, and more than 300 offices are held by Libertarians nationwide. Local Libertarian Committees are active in eleven cities and towns across Massachusetts.

First registered as a Libertarian in 1979 as a Boston college student, Mark Tuniewicz has served on the board of directors for the Libertarian Party of Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, and Maine and Connecticut. Mark has resided in New England for 38 years and has been a member of the Massachusetts Libertarian Party's state committee since 1998.

In 1998, the Libertarian Party elected Tuniewicz to the position of Treasurer for the Libertarian National Committee. From 1996-1998, Tuniewicz served as a regional representative to the Libertarian National Committee from New York and the

six New England states. Previously, he was twice elected Chair of the New Hampshire Libertarian Party, and served as Communications Director for the Libertarian Party of Connecticut.

In addition to his current service as a Commissioner on the American and Canadian French Cultural Exchange Commission, Tuniewicz previously served as a Conservation Commissioner in New Hampshire from 1995-97. Among other directorships, he has served on the national board of directors for the National Association of Credit Management since 1997, and is involved with lobbying efforts through its Government Affairs Advisory Council.

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Mark's appointment gives the Libertarian party 26 office holders in 36 positions. 18 positions are held by public election, and 18 by appointment.

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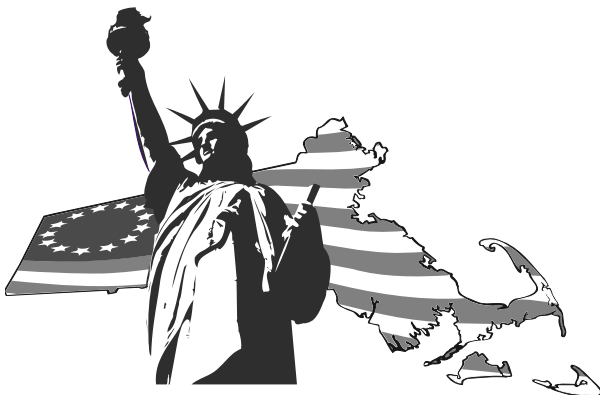
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