



Massachusetts Liberty

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Campaign 2002 Update

Petitioning Begins

The 2002 campaign season moved into a higher gear in early February when the Elections Division released the blank petitioning forms to State Rep, State Senate, Statewide and Federal office hopefuls. Candidates have from now until April 30, 2002 to gather and turn in the necessary number of valid signatures to get on the ballot. Libertarians are out there now collecting signatures.

Candidate Manual Released

At the Gulab Jamun Part Deux lunch held on Feb. 9 (details of which are related on page 6 of this issue) the candidates present each received a copy of the 2002 version of Muni Savyon's campaign guide. Double the length of the 2000 version, the manual contains a list of resources the party is making available to candidates, as well as contributions from some of the state's top activists.

Irwin Jungreis wrote a section about why paper candidacies are good for the LP and the candidate. Michael Cloud has allowed us to reprint his 1994 article: "How to Raise the First \$2,500 For Your Campaign in 7 Days." With inflation and increasing acceptance of libertarian ideas, the figure of \$2,500 is a gimme.



Buffet line from the Gulab Jamun Part Deux lunch

You'll raise a lot more than that - believe it. We also had Elaine Berchin on talking to the media, Patrick El-Azem with tips on signature collection, and even Carla Howell on how to achieve the maximum impact with your campaign.

The manual shows how you can run with an absolute minimum of paperwork! Or with the maximum amount of funding pre-arranged (see below)! Unfortunately we have not figured out how to do both simultaneously.

Irwin Plan Unveiled

This is the Irwin Plan: the LPMA's com-

R. Dennis Corrigan

mitment to donate to every State Libertarian candidate for State House and State Senate who gets on the ballot for 2002, combined with Irwin Jungreis's personal pledge of \$100 for any Libertarian running in a partisan Massachusetts race this year.

We want to make it as easy as possible for you to run for the State Legislature. So the party has increased significantly the amount of monetary support to candidates who get on the ballot. The LPMA has budgeted \$250 for State Rep candidates and \$500 for State Senate candidates. This concept was developed by Irwin Jungreis, in whose honor the program is named again this year.

Did you know?

Libertarian votes for State Legislature were 23 times higher in 2000 than in 1996.

In 1996, 102 (63%) of the 160 state representative races were uncontested. In 1998, 111 or 68%. In 2000, the number was 104 (65%), but would have been 113 without the big Libertarian effort.

It's not too late to add your name to the list.

The Sons & Daughters of Liberty

Candidate for Governor
Carla Howell

Candidate for Lt. Governor
Rich Aucoin

Candidate for US Senator
Michael Cloud

Candidate for US Congress
Ilana Freedman

Candidate for State Senator
Kamal Jain
Carol McMahan

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George Berdos

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Dean Cook
Chuck Cox
Gregory Doherty
Danny Fain
Elias Israel

Doug Krick
Dan MacKenzie
Andrew Menard
Steve Olson
William "Skip" Pacheco
Katherine Perry
James Pillsbury
Mark Testagrossa
Al Wilcox
Rich Yampell

Please note that in the last issue of Mass Liberty we included the names of some candidates for selectman. We regret we are unable at this time to compile a complete list of non-partisan races that LP-ers are contesting. So that we do not appear to disparage candidates that we might accidentally overlook, we have decided not to publish the incomplete list at this time.



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Letter from the chair

Of the People, By the People, For the People

Chiefly the mould of a man's fortune is in his own hands.

- **Francis Bacon**

By the time you are reading this issue of *Massachusetts Liberty*, there will be scarcely one month left until our annual state convention. This year, not only will we have the biggest and best state convention in Massachusetts history, but I can safely say that we will have the biggest state convention of any in the Libertarian Party this year.

Attendees from as far away as Minnesota have already signed up, and new registrations keep pouring in. The Iowa state chair has told me that the only thing stopping him from coming to our convention is the fact that his state convention is the same weekend.

Excitement about the convention, about the fact that Governor Gary Johnson of New Mexico will be there, and about our terrific candidates for state and federal office also continues to build. Everywhere I go, from Arizona, to Florida, to California, all Libertarian activists seem to want to know about Massachusetts and to share their excitement about the opportunities that we in the Bay State have to roll back big government.

All of these things are exciting, but they make one ask the question: How did we in Massachusetts get to be so lucky?

The answer is simple. The Libertarian Party of Massachusetts is growing and is becoming one of the most exciting places to be because activists just like you have demanded that it be that way. Because you have pictured a Libertarian future for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and have relentlessly worked to build that future, we are all now starting to enjoy the fruits of that work.



Elias Israel

But there is still much farther to go. We are still at the beginning of the journey. The Massachusetts GOP has only dimly realized that their demise at our hands is on the way. The Massachusetts Democrats have not yet understood that they cannot survive the political changes that the 21st Century will bring. The press has only recently begun to attack our party and our candidates

in earnest, the first sign that they fear our growing influence.

We have yet to build all of the town and city committees that we will need. We have yet to field all of the candidates that we need. We have yet to raise all of the money that we will need. We have yet to communicate to the people how much better small government will be than the current bloated mess that lives on Beacon Hill.

All of these things are still before us.

But, like Francis Bacon said, the biggest influence on our future is our own hard work. If we continue to demand small government, then we will build it one day. If we continue to demand good Libertarian candidates, we will have them. If we continue to demand large, successful state conventions, we will see them. And if we continue to picture the world as it should be, with a small government and a prosperous, free people, then we will achieve it.

The future is ours to mould; our future lies in our own hands.

Come to the state convention, become a candidate for office, help build your local Libertarian organizations, and we shall see that future together.

Victory!



Submissions Welcomed!

Liberty Bunny 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@lpma.org, or by USPS to Mass. Liberty Editor, Post Office Box 2610, Boston, Massachusetts 02208.

2002 Convention: Are You "In Motion" Yet?

Eve Maler

The early registrations for this year's LPMA convention, "Liberty in Motion," continue to pour in. There are only a few weeks to go before April 6 arrives. If you haven't registered yet, you'd better act soon — or it's just possible that the convention venue will fill up before you have the chance. You can register by filling out and mailing the flyer enclosed in this issue, by visiting <http://www.lpma.org/convention>, or by calling 1-800-JOIN-LPM.

With big-name speakers such as New Mexico governor Gary Johnson, *More Guns Less Crime* author Dr. John Lott, and Advocates for Self-Government president Sharon Harris, and with flagship candidates attending from all around the state, this is sure to be a convention that gets Libertarians noticed in the Massachusetts media and beyond. You won't want to miss the excitement, and neither will your friends and family!

At the convention, you will surely want to attend one of the breakout sessions. Each one offers practical lessons and important information for activists. You'll have your choice of learning how to understand what the Libertarian Party is all about; communicate Libertarian ideas; apply Libertarian solutions in your town; sign up lots of new party members; start a town or city committee; run for public office; or make the connection between firearms advocacy and active Libertarianism.

The convention committee will meet on March 6, 20, and 27, and April 3, and we welcome additional participation. Please note that the committee has filled its quota of convention volunteers who are eligible for a complementary registration; however, if you wish to help staff the convention even though you have a paid registration, we would welcome this help as well. For more information on the committee meetings or to sign up for convention staffing, please contact Eve Maler at (781) 270-9441 or email emaler@lpma.org.

2002 Massachusetts Libertarian State Convention

Saturday, April 6, 2002
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Woburn, Mass.

Register online at:
www.lpma.org/convention

or call:
1-800-JOIN-LPM

libertarian events

Convention Committee Meetings

Wednesday, March 6, March 20 and March 27, 7:00 P.M.
To plan the 2002 LPMA Convention. At Eli and Eve's house, 105 Lexington Street in Burlington. For more information call (781) 270-9441 or send email to emaler@lpma.org.

Nashoba Valley Libertarians Meeting

Sunday, March 10, 7:00 P.M.
At Ken's American Cafe on Route 110 in Littleton. Come join us for dinner and help us plan Libertarian activism in the Nashoba and Merrimack valleys. For more information see www.nashobavalley.org, or contact Kamal Jain at (978) 952-2472 or send email to kjain@lpma.org.

Pioneer Valley Libertarians Meeting

Wednesday, March 13, 7:00 P.M.
At Bickford's Restaurant on Boston Road in Springfield. For more information contact Alvin See at (413) 568-7597 or send email to asee@lpma.org.

volunteer opportunities

Candidates Needed

The LPMA is looking for more candidates to carry the Libertarian banner in this election cycle. Petitions to get on the primary ballot are now available.

If you are interested in being a candidate, please call Dennis Corrigan at (978) 352-4435 or email dcorrigan@lpma.org.

Campaign Volunteers Needed

Every Libertarian candidate running will need some help. There are many ways to volunteer for a campaign: Writing, making phone calls, driving the candidate to events, being part of the campaign staff, and so many other ways.

If you are interested in assisting with a campaign, call Dennis Corrigan at (978) 352-4435 or send email to

Worcester County Libertarian Association

Sunday, March 17, 6:00 P.M.
The Worcester County Libertarian Association meets on the third Sunday of each month at Tweed's Pub Restaurant at 231 Grove Street in Worcester. For more information, contact Dean Cook at (508) 765-5011, send email to dcook@lpma.org, or visit their website at wcla.tripod.com.

Libertarian Social

Saturday, March 16, 6:00 P.M.
Hosted by Ilana Freedman at the Freedman's on 6 Biagiotti Way in Billerica. Stop by early and help Ilana petition to get on the ballot for Congress. Food and refreshments will be provided, but pot luck contributions are welcome. RSVP is not required, but if you need directions, call the Freedmans at (978) 362-2140 or visit their website at www.rfreedman.org/biagiotti.gif.

dcorrigan@lpma.org or call Muni Savyon at (781) 642-6864 or send email to muni@lpma.org.

Be an Ambassador

The LPMA is seeking volunteers to attend campaign events as representatives of the party. The "LPMA ambassador" at each event will be available to answer questions about the party, register people to vote, and sign up new members, while allowing the candidates and their staff and volunteers to focus on campaigning.

Massachusetts Liberty Needs Writers

Massachusetts Liberty is looking for a few people to write some of our regular articles and cover interesting Libertarian events. We'd be happy to suggest topics! For more information, contact us at ma-liberty@lpma.org.

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Carla Howell Announces for Governor

Celeste Parent

It's official. Carla Howell declared her small government candidacy for Governor on January 29th, 2002.

Ms. Howell also chairs the exciting and dramatic Initiative to End the Income Tax in Massachusetts which is headed for the November ballot.

"When we vote to end the income tax in Massachusetts, we'll need a strong governor committed to making government small and taking at least \$9 billion out of the state budget," said Ms. Howell.

A flurry of Massachusetts media followed Carla Howell's governor campaign announcement: WBUR Radio. WTAG Radio, the Jordan Levy Show. WSAR Radio (Fall River). WRKO, the Howie Carr Show. WROL, the Ray Flynn Show. Boston.com. Associated Press. Lowell Sun. State House News Service. Worcester Telegram & Gazette. Andover Townsman. Valley Advocate (Springfield). Wayland Town Crier. MetroWest Daily News. The Herald News (Fall River).

Carla Howell achieved 40% name recognition in her 2000 bid for U.S. Senate against Ted Kennedy. Her governor campaign coupled with the Initiative will give Libertarian candidates across the state more visibility and a dramatic contrast to their Democrat and Republican opponents who will almost certainly oppose ending the income tax.

726 volunteers worked for the Carla Howell "small government is beautifulsm" Libertarian U.S. Senate campaign in 2000. Working from a strong foundation built in the previous



Carla Howell declares her candidacy for Governor

election cycle, Ms. Howell is expected to recruit and mobilize hundreds more volunteers.

Carla Howell views her run for Massachusetts Governor as another chance to grow the Libertarian Party and advance small government.

"Small government and ending the income tax means 3,000,000 taxpayers in Massachusetts get to keep \$3,000 every year. Small government means ending dangerous anti-gun laws — and keeping our families and neighborhoods safe. Small government means Ending the War on Drugs — and letting cancer and AIDS patients get the medication they need to restore their health," she said.

Carla Howell intends to dramatically downsize the state government.

"That means getting the state government out of education and returning control to parents in their local communities," said Howell. "We must immediately remove regulations on homeschoolers, private schools, and other forms of alternative education which are the vanguards of quality education."

The Carla Howell for Governor campaign aims to collect the required 10,000 certified signatures to place her name on the ballot by early April. Donations are needed to fund this effort as well as volunteers. Visit the Carla Howell for Governor web site at www.carlahowell.org to donate or volunteer or send a donation to: Carla Howell for Governor, 6 Goodman Lane, Wayland, MA 01778.

Rich Aucoin Kicks Off Lt. Governor Campaign

On Monday, February 25th, Rich Aucoin, Libertarian for Lt. Governor, made the following statement:

I'm proud to announce my small-government, Libertarian campaign for Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts. I've chosen to be Carla Howell's running mate because her bold determination to make government small has been a tremendous inspiration to me.

In just under three years, I have become a very active, committed member of the Libertarian Party of Massachusetts and a tested candidate for public office. My first run came last year, when I entered Waltham's Ward 8 councilor's race with a Libertarian determination to bring local self-governance back to my hometown.

It was Carla Howell's infectious resolve, bold campaigning style and her unapologetic small government pledge that gave me the determination I needed to be a candidate myself — one who pledged to refuse state bribes of taxpayer money which destroy local independence. My candidacy in Waltham introduced Libertarian principles to thousands of new prospective Libertarians.



Rich Aucoin

Now I am excited to be a state-level candidate with the same bold message, from the other side of the table. Instead of running to defend the few remaining vestiges of local self-governance, I'll be running to give local voters across the state a desperately needed freedom transfusion. Ending the state income tax and working toward small government is the most important thing Massachusetts Libertarians can do at this critical time. The big-government walls are closing in fast. Republican Jane Swift's latest budget is \$23 billion!

Only a bold, Libertarian tax-ending initiative and a bold, Libertarian campaign for the Governor's office can stop the hemorrhaging of individual liberty in Massachusetts and move us toward small government.

Please support Carla Howell for Governor and Rich Aucoin for Lt. Governor in our Libertarian campaign to make Massachusetts government small.

Visit the Rich Aucoin for Lt. Governor website at www.richaucoin.com.

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Michael Cloud Declares for U.S. Senate

Personal responsibility sets us free. Personal responsibility makes us self-reliant. Self-supporting. Thoughtful. Productive. Personal responsibility makes us prosperous and civil.

Yet everywhere in America, government responsibility advances, while personal responsibility retreats.

Government responsibility expands, while personal responsibility shrivels and shrinks.

Government responsibility grows stronger, while personal responsibility grows weaker and weaker.

Why?

Because too many people have come to believe that personal responsibility is a hard and painful burden.

Because too many people have come to believe that personal responsibility means blame and punishment.

Because too many people have come to believe that personal responsibility is just one more thankless task.

So people surrender responsibility to government. And Big Government is happy to take it.

Because Big Government grows by assuming responsibility.

But Government responsibility doesn't work.

Government responsibility makes things worse.

Government responsibility creates new problems.

Government responsibility means programs that squander and waste.

Government responsibility diverts money and energy from positive and productive uses.

Government responsibility IS the problem. Personal responsibility is the solution.

Health Care? Senator John Kerry and his colleagues vote more federal government responsibility. They drive us toward a single-payer, Big Government Health Care monopoly. One big VA hospital for America. That's government responsibility in Health Care.



Michael Cloud

Education? Senator John Kerry and his colleagues vote for more federal government responsibility. More federal authority. More federal control. More federal involvement. While the federal government puts only 7¢ into every \$1 spent on public education, they strangle schools with miles of red tape, mandates, restrictions, regulations and standards. That's government responsibility in Education.

The Family? Senator John Kerry and his colleagues make politically correct votes for "the children", for "family leave", and "family planning". Kerry's votes destroy the authority and responsibility of parents. His votes make more government rules and regulations, restrictions and requirements, mandates and demands ...

decided and guided by bureaucrats and politicians. That's government responsibility for Families.

Guns and self-defense? Senator John Kerry and his colleagues consistently vote for more government authority, more government control, and more government responsibility. He advances, endorses and embraces the Brady Bill, the Assault Weapons Ban, and the Million Mom March. His Anti-Gun laws, regulations and restrictions disarm and endanger responsible gun owners. That's government responsibility for Guns and self-defense.

Federal spending? Senator John Kerry and his colleagues consistently vote for higher and higher federal budgets. In 1992, the federal budget was \$1 Trillion. Today, with 10 years of John Kerry's votes, the federal budget is over \$2 Trillion. Doubling federal spending means doubling the taxes taken from working Americans. That's the consequence of government responsibility.

Government responsibility is the problem. Personal responsibility is the solution.

A vote for Michael Cloud is a vote for personal responsibility.

To support Michael Cloud in his Libertarian campaign for United States Senate, send your donation to: Michael Cloud for U.S. Senate, 131 Bridge Street, Salem, MA 01970

Other Candidates Around the State

Matt Dailey for Selectman

Matt Dailey's campaign for Selectman in Tewksbury is underway with signholdings and press coverage. Matt is looking for volunteers to help with his campaign efforts. If you are interested in helping out, you can contact him via email at: mdailey@lpma.org.

"For Common Sense and Our Common Defense"

Steve Olson is running for State Representative in the 7th Plymouth district. As a Republican in 1998, he received 34% of the vote. After the '98 election, Steve quit the Republican Party over their stance on taxation and spending issues. His campaign focuses on two issues:



Standout for Matt Dailey

repealing the state income tax and repealing all unconstitutional gun laws. Volunteers and contributions are needed. You can contact Steve at (781) 878-VOTE. Donations can be mailed to: The Olson Committee, 688 Washington Street, Abington, MA 012351.

Kathy Perry for State Rep

Kathy Perry, a hearing-impaired mother and activist, has announced that she will run for State Representative, Massachusetts, District 22, as a Libertarian in the Fall 2002 elections.

Kathy uses sign language to communicate. Should you need to contact her for an interview, please contact her son Jim Perry (also a Libertarian) at (978) 667-6796, or jperry@lpma.org.

National Delegates, New State Committee Members To Be Selected At April Convention

Because this is an even-numbered year, the business at our annual Libertarian State Convention includes two key items that allow energetic and devoted Libertarians to participate in guiding the Libertarian Party into the future.

First, we must select Massachusetts delegates to represent us at the upcoming national convention in Indianapolis. Currently, Massachusetts appears to have been allocated fifty-one (51) delegate slots. Because the number of delegate is so large, nominating candidates from the floor of our state convention may prove too cumbersome. In addition, state law requires us to select at least two of our delegates from each of Massachusetts' ten congressional districts.

We urge anyone who plans to go the national convention and who hopes to become a delegate or an alternate to announce

their intentions right away to our party Secretary Laura El-Azem, either by email or by US mail.

Second, our business session also includes the election of seven at-large and eight regional associate members of our state committee. Our current state committee has served with distinction, but most of our current state committee members' terms will end at the state convention.

Again, because of legal requirements and the number of people to be elected, we strongly urge those who wish to run to submit their intentions in writing, either by sending email to lelazem@lpma.org or US Mail to Laura El-Azem, Party Secretary.

As always, we promise to do all we can to streamline the selection process and to ensure our convention attendees an effective and efficient business session.

Candidate Recruiters Hold Training Session

Eve Maler

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

- **Margaret Mead**, quoted in the candidate training manual

At noon on February 9, more than 30 people gathered at the Gold Star Indian Restaurant in Framingham to learn the mechanics of getting on the ballot in Massachusetts. About 20 of those attending were announced or prospective candidates. The event was organized and run by Muni Savyon and Dennis Corrigan of the Candidate Recruitment Committee. A similar event was held in October of 1999, and the 2002 version was dubbed "Gulab Jamun Part Deux" after the special dessert at this locale.



Studying the Candidate Manual

Even before noon, some eager candidates began reviewing materials provided by Muni and Dennis, including a new revision of the LPMA candidate training manual, samples of forms and petitions, and a booklet produced by Secretary of the Commonwealth William Galvin titled "Don't Just Stand There... Run!"

After a buffet lunch offering a wide variety of Indian delicacies, accompanied by recorded Cajun music (of all things!), a series of speakers explained the steps involved in being a candidate and the help available to those who run.

First, state chairman Elias Israel welcomed and thanked the candidates, and noted that this time, as opposed to the training session more than two years ago, he was attending not just as a "figurehead" but as a candidate himself: He is running for State Representative in the 21st Middlesex district.

Muni explained the deadline requirements for the required Ethics Commission report, Office of Campaign and Political Finance (OCPF) reports, and nomination papers, and offered help in ferrying completed papers to the Secretary of the Commonwealth's office.

Dennis spoke on the different options for structuring a campaign financially, including considerations in whether or not to open a campaign bank account and start a campaign committee. He also offered help in filling out the necessary forms.

Candidates this year have several financial resources available to them. As in the 2000 election season, Irwin Jungreis has again generously offered to donate \$100 to all candidates who qualify for the ballot and who request the money; this offer is known as the "Irwin Plan." In addition, the state party is offering \$250 in support to State Representative candidates and \$500 to State Senate candidates, subject to available funds, as part of its Candidate Initiative.

Patrick El-Azem, another member of the Candidate Recruitment Committee, gave a short pep talk, describing his experience running in 2000 and encouraging those assembled not

only to run but to enjoy the process.

Activist Jim Perry spoke briefly on the paid petitioning services he is offering to candidates this year, and Rich Aucoin, candidate for Lieutenant Governor, spoke on the importance of staying focused on Libertarian messages.

It was noted at the session that the ballot qualification process has become somewhat more complicated since the 2000 election season -- perhaps because the state is a little worried that the Libertarians seemed committed to overcoming last season's hurdles! Luckily, the people on the Candidate Recruitment Committee stand ready to provide help with all the details again this year.

It's not too late for you to run for office in 2002 -- but it's important to act soon, in order to leave enough time for signature gathering. For more information, contact Dennis Corrigan at (978) 352-4435 or email dcorrigan@lpma.org.

The Candidate Initiative also needs your help. For information about donating, contact Dave Rizzo at (781) 710-9971 or email drizzo@lpma.org.

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