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Massachusetts Liberty

Uniting Libertarian Party Activists

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Joe Kennedy for U.S. Senate



Joseph L. Kennedy

Yes, there will be a libertarian running for the U.S. Senate seat.

He's Libertarian National Party member Joseph L. Kennedy.

Kennedy is running on a sound libertarian platform. A few choice sentences from his web site JoeKennedyForSenate.com. "...call back the troops from Iraq and give Iraq the responsibility of rebuilding their country...Responsible, well-armed and trained citizenry is the best protection against domestic crime...The "No Child Left Behind" program should be left behind...The Federal Government should have no say in how each State treats the various uses of Marijuana...To ease our current healthcare costs I would work toward ... Personal Medical Savings Accounts...Healthcare deregulation..."

Kennedy needs libertarian support to get on the ballot. He needs 17,000 signatures delivered to town clerks by November. Please sign the enclosed form and return it to return to him (Committee to Elect Joe Kennedy, POB 368, Needham Heights MA).

Unlike some libertarian candidates, Joe is not a rich man. Your editor has personally heard him say that how much he gives depends on how close he wants to go to going bankrupt. If libertarians across Massachusetts want a fellow libertarian on the ballot, he needs our active support now. He will only be on the ballot if libertarians across Massachusetts break out their check books and their clipboards.

Your State Committee, heeding the calls of libertarians across Massachusetts that we need a libertarian as a candidate, has voted to support Joe Kennedy's petition drive. We voted \$800 for signature collecting, and \$200 for a fund drive to support his campaign. (We can vote a bit more if need be, but at some point we deplete the Federal Funds we need to support Federal Election Activity.)

For once we have a few lucky breaks. Several professional libertarian petitioners are giving an excellent price for collecting signatures. At the start of August, Joe was registered "Unenrolled", so his petitioners work under minor-party "political designation" rules. Joe is honoring the advice of State Committee member Bob Underwood and using the "Liberty" Party Designation.

**Joe Kennedy will be speaking at the LPMass State Convention in Worcester on October 10.
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It's Time to Step Up to the Plate!

For the last years, your State Committee has been hard at work building the infrastructure needed to support political campaigns.

Now we have a chance to use that infrastructure. The demise of Senator Kennedy means that this January we have a special election to fill a vacant U.S. Senate Seat.

Libertarian Joe Kennedy is doing his part. He's volunteered to run for the Senate. He's drawn papers, organized a committee, and launched ballot access and fund raising drives.

He's doing his part. **Now we libertarians need to do our part!**

Joe Kennedy will stand up for libertarian issues, but only if he is on the ballot! We need to help him get there.

Joe needs our signature collecting. Joe needs our donations. Joe needs our help.

To support Joe:

Committee to Elect Joe Kennedy, P.O. Box 368
Needham Heights, MA 02494
<http://joekennedyforsenate.com/>
Joe@KennedyInnovations.com

Why? Because if we won't support libertarians when they do run for office, what's the point of having a political organization?

Meetup Groups Uniting Libertarians

Massachusetts Libertarians are now united by a series of Meetup groups spread across Massachusetts.

The Boston Area Meetup Group
libertarian.meetup.com/349

Now with 186 members, now meets the second Sunday of the month at Joe's American Bar & Grill, 279 Dartmouth Street, Boston, MA 02116

The Western massachusetts Meetup Group
<http://libertarian.meetup.com/417/>

Now with 16 members, meets the second Wednesday at Dr. Deegan's Restaurant, 510 Burnett Road, Springfield, MA 01020

South Shore Libertarians

<http://www.meetup.com/South-Shore-Libertarians/>

Are looking for an organizer to get things going.

Essex County libertarians

<http://www.meetup.com/Essex-County-Libertarians/>

Are looking for an organizer to get things going.

The Route 495 Area Libertarian Meetup
<http://libertarian.meetup.com/413/>

Is looking for a new organizer to keep libertarian meetings up and running along the Route 495 corridor.

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Libertarian State Convention

October 10, 2009

Tweed's Restaurant, Grove Street, Worcester

Admission \$25

At this late date, please register by Internet
Http://massLP.org, click on the Federal donate button,
and give \$25 with the comment "convention registration"

Business

Adoption of Agenda
Adoption of Platform
Amendments to Charter
Election of State Committee
Election of Delegates to 2010 National Convention

Speakers

Keynote Speaker — Katherine Albrecht

Provisional list of other speakers includes
Joe Kennedy — Candidate for U.S. Senate
Kamal Jain — Independent Candidate for Auditor
Brad Wyatt — Campaign for Liberty
Al Anders — Sales Tax Reduction initiative

Coffee-Tea-Cocoa-Danish
The Business Meeting starts at 10:15
Short speeches begin at 11:30
Break for food—noon
Hot and cold appetizers

Keynote speech—Katherine Albrecht—12:30
Fundraiser and Business Session — 1 PM

Liberty activist Katherine Albrecht, co-author of
*Spychips: How Major Corporations and Government
Plan to Track Your Every Move with RFID*
will be the keynote speaker at the 2009 Libertarian State Convention.
Expect an exciting talk from Albrecht
who has spoken and led demonstrations from coast to coast.
See her web site spychips.com.

State Convention

This October 10 is our Annual State Convention. All members are urged to attend! Important Convention Business includes:

- 1) Adopt a party platform.
- 2) Amendments to the Party Constitution.
- 3) Elect a new State Committee.
- 4) Elect delegates to the 2010 Libertarian National Convention.

To Register

Use the enclosed envelope. Send a check for \$25 per person, check payable "Libertarian" to George Phillis, 48 Hancock Hill Drive, Worcester MA 01609.

Remember, only members whose dues are current can vote, but everyone is welcome to hear the speakers. Note the Agenda schedule, next column.

Location

The Convention is at Tweed's Restaurant, 231 Grove Street, Worcester, at 10AM. The Convention will be in the Emerald Room. We start before the Restaurant opens, so you will need to enter by the Emerald Room Rear Door, which is on the side of the Restaurant away from the street.

Tweed's is actually quite close to Exit 17/18 (one strange exit, two numbers) from Route 290. With a map, reaching Tweed's is straightforward. Without a map, the following route is longer, but easy to follow:

From the northeast, take exit 18. At the bottom of the ramp, take a right. About 2 blocks ahead is Route 9/ Highland Street. Take a right on Highland Street.

From the south, take exit 17. At the top of the ramp, take a left onto Highland Street.

Drive about a mile. The intersection with Park Avenue has a traffic light. Go right (North) on Park Avenue. The 3rd Light is Sagamore Street. Take a right on Sagamore street. At the end of the street (one block) take a right. Tweed's is a few hundred feet ahead on the right.

Agenda

1. Call to Order 10:10 AM
2. Approval of Agenda
- 3) Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws
- 4) 11 AM Nominations for State Committee, and remarks
- 5) Nominations for Delegates to National Convention, and remarks
- 6) Return to Constitution and Bylaws
- 7) 11:30 Speeches by invited guests and candidates
- 8) 12:00 Lunch -- speeches may continue
- 9) 12:20 Formal Call to Order prior to collecting votes
- 10) 12:30 Katherine Albrecht, Author, Spychips
- 11) 1:00 PM Fundraiser and Auction
- 12) 1:10 PM Continuation of Business Meeting -- Platform
- 13) 2:00 PM Adjourn

Business

The State Committee will present to the membership eight amendments to the Party Constitution and six planks as a Party Platform. The Amendments deal with the organization's name, technical corrections to spelling, capitalization, and nomenclature, removal of legally redundant verbiage, conduct of state conventions, candidate support and ballot access, state committee membership, election of delegates to the National Convention, and membership control of the State Constitution. The platform planks deal with Peace, Freedom, Opportunity, End Regressive Taxation, Halve all license fees, and eliminate turnpike tolls.

Food

Morning Tea, Coffee, Cocoa Danish Pastries

Noon Hot and Cold appetizers:

Fruit and Vegetable Tray
Boneless Buffalo Wings
Fried Chicken Tenderloins
Italian Sausage Kebabs
Swedish Meatballs
Potato Skins with cheese and bacon
Seafood stuffed Mushrooms
Ice Cream

Alcoholic beverages will be available for individual purchase in the bar after 11AM.

State Committee Meets

Minutes of the State Committee meeting of September 13, 2009.

State committee members in attendance were Blau, Phillies, Torrey, and Wolf.

We have had several people ask about running for U.S. Senate to fill the vacancy. Party member Joseph L. Kennedy has indicated an interest in running, and has a web site JoeKennedyForSenate.com up and running at a limited level.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved. The PDF of the newsletter issue covering convention business has been posted to the web site, with a link from the LPMASS.ORG front page. Domain names are approaching renewal. Torrey urged that the state committee consider moving the domains to a different Registrar.

Motion (Phillies) to thank Mary-Anne Wolf for her hard work on the web pages. Motion passed 3-0.

Meetup groups: The Route 495 meetup group in Lowell is folding up. Issues in passing organizer status from Torrey to Blau or Phillies were discussed.

September 19 is the MassCann Boston Freedom Rally. Phillies will bring the bulk of the equipment. Blau has received 900 trifold pages from Phillies and will have his Meetup group fold them.

October 10 is the State Convention. Expected speakers include Katherine Albrecht (keynote), and for shorter times State Auditor candidate Kamal Jain, Brad Wyatt, Al Anders, and U.S. Senate candidate Joe Kennedy. The convention may be video taped.

Chair reported receiving sporadic volunteer and contact emails from the National Party. There seemed to be agreement that we wanted to plan for regional alignment in advance of the National Convention, rather than being faced with unacceptable choices at the National. National Convention delegates for 2010 will be elected at this state convention: Anyone who belongs to a state party or the national party is eligible under national rules to be a delegate. Several

persons are known or believed to be running for National Chair at this point, or have stated that they will do so, including Mark Hinkle and Wayne Root.

Membership Secretary reported we are back up to 101 members and climbing. Treasurer reported that we have \$4300 in the FEC account and \$2600 in the OCPF account, an increase of \$3000 in the past year. Editor reported that the latest newsletter had been physically mailed to all members.

Motion (Wolf) to thank Arthur Torrey for all the hard work that he has done for the party. Passed 3-0.

Chair said that our primary objective now should be to get more people doing work for the party.

APPENDIX: Mail motions since the last meeting:

I (Phillies) move to spend \$176 to buy 400 more stamps, \$13 to match the exact cost of the old member reachout, 52 cents for mailing labels, and \$26 for printing of the newsletter (we had had stamps in stock for it), for a total of \$215.52. This spending will all come from the FEC account. Passed 5-0.

I (Phillies) also move to spend \$80 to print 1000 trifolds for the Boston Freedom Rally. These will have significant color in them, so they are 4 cents a page. Passed 5-0.

Phillies moved (motion passed 4-1): "The State Committee shall present the following platform planks to the State Convention for its consideration:

PEACE

Libertarians support non-intervention in the affairs of foreign nations. Our foreign wars should end; our armed forces should be brought home from around the world. The Cold War is over; the vast military machine that the Cold War justified is no longer needed.

FREEDOM

Libertarians stand for protecting your Federal and State Constitutional Rights, all of them without any

exception or omission. There is no National Security exemption to the Bill of Rights. Politicians who ignore our Constitutional Liberties are the chief threat to our country.

OPPORTUNITY

America should be a land of opportunity for every citizen. Massive expansions of the Federal Budget and Debt are strangling those opportunities. We need massive cuts in government spending or our grandchildren will be crushed by their grandparents' wastrel extravagance.

END REGRESSIVE TAXATION

The sales tax should over several years be repealed. Let's hear the giant sucking sound of the good people of New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine coming to Massachusetts to our high-quality, no-tax shops, creating jobs and income for the Commonwealth.

FEES SHOULD NOT BE HIDDEN GENERAL TAXES

Cut in half all license fees.

END TURNPIKE TOLLS

The cost of maintaining the turnpike is a small fraction of the tolls levied on it. Turnpike tolls primarily pay for the cost of collecting the tolls. End tolls, move money back to people."

The meeting adjourned.

The Prize Goes to All Those Who Fought the Fight Even Those for Whom Victory Was Not in Sight

In past issues we reported on the political campaigns of Dan Szafran and Bob Underwood. Both had expected to be in few-way campaigns. Both found themselves in challenging four-way campaigns.

The results:

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Mayor of Westfield:
Michael R. Boulanger (I): 1165
Gaetana M. Aliotta: 863
Daniel M. Knapik: 1611
Daniel J. Szafran Jr.: 66
Robi R. Fortier: 53

Yes, that is the Incumbent losing badly to the brother of the local state legislator.

Springfield Ward 2 City Council
Thomas Sullivan: 554 Nephew of former mayor
Michael Fenton: 481 A past chief of police was named Fenton
Gil Perron: 174 Served on various commissions
Hamilton Wray: 111 Active in NAACP
Robert Underwood: 16

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\$2400 \$1000 \$500

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I am prepared to (circle all that apply)

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| Write letters to editor | Place Bumper Sticker |
| Help Organize local group | Petition for candidates |
| Help with fundraising | Help Get Out the Vote |
| Help Local Candidates | Run for office |
| Man Booth at Outreach event | |
| I have special skills or suggestions, namely: | |

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Worcester MA 01613

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Join the Libertarians and Party!

State Convention

Special Issue

October 10—10AM—Worcester

Registration—Agenda—Speakers

Platform—Constitution—Bylaws

Elect State Committee

Elect National Convention Delegates

Registration Fee \$25—Includes Lunch

A libertarian Nominating Paper is enclosed. Please sign and return to
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