



Gulf Coast Liberty

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October 2003

Libertarians Supporting Gun Rights

LP Presidential candidate Michael Badnarik was in Houston last month to attend the 2003 Gun Rights Policy Conference. The conference, sponsored by the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms and the Second Amendment Foundation, was flooded with individuals who claim the LP (or the Republican Liberty Caucus) as their political home. Those arriving at the conference who hadn't heard of the Libertarian Party surely had done so by the time they left!

As a result of a complimentary ad in LP News the Party was listed prominently on the agenda as a "funding source" for the conference. Sponsors made the conference possible at no cost to those attending.

Speakers at the event included Congressman Ron Paul and Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson. While unable to get a speaking spot on the agenda Michael Badnarik was able to meet and greet many potential voters.



Houston LP activist Yvonne Kelly, LP Presidential candidate Michael Badnarik, and Travis County Chair Pat Dixon attend the 2003 Gun Rights Policy Conference Reception.

Voting Suggestions for City Elections

Editorial by Laura Coker-Garcia

Finding candidates that Libertarians can support in the Houston City, HISD and Community College elections set for November 4 is difficult. For the most part when there are choices in these "nonpartisan" races it is between a diehard Republican and a yellow-dog Democrat—with the occasional "fruit loop" thrown in or a candidate who is so low-budget that research on their campaign produces nothing beyond their name.

For Mayor I vote for Orlando Sanchez. Of the likely winners he's the only one who even pretends to be against rail. Bill White, of the two Democrats in the race at least has an economics degree—but it's from Harvard. Democrat Sylvester Turner is rail-happy. Jack "Jailbird" Terrence and John Worldpeace are both repeat

candidates whose goals are summed up in their names. Anthony Dutrow is the Socialist Workers Party Candidate. Veronique Gregory, Douglass Robb, and Louis Ullrich might be great Mayors, but they're running stealth campaigns.

For Controller my vote is for Bruce Tatro. "Bruce Tatro has consistently voted against record overspending in City of Houston Budgets and every taxpayer should remember that in November," says Tax-Assessor Collector Paul Bettencourt in endorsing Tatro.

No decision for City Council At Large positions except to suggest not voting for James Galvan (HCLP passed a resolution in the past disassociating ourselves from this onetime LP candidate) or Don Seributra (look at

his website) both for position 1. I also don't favor Bert Keller for position 4—no issues on his website, but he seems real happy to have shut down a lingerie boutique. If you liked Annise Parker you might take a look at Sue Lovell in this race.

No suggestions for any of the Districts except G. I highly recommend Libertarians vote for Jeffrey Daily. Jeffrey is on the Board of Directors of the Houston Property Rights Association and is a cofounder of Let the People Vote and their effort to curb the runaway property tax rates. Several active LP members are among his supporters.

Vote NO in the Houston Community College Bond election. Their \$151 million bond issue will raise property taxes 19%.



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Who's Endorsing Whom?

The Democratic Party

Endorses the following for:
Mayor—Bill White
Controller—Annise Parker
Council At Large 1—Andrew Burks
Council At Large 2—Gordon Quan
Council At Large 3—Peter Brown
Council At Large 4—Sue Lovell
Council At Large 5—Dwight Boykins
District B—Carol Mims Galloway
District C—Malaki Sims
District D—Ada Edwards
District E—Vicky Garnett Keller
District F—Derrick Wesley
District I—Carol Alvarado
HISD District 8—Joseph Rodriguez
For Houston Com. College Bond.

The Republican Party

Candidate ratings not available at press time; check www.harriscountygop.com under 2003 elections for future postings.

The "C" Club

(100 Conservative business owners who support "fiscal conservative policies" but also "the preservation of our community.") Endorses the following for:

Mayor—Orlando Sanchez
Controller—Bruce Tatro
Council At Large 2—John Elford
Council At Large 3—Shelley Sekula-Gibbs
Council At Large 4—Bert Keller
Council At Large 5—Hector Longoria
District A—Toni Lawrence
District C—Mark Goldberg
District E—Addie Wiseman
District F—Terry McConn
District H—Gabriel Vasquez
District I—Mark Ellis

The GreenParty

Endorses the following for:
Council At Large 3—Jolanda Jones
District D—Ada Edwards
HISD District 2—Iris Williams
HISD District 3—Michael Gomez
HISD District 4—Alice Pradia & Dr. G. San Miguel
HISD District 8—Joseph Rodriguez

Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus

Endorses the following for:
Mayor—Bill White
Controller—Annise Parker
Council At Large 1—Brian Wozniak
Council At Large 2—Gordon Quan
Council At Large 3—Jolanda Jones
Council At Large 4—Sue Lovell
Council At Large 5—Dwight Boykins
District C—Malaki Sims
District D—Ada Edwards
District E—Vicky Garnett Keller
HISD District 3—Michael Gomez
HISD District 4—Dr. G. San Miguel
HISD District 8—Joseph Rodriguez

Incumbents

Council At Large 1—Mark Ellis
Council At Large 2—Gordon Quan
Council At Large 3—S. Sekula-Gibbs
District B—Carol Mims Galloway
District C—Mark Goldberg
District D—Ada Edwards-unopposed
District E—Addie Wiseman
District I—Carol Alvarado
HISD 2—Kevin Hoffman
HISD 4—Arthur M. Gaines
HCC 3—Herlinda Garcia
HCC 8—Abel Davila-unopposed
HCC 9—James Murphy-unopposed
Races not listed are without incumbents.

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Delegates Wanted

Texas delegates to the LP National Convention will be chosen by the State Libertarian Executive Committee (SLEC) at the March 11, 2004 meeting.

Libertarians interested in being delegates should plan to attend this meeting—tentatively scheduled to be held in Austin. Anyone who would like to be a delegate, but who will be unable to attend may have a SLEC member submit their name and speak on their behalf. Interested Houstonians should contact John Kormylo at 713-271-1776 to be added to the list.

Normally, delegates are chosen by the State Convention, however, our bylaws allow the SLEC to elect delegates whenever the LP National Convention occurs before the State Convention. This happens sometimes because the State Convention date is set by Texas Election Law. This year it will be held June 11-13 in College Station.

In 2000 Texas was allocated 67 delegates based upon membership and presidential vote totals. National is expected to announce the sizes for 2004 delegations in January.

The LP National Convention is set for Memorial Day weekend, May 27-31, in Atlanta, Georgia.. Delegates to the Convention will choose the LP Presidential candidate, elect party officers, and make changes to the rules, bylaws, and platform. There is no cost for delegates to attend Convention business sessions, however, packages

for meals, workshops, speakers, etc. will be sold. A price on these has not yet been announced.

Delegates to the Texas State Convention will be chosen by the County Conventions occurring in March. By rule all those affiliating with the Party at a Precinct Convention are delegates to their respective County Convention.

More information on this process will be printed in future GCL issues.

Bond News Release

HCLP issued a news release September 8 calling for voters to oppose bond issues on the ballot in the September 13 election.

"The release noted that bonds dramatically increase the cost of the projects they finance and urged even those voters who favored the projects to vote against the bonds," said Jeff Daiell, HCLP Vice Chair.

TAB Lawsuit Update

A counter-suit by the Texas Association of Business (TAB) against 16 Democratic candidates from 2002 that somehow included two Libertarians was recently dismissed only to return on appeal to the 5th Circuit Court in New Orleans.

The Democrats sued TAB and TAB replied with a countersuit that included LP candidates Joe LaFleur and Robert Parker. The LP candidates are being represented by Dallas area law-

yer Raul Elizondo at no cost to the LP. However, Raul—who is not a Libertarian—has been covering costs (for copying, mailing, etc.) on the case from his own pocket.

At the September SLEC meeting LP of Texas Vice Chair John Hawley suggested that Raul may appreciate letters of thanks or encouragement in his efforts to stop the "selective terrorism of candidates" that TAB has engaged in.

Those wishing to do so can send their letters to Raul Elizondo, 125 Center Street, Dallas, TX 75208.

Activist Report

The College Libertarians at UH (CLUH) recently took out an ad in The Daily Cougar to promote the Party and their meetings. The ad cost \$150. On September 11, Drew Parks spoke to the group on the topic "9/11 Two Years Later: Big Brother." Jeff Daiell will be speaking this month. CLUH has also been actively seeking new members with a booth at the activities mart. Next month the group plans a repeat of last spring's popular "Affirmative Action Bake Sale." Visit www.uhcollegelibertarians.org.

Thanks Donors!

The Harris County Libertarian Party would like to thank the following recent donors:

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Libertarian Activities October 2003

Oct. 2 (Thur.) 7-9 p.m. College Libertarians at UH (CLUH) meeting in the Aegean, University Center. Contact Monica Granger at uhlibertarians@yahoo.com or 832-259-2830.

Oct. 5 (Sun.) 11:30 a.m. Harris County Meeting at 9614 Oregano Circle (off Corporate Drive.) For information contact John Kormylo at elfsoft@mindspring.com or 713-271-1776.

Oct. 6 (Mon.) Last day to register to vote for the November election.

Oct. 9 (Thur.) 7-9 p.m. CLUH meeting in the Aegean, University Center. Jeff Daiell will be speaking about election and campaign finance reform. Contact Monica Granger at uhlibertarians@yahoo.com or 832-259-2830.

Oct. 11 (Sat.) 1 p.m. Second Saturday Libertarian Lunch at Star Pizza in the Heights. Contact Laura at Laura@Libertyworks.org or 281-997-8141.

Oct. 11 (Sat.) 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Spring Branch ISD Special Election. Two propositions authorizing district to purchase attendance credits. Voting at all district elementary schools. See www.springbranchisd.com for information.

Oct. 14 (Tues.) 7 p.m. Brazoria County Meeting at Golden Corral, Hwy 388 Business, Angleton. Contact George Harper at Gharper@sat.net or 979-964-3693.

Oct. 16 (Thur.) 7 p.m. San Jacinto Supper Club at Top China Buffet, 3630 Spencer Hwy. in Pasadena. Contact Bob Lockhart at 713-475-0092.

Oct. 16 (Thur.) 7 p.m. Montgomery County Meeting at the South County Community Center, 2235 Lake Robbins Drive, The Woodlands. Contact Ron Hard at ronhard54@msn.com or 281-363-9211.

Oct. 20 (Mon.) Early voting begins for the November election.

Oct. 21 (Tues.) 6:30 p.m. Jefferson County Meeting at the LogonC@fe, 3805 Calder Ave., in Beaumont. Contact John Gossage at che_prof@hotmail.com or 409-860-4499.

Oct. 23 (Thur.) 7-9 p.m. CLUH meeting in the Aegean, University Center. Contact Monica Granger at uhlibertarians@yahoo.com or 832-259-2830.

Oct. 31 (Fri.) Early voting ends for the November election.

Nov. 2 (Sun.) 11:30 a.m. Harris County Meeting at 9614 Oregano Circle. See Oct. 5 for information.

Nov. 4 (Tues.) Election Day for Houston Mayor, City Council, HISD board, Houston Community College District bond referendum, transit (rail) referendum.