

LibertyRising

Our Vision: More freedom through less government, fewer regulations and lower taxes for all.

What's happening?

LP Sonoma

Monday, February 17, 2020 -
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Round Table Pizza Montgomery Village, 2424 Magowan Dr. Santa Rosa, CA 95405

Guest speaker James Oglesby will defend the 2nd Amendment with at least 18 reasons why.

California Primary

Tuesday, March 3, 2020 - Your turnout and vote can defeat the SMART sales tax extension and other tax measures, particularly those requiring a super-majority to pass.

Homelessness in Sonoma Co.

Tentatively, in early March: A panel on homelessness in Sonoma County will start the process of adopting our own public policy.

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What's a Libertarian to do?

Libertarian Party of Sonoma County recommends

NO!! on Proposition 13—\$15,000,000,000 in BONDS for Schools (\$27B with interest). Why are we borrowing money when we have a \$21 Billion surplus? How many times do the

schools need to be repaired? There's one of the issues on the ballot every other year; and this includes a LOT of spending on things unrelated to school facilities.

Note also, all the other Local spending measures on the ballot for "school repair."

NO on Measure A Geyserville Unified School District

NO on Measure B West Sonoma County Union High School (Parcel Tax)

NO on Measure C Bellevue Union School District

NO on Measure D Roseland School District

NO on Measure E Sebastopol Union School District

NO on Measure F West Side Union School District

Most of these are for more BORROWING and will cost nearly double the initial ask when interest is applied. We're taxed way too much already on parcel taxes. Make do with funds raised through our sky-high taxes and say NO to additional, wasteful spending.

NO on Measure G County of Sonoma—Firefighting IS a key priority for this State. Reallocate current tax dollars form other less crucial programs and don't raise the Sales Tax even higher!!

YES on Measure H City of Healdsburg—This is a tough one. Healdsburg's Growth Management Ordinance (2018) allows only an average of 50 units of multifamily housing units per year. This amendment allows those units to be sold or rented. This is why there is a housing shortage; The Growth Manage-

ment Ordinance should be abolished altogether. In the meantime, this amendment makes it slightly less repugnant.

NO!! on Measure I Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit District—This extends the current incremental sales tax for the SMART Train for 30 YEARS and can't be undone! Laughably this is billed as a way to "continue relieving traffic congestion" when the trains are WAY below ridership and ticket revenue projections. This includes things like "pathways to connect stations," so LOW PRIORITY. A BIG, HUGE NO on this stinker.

Vote "thirsty my friends," thirsty for liberty!

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News break

Biden remembers the 9th Amendment!

In an historic moment, Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden used the 9th Amendment to support the Supreme Court's recognizing abortion as a protected right. Indeed, our Constitution is clear, the lack of mention of any of our rights in the body of the Constitution does not mean we, the people, do not have said rights.

Assuming candidate Biden does not misplace or miss-remember the 9th Amendment, imagine what changes would occur in a Biden presidency: The right to own the firearms of our choice without government permission. The right to use our property as we see fit without government permission, as long as we do not violate the rights of others. Even the right to make simple business decisions regarding wages, benefits and working conditions.

Dream on.

Always vote the scoundrels out. While there are a few good elected representatives, this is one case where it is best to "throw the baby out with the bath water." Not sorry if that triggers you.

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GOP hopefuls among January meeting guests

LP Sonoma welcomed Scott Giblin ("For Congress in 2020"), Ron Sondergaard ("for State Assembly"), Matt Heath ("CAGOP Vice Chair Northwest"), and Matyas Homer with the Libertarian Party of Solano County who is running for the California Senate District 3 seat.

Libertarians, like Ron Paul of Texas, often turn to the Republican Party for success in seeking public office. With significant areas of agreement between Republicans and Libertarians (trade, regulation and taxes), there is often mutual benefit to such strategies.

There used to be such overlaps between Democrats and Libertarians (war, drugs & bedrooms), but the rise of the totalitarian left has greatly reduced such areas of common cause.

With California now a one-party state, is there any real need for a Democrat-lite party?

What's the answer?

Q: Why are federal court decisions often so bad? A: *Incompetency. Some years ago Fielding Lewis Geraves found that the infamous Ninth Circuit Court had been reversed on 27 of 28 cases. Note that 17 of the reversals were by unanimous Supreme Court rulings.*

Q: What's up with SMART? A: *For five decades politicians failed to widen the freeway between Petaluma and Novato despite the vast sums of gas taxes being collected. Politicians don't spend money where it is needed, they spend it where it helps them get elected.*

Q: Who really benefits from SMART? A: *Those who game the system. Wages and home prices are higher in Marin County than in Sonoma County. By working in*

Marin County and living in Sonoma County one can gain two benefits, higher wages and lower housing costs. The price of this is the commute between the two counties. Since this is voluntary, all is well. Unless you can gain political power and grab even more benefits. Have the public build a commuter train to get you to and from work, and you can get higher wages, lower housing costs, lower transportation costs and save time to boot. What a scam. SMART is really the SCAM Train (Sonoma County and Marin Train).

Q: What are the core beliefs of Libertarians. A: *The founder of the Libertarian Party, David Nolan, suggested five core beliefs for members of the Libertarian Party: (1) "You own yourself." (2) "The right to self-defense." (3) "No 'Criminal Possession' Laws." (4) "No taxes on productivity." (5) "A sound money system."*

While many Libertarians want a whole lot more, most might be happy with achieving at least the above.

Q: Why would an evil corporation like the old Bethlehem Steel force its workers to increase the amount of coal they shoveled per day from twelve to forty-seven tons? A: *Because one Frederick W. Taylor proved that if the work was made easier (using smaller shovels), then with less effort nearly four times the coal could be moved per day.*

Q: Where can I get pamphlets to hand out? A: *Go to liberty-intl.org or Google "ISIL pamphlet series." BTW - ISIL stands for International Students for Individual Liberty.*

What do you know?

How do you know the movie 'Idiocracy' is actually real life?

Google "The 4 (or 5) Worst Market Failures in Human History," which somehow all occurred in the last fifty years. One of these prominent failures is "Health care in America: trillions per year, ongoing."

Then, three paragraphs later you will read, "First, health care is not a market." What powerful logic, Take it in baby steps. (1) Health care has been subjected to over a hundred years of ever increasing government interventions. (2) Health care is not a market. (3) the current health care mess is one of the worst ever examples of market failures.

Once the world commenced to run by contract and not by status, the individual could deal for himself without begging permission from patriarch or priest or the chief of the village or the tribe.

- John Chamberlain

01/31 The Press Democrat

In the opinion section we find that "Super nurses' may be cure for health gap." Apparently, nurse practitioners could do so much more if they weren't hamstrung regulations. So, the "health gap" is a direct consequence of government interference in the market (at the behest of self-interested doctors).

01/29 The Press Democrat

Marilyn Davis objects to a large private donation to help defeat the "SMART train tax." She had no comment on the major pro-tax funding from the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria.

Davis, at trivial financial risk to herself, assures us that SMART will become a successful operation. Perhaps true, as long as you do not define success.

Contrast SMART with Greyhound, who provides nearly five billion passenger miles of transportation service annually, without state or federal subsidies, while paying gas taxes for the roads, property taxes, income taxes, fully funding replacement buses & new stations, and repaying investors. SMART doesn't do any of that. People voluntarily fund all of Greyhound. People are forced to fund almost all of SMART.

Media bias

Appeal to authority

Many of the stories on climate change and/or the climate crisis contain the phrase, "scientists say." One does not have to have a side in this debate to wonder who are those scientists who say?

Could they be the scientists whose leaked emails indicated they not only had changed historical temperature records, but needed to change more? Perhaps they are the scientists who refused to share their data, which might allow other scientists to verify or dispute the results. Maybe they are the scientists who insisted the Maldive Islands would all be underwater by 2018 (not a single one is yet under water, and there are more than a thousand of them).

One does not have to have an opinion on global warming to question the ever changing temperature

graphs presented to the public over the last thirty years. Steadily, the period from 1900 to 1940 has been cooled, while the period from 1940 to 1980 warmed. The resulting graphs show temperatures increasing from 1900 to present, in line with increasing atmospheric carbon dioxide.

In contrast, widely published news stories and temperature data show that temperatures were increasing to the 1940s and then decreasing into the 1970s. Is it silly, or criminal, or just forbidden to ask why official temperature graphs no longer match the reality that generations lived in?

A compliant media + politicians = a cesspool.

Directory

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The average human being who wants to do his job by day and relax after dinner just can't keep tabs on the natural-born politician who loves the game of power for its own sake.

- John Chamberlain

Homelessness

The January 2020 issue of "reason" magazine featured an interesting article on a private attempt to provide housing for the homeless in Austin, Texas.

Alan Graham, a former real estate developer, came up with the idea of building a community for the homeless (because a community can provide the help and encouragement the homeless so desperately need). After four years of effort the idea was block when neighbors of the planned community voted 52 to 0 against, causing the evaporation of support from local politicians.

Fortunately, outside of Texas cities zoning and building codes seemingly vanish, and Graham found a 51-acre site for a community featuring a "500-seat outdoor amphitheater," community garden, volunteers providing meals, and "a health clinic, counseling, drug and alcohol rehabilitation services, and hospice care."

Residents live in tents, micro homes and RVs and pay rent. They can earn money by doing maintenance and other needed tasks around the community (Community First! Village).

Remember now, all of this was first blocked by government in Texas, just as similar efforts are blocked by government in California.

Locally, on the Joe Rodota Trail, volunteers tried to provide a portable toilet for the homeless encampment and government officials had it removed.

Remember, the way of the world is not that complicated. People solve problems. Government actively blocks such solutions, and then moves in with expensive programs which generate lots of publicity but never really solve the problems.

For example, local governments generally outlaws jitneys, the private,

low-cost way to provide "public" transit. The IRS holds the position that if you require work in return for a benefit, the benefit is wages and income taxes must be withheld paid. If you run a food bank and sell people a bag a groceries at a discount for spending some time filling up bags with donated food, that time becomes taxable wages. People must not be allowed to help each other.

Morality has no redemptive virtue when it rests on compulsion.
- John Chamberlain

Your \$0.02

Why haven't you read?

Economic Sophisms

by Frederic Bastiat

Basic Economics

By Thomas Sowell

Applied Economics

By Thomas Sowell

Beyond Politics

By Randy Simmons

The Problem of Political Authority

By Michael Huemer

The Myth of the Rational Voter

By Bryan Caplan

Theory of Moral sentiments

By Adam Smith

The God of the Machine

By Isabel Paterson

The Constitution of No Authority

By Lysander Spooner

Radicals for Capitalism

By Brian Doherty

Democracy in America

By Alexis de Tocqueville

The Moon is a Harsh Mistress

By Robert A. Heinlein

One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich

By Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

Tales of two ...

It is always interesting to contrast government versus private efforts. Regale your friends with the following tales:

- The privately built Millau Valley bridge in France versus California's fix for the Bay Bridge.
- America's private war on poverty (1950-1965) versus the federal war on poverty (1965-2020).
- James J. Hill's Great Northern Railroad versus the federally subsidized Union Pacific and Central Pacific.
- The Wright brothers' success versus the federally funded failures of the former head of the Smithsonian Institution.
- The private steamships of Cornelius Vanderbilt versus the federally subsidized Collins Line.

This is the opinion section. Send in your two cents worth, just keep it short. Longer opinion pieces are welcome. But may take longer to get published.

Freedom tracks

LP Sonoma

Has taken a public stand on the March ballot measures, and will soon begin contacting the more than 2,000 registered Libertarian voters in Sonoma County.

Are you laying freedom tracks? If yes, let us know. If no