

Brian Holtz for Executive Committee

Priorities

- Focus: support candidates and affiliates
- Outreach: promote LP as neither left nor right
- Inreach: unite all who want to use electoral politics to advance liberty
- Maturity: spurn secrecy, factionalism, culture wars, edge-lording
- Efficiency: run lean, pay for projects with dedicated fundraising



Wins

- Since 2008: 5 straight elections to Purissima Hills Water District board (\$8M/yr, 8 employees, 2000 customers)
- In my only contested race, finished 1st of 4
- 4th-longest-tenured elected Libertarian in the U.S. Now the only elected Libertarian in SF Bay Area.
- AB1881 mandates 32 pages of default irrigation regulations. I instead proposed adding to building permits a water budget cap, with complete water freedom under the cap. The town enacted my alternative law in 2010.
- As 2008 LPUS Platform Committee Secretary, I created the proposal that repaired the gutted 2006 platform. The 2008 repair mostly endures in the current LPUS platform, which has had a mixed bag of changes since 2008.

Resume

- Silicon Valley software engineer since 1990: Sun, Yahoo, Kabam, Walmart
- Wife and 3 daughters (4 of us attending here as LP life members)
- LP life member, joined 1999
- 2006-2014 LPUS Platform Committee
- 2008-2012 LPUS Judicial Committee
- 2007-2009 LPCA Executive Committee
 - Extracted 1.3M voter email addresses from CA voter registrations
 - Achieved \$5000/yr newsletter layout savings
 - Authored a joint press release by 18 LPCA congressional candidates opposing mortgage crisis bailout
 - Authored LPCA statement of party purpose in the June 2008 California voter guide
- 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2022, 2024 LPUS NatCon delegate
- 2004, 2006, 2008 candidate for Congress CA-14
 - 2008: 13K votes, 4.37% - highest among the 8 3rd-party candidates in CA's 4 4-way races
 - 2004: quasi-illegal voter bet earned a story on Fox News and an interview on the top-rated morning news in the nation's 5th-largest metro:



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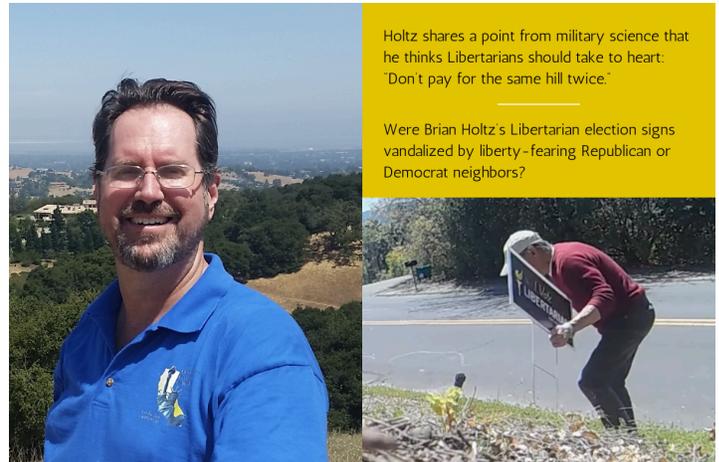


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Are the duopolistic-types worried about the Libertarian Movement? Were Brian Holtz's Libertarian election signs vandalized by liberty-fearing Republican or Democrat neighbors?

Meet Libertarian candidate Brian Holtz, who is serving his fourth term on the Purissima Water District Board of Los Altos Hills, CA. In an interview with The Beacon, Holtz shared learnings from his past experience and advice for Libertarians running for office in today's political climate.

Holtz suggests that budding candidates get started by picking one elective body in their city, county or district and becoming that body's Libertarian "shadow." Introverts can make getting started easier by telling themselves they'll just monitor the meeting, and don't need to speak up – yes, Holtz considers himself an introvert! After doing this for two or three meetings, candidates will probably find themselves unable to remain silent about something the government body does or says.



Holtz shares a point from military science that he thinks Libertarians should take to heart: "Don't pay for the same hill twice."

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"Remain calm, collected and cool," Holtz said. "If you're civil and speak your libertarian truth, the incumbents will respect you as a freedom-lover. Hopefully, this slow-roll, self-introduction will tempt you to run for office."

He feels that Libertarians involved in the Party spend way too much time reinventing the wheel; one set of leaders builds out an initiative in one term and the leaders in the next term feel the need to completely replace it. The new initiative is most often only slightly different and not necessarily an improvement to the previous one.

"Our policies, plans and initiatives should be sustainable beyond the tenure of their original proponents," Holtz said. "We tend to pay for the same hill twice or even thrice. Let's build on old initiatives with new initiatives directed toward different problems."

"Libertarians of all people should realize that **top-down centralized planning doesn't work, even when Libertarians are the planners,**" Holtz said. "They should have faith in the spontaneous order of **every freedom-lover pursuing the kinds of activism that best suit their interests and abilities.**"

My Purissima Hills Water District Ballot Statement

You own a share of Purissima's two main assets: \$34M of pipes/tanks, and the right to buy 591M gal/year of water from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission. For each household, that's about \$17K of infrastructure and 800 gallons/day. I defend your property rights in those assets. I defend your right to use the water you buy as you wish, so long as you do not endanger the water system or any neighbor's property. I defend close local control of the district while seeking savings via alternative arrangements for water supply and district operations.