
Libertarian Party of California 2002 Convention

**Saturday - Monday, February 16-18, 2000
Santa Maria Inn, 801 S. Broadway, Santa Maria, CA 93454**

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Rodney Austin
Mark Selzer
Sandi Webb
Lori Adasiewicz**

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Saturday, February 16

1. Call meeting to order

Aaron Starr called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Aaron Starr read Convention Rule 17 from the Bylaws.

Motion: Dan Wiener moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of modifying Convention Rule 17 regarding the nomination of National Delegates: Additional nominations shall be made from the floor only if the person nominated is physically present at the convention and was not present during the previous days. Seconded by Jonathan Zwickel. **Failed to get 2/3 vote.**

2. Credentials Committee Report

The credentials report was tabled to latter in the morning.

3. Approve Agenda

Aaron Starr asked for a motion to suspend the rules to consider an alternate agenda.

Motion: Ray Strong moved to suspend the rules to go to alternate agenda. Seconded. **Failed to get 2/3.**

Agenda approved unchanged.

4. Officers Reports

a) Aaron Starr-Chair

Aaron thanked the delegates for coming on a holiday weekend. He said that this last year being chair has been one of the hardest things and one of the most rewarding things that he has done. He said that the Executive Committee had a very hard year. Aaron explained why the format of the convention had been changed this year. He said he wanted to focus more on the candidates. He said that we need to focus more on gaining members and growing the party rather than on the bylaws and platform.

Aaron explained some of the problems that had resulted from the previous convention. He said that the ExCom was forced to expel a member and suspend the membership of another. He said that the events of Sept. 11 effected the LP's fund raising efforts. He said that we had also lost our Executive Director, Juan Ros to a competing not for profit organization.

Aaron reported that membership was down 18%. He said that this was the case nation wide. He said that this happens after a Presidential election. He said that we were higher than a few years ago and that the drop of 18% was not a new trend. Aaron reported on the progress of a committee that was formed at the last convention called the Political Prisoner Support Committee. He said that he had found a person who had been jailed for drug offense to chair the committee named Hal Chiprin . He said that Hal was doing a great job.

Aaron gave an update on Operation Breakthrough. He said that we had 14 new elected Libertarians in the year 2000. He said that Operation Breakthrough 1.0 had netted the LP 86 victories. He explained about a new effort he started this year to reduce the Utility Tax in California cities. He said that for Operation Breakthrough 2.0 he would like to have 500 candidates. He said that he will need \$70,000 to complete. Aaron said that our new Executive Director instituted a new format for the LPC News which saves the party a substantial portion of our budget. He asked that candidates running for partisan offices go to high schools and colleges.

b) Rodney Austin -Northern Vice Chair

Rodney said that he had been focusing on working on the unorganized regions. He said that he feels that a strong regional party is the most important thing that the LP can do. He reported on the Conference of Regions in Fresno that he hosts every year. He said that this year they had 17 attendees from 12 regions.

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Aaron Starr spoke at the conference and explained more about Operation Energy Tax Revolt and Operation Breakthrough. Others spoke on legal challenges to actor Robert Downey Jr.

c) Mark Selzer -Southern Vice Chair

Mark gave a report on the activities of the various regions in Southern California. He said that he has been working on getting candidates for partisan offices. He reported on his activities with public access TV.

d) Sandi Webb-Secretary

Sandi reported that the Executive Committee had met 5 times this year. She reported that the Operations Committee had had one e-mail vote and the Executive Committee had had 17 e-mail votes. She said that the details of these votes as well as other documents are available on her web site (www.sandiwebb.com).

Sandi then turned the floor over to Gail Lightfoot, Chair of the Judicial Committee for a report. Gail reported that the Judicial Committee had been asked to rule on a decision of the Executive Committee. On Sunday, Dec. 9 the Judicial Committee met in Pismo Beach to hear an appeal of the Executive Committee suspension of the central committee membership of Cullene Lang. Present were Gail Lightfoot, John Scott Ballard, Mark Dearoff and Bob Weber. Bill White was absent. The decision of the Judicial Committee was that they say no compelling reason to overturn the decision of the Executive Committee.

e) Lori Adasiewicz -Treasurer

Lori reported that checks were written in Feb. that the ExCom was not aware of. Aaron and her converted the financial system to a different one that will provide a better audit trail in the future. She said that all of the bookkeeping functions were moved in house.

Year 2001 in review: She said that the report given at the last convention by the previous Treasurer, over stated the balance by \$2,100. This put the party this amount in the red. Soon after this was discovered the extra checks that had been written were found, putting the party in a very grave position through out the year. In early March the party was close to \$15,000 in the red. The Chair and Executive Director were able to raise the needed \$15,000 in May and June. Santa Clara and San Diego Regions were able to loan the party \$9,000. With a membership drive and Operation Breakthrough we were able to pay back these regions. She reported that after direct deposit was instituted the Anthrax scare hit Washington DC. All checks from National LP headquarters were held up except the direct deposit. This prevented us from being behind in the UMP region dues. She reported that we were finally able to collect the overpayment to Cullene Lang.

Lori reported that most of the LPC income is from the pledge program. She said that this is the most efficient way the LPC can raise funds. 96% of every pledged dollar goes directly to programs. Fundraising letters don't do as well. 21% of money received from fundraising letters is actually able to go into programs. She said that the money raised at the conventions is 5% of the total income.

Lori said that the administrative portion of the budget is the largest expense. It includes the office, salary, office supplies, rent, phones, travel, meals, etc. She said that we had one and one half paid staff. Overall Lori said we were in good shape for the end of the year especially considering where we started. She said that National has allocated more funds for membership recruitment for next year.

f) Executive Director - David Molony

David said that his first three weeks were very eventful. With his first Executive Committee meeting, representing the party in a lawsuit and Sept. 11 attack. He said that he spent a lot of time in December getting the LP News switched from the previous editor and the Operation Tax Revolt up and running. There was also redistricting and the complications with the elections that this brought on. He said that he has reorganized the office. He said that he is now working on a new project called Project Cyclone. This project is to bring people into the LPC. He said that in the last three weeks he had brought in 22 volunteers to the office. They make fundraising calls, membership calls and write letters to the editor. They have helped as

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walking sheets for the Operation Tax Revolt volunteers, provided new graphics for the LPC News and calls for the convention. They are compiling a list of all the elected offices are in the State of California. David said that he would like to see that all of the Regions have a web site. He said that most of the local regions now have a site off of the state site. He said that in the coming year his highest priority will be Operation Breakthrough 2.0. He said that they will be looking to run 400 to 500 candidates. Energy Tax Revolt collected 939 signatures in one day and a total of 510 were required in the city of Bellflower. The city did try to stop the effort but we were able to prevail. Enough signatures were gathered in Culver City as well.

5. Credentials Report

Elizabeth Brierly gave a report. There were four people whose credentials were needed to be voted from the floor. Two from Region 47, Robert Underwood and Yvonne Underwood. Two from Region 42, Joe Furcinite and Jane Furcinite. The region did not submit their names.

Passed by voice vote to seat these four delegates.

Number of credential Delegates and alternates-113 delegates; simple majority- ; two-thirds majority-

6. Consent Calendar

An item was brought up from the floor.

A RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION AND ENDORSEMENT

"The Libertarian Party of California State Convention of 2002 congratulates and commends the volunteers who put Utility Tax Rollback Initiatives on the ballots of Bellflower and Culver City, and especially commends our Chair, Aaron Starr, for his efforts on these initiatives."

"We furthermore endorse these two initiatives."

[Keynote Address (Hon. Ron Paul)]

7. Platform Committee Report

Aaron Starr gave a brief reading of the Convention Rules.

(Secretary's note: The Platform was printed with legal notation numbering on the left side of the pages for the convenience of the delegates. The Platform Committee Report refers to those numbers for identifying the proposed changes. This numbering is removed for the final official copy. Within each motion, text that is to be added is underlined and in italics, text that is to be deleted has a strike through.)

PLATFORM COMMITTEE REPORT

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Ted Brown, Chair
RobRob, San Diego
Peter De Baets, Region 64
Rick Nichol, San Bernardino
Chris Maden, San Francisco
Mark Emerson, Region 62
Sandor Woren, Region 63
Jim McGee, Region 65

Bill Crain, Napa
Vern Dahl, San Luis Obispo
Gary Copeland, Orange
Linden Hsu, San Mateo
Sonia Harden, East Bay
Keath North, Humboldt
Philip Heath, Region 66
Jonathan Zwickel, Madera

Item 1 – Passed 12-2

Page 8 and 9, Plank 19. Electoral Reform.

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Add new section "c":

c. the adoption of alternative voting systems that more accurately reflect the will of the electorate, giving political minorities the chance to elect officials and thus affect public policy. We support proportional representation and Instant Runoff Voting (IRV).

Motion: Aaron Starr moved to strike the words "**proportional representation and**". Seconded.

Aaron said that he is in favor of Instant Runoff Voting but proportional representation gives political parties representation and he is opposed to institutionalizing political parties in state law. He said that political parties are a private institution.

Mr. Shoe spoke against the motion.

Ms. Grou spoke in favor. She said that proportional representation takes away purity. She said that wherever it is used squabbling occurs.

Mr. Teyssier spoke against. He said that there are several forms of proportional representation. He said that many other countries use it, that it is more accurate and more representative of the people and how they vote. He gave some examples.

Vote on the amendment: Failed on voice vote.

Bob Weber spoke against the main motion. He said that it should not be part of our Platform. He said that the Platform should deal with Libertarian principles of the proper sphere of government. He said when we get down to the absolute nuts and bolts of how to run the government we should keep it to an absolute minimum. He suggested that this belongs in the Program instead.

Several more people spoke on this item.

Vote on main motion: Failed 54-30 (lacked 2/3 and lacked majority of registered delegates).

Motion: Bob Weber moved to suspend the rules to consider a resolution. 2/3 approval to suspend rules.

Vote on motion to suspend the rules: 2/3 approval to suspend rules. **Passed** by voice vote.

Resolved that the Libertarian Party of California State Convention of 2002 supports the adoption of alternative voting systems that more accurately reflect the will of the electorate, giving political minorities the chance to elect officials and thus affect public policy. We especially support Instant Runoff Voting (IRV).

Vote on motion : Passed by voice vote.

Item 2 – Passed 14-0

Page 8, Plank 14. Family Life

Create paragraphs as noted, and add new paragraph.

Government at all levels are intruding on the integrity of families and households. We support the right of families and households as contractual institutions to be free of government interference. Such government interference has undermined the value of families and households as cultural institutions of love, nurture, companionship, kinship and personal development by forcing families and households to conform to rigid, inflexible design.

As marriage should be a private contractual arrangement, so too should child support and custody. Violations of such arrangements, or court orders relating thereto, are civil violations and should not be treated as criminal violations or result in jail time.

Moreover...

Ms. Stewart spoke against the motion.

JR (nobody) Graham spoke against the motion.

Motion to amend: Mark Emerson moved to insert "except in cases of child abuse, molestation, and abandonment" before the word "violations" in second paragraph at the start of the second sentence.

As marriage should be a private contractual arrangement, so too should child support and custody. Except in cases of child abuse, molestation, and abandonment violations of such arrangements, or court orders relating thereto, are civil violations and should not be treated as criminal violations or result in jail time.

Motion to amend the amendment: Mark Selzer moved to add "neglect" to amendment.

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Vote on amendment to the amendment: Failed by voice vote.

Vote on amendment: Failed by voice vote.

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Vote on main motion: Vote 57-29, **Passed**.

Vote result challenged by Aaron Starr, on basis that total number of delegates (as shown by overhead running totals) was now 118, so a majority was 60, not 57.

Acting Chair (Ted Brown) ruled that majority was still 57 based on most recent official Credentials Committee report. Ruling of Chair challenged by Aaron Starr.

Motion to suspend rules to revote based on new delegate totals. **Passed** by voice vote.

Motion to suspend rules to allow BJ Wagener to speak to the subject. **Failed** by voice vote.

On new vote, proposal **failed** 59-28 votes (lacked majority of registered delegates).

Chair announced that in the future, individuals credentialed as delegates may not vote until the next Credentials Committee report is made to update the number of delegates.

Item 3 – Passed 11-0

Page 7, Plank 10, Health and Medicine

Add at the end, a new “I”:

I. The repeal of all laws mandating any non-consensual relationship between a health care provider and patient.

Motion to amend: change “non-consensual” to “non-voluntary”

I. The repeal of all laws mandating any non-voluntary relationship between a health care provider and patient.

Vote on amendment to the amendment: **Failed** by voice vote.

Vote on amendment: **Passed** on voice vote.

Vote on main proposal: Proposal **passed** on voice vote.

Item 4 – Passed 11-0

Add new Plank 8 on Page 6, and renumber the subsequent ones.

8. Capital Punishment

While Libertarians disagree about the morality and deterrence value of capital punishment, it is well-documented that many innocent people have been falsely condemned to death. For this reason, we call for an end to the death penalty, and its replacement with life in prison without possibility of parole.

Motion: Bob Weber moved to table item until following Item 11. **Failed** on voice vote.

Motion to amend: Bob Weber moved to last sentence “except for government officials” after “end to the death penalty”

Vote on amendment: **Fails** by voice vote.

Vote on Item 4: Motion **failed** 66Yes, 34No. (lacked 2/3 of delegates)

Credentials Report

Number of credentialed Delegates and alternates-123 delegates; simple majority-62; two-thirds majority-82.

Item 5 – Passed 9-0

Page 8, Plank 15, The Right to Keep and Bear Arms

Add new section “D”:

D. The right of airlines to decide their own weapons policies.

Motion: Move to change “airlines” to “common carriers” to include greyhound.

Friendly amendment: Change to “airlines and other common carriers”

Vote on amendment: **Passed**

D. The right of airlines and other common carriers to decide their own weapons policies.

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Motion: Mr. Peters moved add second sentence "[Common carriers are responsible if they are hijacked for any damage caused.](#)"

Vote on amendment: Failed on voice vote

Vote on Item 5 as amended: Passes on stand up vote.

Items 6 – Passed 12-0

Page 4, Plank 4, Discrimination

Change first sentence of first paragraph to read:

[No level of government should deny or abridge the rights of any individual on account of sex, race, color, creed, age, national origin, economic status, marital status, sexual preference, physical ability or mental.](#) ~~No individual's rights should be denied or abridged by the laws of the United States or any state or locality on account of sex, race, color, creed, age, national origin, marital status, sexual preference, physical handicap or learning disability.~~ We affirm that government

Motion: Mr. Etain moved to add words "[or place of employment](#)" to end of proposal.

Vote on amendment. Passes on vote of raised hands.

[No level of government should deny or abridge the rights of any individual on account of sex, race, color, creed, age, national origin, economic status, marital status, sexual preference, physical ability or mental ability or place of employment.](#)

Vote on Item 6 as amended: Passed.

8. Elections

a) At-Large Executive Committee

Results:

<u>Nomination</u>	<u>Vote Rank</u>	<u>Resulting Committee</u>
Jonathan Zwickel	39	4 *
Bruce Dovner	36	6 1 st Alternate
Doug Scribner	39	4 *
Ted Brown	58	1 *
Shree Rajan	42	2 *
Dan Wiener	34	7 2 nd Alternate
Donna Nowland	40	3 *
NOTA	1	

b) At-Large Executive Committee Alternate

Mary Gingell moved to suspend rules to make 1st & 2nd alternates the candidates who received the 6th and 7th most votes. Passed by voice vote.

c) Judicial Committee

Results:

<u>Nomination</u>	<u>Vote Rank</u>	<u>Resulting Committee</u>
Jennolle Smith	62	1 *
Kim Goldsworthy	53	4 *
Bill White 34	6	
Chris Maden	58	3 *
Bob Weber 62	1	*
Ray Strong 48	5	*
NOTA 0		

Recess until Monday February 18th at 8:00 a.m.

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1. Call meeting to order

Aaron Starr called the meeting to order at 8:22 a.m.

2. Credentials Committee Report

Number of credentialed Delegates and alternates-111 delegates; simple majority-56; two-thirds majority-74.

3. Election of National Convention Delegates and Committee Representative

a) National Convention Delegates

Per Rule 16: Election Of Delegates To The National Convention, names were submitted. California is entitled to 256 Delegates. The final list is posted:
www.peoplesveto.org/lp/convention/conven_default.html

Motion: It was moved and seconded to suspend rules to accept all nominees as national delegates. **Passed** unanimously. (Includes combined printed list and transparency list.)

Motion to suspend the rules to adopt a resolution: Passed
Linda Grau proposed a Amtrak Liquidation Resolution. **Passed.**

b) National Committee Representatives and Alternates

Joe Dehn, current National Committee Representative, stated that by the national formula, California is entitled to 1.9 representatives to the committee. He stated that the way we have deal with this is to act as if we are entitled to two, elect two and work with another state within our Region. Joe stated that he believed that Nevada was in agreement to work with us.

Combined California, Hawaii, Arizona grouping for 20.1% of national membership, entitling us to 2 delegates and two alternates.

Joe Dehn nominated for National Delegate. Elected on voice vote.

Results: Mark Hinkle (1) and Scott Lieberman (2) nominated for National Alternates. Elected unanimously by voice vote.

c) National Platform Committee Representative

Results: Laura Stewart (2), Wayne Nygren(1) nominated, elected by voice vote in that order.

d) National Credentials Committee Representative

Results: Ray Acosta elected unanimously.

4. Bylaws Committee Report

Dan Wiener outlined the procedures for modifying the convention rules and bylaws.

(Secretary's note: The Bylaws were printed with legal notation numbering on the left side of the pages for the convenience of the delegates. The Bylaws Committee Report refers to those numbers for identifying the proposed changes. This numbering is removed for the final official copy. Within each motion, text that is to be added is underlined and in italics, text that is to be deleted has a strike through.)

BYLAW AND RULES COMMITTEE REPORT
LPC State Convention

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*Dan Wiener, Chair
Philip Zoebisch, Region 37
Joe Dehn, Region 43*

*Mark Hinkle, LPC Chair
Jeff Sommer, Region 1
Jon Petersen, alternate*

Item 1 - NO DEBATE Bylaw 6, Section 2(A)- passed 5-0

Committee Motion: Change Bylaw 6, Section 2(A) on page 5, line 37

- A. Effecting liaison between the regions and the county ~~Registrar of Voters~~ election officials on such matters as monitoring and following-up on election law violations, coordinating poll-watchers, and producing sample ballots; and

Passed

Item 2 - NO DEBATE Bylaw 3, Section 5 -passed 5-0

Committee Motion: Change Bylaw 3, Section 5 on page 3, line 25

The Executive Committee may also provide mailing lists to ~~other~~ individuals or groups, but not to any government official or government agency. Counties may exchange lists.

Passed

Item 3 - change to Bylaw 6, Section 1 and Section 3 -passed 5-0

Committee Motion: Change Bylaw 6, Section 1 on page 5, line 31-32

....any manner they choose consistent with these Bylaws. The ~~Executive Committee~~ appropriate Vice Chair may appoint a county chair pro tem for any county in which there is no active county organization. It shall be the responsibility of said chair to promote the...

and also change Bylaw 6, Section 3 on page 6, line 6:

...issue before the Judicial Committee. The Executive Committee may declare a county inactive if it fails to hold elections in accordance with this section.

Motion: Moved to insert the word "or" before "appropriate vice chair"

Motion to amend: Motion to change "appropriate vice chair" to "exec committee, chair, or appropriate vice chair."

Vote on amendment to amendment: passes.

Move to extend debate by 10 min. Seconded. Failed, did not get 2/3.

Vote on amendment: fails.

Vote on Item 3: Passes.

Item 4 - change to Bylaw 3, Section 8 and Bylaw 9, Section 7(A) -passed 4-1

Committee Motion: Change Bylaw 3, Section 8 on page 4, line 3

.....written appeal within fifteen (15) days of notification. Failure to appeal shall terminate membership. The Executive Committee may reinstate memberships terminated under this section.

and also change Bylaw 9, Section 7(A) on page 8, line 25:

- A. Removal from office, censure, or suspension of a Party officer, Operations Committee member, Executive Committee member, National Committee representative or county central committee member, or reinstatement of a county central committee member.

Motion to extend by 5 minutes. Fails.

Vote on Item 4: Passes.

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5. Program Committee Report

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<i>Bruce Dovner - L.A. South Bay/Long Beach, Chair</i>	<i>Zander Collier - Santa Clara</i>
<i>Jason Beeler - East Bay</i>	<i>James Hall - San Luis Obispo</i>
<i>J.R. "Nobody" Graham - San Diego</i>	<i>Maad Abu-Ghazalah - San Mateo</i>
<i>David Kocot - San Bernardino</i>	<i>Linden Hsu - San Mateo (Alt)</i>
<i>Rodger Rosie - L.A. Southeast</i>	<i>Kevin Craig - Riverside</i>
<i>Starchild - San Francisco</i>	<i>Myles Baker - Orange County</i>

Motion: Moved to vote on the entire document after all the individual planks are voted on. **Fails.**

Item 1- Creating Abundance (Passed 4 - 1)

Eliminating or reducing the tax burden and unnecessary regulatory burdens enables people to create jobs and abundance. Therefore, the Libertarian Party of California supports the following measures to better enable the creation of jobs, abundance, and financial security for our families and the people of California.

- Reduce the state sales and income taxes.
- End all state subsidies for business.
- Eliminate all taxes on interest, dividends, and capital gains.
- All savings for the purpose of starting a business shall be tax free or deductible from income straight off the top.
- Review of all business regulations.

Motion: Moved make Item 3 Bullet Point #1 in Item 1.

Eliminating or reducing the tax burden and unnecessary regulatory burdens enables people to create jobs and abundance. Therefore, the Libertarian Party of California supports the following measures to better enable the creation of jobs, abundance, and financial security for our families and the people of California.

- The LPC shall attempt to repeal local utility taxes in California cities and counties
- **Reduce the state sales and income taxes.**
- **End all state subsidies for business.**
- **Eliminate all taxes on interest, dividends, and capital gains.**
- **All savings for the purpose of starting a business shall be tax free or deductible from income straight off the top.**
- **Review of all business regulations.**

Motion: Moved to amend by dropping words "The LPC shall attempt to" . Sentence would read "Repeal local utility taxes in California cities and counties." **Passed**

Motion to suspend the rules to move to Page 2 of minority report. **Motion fails.**

Call for division to debate Minority report instead of Committee report. **Motion Fails.**

Vote on Item 1 as amended: 43 Yes -27 No. **Fails.** (lacked 2/3 of delegates)

Item 2 - Quality Education (Passed 4 - 3)

Competition is the best way to provide a higher quality education for our children. Therefore, the Libertarian Party of California supports the following measures to improve education for the children of California by promoting a statewide ballot measure to establish:

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- [Tax Credits and Deductions for Non-Government Education, or](#)
- [Educational Savings Accounts for Non-Government Education, or](#)
- [Public School Competition and Open Enrollment](#)

Motion: Moved to add as a new bullet point “Funding will flow directly to public schools and classroom on a per pupil basis instead of school districts.”

Friendly amendment: Change “public” to “government run”

Motion to substitute: Moved to adopt pages 3 through 8 of Minority report in place of other discussion on program. **Fails.**

Motion: Moved to amend amendment to amendment “To provide greater local control, existing tax funds shall flow to government schools and the classroom on a per pupil basis instead of school districts”

Motion to extend by 5 minutes **fails.**

Amendment to amendment fails.

Amendment is now “Funding will flow directly to government run schools and classrooms on a per pupil basis instead of school districts.” **Amendment fails.**

Plank fails.

Item 3 - Plentiful and Affordable Energy (Passed 5 - 4)

Motion to substitute Page 3 of Minority Report instead of Plank 3.

Motion to substitute **fails.**

Motion to accept plank **fails.**

Motion to go to next item. 45-21 **passes.**

6. Endorsements of Candidates

Motion: Endorsed all statewide candidates other than Governors race. **Passes.**

Motion: Endorsed all candidates for Board of Equalization. **Passes**

Motion: Endorse all assembly candidates at once. “We move to endorse all Libertarian Partisan candidates for State Assembly, State Senate, and Congress at once.” **Passes.**

Motion to suspend rules: to endorse both Art and Gary for Governor. Motion **passes.**

7. Resolutions

Resolution #1 on Child Support.

Resolution **fails**, does not get 2/3

Resolution #2 on Electoral Integrity

Friendly amendment to change “dear” to “clear” in paragraph 2, and “or” to “nor” in paragraph 3. To correct typos.

Move to extend convention by 10 min **fails.**

Amendment to change first paragraph. “Whereas a democratic government requires elections that are free, fair, and open.” **Amendment passes.**

56-17 resolution. **Fails**

Resolution #3 to adopt the ferret.

Motion to extend **fails.**

8. Adjournment

Resolutions passed by the Libertarian Party of California Convention 2000

Native American Resolution.

Be it resolved that the Libertarian Party of California, assembled in convention, enthusiastically voices its support for California State Proposition 1A, Gambling on Tribal Lands, Legislative Constitutional Amendment.

The Party is proud of its long tradition of respect for the sovereign status of the state's Native American Indigenous tribal Nations and People and welcomes working with them to achieve the greatest opportunity of securing self reliance.

Veto The Governor Resolution.

Resolved that the LPC endorse the California constitutional amendment initiative by " Veto the Governor "

Art Olivier Resolution.

Whereas, Art Olivier won a hard-fought campaign for City Council in Bellflower and then endured years of harassment (by agents of the local political establishment) as he worked to bring fiscal responsibility and honesty to city government there; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the LPC commend Region 65 member Art Olivier for his service in the cause of liberty.

A RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION AND ENDORSEMENT

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"We furthermore endorse these two initiatives."

Instant Runoff Voting

Resolved that the Libertarian Party of California State Convention of 2002 supports the adoption of alternative voting systems that more accurately reflect the will of the electorate, giving political minorities the chance to elect officials and thus affect public policy. We especially support Instant Runoff Voting (IRV).

AMTRAK LIQUIDATION

Whereas, Amtrak is financially hemorrhaging in an amount to exceed \$44 billion in today's dollars over a 32-year period of time according to Cato Policy Analysis Report #425,02-08-02; and

Whereas, Amtrak Reform council has provided for the liquidation of this government owned, insolvent, fixed rail system; and

Whereas, in order to forestall the bankruptcy it has been suggested that Amtrak receive additional taxpayer dollars, \$12 billion and/or create a public-private partnership, a screen for corporate welfare, and

Whereas, among other lawsuits against Amtrak, a lawsuit for \$200 million is outstanding, filed by Bombardier, who was to build a train for Amtrak. Cited, and

Whereas, in the lawsuit according to a recent issue of Reason Magazine was Amtrak's bureaucracy's inability to make a decision over a 2-3 year period of time on which material to use for curtains for the train; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Libertarian Party of California that this gross misuse of taxpayer dollars be ended; and be it further

Resolved, The Libertarian Party of California demands full and complete liquidation of government-owned Amtrak assets, including all property owned by Amtrak. Pay the creditors from smallest claims first to the largest claims by a disassociated 3rd party. We demand that the United States government give over to the private sector, the fixed rail travel business entirely and forever.