

Libertarian Party of California

Executive Committee

3 August 1996

The Libertarian Party of California Executive Committee met in Long Beach on 3 August 1996 from approximately 10:05 to approximately 18:40, with 13 of the 15 members in attendance.

Financial matters were a major subject of discussion, with topics including "fund accounting" and other modifications to our accounting procedures, the possibility of a cash crunch this fall, the status of fundraising efforts, and ways to reduce costs. A committee consisting of Jon Petersen, Lee Borton, Mark Murphy, and Cullene Lang was formed to recommend a new accounting plan; this committee will also draft a proposed budget for 1997. The Chair said she would ask the Operations Committee to meet monthly to review the financial situation and the need for possible adjustments in spending. She will also be taking on the task again of preparing fundraising letters, after an interval when this was handled by a contractor.

There was a discussion of the membership prospecting being done by contractor Pat Wright, including the kinds of information that the Executive Committee needs from the database contractor and treasurer in order to evaluate this activity.

There was a discussion of the material to be sent in response to 800-number inquiries during the election season, with special emphasis on keeping costs low while still providing for convenient contribution/membership response. It was decided to use an updated Libertarian Alternative tabloid with response envelope to be inserted by volunteers.

The strategy subcommittee presented a report on its progress in pursuing the strategic planning methodology previously presented to the Executive Committee, including a draft strategy document. After some discussion, the Executive Committee adopted the following as the "vision" statement for the LPC: "To elect to a majority of partisan offices candidates who will implement our platform." There was not sufficient agreement, however, to adopt the strategy document itself as presented; the subcommittee will be meeting again on 14 September in Long Beach to continue its work on this.

The Executive Committee took positions on all but one of the propositions scheduled to appear on the November ballot. The Committee recommended a YES vote on CCRI (Prop. 209), the medical marijuana initiative (215), and the new initiative to require voter approval of tax increases (218).

The Committee recommended a NO vote on the bond measures (204, 205, 206), campaign contribution regulations (208, 212), minimum wage increase (210), health care regulations (214, 216), higher income tax rate continuation (217), a proposition relating to lawsuits (211), and one relating to recovery of damages by felons, drunk drivers, and uninsured motorists (213). The Committee took no position on another proposition relating to lawsuits (207). The Committee also voted to oppose a new initiative now being circulated that would deprive "illegal aliens" of property rights.

A motion was passed specifying that all Executive Committee members and chairs of subcommittees should provide a year-end report.

The Committee also voted to confirm the actions of the regional caucus at the national convention, to allow Prop. 218 one-time use of the LPC mailing list after review of their letter by the Operations Committee, to remove Reason magazine from the set of organizations with automatic pre-approval to use the mailing list, and to combine Fresno, Madera, Tulare, and Mariposa counties into a single region.

The Publications Oversight Committee presented a schedule for handling bids for publication of the newsletter; the RFQ is to be approved by the Executive Committee and available to bidders by 13 September.

Other items discussed included a proposal from Pat Wright for sale of LPC merchandise, giving a certificate to a member of the Secretary of State's staff thanking her for her helpfulness, and the status of the work of the Style Committee. Internal Education Chair Ed Moss also presented a brief report.

The Committee was unable to agree on a date and place for its next meeting; the Chair said that she would call a meeting after further consideration of members' opinions.

Note: This is only a summary of the meeting, and is not intended to be relied upon as a complete record of business.