



LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF ILLINOIS

INTRODUCING LP ILLINOIS CANDIDATE CLASS OF 2010; PETITION DRIVE STARTS TOMORROW

The Libertarian Party of Illinois ("LP Illinois") enthusiastically introduces the following candidates for election in 2010:

Mike Labno	U.S. Senate
Lex Green	Governor
Ed Rutledge	Lt. Governor
Josh Hanson	Secretary of State
Bill Malan	Attorney General
Julie Fox	Comptroller
James Pauly	Treasurer
Doug Marks	U.S. Representative, 14th District
Steve Funk	State Representative, 18th District

Biographical information on each candidate is contained on the following pages.

LP Illinois also announces the commencement of our ballot drive. We intend to collect 50,000 signatures state-wide in this effort. A combination of volunteers and paid petitioners will be utilized to accomplish this goal. LP Illinois' local chapters throughout the state, as well as our university affiliates, are ready to hit the ground running. We plan to present our petitions to the State Board of Elections in Springfield on Monday, June 21, 2010. We will also be holding a press conference in the state capitol building that afternoon.

Marks will be working to obtain the necessary 16,743 signatures to obtain ballot access in his district. Funk will need to obtain 2,561 signatures for his run.

It will not be an easy or inexpensive task, but LP Illinois is committed to providing the citizens of Illinois with an alternative to the political parties who have caused the historical corruption and the erosion of the reputation of our state in the eyes of the rest of the country.

Please stay tuned for further developments.

The Libertarian Party of Illinois is a political home for those who value honesty, fairness, respect, responsibility and compassion.

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Name: Mike Labno

Candidate For: U.S. Senate

Personal Bio: Mike is a lifelong resident of Illinois and spent most of his life in Cicero before moving to DuPage County where he currently resides in Oak Brook. He has spent the last 12 years working as a project manager in the electrical construction industry and enjoys hobbies including various athletics, piano and NHRA Drag Racing. The greatest love of his life now is his six-year-old daughter, Emily. Michael and his ex-wife have amicable arrangements to spend equitable and joyful parenting time with Emily.

Qualifications: Mike is actively involved in his local Libertarian Party and is also a member at the State and National levels. He is a constitutional conservative and takes great pride in his understanding of our Founder's true intentions when they formed our modern government.

Why Running: I know our founding fathers, despite their faults and inconsistencies, laid a great foundation for this country; but in contrast, I also understand the concerns stated by the local representatives at the various state conventions of 1787 regarding the formation of the "new" US Constitution. It is the fruition of these concerns that now affect our everyday lives, and something must be done to reverse course and recapture our values. The federal government is now on a continual path of destroying our country and they are largely held unaccountable. I am compelled, by the needs of my family and my fellow Americans, to extend my tireless work habits in the effort to bring sanity back to Capitol Hill. Our citizens are losing their freedoms and our economic prosperity has come to a grinding halt. We are on the verge of the greatest disaster this country has ever seen and the insanity must stop.

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Name: Lex Green

Candidate for: Governor of the State of Illinois

Personal Bio: Lex has been a citizen of Illinois all of his life. He and his wife Karen have three children, Jeffrey, Tera and Matt. Lex graduated from Bloomington High School in 1972 as a member of the National Honor Society. He earned a degree in Electronic Technology at Illinois Central College.

He is a member of the Bloomington Area 912 Project, the McLean County Campaign for Liberty, and the founder of the McLean County Freedom Coalition. He is also the chairman of the McLean County Libertarian Party and a member of the Libertarian Party of Illinois.

Why running: Lex wants to bring integrity and common sense back to Illinois government. He feels he can have a positive impact on Illinois politics with his principles of honesty, limited Constitutional government and protection of individual liberties.

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Name: Ed Rutledge

Candidate for: Lieutenant Governor of the State of Illinois

Personal Bio: Ed was raised in Chicago's western suburbs, lives in Chicago, and has deep family roots near Springfield. While he has lived and worked throughout the United States and Europe, he has always made his way back to his home state of Illinois. He and his wife, Casey, have two beautiful daughters and one rambunctious bird dog.

Qualifications: After graduating from Miami University with degrees in Finance, German, and International Business, Ed's career has led him into progressively more challenging and rewarding endeavors. He was responsible for coordinating global business development activities for a large investment company, he has reorganized the corporate structure of several prominent financial services companies, and he has secured the financing needed to complete industrial real estate projects which support hundreds of permanent jobs in Illinois and which generate millions of dollars in tax revenue each year. He has consistently found and implemented techniques which make organizations more effective and efficient.

Ed was the Secretary of the Libertarian Party of Chicago for a year before being elected to be that chapter's Chair, a post he has held for the past two years. Ed is an Eagle Scout, and is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and Mensa.

Why Running: Ed is running to reduce the size, the power, and the cost of government, to let citizens keep more of what they earn and manage their own lives, and to bring prosperity and integrity back to Illinois. He is running to get the weight of government off your back, out of your wallet, and out of your family room. He is running so that his children can inherit a state that is free, peaceful, and prosperous, rather than overbearing, corrupt, and broke.

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Name: Josh Hanson

Candidate for: Secretary of State

Personal Bio: Josh was born in Louisville, KY in 1983, and was raised in Terre Haute, IN. He has been a strong supporter of limited government since 2nd grade, when he discovered politics by listening to the 1992 Presidential debates on the radio. He moved to Wheaton in 2002 to attend Wheaton College, where he earned a degree in Political Science. He is also a passionate student of economics in his spare time.

Qualifications: Josh works as a Project Coordinator in a customer service department, and therefore understands the frustration many voters feel with the Department of Motor Vehicles. Josh is also a member of Campaign for Liberty, has served as Chair of the DuPage Libertarians, and was named "Rookie of the Year" in 2009 by the Libertarian Party of Illinois.

Why running: Common sense has been absent from Illinois politics for too long, and Illinois politicians have only succeeded in making life more difficult for the people. Illinois has real problems, and until we elect officials who understand that they are not overseers but servants of the people, we will continue to get the kind of government Illinoisans have come to expect over the past few years.

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Name: Bill Malan

Candidate for: Attorney General

Personal Bio: Bill was born in Chicago in 1955. He and his wife Jill reside in Chicago with their three young children.

Following a four-year enlistment in the Air Force, Bill received a B.S. in political science *summa cum laude*, and then a law degree at the University of Idaho. After law school, Bill clerked for a district judge in Idaho and did contract work for several law firms.

Bill has pursued his interests of public policy and technology by self-study as well as formally. He received an MBA, with a concentration in health informatics (the use of computers to improve health care delivery, research and education) and a specialization in health administration from the University of Illinois at Chicago. In 2000, he completed a telecommunications management certificate program at DePaul.

Bill's experience in the health care and technology sectors include working in sales support for a health care technology services company and over a decade in various roles in the information technology division at an academic medical center.

In 2007, Bill attained a long time goal, writing and publishing *The Audacity of Truth*, a searing critique of domestic and foreign policy as practiced by the bipartisan Same Old Party.

Bill was admitted to the Illinois bar in 2002. He has a general civil practice and represents small businesses and individuals.

Why I am Running: The time is now. There is a growing popular perception that government at every level is out of control, and the problem cannot be solved by either faction – Democratic or Republican – of the Same Old Party. The City of Chicago has tapped out its "rainy day fund" and the State of Illinois is insolvent.

When Reagan took office, the national debt was less than \$1 trillion; it nearly tripled during his presidency. It was over \$4 trillion when Clinton was sworn in, nearly \$10 trillion when Obama was elected and is now climbing to \$13 trillion.

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Name: Julie Fox

Candidate For: Comptroller

Personal Bio: Julie was born in 1957 in Chicago. She has lived most of her life in the northwest suburbs of Chicago. She is one of eight siblings. She is the mother of two grown children and aunt to seven nieces and nephews. Most of her family remains in the Chicago land area.

Julie received a B.S. with Distinction in Biochemistry from the University of IL Champaign-Urbana in 1980. She received a B.S. with Honors in Biology from the University of IL Chicago in 1981. Fox began work in the field of accounting in 1987. She passed the CPA exam in 1995.

Qualifications: Fox has been employed as Controller for the U.S. operations of Bell Flavors and Fragrances, Inc. since 1998. Bell Flavors and Fragrances is a family-owned international chemical manufacturing company headquartered in Northbrook, Illinois.

Julie's involvement in politics began in 1993, when she first discovered and joined the Libertarian Party at both the state and national levels. She and fellow Libertarian activist Ken Prazak co-founded the Fox Valley Libertarian Party in 1995, which she currently serves as Chair of. Fox was Co-founder, President and Treasurer of the Coalition for Accountability in Public Education (CAPE) from 1997 to 1999, during which time the group defeated four school tax referenda in 18 months in the eighth largest school district (D300) in Illinois. Fox was elected to the Dundee Township Library District Board in 2001, and re-elected in 2005. She served as Treasurer of the board from 2003 to 2005..

Why Running: Julie is running to use her experience and expertise as a controller by trade to improve the role of the IL Comptroller, by reducing spending, increasing transparency, and blocking certain payments. It's time for an accountant to start managing the books in Illinois!

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Name: James Pauly

Candidate for: Treasurer

Personal Bio:

James has lived in Chicago for over five years and Illinois for over 38. He earned a Bachelor of Science from Illinois State University and an MBA from Loyola University Chicago.

Qualifications:

James has worked in the financial field for over seven years as a Quality assurance analyst. He served on a condominium board acting as treasurer and also for a budget committee with a different condominium complex. Currently he is serving as the fundraiser for the Libertarian Party of Chicago.

Why running:

Is it too late to take back our state from lobbyists and the two major parties who feel that spending is the only way to make sure they are reelected? I don't think so, and this is the main reason that I am running. Spending is out of control and our liabilities are going to crush us under a mountain of debt.

As your treasurer, I will start first with trimming down my department's budget (which includes my salary) and then continue to search for all areas where the budget can be cut for the state. In addition I will look for only high quality investments for the state to invest in and make sure that every dollar is working as hard as it can to earn money for the people of Illinois. Finally, I will challenge any program under the treasurer's umbrella that is not mandated by the State Constitution.

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Name: Doug Marks

Candidate For: US House 14th District of Illinois

Personal Bio: Doug was born and raised in Illinois and has been a resident of the 14th district for nearly 45 years. He currently resides in the town he grew up in, Carpentersville. He has spent the nearly the last decade as a software architect and developer for large multinational corporations. Prior to this he designed and fabricated air pollution monitoring stations, used to monitor gaseous emissions for compliance to the Clean Air Act, at fossil fuel generating stations for a company in Gilberts. He has numerous hobbies and activities including photography, playing guitar, and is currently authoring a book. He is extremely devoted to his family which includes his wife Colette, nine-year-old daughter Tiana and adult son, from a previous marriage, Scott. He also was an adult leader for the Boy Scouts for 6 years, has worked with Habitat for Humanity, and volunteered to judge science fair competitions at the middle school level.

Qualifications: He is a constitutional advocate and takes to heart the meaning of the foundation our forefathers created. Has experience in streamlining processes and reducing inefficiencies through consolidation and technology effectively reducing the required staff.

Why Running: I've never had any intention of becoming a politician, as I truly enjoy my current career, but after numerous election cycles no one has come forward to let the voice of the people within this district be heard in congress. My desire for this office comes after years of abuse from our government and rabid disdain toward this district by its elected officials. If I don't stand up and try to stop what is happening to our country who will?

In my lifetime I cannot remember when the representative for this district cared about the people's needs above their party's wants. I desire to bring integrity, an open door, and a determination to reduce this gluttonous entity known as the federal government. We have lost enough of our freedoms and have had the government reduce our proud nation to a mere shell of what it was so now is the time to end this before our nation is crippled beyond repair.

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Name: Steve Funk

Candidate for:
18th District State Representative to the General Assembly

Personal Bio:

Steve Funk has lived in Evanston, Illinois for over seven years. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Wisconsin and has extensive professional experience in sales and service management.

Qualifications:

Steve Funk joined the Libertarian Party in 1998. He served on the board of the Libertarian Party of Boulder County in Colorado and was a delegate to the 2000 LP National Convention.

Why running:

Business as usual is literally putting Illinois out of business.

We face an unprecedented budgetary crisis brought on by decades of reckless and arrogant mismanagement by the status quo parties in Springfield. The entrenched political establishment lacks the necessary fortitude to confront this harsh but simple reality: ILLINOIS IS BROKE.

The entire function, structure, and "business model" of state government must be re-examined and rebuilt from the bottom up.

Illinois has a spending problem, not a revenue problem. A massive tax increase on individuals and businesses is not only unnecessary, it is unethical. We the taxpayers did not create this mess and we should not bear the burden of an income tax hike to help clean it up. Reducing the size and scope of state government to its constitutionally authorized functions is the proper way to restore fiscal sanity, revitalize Illinois's economy, and provide badly needed tax relief for our citizens.

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