



LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF ILLINOIS

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Election 2010

Jason Dodson has announced his candidacy for Lt. Governor. He intends to focus on economic growth through free market principles, ending the income tax, and government transparency. Thank you Jason!

The **Julie Fox for Comptroller** campaign is kicking off with a fundraiser on Saturday, September 26 from 7-11 p.m. at the Carpentersville VFW, 301 Lake Marion Road. Enjoy appetizers & soft drinks, a cash bar, live music, and raffles. \$25 per person. RSVP to Francine Brady (francine.brady@gmail.com, 815-403-3301) by September 23. Whether you can attend or not, raffle donations gratefully accepted.

The **Ray Lear for Governor** campaign has a video in development on YouTube that attacks our current state of corruption and sounds the alarm on our eroding freedoms. It's still a little rough, but [check it out](#) and learn more about Ray Lear.

Election law requires us to fill the entire "**state slate**" (Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Comptroller, and Attorney General) to allow any Libertarians to run for these positions. Please contact **Lupe Diaz** (Campaigns@LPillinois.org) if you are interested in running for any upcoming election, whether local, state, or federal.

Our **American Majority** friends are providing **Candidate and Activist Training** (2 tracks) in Chicago on Saturday, September 12 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This training was specifically designed for Illinois politics and we encourage all candidates or future candidates to attend. [More information](#) | [To register](#)

LP Illinois members will be selecting our candidates for all state-wide offices during the business meeting portion of the [Illinois Convention](#), October 23-25 in Collinsville. You will want to be there and meet all our candidates in person.

Convention Workshops

In addition to great speakers, our candidates, and all the other activities planned for this year's Convention, there will be **six workshops** for libertarian activists to choose from: *Chapter Building*, *Raising an Informed Citizenry and Educated Electorate*, *Austrian Economics*, *Advancing Liberty with Responsibility by Promoting Market Solutions*, *Living the Principles of Freedom*, and *Public Speaking*.

Visit our website (LPillinois.org/convention) for all the Convention details and to register. **Early bird registration ends on September 18**, so sign up today.

Bylaw Changes

During the Convention business meeting, members will vote on proposed changes to our [current bylaws](#). Any member can propose changes by emailing them to Secretary@LPillinois.org by September 10. All proposed changes will be posted on our website, published via an upcoming LP Illinois News, and available in hard-copy by request.



Local Libertarian Chapters and Student Organizations

A number of Illinois Chapters have moved their meeting locations within the last several months. Visit the [Local Chapters](#) page of our website to find the one nearest to you. If there are no chapters near you, now's a great time to start one. [Here's how.](#)

[Students for Liberty](#) will be hosting a [conference](#) in Chicago on Saturday, October 17 at the University of Chicago. Discussions will include the philosophy of liberty and its application in today's society.

Get In the Action

Sign up for [Zogby polls](#) and bring your voice to the national conversation. It takes only 2 minutes to register and as elections come nearer you could provide vital support for our Libertarian candidates.

There are a number of **gun shows** coming up this fall. Second amendment crowds are always good places to find more Libertarians. If you are interested in helping staff booths 10/4 in DuPage, 10/11 in Kane, 10/17-18 in Champaign, or 10/18 in McHenry, please contact the associated county [Chapter](#).

Speaking of the 2nd amendment, the 2009 **Gun Rights Policy Conference** will be held in St. Louis, September 25-27. It looks to be largely FREE to attend (including books, some meals, receptions, and snacks) and have some impressive speakers scheduled. Check for details at the Second Amendment Foundation website, [SAF.org](#).

The Sauk Valley area has a **Tea Party** scheduled on September 12. The Party will be at the appropriately-named *Freedom Park* in Dixon from noon to 3 p.m. Visit [SaukValleyTeaParty.com](#) for more information.

The **Midwest Liberty Fest** is October 9-11 in DuQuoin. The Libertarian Party of Illinois activists who be speaking at the Fest include **Jan Stover** and **Dianna Visek**. See [MidwestLibertyFest.com](#) for details. If you would like to staff a booth for the Libertarian Party of Illinois for this, or other liberty events, contact **Mike Fogelsanger**, our Activism Chair (Activism@LPillinois.org).

Getting the Word Out

The LP Illinois now has more than 1500 members, but we need a lot more. We plan to take out half-page ads in *The Illinois Shooter*, the ISRA quarterly magazine, to find more libertarians—perhaps many more. The ads will feature a [Nolan chart](#) followed by our contact information. The initial 2 ads will cost \$880 to run and be seen by 20,000 potential Illinois Libertarians. Will you support this exciting ad campaign with a donation? Both checks and [online donations](#) are appreciated. Checks can be sent to: Libertarian Party of Illinois, P.O. Box 1605, Chicago, IL 60690-1605. Please note "Ad Outreach" with your donation, so we can set it aside for this purpose.

"[The Government Can](#)" is a hilarious YouTube video by Tim Hawkins. Sung to the tune of "The Candy Man," it blasts big government again and again. Tune in, enjoy, and pass it on.

Our friends at [LewRockwell.com](#) are hosting a [book bomb in support of Ron Paul's upcoming book "End the Fed."](#) If you agree to pre-order the book on Amazon.com, they will send you 2 free chapters via email. Together, we can make the book debut #1 on Amazon on the September 16 release date. That'll scare 'em good!



Speaking of the Federal Reserve, there are "End the Fed" rallies being planned for Chicago and Springfield on September 15. Visit EndtheFEDUSA.ning.com/events/chicago-audit-the-fed for more information.

Help Wanted

We are seeking an independent contractor who will raise money for the Party on a commission basis. Contact State Chair **Val Vetter** (Chair@LPillinois.org or 800-735-1776) for more details.

Debra Aaron has announced that she will be resigning as Party Treasurer. This vital function must be filled by a conscientious and trust-worthy Libertarian. Please contact Val (see above) if you are willing to serve the Party in this capacity.

Libertarian Thought of the Week

A government big enough to give you everything you want is strong enough to take everything you have. –Thomas Jefferson

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