



LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF ILLINOIS

LP ILLINOIS ANNOUNCES CANDIDATE SLATE FOR 2010 ELECTION

The Libertarian Party of Illinois (“LP Illinois”) proudly announces that the following individuals will be running under the Libertarian banner in the 2010 election in Illinois:

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

“This is an outstanding slate of candidates who will represent the party well in 2010,” said Lupe Diaz, State Chair of LP Illinois. “These are honest, intelligent people who will bring a citizen’s perspective to both the campaign and, when elected, to their respective offices,” added Diaz. “We are going to offer a better alternative than the corruption challenged Democrats and Republicans, who are bankrupting our state and the nation,” he said.

LP Illinois plans to collect 50,000 signatures to secure ballot access, which is twice the minimum requirement. By contrast, major party candidates need only 5,000 signatures to be placed on the ballot. An intense volunteer effort, in addition to fundraising and the energy of the candidates, will be utilized to achieve this goal. The ballot access drive will commence on March 23, 2010 and conclude on June 18, 2010.

After an embarrassing history of office holders such as George Ryan, Rod Blagojevich and Roland Burris, the voters of Illinois deserve candidates who will keep their best interests at heart and not focus on enriching themselves, their friends, and lobbyists. LP Illinois promises to deliver those candidates and looks forward to a robust campaign and debate on the issues that affect the lives of Illinois’ citizens.

2010 is the year of the Libertarian!

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



ISRA is proud to sponsor Illinois Gun Owners Lobby Day for 2010

**We're going to have 10,000 people
at IGOLD in 2010!
That's 10k in '10!
We need you there to do it!**

**Wednesday, March 10, 2010
Prairie Capitol Convention Center
corner of 8th St & Adams
Springfield, IL**

10:30 am - Doors open

11:45 am - Get Ready to Rally!

12:00 pm - Legislative Briefing

1:00 pm - March to the Capitol to lobby Senators and Representatives

4:00 pm - Wrap up: Prairie Capitol Convention Center

5:00 pm - Buses depart (due to the later hour of the reception, the buses will not be staying)

6:00 to 8:00 pm - Reception with Legislators

Operating Engineers Local 965, 3520 E Cook St, Springfield, IL

All Illinois gun owners are invited to join in Illinois Gun Owners Lobby Day (IGOLD) in Springfield in 2010. This is an annual event where everyone goes to lobby their representatives in the Illinois House and Senate. The ISRA is partnering with local and internet organizations in Illinois to increase attendance and make a bigger & better impression in Springfield. The other participating organizations are Illinois Carry and Champaign County Rifle Assoc. Get your local organization involved as well!

We will meet at the Prairie Capitol Convention Center - Doors open at 10:45 with the program set to begin at 11:45 am. We will have a legislative briefing, and then we will all march to the Capitol Building to locate and talk with our representatives.

All Illinois gun owners are invited to join in IGOLD. Get there anyway that you can, and bring a friend! This year we are predicting a new record number of



10,000 gun owners to converge on the State Capitol to make their voices heard!

A fleet of charter buses will be arriving from all corners of the state - to reserve a seat on the bus and avoid all the hassles of driving and finding a parking place just select from one of the buses listed here: [IGOLD Buses](#). *Buses are going fast, reserve your place now! On-line reservations are available.*

IGOLD has gained statewide and national recognition as a well organized and highly respected event. Each year, as the event has grown larger and larger we have gained the respect of City and Capitol police/security for the professional and orderly manner in which we conduct ourselves - as well as for our cooperation in helping to make the security screening process as expedient as possible.

To expedite security procedures it is best to enter the Capitol with the least number of items that must be opened, searched or screened. You can narrow that down to a wallet that can be tossed on the scanner bed. We thank you for your cooperation - and so will Capitol security!

More Resources:

Go to the [IGOLD home page](#) for info on taking the train, getting an IGOLD T-shirt or hat, IGOLD sponsorships, and more. [Click here for a printable IGOLD flyer.](#)

Volunteers Needed:

Like to help others? Familiar with the State Capitol Complex? Volunteers for the IGOLD ground crew are needed. They are the friendly, smiling volunteers who assist at the Prairie Capitol Convention Center, during the march to the Capitol, and inside the Capitol Building. If you would like to volunteer, please go the [IGOLD Volunteer page](#) for more info.

Please join us for Illinois Gun Owners Lobby Day, you won't regret it! IGOLD is sponsored by the Illinois State Rifle Association, dedicated to education, safety training and support of Illinois firearm owners. IllinoisCarry.com, Champaign County Rifle Association and Sangamon County Rifle Association are all participating to help make IGOLD a great success representing all gun owners across the state!





Petition Drive 2010

Do you want to bring the blessings of liberty to Illinois? Then you want to be involved in the petition drive to get our state-wide candidates on the November ballot. Here's how:

1) Prepare now to collect signatures during the drive, March 23 - June 18. First, download the documents on the **petition drive page of our website** that explain how to petition. Second, decide where you will collect signatures, whether that is going from door to door, in front of your local post office or library, or at an event like a parade or a fair. Third, set aside dates in your calendar for petitioning and invite friends to join you. Petitioning is fun and everyone can do it with a little practice.

2) Donate to the drive. Even with every volunteer signature we can get, we still must plan to hire and pay professionals to help us collect the volume of signatures required within the filing deadline. We also must pay for copies, postage, and assembly expenses. Please make your most generous contribution to the 2010 Petition Drive by visiting the **donation page** of our website, www.LPIllinois.org, or by mailing your check to: Libertarian Party of Illinois Petition Drive, PO Box 6, Bloomington, IL 61702-0006.

If you have any questions about the petition drive, please email Petition Drive Manager David Davies, PDM@LPIllinois.org.

Campaign Workshops for 2010

Are you interested in running for public office or helping a Libertarian get elected? Not sure how to get started or what is involved? Want tips on what works and what doesn't?

Libertarian candidates, future candidates, and those interested in campaign management can attend one of the following campaign workshops: March 20, in the northern third of the state; July 10, in the southern third of the state, and September 11, in Springfield during the Illinois Convention.

Each workshop will be 3 hours and cover:

- Preparing to run
- Building a team
- Developing a plan
- Marketing a candidate
- Raising, Spending, and Disclosing funds
- Getting on the ballot
- Leveraging resources

If you are interested in attending a campaign workshop, please email Campaign@LPIllinois.org. Locations will be determined by the people who register early, so reserve your seat today.



Candidates Corner



Our Candidate for Lieutenant Governor of the State of Illinois: Ed Rutledge

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.

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. Ed has reorganized the corporate structure of several prominent financial services companies. 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. Ed 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.

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. Ed 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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News from our Chapters

Metro-East

Steve Hellin President, of Metro-East Chapter of Libertarians, was interviewed by radio station WBGZ in Alton. On January 27, 2010

“We discussed the LP party platform, ballot access, and the smallest quiz.” He said. “I was also able to tell people about our websites and give out some of our candidate sites.”

The interview lasted almost an hour, if anyone is interested in listening to it, click on link. http://mel.wikispaces.com/WBGZ_Radio

2010 LP-Illinois Convention News

The 2010 Convention Committee has officially selected the date, location, and theme for this year's LP-Illinois Convention and is pleased to announce the following :

Convention Date: Friday, September 10th - Sunday, September 12th

Convention Location: Hilton Gardens Inn in Springfield, IL

Convention Theme: The Libertarian Revolution ... Our Time is Now!

The Committee encourages LP-Illinois members to mark their calendars now and plan to attend. As the committee continues its work, more information will be announced via the newsletter and website.

Please Attend: Illinois State University "2010 Candidates Forum" Debate

On February 20, 2010 from 1:00 PM-3:00 PM the Registered Student Organization ‘Young Americans for Liberty’ will host this event will be held in the Bone Student Center's Old Main ballroom, on ISU's campus. Old Main Ballroom is reserved from 12-4 PM, Early arrival is encouraged. A professor from the hosting university will moderate the event. Formal event starts promptly at 1PM, ending tentatively at 3PM

3-5 minute candidate introductions

45 Minutes of Moderator questions,

45 Minute Q&A session with the audience

3:00-4:00PM Formal event ends, social hour begins

the following parties will be invited; Greens, Libertarians, Republicans, Democrats, and independents.

In addition

There will be a Libertarian Party candidate forum in Urbana **Saturday February 20, 2010 9-12 PM**

At the Illini Union, room number is 217, 1401 W Green St, Urbana, IL 61801.