



# LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF ILLINOIS

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## LP ILLINOIS SUPPORTS MEDICAL MARIJUANA BILL

It's no secret that Libertarians support the legalization of all drugs and the end to the so called "War on Drugs." For decades, billions of dollars have been spent, numerous lives have been lost, and law enforcement priorities have been misdirected in order to stop the distribution, sale and use of substances such as marijuana, cocaine and heroin. We have filled the prisons, but money continues to be wasted, the black market thrives and innocent people, including children, keep dying in an attempt to prevent something that individuals immerse themselves in of their own free will.

SB 1381, The Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program Act, is a good start and is supported by the Libertarian Party of Illinois ("LP Illinois"). The bill, introduced by State Senator William Haine (D-Alton), would allow people with certain types of medical conditions, such as glaucoma, epilepsy and chemotherapy for cancer to use marijuana to ease their discomfort. These individuals would need the diagnosis of a physician and the amounts of marijuana that they would be able to legally possess would be limited under the bill.

Presently, anyone who uses marijuana for medical purposes is classified as a criminal and can be punished as such. This would include hard working people with families who only want to alleviate their suffering and better spend time with their loved ones. The use of any type of substance, including alcohol, is a personal choice and should never be deemed a crime.

LP Illinois supports the passing of SB 1381. It is our hope that Illinois joins 13 other states that have already legalized the compassionate use of medical marijuana, and we also encourage the dozen or so other states who have similar bills pending to pass them. It is time to focus on crimes in which there is a victim, and allow those less fortunate the dignity to live their lives as pain free as possible.

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



## THE PENDULUM SWINGS.....

Back and forth, back and forth.

Throw the Republicans out, bring the Democrats in. Throw the Democrats out, bring the Republicans in.

Less than two years ago, a very unpopular President Bush was deemed the cause for the sour mood of the country and the mistrust of the Republicans by the voters.

The election of President Obama, along with solid majorities in both the House and the Senate, was supposed to usher in a new era of “hope” and “change”. A little over a year after being inaugurated, Mr. Obama’s job approval ratings have plummeted, and a senate seat once held for nearly half a century by arguably the most famous liberal Democrat in U.S. history has swung over to the Republicans.

Several prominent Democratic lawmakers (Dodd, Bayh) have announced their retirement, and all indications are the pendulum will be swinging back to the Republican side this fall. **The pendulum is broken.**

Both major parties are responsible for the bankrupting of our country and the erosion of our civil liberties. There is no difference between the two. **Stop the pendulum.**

**Think Libertarian. Vote Libertarian. Be Libertarian.**





## Candidates Corner



### Our Candidate for Comptroller is Julie Fox

**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. Fox is past Treasurer of the Libertarian Party of Illinois and has also served as Treasurer for Libertarian campaigns in both Illinois and Wisconsin over the last ten years.

Julie is past Organizer and current Treasurer of the Fox Valley Campaign for Liberty. She currently serves as Region 6 Representative on the Libertarian National Committee.

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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## How to Become a Notary Public

Notaries perform an important public service, adding an extra level of authenticity to important documents and helping to prevent fraud. Libertarians depend on Notaries every time we file petitions to get candidates on the ballot. All petition sheets have to be signed and sealed by a Notary Public commissioned by the State of Illinois.

Aside from the value to the Party, becoming a Notary can be beneficial to you, your employer, friends, and co-workers, as having a Notary around is handy for mortgages and other official documents.

You can help Libertarians get on the ballot by becoming a Notary Public:

- 1) **Know the requirements and rules.** Go to the Secretary of State's [Notary Web Page](#) to make sure you qualify to become a Notary and will abide by the rules. See the "Illinois Notary Handbook" for all the details. If you can't find the handbook on the Secretary of State's website, call them at 217-782-7017 and they will send one to you at no charge.
- 2) **Find a bonding company.** There are many companies you can find online that will help you become an Illinois Notary. They will issue your surety bond, submit your paperwork, and provide your Notary "seal" (stamp). All you are required to buy is the surety bond and the seal. All else (signs, journals, additional insurance, etc.) are extra. One company that has provided a good experience at a reasonable price is the "[Illinois Notary 'Discount' Bonding Company](#)," but notaries are responsible for choosing their own bonding company and selecting the extras they wish to purchase.
- 3) **Complete the form.** Download the form from the bonding company's website, fill it out, have it *notarized*, and mail it along with your check or credit card info. You will receive a confirmation from the company telling you that they have received your application and are producing your seal.
- 4) **Register in your county.** In a few weeks, you will receive a letter from the State of Illinois notifying you that your Notary "Commission" has been issued and that you will need to contact your local county office to register and receive your commission. This is an additional step that must be completed before you can legally perform "notarial acts." Depending on which bonding company you chose and whether you register in person, there may be an additional \$5 or \$10 fee payable to the county.

Once your commission is registered and you have a stamp, you are official and can notarize documents. Please note that you cannot notarize any document that you are party to or have any fiduciary interest in (i.e. you cannot notarize petitions that you have signed or circulated).

Let Petition Drive Manager David Davies know if you are a Notary. Having Notaries across the state is an important part of making our petition drives successful and getting Libertarians elected in Illinois. As Petition Manager I went online filled out the papers and it took a total time of about 5 minutes. You can do this just as easy and our party will look forward to all our new Notary Public friends.



## 2010 National Convention

<http://www.gatewaytoliberty.com/registration>

Spend time with hundreds of fellow Libertarians from around the country. Past attendees have told us the true experience of a convention can only be realized by staying at the convention hotel. Attendees have been known to stay up until the wee hours of the morning comparing notes and trading political war stories.

Life-long friendships begin here. You definitely don't want to miss out on this opportunity.

We believe this is so important, we are offering a \$50 rebate for those who pay to stay at least two nights at the hotel ([click here for details!](#))

While we have packages designed to accommodate every budget – and we definitely want you to be here, no matter what! – do whatever you can to share the complete convention experience with most everyone else by getting the Gold Package.

With the Gold Package, you won't miss a speaker and you won't miss any meals with fellow attendees. If you've already decided to go, don't hold back now. Go for the Gold Package!

Buy your convention package and make your hotel reservation today! We have a limited block of rooms available and our special convention pricing is guaranteed only through May 5. And rooms are filling up fast.

So buy your convention package and book your room today!

**Basic Package \$49\***

**Silver Package \$224\***

**Gold Package \$299\***

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"If you wish to be an Illinois delegate to the National Convention, contact State Chair Lupe Diaz at 800-735-1776 for more information."





## Campaign Workshop - March 20

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 a Libertarian campaign workshop on Saturday, March 20. The location will be in the northern third of the state, centered around the attendees.

The 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; and Leveraging resources.

A \$20 donation to the LP Illinois is requested of attendees (\$10 for additional attendees from the same Chapter or Campaign).

If you are interested in attending this campaign workshop, please email Crystal (Campaign@LPillinois.org) by Saturday, March 13.

Workshops are also scheduled for July 10 in the southern third of the state and September 11 in Springfield during the Illinois Convention.

## Dinner with the Candidate

On Saturday, March 13, 2010, from 7:00PM to 10:00PM, join Julie Fox, 2010 Libertarian Party candidate for Comptroller of Illinois, for conversation and dinner at a private residence in a western suburb of Chicago.

Limited to seven guests, this dinner is a rare opportunity to learn Ms. Fox's opinion on the issues, her plans as Comptroller, and what you can do to help her bring true liberty to Illinois.

*There's only one place left for Dinner with the Candidate this Saturday evening, RSVP today-- before the last seat is gone! [info@foxforcomptroller.com](mailto:info@foxforcomptroller.com)*





## Petition Drive 2010 Is About to Begin

The Petition Drive to get our 7 state-wide candidates on the November 2010 ballot in Illinois begins on March 23rd. We need everyone to contribute so we can attain the 50,000 signatures required.

Please donate your time collecting signatures or your money so that others can collect them for you. This is a great opportunity to make a big contribution to our candidates and for liberty in Illinois.

Collecting signatures is not difficult, but it can be intimidating if you have never done it before. To help, we have developed a variety of ways you can learn how to be successful.

- 1) Visit the petition drive page on our website. Then download the documents in the top section of the sidebar for How Tos and FAQs.
- 2) Attend a Libertarian Chapter meeting. Members will be talking about the petition drive and making plans to collect signatures.
- 3) Join in a petitioning teleconference call on March 19 at 7:30 p.m. The call-in number is 218-862-7200, code 680156. Ask questions and find out exactly what to do to be successful.

We are also seeking volunteers to serve as collection points for petition circulators in their area. If you would like to join our group of Petition Drive Coordinators, please email Petition Drive Manager David Davies ([PDM@LPillinois.org](mailto:PDM@LPillinois.org)).

To support our volunteer effort, we are in the process of hiring contractors to put up some of the big petition numbers required. If you or someone you know is a friendly person looking to earn some extra money, see the Contractor Information on the [Petition Drive page](#) of our website. We know there are too many unemployed Libertarians and friends in Illinois--this is an opportunity to help them help us.

Democrats and Republicans wrote the laws that make it so difficult for Libertarians to get on the ballot in Illinois. We need you to contribute to the drive, so our candidates can put a stop to "business as usual" in Springfield and Washington. Please make your most generous contribution today, so we have the funding for a successful petition drive. With your help, we can all vote Libertarian this November.

If you have any questions about the Petition Drive, contact David Davies ([PDM@LPillinois.org](mailto:PDM@LPillinois.org) or 815-990-2357) .



## Fundraising Drive is in full swing!

We would like to thank everyone who has already made donations to the 2010 Petition Drive! Your support is so essential to getting our candidates on the ballot this November.

If you have not already received it, keep an eye on your mailbox for the 2010 Petition Drive Fundraising letter that has been mailed out to all our members.

Likewise, starting this week, our wonderful fundraising volunteers will be calling members to talk about what they can do to support the petition drive which starts March 23rd. Looking forward to talking with all of you!



## THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE SEEKS A FEW GOOD LIBERTARIANS

Do you like a good intellectual exercise? Are you interested in seeing how LP Illinois is governed and in providing feedback on how to improve it? If so, please become a member of the 2010 By-Laws committee.

Unlike last year, where the entire By-Laws were given a good overhaul, we will simply be “tweaking” this year to smooth out some rough spots. If interested, please contact Kent McMillen, By-Laws committee chairman at: [pr@lpillinois.org](mailto:pr@lpillinois.org) or 312/909-5861.





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### [Don't see a chapter near you? Then Start a new Chapter!](#)

It's said that "all politics is local." That's especially true of libertarian politics. Since we do not use force or fraud, our only tool is to persuade people, one at a time, to join us.

Local Chapters are in the best position to know how to persuade people within their communities. Local Chapters grow members, voters, activists, candidates, and political leaders. [Local Chapters](#) can become a real force for freedom.

But only when someone decides to take action, step forward, and become a Chapter leader. **Someone just like you!**

