



LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF ILLINOIS

SENATOR MEEKS, WE ARE WITH YOU

When an elected, public official shows leadership on an issue and swims against the tide of conventional thought and stands up to the powers that be, that official deserves the commendation of the Libertarian Party of Illinois (“LP Illinois”).

At a recent luncheon at the Illinois Policy Institute, a free market think tank, State Senator James Meeks (D-Chicago) spoke about a voucher plan for some of the worst performing schools in Chicago. His plan would affect at least 22,000 students in the city and would allow them to pay for tuition at any school that would admit them. The legislation has been approved by the Illinois State Senate.

LP Illinois stands behind Senator Meeks in this effort. It is our belief that when a public school is failing their students, those students should still receive a quality education, and whenever possible, they should be able to attend schools with a better track record that can provide them with the right education to make them more productive citizens. We also applaud reports that Senator Meeks proposal was not met with the approval of the Chicago Teachers Union (“CTU”) and that CTU has vowed that he would not receive any more campaign money. In turn, Meeks has written them a check for every dime he has received. We feel that Meeks has shown considerable courage in this regard for standing up to arguably the loudest and most powerful voice against school vouchers, the teachers unions. Very few Illinois legislators are willing to buck strong special interest groups, no matter how big the problem.

Meeks’ legislation is a good start, but is not the only solution to all that ails the educational system in the state. The education tax credit needs to be expanded to cover more of the cost of educating children outside the public school system. This could include credits for parents who independently educate their children and also for taxpayers who donate to non-profit organizations that provide scholarships for lower-income children. Credits are targeted tax cuts, so no public money is spent. In short, lawmakers should start the process of bringing more educational freedom to both parents and students throughout the entire state.



THE WASTED VOTE SYNDROME

Libertarians hear it all the time. “I can’t vote for your candidate.” “He doesn’t have a chance of winning.” “It’s a wasted vote.” A vote is a statement, a matter of conscience.

If your conscience tells you to vote for a candidate who wants to look inside your bedroom, or for a candidate that wants to get inside your wallet, then you are “wasting your vote” by going libertarian.

If you are looking for a candidate who will defend your freedom, keep government lean and clean, and allow you to keep more of your hard earned money, you owe it to your conscience to pull that libertarian lever.

Who has been running the country and the State of Illinois? Democrats and Republicans have.

Are you satisfied with the way the country and the state have been governed and the present fiscal situation of both? We didn’t think so.

Quit wasting your vote. Vote libertarian.





Candidate Corner

Our Candidate for Illinois Treasurer



Personal Bio:

James Pauly has lived in Chicago for over 5 years and Illinois for over 38. He earned a Bachelor of Science from Illinois State University and an MBA from Loyola University Chicago.

James Pauly has worked in the financial field for over 7 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 James is serving as the fundraiser for the Chicago Libertarian Party.

Reason for 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 departments 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 treasurers umbrella that is not mandated by the State Constitution.





Petition Drives Underway

The clock on our petition drives started on March 23. Every day, each of us can make progress toward the 50,000 signatures we need to put our state-wide candidates on the ballot.

In addition, our district candidates, **Doug Marks** for U.S. Congress - 14th District and **Steve Funk** for Illinois Representative - 18th District also need our help petitioning.

How to get started

If you haven't done it already, please [download the state-wide petition](#) right now and (assuming you are registered to vote in Illinois) sign it yourself. Then ask your friends, family, and neighbors to sign. Take along a few extra blank forms and pass them along to those who seem interested. The only way we will get our candidates on the ballot is for every Libertarian to get involved and to actively involve others. Every signature counts.

If you live in or near DuPage, Kane, Kendall, DeKalb, Lee, Whiteside, or Henry counties, you can also collect signatures for Doug Marks. Call Doug at (847) 428-8349. If you are in the Evanston area, call Steve Funk at (847) 733-8429 to volunteer.

Where to petition

Anywhere people congregate is a great place to collect petition signatures. Public areas like train stations, colleges and universities, downtown shopping districts, libraries, and post offices are favorites, and, if you ask permission, grocery or big-box stores can bring big results.

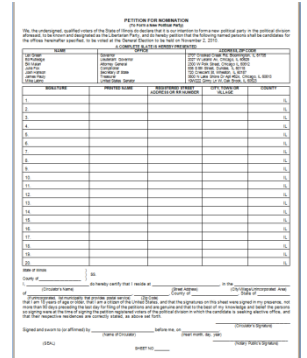
In addition the Tea Party movement is bringing some terrific petitioning opportunities all around Illinois. Reportedly, there are Tax Day or Pre-Tax-Day Tea Parties scheduled for **Bloomington, Chicago, Champaign/Urbana, Collinsville, Dixon, Effingham, Geneva, Homer-Lockport, Joliet, Kane, Lisle, Marion, Nauvoo, Oswego, Palatine, Peoria, Rockford, Springfield, and Vandalia**. Please look up any Tea Parties in your area and get out there and collect signatures.

We have started a list of events around the state that would be great [Places to Petition](#), like parades, fairs, and festivals. Please send additional events to PDM@LPillinois.org. Petitioning is more fun with more people, so if you would like to be a contact person for an event, include that with your email.

For more information

If you would like more information on how to be a successful petitioner, download the [How to Petition Successfully](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions](#) documents or join us on the next petitioning **teleconference call on April 7** at 7:30 p.m. The call-in number is 218-862-7200, code 680156.

For more information about the petition drive in general, [visit the Petition Drive page on our website](#). You can also contact **Crystal Jurczynski** with any questions. Email her at PDM@LPillinois.org or call (630) 854-4110. Completed, notarized petition





forms can be mailed to her throughout the drive at 895 Winchester Court, Carol Stream, IL 60188. They can also be turned in to any [Petition Drive Coordinator](#).

A Pledge for Pledges

Long-time Libertarian and champion petitioner Ken Prazak has made this pledge: He will personally collect 1 signature for every 10 volunteer signatures pledged and delivered to the state-wide petition drive.

That means if we collect pledges for 10,000 signatures from everyone across the state, Ken will collect 1,000 signatures. If everyone pledges 20,000 signatures, then Ken will have to hustle for 2,000.

Can we make Ken work even harder than that? Let's find out!

We have pledges from a handful of people, but we can use a lot more. How many signatures will you pledge to bring to the drive? Please send your honest estimate to PDM@LPillinois.org.

We will total all the pledges up and use Ken's example as motivation for all of us to get out there and bring in the sigs.

Additional Assistance Needed

Because we need such a large number of signatures and have such a short time amount of time to get them, we are actively hiring contractors to supplement our volunteer effort.

These are tough economic times for many people. The Libertarian Party of Illinois wants to help those who will help us. If you or someone you know is willing to beat the pavement and collect 1,000+ signatures—that's out of reach of almost all volunteers, with the exception of champions like Ken—we want to hear from them. Download our [Contractor Information](#) document and [Contractor Bid Form](#) to get started.

Please pass the word along to honest, friendly, dependable people you know and point them to our [Petition Drive webpage](#) for all the info. We can really use their help to get our candidates on the ballot.

Dollars Needed Too!

Those contractors talked about in the previous item all have to be paid. We have several contractors already at work and more in the pipeline who are almost ready to start.

Please, if you don't want to see the petition drive stall from lack of fuel, [donate to the drive](#). Whether you can give \$1000 or \$100, \$500 or \$50, every dollar counts towards getting us on the ballot in Illinois.

Your most generous contribution is needed now so the entire state of Illinois can vote Libertarian in November. Let's give Illinois that opportunity. [Please give today](#).

Vote Libertarian Illinois Brochure

Our thanks to Matt Skopek who designed and developed the





Vote Libertarian Illinois brochure. It's a great handout to have while out petitioning and can be used throughout the campaign to introduce people to Libertarian ideas and our state-wide candidates.

The brochure can be [downloaded from our website](#) and printed in either color or black & white. Copies of the brochure can also be mailed to you for distribution.

Email your request with your name, address, and phone to PDM@LPillinois.org.

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, our wonderful fundraising volunteers will be calling members to talk about what they can do to support the petition drive which started 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 or call 312-909-5861.

Help Wanted: Treasurer

Looking to fill the position of Treasurer/ Deputy Treasurer for the IL Libertarian Party, if you have a background **working with finances** or a **desire to learn**, we are seeking an **honest, dedicated** person. The position will become available July 1st 2010. If you're interested or have a desire to find out more, please email;

State Chair Lupe Diaz, Chair@LPillinois.org, or call 800-735-1776





Mason City Limits Comedy Show fund raiser for LP Illinois

Mason City Limits
114 E Chestnut
Mason City, IL
217-482-5233

The Libertarian Party of Illinois will hold a **fund raising event** at Mason City Limits Comedy Club in Mason City Il. The event will feature a comedy show by **Tim Slagle**. The doors will open on Saturday the 17th of April at 5:30 PM for a **meet & greet** with the Libertarian Party **candidates**. The club will be open to the public at 6:30 with the first show starting at 7:15 PM.

The club will **donate 1/2** of the ticket price to LP Illinois if you present one of the fliers to them at the door. We can have a fun night out and still **support our Libertarian Candidates**. Please encourage friends and family to join us on **Saturday April 17** to make this a great day for Liberty in Illinois.

Even if you attend the Friday night or second show on Saturday as long as you **present the fliers at the door the club will still donate 1/2 of the ticket to LP Illinois**. Please RSVP with the club for the meet & greet by calling 217-482-5233

Someone will be on hand outside to hand out fliers to anyone who needs one. Come one, come all! Liberty is calling you now!





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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!**

If you want to **show your support** follow link below **to buy Libertarian products to wear them proudly!**

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