

What Does a Local Political Party Do?



Look at this graph —————>

Which direction do you think we're headed? If you think "down", then friends, we need to do something!

The Libertarian Party is the only political party that is concerned about your freedoms... both personal and economic.

The Libertarian Party is young though. We're still "learning the ropes".

I, personally, don't have any prior experience with a political party. I think that's true for most of us. I was uncomfortable "labeling" myself as a Republican or Democrat and therefore never volunteered time or money.

So, we bring little history or experience as we take on the responsibilities of running a Libertarian Party organization or running as political candidates.

But, I'm learning that "political party" has legal descriptions and legal "opinions" (and reporting requirements) that shape what we can and can't do.

One of the most important and interesting discoveries is that political parties can give up to \$50,000 to each party affiliated candidate for his/her campaign.

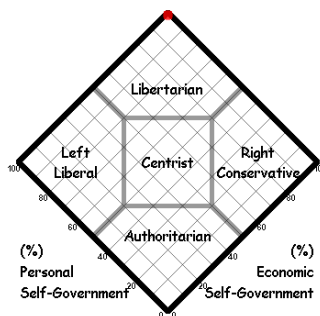
State law limits individual donations to \$500.

It's clear that one of the most effective things that you can do to help our Libertarian candidates is to donate to your local Libertarian Party.

This fall in Alachua County, we're going to have Libertarian candidates running for at least two state representative seats (Senate isn't up until 2006).

If we can provide them with a campaign money and volunteer support, then they have the ability to make their races visible and effective. If we can do this, then we can encourage more individuals to run as Libertarians.

Giving to your local Libertarian Party is one of the most effective ways to promote freedom. There's no limit on how much you can give to a political party. Many of us pledge thousands of dollars to churches and other organizations. We need people to pledge in the same way to the ACLP. Please remember us and add lots of zeros to your annual donations. J Ray Roberts, Chair



Calendar

ACLP General Meeting:
Time: March 2, 7:00 PM.
Topic: Conversation with Ed Braddy

Location: Downtown SFCC Boardroom, #117

ACLP Business Meeting
Time: March 16, 7:00 PM
Location: Not yet decided. See website for posted location.

More info at www.alachualp.org

Ed Braddy Is
Our Guest

Gainesville City
Commissioner
Ed Braddy has
graciously
agreed to be our
guest at the next
General Meeting
on Tuesday, March 2.



The City Commission consists of seven members: four are elected from single member districts, two are elected At-Large, and one member is elected as Mayor.

Ed Braddy represents the northwest District 2 that is primarily north of NW 16th Ave and west of NW 13th St. He was elected in 2002 for a 3-year term that expires in May 2005.

Commissioner Braddy serves on the Public Works and Community Development committees. He is also a member of the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization, the Economic Development, and the North Central Florida Regional planning Council.

2004 Libertarian Party of Florida Convention - A Blast!

If you missed it, I'm sorry. The speakers were inspiring, the hotel was great, the people were fabulous. I've posted some photos at www.alachualp.org. Check it out! J

Volunteer to collect signatures!

Please support the initiative to deprioritize marijuana arrests in the city of Gainesville. www.SignThePLEA.com.

Volunteers are needed to collect signatures at the polls during the March 9 city and presidential primary.

Contact Heath Wintz at 352.359.1144. He'll train you!

Join our listserves! Announcements and lively discussion!

Meetings and special announcements:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/alachualp/>

Unmoderated discussion:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ACLiberarians/>

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Let us send you future Alachua Liberty newsletters by email as PDF files. Just send an email to Ray Roberts (rayroberts@rayrob.com) to request email delivery of the newsletter (in color). Thank you!

Alachua Liberty

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The Libertarian Party!**

Sign me up for the national and state Libertarian Party and the Alachua county Libertarian Party!
Send me LP NEWS every month.

The Libertarian Party is the party of principle. To publicly affirm what we believe -- and to ensure that our party never strays from our principles -- we ask our members to proudly sign this statement:

I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals.

Signature _____

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone (day) _____ (evening) _____

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Occupation and Employer _____
(Federal Election Commission requires us to ask)

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