

## County Updates

### Apache County

If you are a resident of Apache County interested in helping establish an Apache County Libertarian Party, please reach out to Alex Flores at [alex.flores@azlp.org](mailto:alex.flores@azlp.org).

### Cochise County

CCLP is actively collecting petition signature for ballot access. We encourage all Cochise County residents to sign! Reach out to [contact@cochiselp.org](mailto:contact@cochiselp.org) for additional details.

### Coconino County

If you are a resident of Coconino County interested in helping establish a Coconino County Libertarian Party, please reach out to Alex Flores at [alex.flores@azlp.org](mailto:alex.flores@azlp.org).

### Gila County

July 4<sup>th</sup>, GCLP's Declaration of Independence Reading in Green Valley Park was a huge success. For upcoming GCLP events and opportunities visit [gilaazlp.org](http://gilaazlp.org).

### Graham County

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## Lessons on Liberty

By Barry Hess

### Lesson 1: The fundamental Principle of Self-Ownership

There can be no understanding of libertarianism without first understanding its founding principle; that of self-ownership by every individual. Without fully understanding this basic principle, from which all other natural rights spring, there can be no understanding of libertarian philosophy. Those who do not understand this basic principle are often heard saying they “lean” libertarian, or that they agree with our philosophy except for some specific part.

But what these people are really saying is that they don't understand libertarianism at all. This principle is inflexible and does not lend itself to partial belief, so essentially what these people are saying is that they want to be completely honest...part of the time.

The libertarian philosophy is an all or nothing philosophy, you either believe that each individual is sovereign unto themselves, or you don't. This is precisely what separates libertarians from all other politicians.

Just as you cannot lean toward the truth, you cannot lean libertarian without becoming absorbed by it.

The absolute right to self-ownership is rooted

soundly in the notion of equality of each and every individual. When two babies are born side-by-side neither can be said to have any authority over the other at all, yet all other political parties depend on the notion that some people are superior to others, and that there is some form of authority to which all individuals must sacrifice their personal sovereignty, or the disposition of their property outside of their bodies.

Self-ownership is an absolute right. That means very simply that only the individual has any legitimacy in determining what that individual does to, or puts into their body. In effect libertarianism respects the right of each individual to make their own decisions, it even protects their right to do what most people would think were stupid things as long as they do not harm another person, or impede the owner's use of their property.

It's a simple philosophy and it depends on the acceptance of something we call the “N.A.P.” or the “Non-Aggression Principle”, it means we reject the initiation of force against another individual or their property. Some people call it the “live and let live” philosophy, and that adequately describes this principle.

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### La Paz County

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### Maricopa County By Brandon Slayton, MCLP Chair

As we enter the second half of the year, we are looking for opportunities and events to appear at. Suggestions welcomed!

The MCLP is focused on recruitment for PCM vacancies and will be having a County-wide Meeting in the coming months for all elected and appointed PCMs. Visit our website if you are interested in being appointed!

We are monitoring the progress with the Independent Redistricting Commission, and excited to see the interested candidates who are stepping up to run for office.

### Mohave County

No updates this month! Please check back with us in August!

### Santa Cruz County

If you are a resident of Santa Cruz County interested in helping establish a Santa Cruz County Libertarian Party, please reach out to Alex Flores at alex.flores@azlp.org.



The entire premise of government seems to go against this philosophy, and in modern times, it does. But originally, government was thought of as the “Public’s janitor”, to fix our messes while working around (not through) the individual rights expressed in the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights. We are fortunate to live in America which is founded upon a constitutional Republic—the opposite of a democracy. In a Republic, all laws are reduced to writing, and they are to be applied equally to every individual, unless or until the written law is changed or repealed. People misuse the word “democracy” to describe the American government; however, in fact, James Madison was quoted as saying

*“Democracy is the most vile and vulgar form of governance and should be rejected at the utterance of the term”.*

This is important to note, because as the first political philosophy on the North American continent, the American founders wanted to

be crystal clear that the government was owned and accountable to the people, and that the government and its official duties were strictly limited.

Unfortunately as time went on people in government stretched their influence beyond the authority assigned to them in the Constitution, and today we wrestle constantly against those who seek power over other people and their property. Democracy is just another word for socialism which is just another word for communism which is just another word for a people enslaved by their government—the opposite of a servant government.

In the political world, libertarians had finally had enough with Democrats and Republicans making coordinated deals with each other where the currency was American lives, their tax dollars, and their individual liberties so, in 1971, the Libertarian Party was formed, to re-ignite the passions and rewards of individual liberties by introducing the libertarian philosophy back into our government.

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The Libertarian philosophy is the concept that founded and prospered this incredible nation. It strives to use the political arena for the good of the People, and this is why we have met so much resistance from the Republicans and the Democrats.

Many of us signed a pledge when we joined the Libertarian Party. It’s very clear;

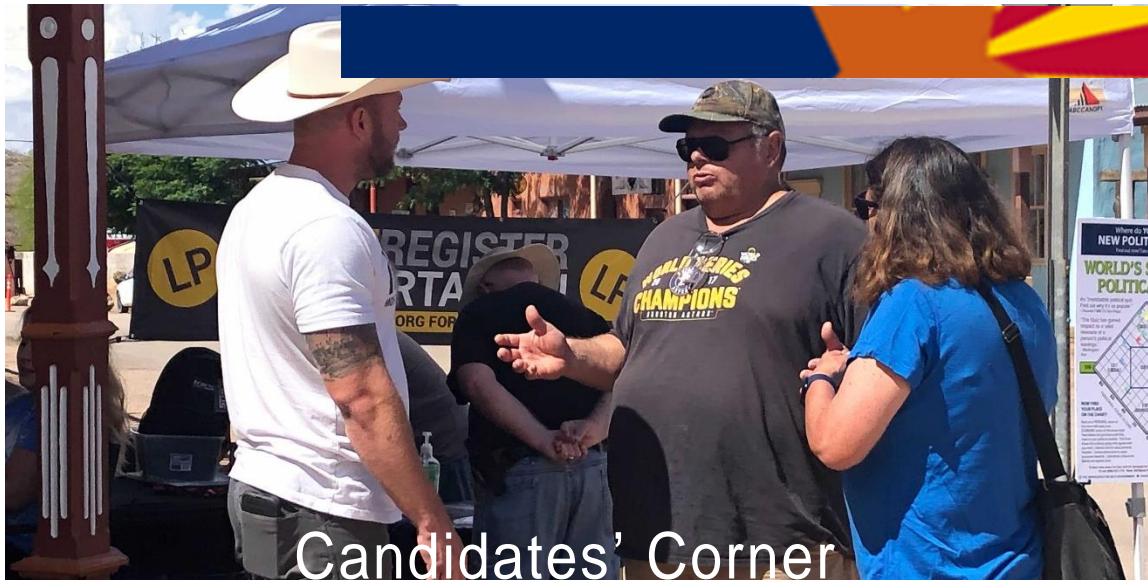
*“I pledge that I will not advocate the initiation of force for any political, social, or personal gain.”*

Libertarianism is the opposite of what drives the Republican and Democratic parties. They run for personal gain, and to wield power over others.

Are YOU one of us?

Next Month:

**Lesson 2: Property ownership rights.**



## Candidates' Corner

### AZLP Secretary for the Win!

By Lauren Snyder

On Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, the AZLP's very own Secretary, Alex Flores, took the nomination for Libertarian National Committee Region 1 Alternate Representative.

Alex continues to promote liberty in Arizona by continuing to serve as the AZLP Secretary, Navajo County Libertarian Party Chair, and as Chair of the AZLP's County Development Committee.

Congratulations, Alex! We are so pleased to hear of your

appointment to the vacant LNC position. Certainly your willingness to volunteer your time and effort, as well as express your honest and liberty-driven opinions, has contributed to your being selected for the post.

We trust that you will continue to work for improved promote liberty, and grow the party in our regions. Please be aware that you have our full support. We wish you all the best as you represent us.



### Candidate Invitation

By Andi De Bellis

The AZLP would like to extend an invitation to all LP candidates running for political office within the state to showcase themselves in future issues of the AZ Liberty Report. For further details on how to get featured in the next issue of this newsletter, please send an email to [newsletter@azlp.org](mailto:newsletter@azlp.org).

We are excited to raise awareness of all the candidates in Arizona eager to bring the libertarian philosophy to policy making at various levels of Arizona politics.

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### Navajo County

By Alex Flores,  
NCLP Chair

On June 18th, NCLP hosted Jess Mears of Grassroots Leadership Academy for a meetup and discussion on the Filibuster.

Navajo county is currently 26 registered voters shy of being able to petition for continued ballot access.

Meetings are held the last Saturday of every month, 6 pm at Licano's in Show Low.

### Pima County

By Andi De Bellis

On June 15<sup>th</sup>, the PCLP hosted John Brakey and Brandon Slayton to discuss the current state of elections and how to make/keep them transparent, trackable, and publicly verified.

July 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm the PCLP will be gathering again at the L Offices for its monthly meeting!

### Pinal County

By Sean Stinson,  
PCLP Secretary

Join the PCLP every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month from 3-5PM. If you are interest in further helping grow the party in Pinal County, please reach out to us at [pinalcylp@gmail.com](mailto:pinalcylp@gmail.com)!

### Yavapai County

YCLP will be be livestreaming its meetings in the coming months! For further details on engaging with the YCLP, check out [azlp.org/get-involved/events](http://azlp.org/get-involved/events).

## AZLP Updates

On Sunday July 4<sup>th</sup>, the AZLP wrapped up its first ever fundraising campaign, Let Freedom Grow, while simultaneously participating in Tombstone, Arizona's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration. Volunteers from various reaches of the state joined the AZLP in collecting petition signatures to achieve ballot access for libertarians in Cochise County, and in providing locals with information and materials on how the Libertarian party can serve them.

Following the events of the 4<sup>th</sup>, July 5<sup>th</sup> marked the soft transition from the AZLP's Let Freedom Grow fundraising campaign to the Loyal to Liberty fundraising campaign. Keep an eye out for correspondence on upcoming fundraising events and incentives for donating to the AZLP. Together we can provide the support necessary to keep the AZLP going and growing!

Have an idea or want to contribute to the next issue?

Reach out to us at [newsletter@azlp.org](mailto:newsletter@azlp.org)!

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### Yuma County By Howard Blitz, YCLP Chair

Yuma County Libertarian party is trying to achieve 3 goals:

1. Attracting more individuals to attend our monthly meetings
2. Increasing the number of individuals in Yuma County registered as Libertarians
3. Getting ballot access in order to run candidates at the county level

Since the Yuma County Fair was cancelled for the past two years in a row, YCLP will have a booth at the 2022 Yuma County Fair in order to achieve the 3 goals mentioned above.

## Upcoming Events

- **Maricopa County July Meeting**  
Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 7PM  
Zoom link located on [pmaricopa.org/events/](https://pmaricopa.org/events/)
- **Yavapai County Monthly Meeting**  
Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 1PM  
The Road Kill Cafe & O.K. Saloon, 22830 W AZ-66, Seligman, AZ, 86337
- **Pima County Monthly Meeting**  
Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 7PM  
The L Offices, 130 E Congress St Suite 200, Tucson, AZ 85701
- **Navajo County Monthly Meeting**  
Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 6PM  
Licano's, 573 W Deuce of Clubs, Show Low, AZ 85901
- **San Tan Valley Happy Hour**  
Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 3PM  
San Tan Flat, 6185 W. Hunt Hwy, Queen Creek, AZ 85142
- **Statue of Liberty Replica Dedication**  
Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 6PM  
TBA Location in Yuma County

