

# Michigan Libertarian Newsletter

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## Go to YouTube for Libertarian Party of Michigan Meetings



YouTube is now the place to find videos of the meetings of the Libertarian Party of Michigan Executive Committee (LEC). The September 14th meeting has been posted on the party's YouTube channel. The video can be found by clicking here.

On Sunday, October 12th at 7:00, there is the regular meeting of the Libertarian Party of Michigan Libertarian Committee. All members are welcome to join this zoom meeting by <u>clicking here</u> at 7:00 on Sunday, October 12th.

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#### **October Message from the Chair**

Since July's convention, your Executive Committee has been diligently working to move the party forward.

After seeking volunteers, our membership committee has grown and is presently full. With the vacancy created by myself, Adam Childress has taken on the role of Legislative Chair and we've established committees for communications, fundraising, activism, and a policy manual.

With a new IT Director in place, the party email services have received a long overdue upgrade, which will streamline communications. Our Newsletter Director has similarly hit the ground running and has done an excellent job in the new role. If the opportunity presents itself, I'd encourage you to thank Jami and Donna for their tireless dedication to the party.

In addition to this, I've been responding to media requests, conducting interviews, conversing with potential candidates, and finalizing the transition from the previous board. Our affiliates director, Tim Teagan has overseen the reintegration of three affiliates, each of which are actively holding meetings.

Plans for our National Delegate Selection Convention are underway and we're now seeking volunteers for both our convention and credentialing committees. <u>For information on how to volunteer, click here.</u>

While the specific date and location are yet to be determined, the board has decided to combine this Convention with the nomination of our candidate for the 35th State Senate District. As a result, the convention will take place in January to ensure it transpires prior to the nomination deadline and it will be held within the 35th State Senate District.

Our next Regular LEC Meeting will be October 12th at 7pm on Zoom. Click here to join this meeting. All members are welcome to attend.

In Liberty,

Justin Miramonti, Chair Libertarian Party of Michigan 888.FREE.NOW | michiganlp.org



#### **Volunteers Needed for Special January Convention**

There will be a special convention for the Libertarian Party of Michigan to be held some time in January 2026. Volunteers are needed as soon as possible to serve on both a Convention Planning Committee and a Credentials Committee for this special convention. Please email leadership@michiganlp.org if you are interested in either committee.

This special January convention will have a dual purpose, as the Executive Committee (LEC) recently voted to combine the selection of national delegates with the candidate nominating convention for

the special Senate election in the 35<sup>th</sup> District.



The nominating convention must legally be held in the 35<sup>th</sup> District, as delegates from that area will vote for their preferred candidate for Senate. The 35th district includes Midland, Saginaw and Bay City.

The LEC recently interviewed Ali Sledz as a potential candidate. Click here to see a recording of this interview. Any other residents of the 35th district who are interested in being considered as a candidate for Senate can email <a href="mailto:leadership@michiganlp.org">leadership@michiganlp.org</a> to explain why they are interested, and how they are qualified.

The second part of the convention is the national delegate selection process. The 2026 Libertarian National Convention will be held In Grand Rapids, Michigan on May 21th-25th. At the January convention, Michigan state delegates will vote on members for represent them at the 2026 national convention.

There will soon be an official call to convention to announce the specific dates and location. Local groups select delegates to vote at the state convention on their behalf. In order to become a voting delegate at a state convention, a person who has never been a member of the Libertarian Party of Michigan must become a member at least 30 days prior to a state convention. Click here to join the Libertarian Party of Michigan.



#### Libertarians Interview Potential Senate Candidate for 35th District

Ali Sledz, a potential Libertarian candidate for Michigan's 35<sup>th</sup> District Senate seat, recently met with the Libertarian Party of Michigan Executive Committee (LEC) to discuss her background and the reasons why she wants to run in the special election that was recently announced by Governor Whitmer.

Ali Sledz's meeting with the LEC was an informational session for both sides. A recording of this special informational meeting can be found by clicking here.

By law, the Libertarian candidate for this state Senate position will be chosen by members of the 35<sup>th</sup> District at a special convention, which will be scheduled for January. More information about this convention will be coming very soon.

Ali has been a voting Libertarian since 2012. She was active in the party when she lived in Georgia, and helped with the Gary Johnson campaign.

She believes that messaging needs to be more inclusive for people who are mostly libertarian, but may not agree with the party 100%.

Ali has a background in sales, and is skilled at talking to people. As a stay-at-home mom and Master's counseling student at Oakland University, she has listening skills and feels that is important to voters. Her number one issue would be the state budget.

Any other residents of the 35th district who are interested in being considered by the delegates can email leadership@michiganlp.org to explain why they are interested, and how they are qualified.

According to the government website, four Democrats and five Republicans have filed to fun in the February primary. Click here for the complete list of candidates. September 30<sup>th</sup> is the last day for Democrats or Republicans to file. The primary election will take place next year on February 3rd and the election is on May 5th.



## Michigan Libertarian Chair Interviewed by Public Radio

Justin Miramonti, chairman of the Libertarian Party of Michigan, was recently interviewed by Central Michigan University Radio Station, part of the National Public Radio Network. <u>Click here to read the story</u>.



The interview centered around the Libertarian Party's search for a candidate for a special election for state senator in Michigan's 35th district.

"I think it's important for voters to have as many choices to run, but certainly a viable third choice is essential when two

parties control most of the narrative in this country," Miramonti told the press.

According to Miramonti, their candidate will advocate for non-aggression, minimal government, and maximum freedom-tenets of the Libertarian Party.

The radio station plans to cover the special election in detail, and will be involving the Libertarian Party.

The candidate for the Libertarian Party will be selected by residents of the district at an upcoming special convention to be scheduled for January.

Recently the Libertarian Party of Michigan interviewed Ali Sledz, a resident of the district who is very interested running for the position. A recording of this special informational meeting can be found by <u>clicking here</u>.

Any other residents of the 35th district who are interested in being considered by the delegates can email <u>leadership@michiganlp.org</u> to explain why they are interested, and how they are qualified.



#### **Libertarian Party of Michigan Seeks Committee Volunteers**

The Libertarian Party of Michigan is seeking volunteers! Can you help?

At a recent board meeting, several committee chairs were appointed by the new board of the Libertarian Party of Michigan. <u>Click here</u> to see a list of these chairs.

These committees have been starting to hold their meetings. Help is needed for the following groups: Legislative Committee; Fundraising Committee, Policy Manual Committee; Activism Committee

The newly formed Communication Committee also needs help, particularly with social media such as X, Instagram and TikTok.

Please contact <u>leadership@michigalp.org</u> if you have any questions or want to volunteer.

#### **Libertarian Board Denounces Violence**

The Libertarian Party of Michigan Executive Committee approved the following resolution at the September 14, 2025 meeting:

The Libertarian Party of Michigan stands firmly against all forms of political violence. In a free society, disputes must be resolved through open dialogue and free expression—not through force or intimidation. At the same time, we affirm the right of every individual to defend themselves against violence.

We advocate for all Americans to join Libertarians to affirm the **Non-Aggression Principle**: to never initiate force to achieve political or social goals.





## **Genesee County Reaffiliated After Party Dispute**

Genesee County residents have a new option to join a local Libertarian group, as the county was "reaffiliated" at the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Libertarian Party of Michigan Executive Committee (LEC).



The board's vote was 9-3 in favor of welcoming Genesee County back into the Libertarian Party of Michigan. <u>Click here</u> for a recording of the LEC meeting.

Genesee County joins Macomb County and West Michigan in being officially reinstated by the newly elected LEC. Due to a party dispute, all three groups were disaffiliated in recent years by previous state leadership.

For questions, contact Dave Canny, Chair of the Genesee County Libertarian Party. His phone number is 810-429-8569. His email is cannyds@gmail.com



#### **District 12 Rep Appointed by Libertarian Board**

James Harris was appointed as a District Representative for Michigan's District 12 Congressional District. Harris was appointed to a two-year term by the Executive Board of the Libertarian Party of Michigan (LEC) at their September 14, 2025 meeting.

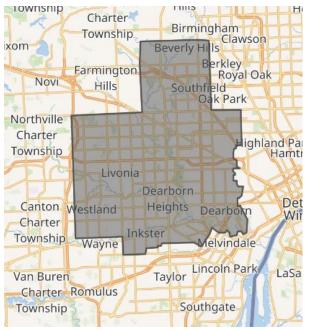
District 12 was the only district that did not appoint a representative at the Libertarian Party's annual convention held in Port Huron on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

Harris is the representative for Libertarians residing in District 12, and will attend and vote on their

behalf at the meetings of the LEC. He can be reached at <a href="mailto:dist12rep@michiganlp.org">dist12rep@michiganlp.org</a>

The district contains all or portions of the following counties and municipalities:

**Oakland County:** Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms, Franklin, Lathrup Village, Southfield, Southfield Township. **Wayne County:** Dearborn, part of Dearborn Heights, part of Detroit, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Redford Township, and Westland.





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Featured image by Chet Essner. From Left to Right, Back Row: Tori Hinrichs, Leah Dailey, Tim Teagan, Angela Thornton, Andrew Duke, John Hudak & Jay Gillotte. Middle Row: Charles Essner, Justin Mirimonti, Donna Gundle-Krieg & Dana Carver. Front row: Scotty Boman, Dave Franklin, Larry Johnson & Mike Saliba.



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Please contact local affiliate officers to learn how to become involved in your community!

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