

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

February 2025
Regular Meeting

ATTENDANCE

Starchild, chair
Brendan McMillion, vice chair
Richard Fast, secretary

GUESTS

Robert "Trip" Siebold [not a member]
Danielle Colborn Wright, LP Marin County
mARTy Moulton, Washington D.C. Libertarian, MrMoulton@gmail.com

The chair called the meeting to order on Saturday, February 8, 2025 at 3:10pm in the 3rd floor Paley conference room of the SF Main Library and online via Jitsi videoconference.

The members present introduced themselves and gave activist reports.

The 2025 Libertarian Party of California (LPCA) convention will be July 17-19 in Santa Nella (Merced County). Pat Wright, former state chair and a ferret activist, from San Diego announced a run for LPCA chair and has substantial support going into the convention. Further details on the event are forthcoming.

After the March 7 and 8 Young Americans for Liberty (YAL) Convention in San Francisco, the Ladies of Liberty Alliance, many of whom are Libertarians but in a lower-case libertarian group, will be holding a conference also in San Francisco. Details are forthcoming.

Starchild invited a representative of the California National Party (CNP) to this meeting. The LPCA and CNP have common interests in freedom of political association and independence. Richard expressed support for a possible informal alliance. Starchild noted that the CNP has some Left-interventionist tendencies, particularly on economic issues that might contrast with libertarian positions. The consensus among the members present seemed to be to admire from a distance until further contact with the CNP is established.

Starchild noted as an aside that he attended an anarchist meeting in SF in which he and a minority of others perceived to be "anarchists of the Right" were not well received, particularly on economic issues, and that he hasn't gone back.

Starchild is interested in a coalition with immigrants' rights groups and the Party for Socialism and Libertation (a/k/a Peace and Freedom Party) to protect the undocumented from President Trump's mass deportation crack down. Richard expressed his support for the idea.

Richard asked the members present if they felt informed enough to make a decision on the government debt associated with the LPSF PAC. Starchild, Brendan, and Trip responded that they felt sufficiently informed and that the creator of the PAC, Aubrey Freedman, is responsible for the PAC debt, not the LPSF. However, no one from the LPSF had reached out to Aubrey to verify or remind him of this debt (possible action item). Starchild asked Richard if he wanted to proceed with the tabled motion for the LPSF to repay the government debt associated with the PAC. Richard responded, "Not at this time" but reserved the right to bring up the issue again if necessary. The members present then resumed discussion of activism.

Starchild wants to do libertarian outreach with student groups and, separately, hold an LPSF social event, perhaps at Jeff's residence in the Castro. He also wants to create an online Libertarian calendar with important dates to tie in with social media. Richard mentioned Sandra Kallendar is interested in also keeping an online calendar of city council meetings for the Contra Costa libertarian "resistance" group.

Richard mentioned the current newspaper focus on Sixth Street's homelessness and suggested LPSF could gain visibility by addressing this issue (handing out bottles of water, sleeping bags, etc.). Starchild recommended making LPSF homelessness literature. Trip agreed, saying that homelessness is the biggest issue in SF.

The members present discussed former Libertarian National Committee (LNC) chair Angela McArdle's decision to unilaterally gift Donald Trump a lifetime LP membership.

mARTy and Danielle then reported technical difficulties during the meeting: they were not able to use their camera, but they were able to communicate via chat. Danielle was booted off and, had trouble reconnecting, and eventually rejoined.

Richard shared LP Texas' resolution regarding Trump's honorary lifetime membership, as a model for an LPSF resolution:

"Resolution Against Trumps [sic] Honorary Lifetime Membership

"Be it resolved that the Libertarian Party of Texas denounces the honorary Lifetime Membership awarded to President Trump by the LNC Chair."

Starchild suggested "former" LNC Chair and adding ", a decision we don't believe she had the authority to execute." Richard suggested adding an apostrophe in "Trumps" [sic].

Richard moved, with second, to adopt the above resolution with a name change to LPSF and the above amendments. Without objection, the motion carried unanimously and reads as follows:

“Resolution Against Trump’s Honorary Lifetime Membership

“Be it resolved that the Libertarian Party of San Francisco denounces the honorary Lifetime Membership awarded to President Trump by the former LNC Chair, a decision we do not believe she had the authority to execute.”

mARTy submitted the following resolution:

“Opposing & Redirecting All Funding to the California HighSpeed RapidRail ‘BulletTrain Boondoggle’ ‘Train Wreck’”

“Whereas:

“Since 2008, The [Democrat-controlled Legislature & GOP Gov Arnold Schwarzenegger] state-appointed high-speed rail Peer Review Group has officially stated that this project a. has more than “**TRIPLED in costs**” from original US\$33.5Billions proposal; b. will take significantly more time to finish; c. won’t meet estimated 2hr40min trip times; d. will carry far fewer passengers than estimated to make it even minimally economical & sustainable; e. with current unfunded & truncated track plans that fail to connect the service to existing Amtrak connections make it practically “USELESS”; & “F”. falls short of ALL promises made to California Voters.

“President #47/Trump has recently reiterated, Tue 4 Feb 2025, that this project has “The worst overruns in the history of Our Country” & now promises to begin Federal “investigations” into its corruption.

“There is now ZERO chance that the California High-Speed Rail Authority will receive essential [#47/Trump-approved] Federal Funding for this year, or over the next Four (4) years, to reliably continue construction, procurement & planning, designs & requests for proposals.

Billions of dollars in already secured current Federal funding can be used alternatively to improve Amtrak & other Infrastructure serving current commuters & existing communities in San Francisco & beyond (if not returned to the Treasury as #47/Trump has called for).

Now, therefore:

“This Saturday 8 February 2025, The Libertarian Party of San Francisco urges newly elected Mayor @DanielLurie & @SFBos(ses) President @RafaelMandelman; US CA Sens Alex Padilla

& Adam Schiff; CA Gov Gavin Newsom & Lt Gov Eleni Kounalakis; State Sen Scott Wiener; State Assy Reps Matt Haney - 17th District & Catherine Stefani - 19th District to IMMEDIATELY “STOP the madness” & this crony corporate-contractor theft & boondoggle in its tracks — & prevent more Waste Fraud & Abuse of San Franciscan Citizens’ Earnings/Savings & Trust!”

Due to the length and other issues, the members present decided to discuss mARTy’s resolution offline and postpone its consideration to a future meeting.

Richard submitted the following resolution:

“Resolution Against Trump’s Mass Deportations

“Be it resolved that the Libertarian Party of San Francisco denounces President Trump’s mass deportation crack downs as inhumane and antithetical to Liberty.”

After Starchild suggested waiting a month to add detail, Richard suggested adding after “...antithetical to Liberty”, the phrase “, such as separating parents and children.” Starchild suggested adding Trump’s language to give it more heft. The majority of the members present agreed that time was of the essence and to pass a deportation resolution now and, if necessary, another longer resolution next month/later.

Starchild suggested moving the amendment “, including separation of parents and children,” inbetween “... crack downs” and “as inhumane...”.

The amended deportation resolution reads:

“Resolution Against Trump’s Mass Deportations

“Be it resolved that the Libertarian Party of San Francisco denounces President Trump’s mass deportation crack downs, including separation of parents and children, as inhumane and antithetical to Liberty.”

Richard moved, Brendan seconded, to adopt the above resolution. Without objection, the resolution passed unanimously.

Action item: Starchild and Brendan will craft language for LPSF homelessness literature and distribute on the streets. mARTy offered to print the materials once they are ready.

The meeting adjourned at 5pm.

The next meeting will be the second Saturday of March 2025 from 3-5pm in the 3rd floor Paley conference room of the SF Main Library and via Jitsi videoconference (link on the LPSF Meetup page).