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STATE NEWS

The Libertarian Party of Texas passed the following resolution opposing the expansion of Guantanamo Bay and CIA black site prisons.

“Resolution Opposing the Expansion of Guantanamo Bay and CIA Black Site Prisons

“WHEREAS, the Libertarian Party of Texas stands firmly on the principles of individual liberty, due process, and the inherent rights of all people regardless of nationality or status; and

“WHEREAS, the Guantanamo Bay detention facility and other CIA-operated black sites have been notorious for indefinite detention, lack of due process, and allegations of human rights abuses, practices which stand in stark opposition to the values of a free and just society; and

“WHEREAS, the expansion of such facilities would further entrench the erosion of civil liberties, facilitate government overreach, and perpetuate the violation of fundamental human rights under the guise of national security or immigration enforcement; and

“WHEREAS, the utilization of Guantanamo Bay or any similar facility for the detention of individuals—whether they be foreign combatants, asylum seekers, or non-violent immigrants—constitutes a blatant disregard for constitutional protections, the rule of law, and the moral principles upon which our nation was founded; and...”

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FEDERAL NEWS

The Libertarian National Committee elected Steven Nekhaila Chair to replace Angela McArdle who recently resigned.

In addition to replacing the recently vacated Chair position, they also elected Paul Darr, a regional representative to the vacant Vice-Chair position.

Nekhaila’s At-Large position is now vacant and the committee is voting on who to appoint.

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Former Congressman Justin Amash has joined the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expressions (FIRE) advisory council.

“FIRE’s mission is to defend and sustain the individual rights of all Americans to free speech and free thought—the most essential qualities of liberty. FIRE educates Americans about the importance of these inalienable rights, promotes a culture of respect for these rights, and provides the means to preserve them.”

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On his way out of office, former President Joe Biden commuted the life sentence of Leonard Peltier (80), a Native American activist who maintained his innocence in the death of two FBI agents in 1975.

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One of the first acts of Donald Trump’s administration was the pardoning of Silk Road founder Ross Ulbricht who was sentenced to life in prison in 2015

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the second issue of Freedom Voter News, dedicated to bringing good news about pro-prosperity and pro-freedom political movements to potential voters.

It is our goal to show positive news out of the global libertarian movement as we fight to move away from totalitarianism and towards a new liberalism of peace and prosperity.

While there are times we certainly must fight to make sure our parties and organizations stay free of corruption and illiberal ideas that creep in from time to time, there are plenty of places to have those battles. This newsletter will not be one of them.

The articles in this magazine are designed to build up the libertarian movement and provide good news that might otherwise be ignored or forgotten.

In the coming months, you will see an online presence for our publication and much better methods to reach new readers and subscribers.

It is our goal to make this a huge success in the year 2025 as we head into the 2026 mid-term election.

You can help with this effort by submitting your positive news stories, tips, and suggestions as well as sending this newsletter to all your friends who would benefit from reading it.

In Liberty,

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LPTX Opposes GITMO Continued

“WHEREAS, the Libertarian Party of Texas unequivocally opposes any form of torture, cruel and unusual punishment, or detention without due process, as these practices are abhorrent to the cause of liberty and fundamentally incompatible with a free and just society; and

“THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Libertarian Party of Texas condemns any and all efforts to expand the Guantanamo Bay detention facility, as well as any CIA-operated black sites, for the purpose of detaining individuals without due process; and

“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Libertarian Party of Texas calls for the immediate cessation of operations at Guantanamo Bay and the closure of all CIA black sites, demanding that all individuals currently detained in such facilities be granted access to fair and timely trials or be released forthwith; and

“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Libertarian Party of Texas urges all elected officials and government agencies to uphold and protect the rights guaranteed by the Constitution and international human rights conventions, rejecting the use of indefinite detention and torture in all forms.

Adopted by the Libertarian Party of Texas on February 1st,

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Arizona Libertarian Party Condemns Use of Photo Radar

The Libertarian Party of Arizona board of directors unanimously condemned the use of automated machine enforcement of any law, regulation, ordinance, directive, edict, control, or activity within the effect of law in the State of Arizona.

The party statement said in part “We find that in the vast majority of cases where these automated instruments are implemented, they do not make communities safer, and are oftentimes counterproductive, making driver behavior more erratic.

New Libertarian Party Chair Condemns Trump’s Gaza Proposal

As Chairman of the Libertarian National Committee, I unequivocally condemn President Donald Trump’s recent proposal for the United States to take over the Gaza Strip and forcibly relocate its Palestinian residents to neighboring countries. This plan not only violates international law—which prohibits forced displacement and the acquisition of territory by force—but also disregards the fundamental rights and dignity of the Palestinian people.

For decades, the Israeli lobby has exerted undue influence over American politics and foreign policy, steering decisions that often conflict with the principles of liberty and non-interventionism that we, as Libertarians, hold dear. This influence has led to unwavering U.S. support for Israeli policies, even when they contravene international norms and human rights standards.

The costs of these misguided foreign entanglements have been catastrophic. The U.S. has spent trillions of dollars on wars and interventions that have resulted in nothing but destruction and instability. The financial burden pales in comparison to the human toll: thousands of American service members have been killed or wounded, countless more suffer from lifelong physical and psychological trauma, and millions of innocent civilians—particularly in the Middle East—have borne the brunt of these reckless policies. The people of Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, Syria, Yemen, and now Gaza have suffered immensely, not just at the hands of authoritarian regimes and terrorist organizations, but also as direct or indirect victims of U.S. interventionism.

The Libertarian Party stands firmly against using American taxpayer dollars to fund war and occupation. It is time to stop sending money and weapons overseas to fuel conflicts that do not serve our interests and that undermine our nation’s foundational principles of non-interventionism and self-determination.

Furthermore, we strongly oppose any form of collective punishment against the Palestinian population in Gaza, whether executed by the U.S. or the Israel Defense Forces. Such actions are not only morally reprehensible but also counterproductive, as they exacerbate tensions and hinder the prospects for a peaceful resolution.

The Libertarian Party advocates for a foreign policy rooted in non-interventionism, respect for sovereignty, and the protection of individual rights. We call upon the U.S. government to withdraw from entanglements that compromise these principles and to pursue diplomatic avenues that uphold justice and liberty for all peoples.