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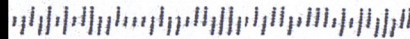
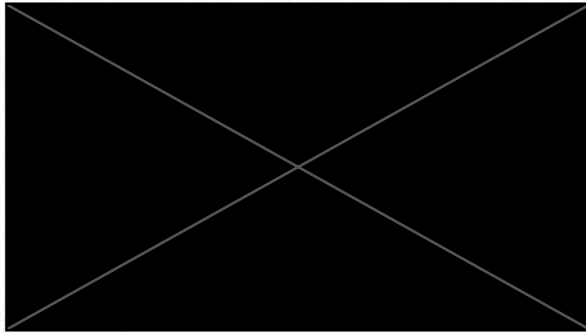
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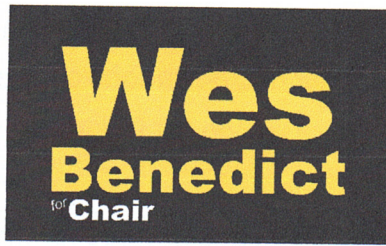


Longest-serving Executive Director
in Libertarian Party History

Bring this to Grand Rapids and read it on the way!

Why I'm running for Libertarian National Committee Chair.





Dear Libertarian Party Delegate,

I'm running for Libertarian National Committee Chair because the Libertarian Party needs experienced leadership, competent management, stronger fundraising, and a renewed focus on growth.

Americans are more frustrated than ever with Republicans and Democrats. Endless spending, debt, wars, tariffs, attacks on civil liberties, and political dysfunction have created a tremendous opportunity for the Libertarian Party.

But instead of fully capitalizing on this opportunity, our party has recently struggled with instability, internal conflict, declining professionalism, and organizational problems.

I want to help turn that around.

I've spent nearly 30 years building the Libertarian Party as an activist, volunteer, candidate, fundraiser, recruiter, Executive Director, and political organizer. I believe I have the experience, skills, and track record needed to help rebuild a professional, principled, and growing Libertarian Party.

I joined the Libertarian Party in 1996 while earning an MBA and a Master of Engineering degree at the University of Michigan. Libertarianism immediately made sense to me because it consistently applies the principle of individual liberty to every issue: lower taxes and spending, civil liberties, peace, free markets, and personal freedom.

I first served as Chair of the Cobb County Libertarian Party in Georgia, then later became newsletter editor for the Travis County Libertarian Party after moving to Texas.

In 2003, I volunteered nearly six months to help the Libertarian Party of Texas regain ballot access. I traveled across Texas at my own expense to help organize volunteers, recruit petitioners, and manage the statewide effort that successfully collected more than 80,000 signatures.

In 2004, I was hired as Executive Director of the Libertarian Party of Texas.

During my time there, we recruited record-breaking candidate slates, expanded fundraising, and increased the number of Libertarians elected to local office. In 2006, Texas recruited 168 Libertarian candidates. In 2008, we broke the record again with 173 candidates.

From 2007 to 2008, I helped raise more than \$244,000 for the Libertarian Party of Texas — more than the Libertarian Parties of California, Florida, and New York combined during that same period.

In 2009, I was hired as Executive Director of the Libertarian National Committee and moved to Washington, DC.

I served as Executive Director for a total of 8.5 years, longer than anyone else in Libertarian Party history.

During my time as Executive Director, we expanded fundraising, increased monthly pledges, grew the national staff, improved candidate support, and helped the party purchase the national headquarters building in Alexandria, Virginia.

When I left in 2018, the Libertarian Party had a staff of 14 and the headquarters building was well on its way to being fully paid off.

I know how difficult it is to manage a national political party. I also know how important professionalism, stability, and competent management are to long-term success.

I've also run for office myself seven times, including races for Austin City Council, Williamson County Judge, and county commissioner. Running for office taught me firsthand how difficult campaigning can be and helped me better understand the needs of Libertarian candidates.

Over the years, I've personally recruited or played a leading role in recruiting more Libertarian candidates than anyone else in party history.

Through the Libertarian Booster PAC and other efforts, I helped recruit record-breaking candidate slates in multiple states. In Pennsylvania alone, Libertarians won 174 partisan local offices in 2021.

Recruiting candidates matters.

Every Libertarian candidate spreads our message, builds local organization, pressures old party politicians, attracts new activists, and gives voters another choice besides Republicans and Democrats.

One of the biggest mistakes minor parties make is becoming gatekeepers instead of recruiters. Perfect candidates do not exist. We need more Libertarians willing to step forward, run campaigns, learn, improve, and help grow the movement.

I strongly support maintaining the Libertarian Party as a serious, principled alternative to the two major parties.

At the 2024 Libertarian National Convention, I voted for Chase Oliver on all six ballots.

After the convention, I briefly worked for the RFK Jr. campaign in Texas because I believed challenging the two-party system was worthwhile. When RFK later endorsed Donald Trump, I declined requests to work for the Trump campaign and ended my involvement.

I remain committed to building the Libertarian Party into a stronger and more effective alternative to the old parties.

Today, I work as Vice President of Texans for Reasonable Solutions, a nonprofit organization promoting free-market solutions to housing and energy problems in Texas. In 2025, four of the five bills we supported were passed and signed into law.

That experience has further strengthened my skills in fundraising, communications, coalition-building, legislative strategy, and organizational management.

The position of LNC Chair is unpaid, but it is extremely important.

If elected, my priorities will be:

- Raise more money
- Hire and retain excellent staff
- Restore professionalism and operational competence
- Recruit more candidates
- Support state affiliates
- Deliver bold Libertarian messaging
- Grow the Libertarian Party nationwide

I know many delegates have invested enormous amounts of time, money, and energy into this party over the years.

You deserve leadership that treats those sacrifices responsibly.

I want the Libertarian Party to be an organization that activists are proud to represent and that voters take seriously as an alternative to the old parties.

The Libertarian Party has accomplished extraordinary things over the past several decades, but we cannot afford continued decline and dysfunction.

We need stability.

We need competence.

We need growth.

And we need to remain firmly Libertarian.

I've spent most of my adult life helping build this party, recruit candidates, support activists, raise money, and expand Libertarian influence across the country.

I would be honored to earn your vote for Libertarian National Committee Chair at the convention in Grand Rapids.

Sincerely,

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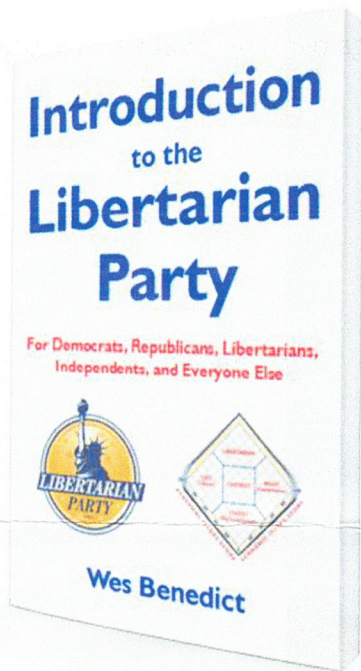
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Libertarian Election Results

A comprehensive analysis of Libertarian election results, 2010—2024

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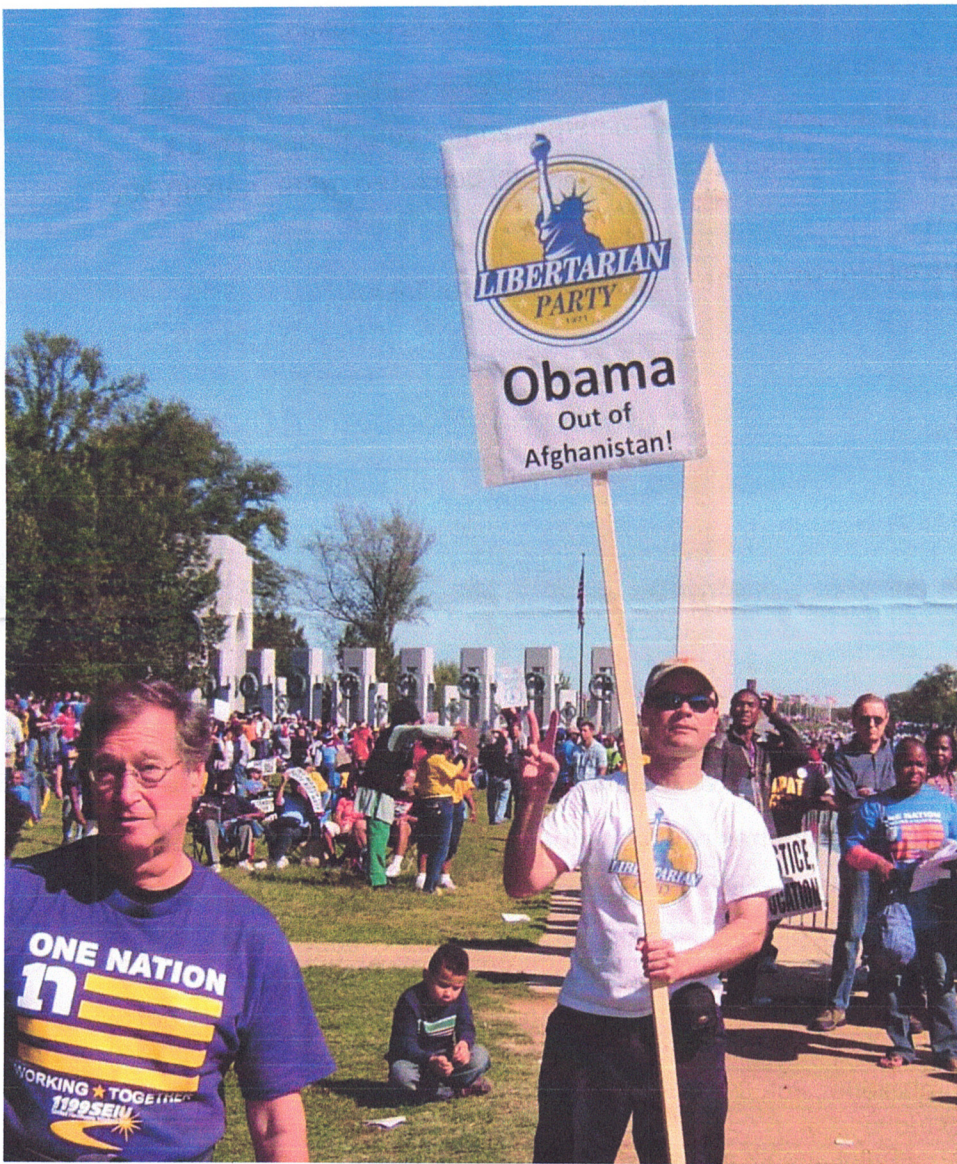
109,022,751 votes	13.25% average vote
6,253 candidates	share
535 winners	Tables by state
8.5% of candidates won	and more . . .

Full data, sources, and tables at the link above

Table 1. Wes Benedict has run for office seven times.

Date	Office	Type	Votes	%	Rank
11/5/2002	Travis County Commissioner, Pct. 4	Partisan-Libertarian	1,609	4.61%	3 rd of 3
5/3/2003	Austin City Council, Place 6	Non-Partisan	16,966	35.07%	2 nd of 2
5/7/2005	Austin City Council, Place 4	Non-Partisan	10,439	18.25%	2 nd of 5
5/13/2006	Austin City Council, Place 2	Non-Partisan	7,882	17.14%	3 rd of 3
11/4/2008	Travis County Commissioner, Pct. 3	Partisan-Libertarian	7,103	5.09%	3 rd of 3
11/8/2022	Williamson County Judge	Partisan-Libertarian	8,614	3.91%	3 rd of 3
11/5/2024	Williamson County Commissioner, Pct. 3	Partisan-Libertarian	15,562	23.23%	2 nd of 2





Libertarian Booster PAC paid \$22,500 of filing fees for 6 statewide (TX) candidates.

Pat Dixon for Governor: \$3,750
 Anthony Cristo for Lieutenant Governor: \$3,750
 Tom Oxford for Attorney General: \$3,750
 Austin R. Kelly for Comm. of Agriculture: \$3,750
 Arthur DiBianca for Railroad Commissioner: \$3,750
 Mark Ash for Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3: \$3,750

Other statewide candidates who filed:
 Ted Brown for U.S. Senate
 V. Alonzo Echavarria-Garza for Comptroller
 Neill Snider for Land Commissioner

Texas voters may get to vote for up to 9 Libertarians in 2026!

Wes Benedict is a former Executive Director of the Libertarian Party and Founder of LibertarianBoosterPAC.org.

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