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Nassau County Libertarians,

Perhaps you have heard the news that the Libertarian Party of New York has gained permanent, major party status, as a result of vote tallies in last week's gubernatorial election. While there are several other "third parties" in New York, we are unique in that we are backed by a large national organization that has a headquarters in Washington, DC and, in the last presidential election, had ballot access in most states. On the national level, the Libertarian Party is the third largest and fastest growing party. Now that we have major party status in NY State, we'd like to put the Nassau County organization on a level commensurate with the state and national organizations.

To that end, we are settling in for the long term. Nassau County politics have been extremely corrupt and divisive for many decades. Many county residents have long since resigned themselves to living under a county system that was implemented by Joe Margiotta, refined by Joe Mondello and still bears their fingerprints. We believe that this fatalistic view is a mistake. In truth, *some* progress has been made. The profoundly corrupt weighted voting system of town supervisors was replaced by the County Legislature. It was a fundamental transformation of the county government. Few people believed that it was possible to make a change of that magnitude in Nassau County.

Bringing in a third party that is large enough and well funded enough to take a seat at the table with the D's and R's may seem unrealistic, but history shows that third parties can assume central importance very quickly, when the time is right. The best example is the Scottish National Party, which, just a few years ago, went from having only three seats in the British House of Commons to having fifty-six and becoming the majority party on the outcome of a single election.

To become a major factor in Nassau County, we need a substantial bloc of supporters who will vote Libertarian, donate Libertarian and persuade others to do so. We will need Libertarians to help staff the county organization. We need not gain a majority or even a plurality in order to advance the Libertarian agenda. In a political landscape that, we are told, can only be red or blue, we can turn Nassau County gold, or, at least, make it a great deal golder than it is now. As an example, look at how much influence Ocasio-Cortez and her supporters exerted over the Bronx Democrat organization and even the national Democrat agenda with a small but dedicated cadre of supporters.

We will keep in touch, periodically. That process is expensive. You could reduce the cost by going to our website <nassaulibertarian.org> and signing up for the e-mail version of our communications. You could subsidize the cost of a mailing program with a

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donation. You could help fund this long term undertaking with a larger donation. The maximum donation allowable under state law is \$44,000. If you're one of the people who can afford to donate that full amount, here is a chance to change the world or, at least, change Nassau County.

Feel free to contact us with your views on this and on the general subject of Nassau County politics. We are in this for the long haul. One way or another, you are too.

In liberty,

Blay Tarnoff

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Chairman,

Nassau County
Libertarian Party

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NCLP Treasurer, PO Box 105, Glen Head, NY 11545-0105
- You can also join / renew / donate online at **nassaulibertarian.org**

The Libertarian Party is guided by principle. To publicly affirm what we believe and to ensure that our Party never strays from our principles, we ask our members to proudly sign this statement:

I subscribe to the Principles and Objectives of the Libertarian Party of New York (printed on reverse) and do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals.

(Signature required for membership)

(Date)

* I agree to accept all NCLP official notice by e-mail, including notice of Conventions and Bylaws amendments and it shall be my responsibility to assure that I am able to receive e-mail messages via the "Nassau_LP" Yahoo group.

** New York State law requires political committees to report the name and address of persons who contribute more than \$99 per year. Federal law requires that information plus the occupation and employer of persons who give \$200 per year or more. Political contributions are not tax-deductible.

I'm interested in volunteering to help the Libertarian Party. Please send more information.

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Article I: Principles and Objectives

The Libertarian Party of New York is a political organization which has as its primary objective the extension of individual freedom to its furthest limits. To that end the Party affirms the following principles as embodied in the Party platform:

- A. Each individual possesses the inalienable right to life, liberty and justly acquired property.
- B. No person or institution, public or private, has the right to initiate the use of force or fraud against another.

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- C. Individuals are entitled to choose their own lifestyles so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the lives of others.
 - D. The only moral purpose of government is the preservation of individual rights.
 - E. The voluntary exchange of goods and services is essential for a free and prosperous society of individuals of diverse beliefs.

In recognition of the fact that the initiation of force by government has been the chief instrument for the expropriation of individual rights and freedom, the Libertarian Party of New York enters the political arena for the avowed purpose of eliminating the intervention of government in moral, social and economic affairs by functioning as a libertarian political entity separate and distinct from all other political parties or movements and moving public policy in a libertarian direction by building a political party that elects Libertarians to public office.