

# LPPC ACTION!

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## LPPC Key in Election Reform Coalition

The LPPC is taking a key role in a trans-partisan coalition focusing on continual improvement election procedures in Pinellas. In so doing it has not only attracted local and international praise but delighted observers who are calling the coalition “historic.”

The coalition— consisting of the Democrats, Libertarians, Greens, 14 community groups, and several conservative Republican leaders—hammered out areas of mutual interest for action after two massively attended forums they sponsored to hear public complaints.

It has provided a detailed report and summary at its website (see box, right), and at [ERCPinellas.org](http://ERCPinellas.org). The next step is ongoing media meetings, which have resulted in several stories and

radio interviews, and meetings with local officials on implementation. The first, a presentation to county commission was on local TV. Quipped Pinellas County Chair of the LPPC: and ERC “Glad to see you here.”



LPPC Chair MG presents recommendation to County Commission. Below, over 150 citizens voice concerns at forum. Left,— Frank Lloyd Wright expert William Sachs testifies on election woes.



### 3 Libs in Office in Pinellas ...on way to goal of 30?

There are now 3 Libertarians in Government in Pinellas, serving on local advisory boards.. In 1999, there were none.

The appointees M, Gilson (“MG”) and Julie Chorgo Gilson, on the Homes School Board for Portfolio

Review, and M. Barmnett, a non-LP Libertarian on the local Board of Adjustment. The LPPC is focusing on training and placing people in local advisory boards, with a goal of 30. This would, in relation to population, match the LP New

Hampshire, currently with the highest such concentration as a state, and also of comparable size to Pinellas with 1 million people.. The appointees focus on preserving home schooling and stopping local zoning abuses, respectively.

#### KEY ERC REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS, COALITION ACTION ITEMS

- **Multi-Partisan SOE Advisory Board**
- **Non-partisan redistricting**
- **Paper Trail in voting machines**
- **Continued co-operation**
- **Lower ballot requirements**
- **Website forum for public by coalition**
- **IRV and Proportional Representation pilots in Pinellas**

## LPPC Hosts “Creative” and “National Class” State Convention

LPPC hosted a “national class” convention attracting over 200 attendees and visitors for the State LPF Convention. The convention was unusual in many respects: Among its highlights;

- It was coordinated with massive outreach to Bay area Libertarians, inquiries, and community leaders.
- It is the **first state Convention in some time to turn a profit**, funding important local expansion activities such as literature and prospect contact
- It had many “bridge” speakers, including **League of Women voters, Sudbury schools, a former Clinton official, and a former Reagan official.** There was even a

**John Stossel** interview the week before the convention. Participants enjoyed meeting key Libertarian speakers, including Joe Bast from the heartland institute, noted scholars, and Bea Jones, a Libertarian councilwoman.

- Tickets were free to those agreeing to volunteer assignments
- An EXPO of 10 Libertarian groups
- **David Nolan** (left) founder of the LP, and over a dozen libertarian groups sent greetings.



“It was all just great,” said **LPP Chair Doug Klippel**, “Different and very highly organized.”



*Libertarian VEEP candidate and droll author and raconteur Dr. Richard Campagna drew admiring crowds*

## Libs Can Speak to Your Group: at Booths, Community Coalition Events

Pinellas Libertarians are attending an average of 2 events a month speaking to local groups, media, and manning information booths at local fairs and coalition events.

“In the past few months, they’ve handed out more literature than in the entire history of the LP in Pinellas.” said former LPF chair and Administrator Ralph Swanson. “They’re

doing it exactly right, and I speak as a founder of the modern Republican party in Florida.”

*“Contact the Libertarian Club or LPPC Chair to speak to your group: 727-344-1038, or LPPinellas@msn.com”*

LPPC has several speakers available for your class, event, or give a talk to your group. In addition, the non-partisan Libertarian Club has been highly active. To join its network-

ing group, go to [PinellasLib.uni.cc](http://PinellasLib.uni.cc)



## Lib Groups Start Adopt-A-Road Program & Radio Show

Besides LPPC activities, Libertarians have been active in key non-partisan and cultural areas to promote Libertarian ideas.

Media personality Paul Molloy has initiated **FreedomWorks!** The Libertarian Perspective, which now broadcasts on 3 local stations (the main one is WTAN 1340) every Tuesday at 9PM. The show has attracted guests from across the spectrum, including officials of all major parties, and many local groups. Its focus is voluntary solutions people are

implementing. The show may be heard on web at [TheFreedomWorks.org](http://TheFreedomWorks.org).

In addition, the Libertarian Club has started an Adopt A Road program that now is at 2 locations: Central by Pasadena, and drew in Clearwater by US 19. They would like to have 8 programs through the country, and need volunteers once every 3 months for about 2 hours, followed by lunch. The program posts signs that say the road is maintained by the Libertarian Club in high visibility traffic ar-

reas. Please contact 727-344-1038 for more information.



*Paul Molloy hosts Libertarian radio program with LPPC Chair MG as frequent commentator on 3 local stations*