Libertarian Party of Illinois

Political Division Report

Reporting Period: June 16, 2021 to July 20, 2021

**Divisional changes and vacancies**

* **VACANCY**: Deputy Political Division Director, Deputy Candidate Recruitment Director, Precincts Director

**Divisional communications**

Due to complications surrounding work, I was unable to schedule a meeting for the month of July. I will be in communications with my divisional officers to get a meeting scheduled soon leading up to the August BOD call.

I cannot express the importance of signing up as a precinct committeeperson, especially in that of our established counties. If you need any information about becoming a PC, the process for established counties and non-established counties, or any questions about the process, please feel free to contact Field Operations Director Les Deffner, myself, or your chapter chair.

I’ve received three new candidate inquiries from LP National, one seeking a Congressional race and two for state House. Kevin has communicated with those individuals recently. However, with the issues under the former email system, it is not known if there were any inquiries missing in delivery.

I will more than likely reach out to Cara Schulz or someone at National to cross-check all candidate recruitment inquiries to make sure we’re not missing any. I know Cara will be unavailable between July 21-24 due to FreedomFest in South Dakota, so I will reach out to her sometime afterward.

Our election cycle timelines are still not set in stone, as Gov. JB Pritzker has yet to sign off on the election omnibus bill. Additionally, Republicans are suing over the state legislative maps, so it’s uncertain as to how soon we can begin our efforts, for both the primary and general elections

Quick reminder about Parker Ellis from Chicago, who signed up as a party member and has a background in data analysis, which is helpful in determining our best campaign strategies to act upon. Just happened to notice that while trying to peel through additional candidate recruitment inquiries. If I can finally get Jon up to speed on what’s required of him, Parker could be a great asset to make his job even easier.

**Appendix Schedule – July 2021 Report**

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Appendix A

Libertarian Party of Illinois Political Division – Candidate Recruitment Report

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POLITICAL TIMELINE THROUGH 2025

**2022 GENERAL**: Candidate Recruitment and the Political Division reports the following regarding candidate status in the 2022 election cycle:

**STATEWIDE – 2022:**

**Governor**

Floyd, Nathan Alton 11/16/2020 Requesting update

Ryan, Curtis Decatur 02/22/2021 Suspended run

Schluter, Scott Marion 04/15/2021 Actively campaigning

Stewart, Jon Deerfield *Potential follow-up from 2018?*

Sturm, Dylan Rock Island 10/07/2020 Requesting update

**Lieutenant Governor**

**Secretary of State**

White, Jesse Centralia 05/18/2021 Requesting update

**Attorney General**

**Treasurer**

**Comptroller**

**U.S. Senate**

Redpath, Bill West Dundee 06/14/2021 Exploratory

**Unknown**

Bennett. Chris Springfield 05/15/2021 Suspended run

Boswell, Jonathan Marissa 02/10/2021 Requesting update

Cox, Benjamin Jacksonville 03/04/2021 Requesting update

Janda, Erin Grayslake 01/21/2021 Requesting update

Tahiri, Adem Vernon Hills 06/17/2020 Requesting update

Valentino, Anthony Davis Junction 06/18/2020 Requesting update

Watkins, Darva Chicago 02/02/2021 Requesting update

**CONGRESSIONAL – 2022:**

 Boswell, Jonathan Marissa 02/10/2021 Requesting update

Cicinelli, Chris Oak Park 02/17/2021 Requesting update

Cochran, Andrew Chicago 01/22/2021 Requesting update

Crane, Andrew Wauconda 01/20/2021 Requesting update

Heiston, Brian Earlville 05/04/2021 Active

Hilligoss, Karen Montgomery 04/10/2021 Requesting update

 Janda, Erin Grayslake 01/21/2021 Requesting update

 Marqua, Tim Rockford 06/24/2021 Recently received

 McDulin, Maxwell Chicago 05/18/2021 Requesting update

Shaffer, K. Eric Dunlap 01/12/2021 Requesting update

Smith, Joseph Edwardsville 01/13/2021 Requesting update

Sutton, Nicholas Alton 02/03/2021 Requesting update

Tahiri, Adem Vernon Hills 06/17/2020 Requesting update

Valentino, Anthony Davis Junction 06/18/2020 Requesting update

 Yocum, Aaron Polo 01/25/2021 Requesting update

**ILLINOIS SENATE – 2022:**

Adler, Vincent Marion 11/15/2020 Requesting update

Boswell, Jonathan Marissa 02/10/2021 Requesting update

Crane, Andrew Wauconda 01/20/2021 Requesting update

Rowe, Phil Des Plaines 02/04/2021 Requesting update

Stevens, Fletcher Tuscola 11/07/2020 Requesting update

Wenger, Joey Loves Park 10/13/2019 Requesting update

**ILLINOIS HOUSE – 2022:**

Adler, Vincent Marion 11/15/2020 Requesting update

Bailey, Marcelis Chicago 06/22/2021 Recently received

Boswell, Jonathan Marissa 02/10/2021 Requesting update

Crane, Andrew Wauconda 01/20/2021 Requesting update

Decker, Jason Midlothian 11/12/2020 Requesting update

Diederich, Chris Elmhurst/Villa Park 11/11/2020 Requesting update

Janda, Erin Grayslake 01/21/2021 Requesting update
Mathews, John Berkeley 02/03/2019 Requesting update

Padget, Brandon West Frankfort 01/07/2021 Requesting update

Pippin, Justin Normal 07/16/2021 Recently received

Stevens, Fletcher Tuscola 11/07/2020 Requesting update

Wardman, William 11/11/2020 Requesting update

Wenger, Joey Loves Park 10/13/2019 Requesting update

**LOCAL/COUNTY – 2022:**

*Madison* Abernatha, Wesley Alton 01/20/2021 YES

*Cook* Abour, Mo Chicago 11/05/2020 YES

*Kankakee* Collins, Jake Kankakee Rolling date MAYBE

*Ford* Crank, Donald Roberts Rolling date MAYBE

*Winnebago* Donovan, Alexander Rockford 10/09/2020 YES

*Kankakee* Hase, Cheryl Manteno 10/01/2020 YES

*Cook* Kozlowski, Jack 02/04/2021 YES

*McHenry* Nevsimal, James Crystal Lake 11/16/2020 YES

??? Miocic, Jure Plainfield 05/16/2021 MAYBE

 *Uncertain as to whether he lives on Will or Kendall county side*

*Franklin* Padget, Brandon West Frankfort 01/07/2021 MAYBE

*Cook* Pantoja, Ruben Chicago MAYBE

*Cook* Rowe, Phil Des Plaines 02/04/2021 MAYBE

*Cook* Sizelove, Brandon Chicago 01/28/2021 YES

*Christian* Smith, Brandon Taylorville 11/07/2020 YES

*Winnebago* Sturtevant, Skylar Machesney Park 01/16/2021 YES

**UNSPECIFIED – 2022:**

 Mac, Ryan Chicago 01/26/2021 YES

 Tsatsos, Thea 03/04/2021 YES

**NOT RUNNING – 2022:**

 Florey, Nathan Clinton

Malouf, Danny Woodstock

**OTHER CYCLE UPDATES:** Candidate Recruitment and the Political Division reports the following regarding candidate status in future election cycles:

**2023 CONSOLIDATED**:

* ***Paul Boucher*** is expressing intent to run for mayor or commissioner in the city of Hillsboro. Last communication 1/21/2021.
* ***William Ramsden*** expressed interest in running for alderman in the city of Chicago in 2019, but never responded in time. We are trying again for 2023. First contact 1/21/2019.
* Depending on status of 2021 consolidated election, ***Jake Leonard*** intends to run for full term for mayor in the city of Nokomis.

**2024 GENERAL**:

* Nothing to report currently.

**2025 CONSOLIDATED**:

* ***Jacob Loyd*** wanted to run for mayor of Herrin in 2021, but due to city hall being on lockdown, he wasn’t even allowed to pick up candidate paperwork. Next race, barring a 2023 special election, will be in 2025. First contact 11/10/2020. Last contact 01/20/2021.

Appendix B

Precinct Commiteeperson Notes

I know there must be questions about the Precinct Committeeperson project and how things will work in 2022, given the ongoing confusion as to when county conventions will be and the potential June primary.

We have seven counties with established status that will need guidance in their PC elections next year and my hopes are that in the coming months, I can answer all of those questions.

Recent electronic communications between the Political and Field Operations divisions (both oversee the PC Project) and the ExCom have been working to hash out the best practices leading up to and including the 2022 primary.

**Some key pointers:**

* Even if no one files to run in the primary, the county chair or county central committee chair can appoint PCs until a set date after the primary. This is essentially the Nomination in Vacancy “grace period”, which allows said authority to make PC appointments. Whether elected or appointed, the election authority, usually the county clerk, will need to be notified. You may need to submit the same to the Illinois State Board of Elections if the clerk does not electronically submit that information to said body.
* Any PC petitions through 11:59:59 p.m. on December 31, 2021 are to be processed with Field Operations Director Les Deffner. All PC petitions beginning 12 midnight on January 1, 2022 are to be processed by Political Division Director Jake Leonard. (The process continues for all odd and even years, as both divisions take turns with the project costs.)
* Chairs in established counties may not remove duly elected PCs without an impeachment in accordance with the bylaws of the county central committee. Additionally, chairs may not appoint PCs until 30 days following the primary.
* PCs must be registered to vote and a current resident of their precinct for at least 30 days. Out-of-state residents and unregistered voters are ineligible.

**Regarding county conventions…**

Depending on the language in the most recent election reform bill, it may have moved the date of county conventions. This is not certain at this time, and we will advise if our usual date in April will still hold. Otherwise, we’re potentially looking at a summer county convention for 2022 only, as it would need to occur 29 days after the primary.

We will likely utilize the same voting platform as we’ve utilized previously and as the division responsible for the distribution of those ballots, I will have to get acquainted with the platform sometime this fall.

Only elected PCs in established counties or PCs that are known to the state party in unestablished counties may vote at the county conventions.

Submitted respectfully at 9:52 p.m. CDT on this 20th day of July 2021 by the officers of the Political Division of the Libertarian Party of Illinois.

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Bill Redpath, Ballot Access Director Jon King, Campaigns Director

Bennett Morris, Legislative Director