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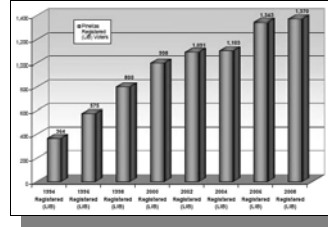
Libertarian Candidates

In 2002 Libertarians in Pinellas, for the first time had a *Full Slate* of state house candidates thanks to ballot access achieved by Florida Libertarians in 1998 with *Revision 11*.



Libertarian Radio Show

at multiple venues such as on Libertarian Radio Shows, at public events



Growth in Libertarian Voter Registration

Pinellas County's "Libertarian" voter registration has nearly tripled since 1994. Since 2004 the LPPC gained 400+ registered "Libertarian" voters.

Libertarians in Public Office

Pinellas County has Libertarians in public office too! Julie Chorgo is on the local *Pinellas Home School Board* helping local parents with a how-to website.



Julie Chorgo

Ralph Swanson is on a local Postal Board giving Lib feedback and ideas.



Ralph Swanson

Get Involved with *The LPPC*

Donate

Libertarian Party of Pinellas County
P.O. Box 41261
St. Petersburg FL 33743-1261

Chair—Michael Gilson
(727)-344-1038
www.PinellasLibertarians.org

Volunteer

Help hand out promotional material, petition drives, etc.

Run For Office

If you are a registered Libertarian Voter you can become a Libertarian Candidate. Campaign for local or statewide Elected or Appointive office.

Join Our Web Groups

www.LPPinellas.org/joinOurGroups.htm
www.LPPinellas.wordpress.com/
Club: www.PinellasLib.uni.cc
Info: www.TampaBayLibs.org
More: www.PinellasLibertarians.org



<http://twitter.com/LPPinellas>



MySpace.com/LibertarianPartyPinellas



www.YouTube.com/user/LPPinellasFL



Facebook.com/people/Pinellas-Libertarians/100000207752534



<http://Upcoming.Yahoo.com/user/1014887/>

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 53

Voters get Libertarian choice

By CURTIS KRUEGER
Times Staff Writer

Michael Gilson-De Lemos said he believes people should have "a Libertarian choice."

Voters in the newly drawn House District 53 do now that Gilson-De Lemos has announced his candidacy for the St. Petersburg-area seat in the state House of Representatives.

"A Libertarian can bring some fresh air into the system," Gilson-De Lemos said.

Voters also will have a Democratic choice, incumbent Rep. Charlie Justice, and a Republican choice, Ken Feek.

Gilson-De Lemos, 47, is a retired management consultant who was born in Washington, D.C. He said he has lived in Florida full time since the mid 1990s and graduated since 1986. A graduate of Regent's College, he is married and has three children who are being home-schooled.

and political rallies. Because campaign season is for a limited period of time, promoting Libertarian ideas and handing out literature is a great way to stay active and inform local citizens about what Pinellas libertarians are doing to help them.



Pinellas Libertarians have been successful at public venues and setting up Libertarian Information tables. This is a great way to survey local citizens and find out their concerns.



Distributing Libertarian literature at public events and forums

2002 Record Libertarian Candidates

Pinellas Libertarian **Michael Gilson** (above) received positive press as a Libertarian State House 53 Candidate.

Libertarian Activism

Pinellas Libertarians have been very active in promoting Libertarian ideas

Pinellas Libertarians Achieve Election Reform

around the bay

Election reform coalition tackles problems

By Vince Starnobilo

"Make Every Vote Count. Count Every Vote" is the mantra guiding the actions of the newly formed Election Reform Coalition (ERC), an ad-hoc group that all that failed to work on the November 2 election day; the mother of a Marine had frustrations trying to get an absentee ballot for her son; some precincts not

The statewide elimination of the "paper ballot" was in full effect by 2004. These multimillion dollar taxpayer funded machines had serious problems that left many voters asking: "Was my vote really counted"? Florida Libertarians were in the forefront of questioning these new machines. In 2005 Pinellas Libertarian, **Michael Gilson** helped with organization of a non-partisan group called the **Election Reform Coalition of Pinellas County**. Over a two year period they interacted with local citizens, organizations, the press and the Supervisors of Elections. Reform was won when Governor, Charlie Crist, signed the bill in 2007 to mandate a paper back-up for recounts. See site: www.ERCPinellas.org.