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Rogue politicians seek to take over newly recognized Libertarian Party

BACKGROUND:

The Libertarian Party of New York (LPNY) attained recognized political party status as a result of the 2018 elections. From now on, the top management of the LPNY, the "State Committee," will be elected by the enrolled Libertarian voters at the primary election. In the past, they were elected by dues-paying members, partly at an annual convention, partly at county-level meetings. Long Island (Nassau and Suffolk, Judicial District 10) is entitled to elect seven members to the State Committee.

CURRENT SITUATION:

While all of these new procedures are confusing enough for the voters, the situation is further complicated by an unrelated problem. Six fake Libertarians, most of whom enrolled in the Party immediately before the February 2020 deadline, are also running for the LPNY State Committee from our district. None of them have ever been involved with the LPNY, but upon searching media reports we found that some of them were involved in minor party politics over the years. One, Bobby Kalotee, aka Karan Kumar, gained fame by faking his own kidnapping (see NY Times, Newsday).

Is this actually illegal or is it just bare-fisted politics? Well, some of these people formed fraudulent Libertarian Party organizations for Suffolk and Nassau Counties, in violation of the LPNY party rules, and filed their own rules with various boards of election. Then, they signed fraudulent Certificates of Authorization (formerly known as "Wilson Pakulas") for seven Republican candidates across Long Island, most of which may survive all challenges due to lowered legal protections stemming from the coronavirus threat and political bias at the Board of Elections.

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If this hijacking is not stopped, the LPNY could go the way of other third parties that were stolen from their founders by political opportunists. Perhaps you know the story of Curtis Sliwa and associates taking over the Stop Common Core Party (later known as the Reform Party). The threat is real and the June 23 election is the only thing that can stop it.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

For information about the Nassau County Libertarian Party, see nassaulibertarian.org

For information on the candidates, see liliberity.org

For information on the policies and positions of the Libertarian Party, see lp.org

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