

My fellow Libertarians,

I am writing today to let you know of my intention to run for the Chair of the Libertarian Party of Michigan at the state convention on April 30, 2011. As such I thought I would take a minute to let you know a bit about me and where I believe I could help the party as your State Chair.

I am a business owner and have been a champion of liberty since I began to work my way through college. My formal background and education is in economics and finance based on free market principles and Austrian economics. As such I am a firm believer in economic freedom, personal liberties and limited government.

As your State Chair, I would have three goals.

**1) Activate current membership.**

Our greatest asset is our members. I wish to reach out and establish a more dynamic connection with Libertarians in Michigan in hopes of fostering greater communication with one another and working towards our party goals. I am interested in matching volunteers' time, talent and enthusiasm, sharing our experience and best practices, and developing resources so that affiliates and candidates may apply these to local activities and campaigns. By all of us taking an active role in the Michigan Libertarian Party we will develop a strong foundation for years to come.

**2) Increase membership.**

I would engage individuals from PAC's, with a similar philosophy to ours, with the intent to create awareness of Libertarian principles and build support for affiliates and local candidates. Additionally I would seek to spread our message to college campuses around the state. I believe if we can energize the youth of Michigan, they can become our messengers of freedom and independence from government excess. By increasing our numbers and building relationships, we will make an impact on state politics.

**3) Improve fundraising efforts.**

As a political party, we are lacking funds to assist affiliates and state candidates. In 2010 I ran for State Representative of the 66<sup>th</sup> District. I would have liked to have some state funding for my local affiliate so they may have helped me in my quest. I think we have more opportunities than we realize in our local communities. We can reach out to business owners and local associations to help raise funds to support the party.

I would love to hear from you and get your input about my ideas and plans if I were to become your State Chair. Please email me at [electjameshlewis@gmail.com](mailto:electjameshlewis@gmail.com). I would be honored if you voted me for State Chair and look forward to seeing you all at the convention on April 30<sup>th</sup> in Midland.

In Liberty,

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