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Governor Gary Johnson to join in Illinois Libertarian Debate

Steve Kerbel sidelined by illness, four candidates confirmed

Bloomington, IL— February 29, 2016 — Libertarian Party of Illinois Chair, Lex Green, announces to convention goers that Gary Johnson will be participating in their March 11 Presidential Candidates Debate in Springfield Illinois. Said Green, “Governor Johnson’s attendance rounds out a list of candidates that will showcase the importance of our inclusion in the Presidential race. His success as a Libertarian candidate in 2012 has inspired many of our members. We hope to build on that success in 2016.”

Candidates scheduled to appear also include Marc Allan Feldman, Austin Petersen and Cecil Ince. Other candidates, including John McAfee and Darryl Perry, will have representatives at the event to answer questions from the public. Steve Kerbel, who has actively sought support in Illinois this year, has withdrawn from the debate due to illness.

The debate is scheduled as a kickoff event for the Libertarian Party of Illinois’ annual convention. Friday night’s debate, which starts at 8:00 pm, is open to the public and the press. Press passes are available for a Senate candidates’ debate and the introduction of our candidate for Comptroller, Claire Ball, which will occur after the March 12th Luncheon. The Saturday evening portion of the convention will include a member’s only Annual Business meeting where candidates for office are nominated. That will include selecting presidential delegates to the national convention.

Information about the convention and the debate are available on the Libertarian Party’s website, [lpillinois.org/convention](http://pillinois.org/convention).

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