



LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF ILLINOIS

CANDIDATES VISIT SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

Libertarian Message Finds Favor

Mt. Vernon just celebrated its annual Fall Festival and, as expected during an election year, many area candidates seized the opportunity to reach the 10,000+ area voters who passed through the town's downtown over the weekend. But there was one group of political aspirants that slightly stood out from the bunch.

Libertarian candidates for Illinois state offices including AJ Cummings for Lieutenant Governor, Ben Koyl for Attorney General, Chris Michel for State Secretary, and Matthew Skopek for Treasurer traveled from as far away as Chicago to connect with the local community. They spent the weekend mingling with festival attendees at a Vendors Marketplace booth setup by the newly-formed Southern Illinois Libertarian Party, a local chapter of the state organization, and marched in the parade with Alvin the Libertarian Chipmunk.

"I was encouraged to meet so many freedom-loving people who share our concerns of an imposing government and shrinking liberties," Matthew Skopek shared as Sunday was coming to its close. The booth featured the World's Smallest Political Quiz, which local chapter members conducted with interested passersby. Scott Schluter, Chairman of the local chapter, said "The quiz showed that we have a lot in common with a lot of people. More than 20 requested to be contacted about party involvement, which will more than double our numbers if they follow through. Southern Illinois is definitely fertile soil for liberty's message."

With just over a week before the general elections, the candidates are continuing hot on the campaign trail while the SILP is looking to capitalize on the spike in political awareness to grow the grassroots movement. If the weekend was any indicator, the Libertarian Party is certainly here to stay, so look for us on the ballot this November 4.

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