



Peace and Freedom Party of California

Legislative Committee

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Date: September 6, 2021

Honorable Assemblymember Marc Berman
State Capitol, Room 3123
Sacramento, CA 94249-0024

Subject: Peace and Freedom Party proposals for legislation in 2022.

Dear Assemblymember Berman:

Peace and Freedom Party of California is looking for fair-minded legislators to introducing one or more of our proposals to eliminate restrictive fees on candidates and undemocratic plurality voting in recall elections.

Peace and Freedom Party, which first qualified for the ballot in California over 50 years ago, has run more than 400 candidates in our effort to provide alternatives to the candidates of the two larger parties. Despite receiving up to a million votes in each election the four smaller alternative parties' voters have no representation of their choosing in the legislature. Real voting rights should include poor and other working-class people being able to vote for the candidates they want, and to be able to run for office themselves. Two current fee structures make it extremely difficult for poor and other working-class candidates to run for public office.

Please consider introducing one or more of our proposals in bill form for the 2022 secession.

*Peace and Freedom Party seeks legislation to eliminate candidate filing fees. This onerous fee has the effect of disallowing poor and other working-class candidates from running for office. This fee is the equivalent of a candidate poll tax.

*Peace and Freedom Party seeks legislation to eliminate fees for candidate statements in the Secretary of State Voter Information Guide. For voters to be well informed they need information about the candidates. This exorbitant fee prevents underfunded, but serious, candidates from competing on a level field.

*Peace and Freedom Party seeks a constitutional amendment to replace plurality voting as a method of electing a replacement candidate with a ranked choice voting system. This would guarantee that a winning replacement candidate would receive a majority of the final count without the need for an expensive runoff election.

*Peace and Freedom Party seeks a constitutional amendment to allow the Lieutenant Governor to automatically become Governor if the office of Governor is vacated as the result of a recall election.

Attached are our proposals for your consideration. Please become an author.

If you or a member of your staff would like to discuss any of these proposals, please contact C. T. Weber at (916) 422-5395 or CTWeberVoters@att.net or John Reiger at (916) 456-4595 or reigers@earthlink.net. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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