

# Libertarian Party of Hawaii

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## Upcoming events:

### Foolish Things Salon

*When:* Sunday, February 24, 2013, 6:00PM – 8:00PM  
*Where:* **Ken & Li Schoolland's house**  
94-1072 Alelo Street  
Waikele, Waipahu, HI 96797  
*Who:* **Brano Opaterny**, IT specialist,  
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*What:* The dangerous rise of Russian economic & political  
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*Donation:* \$5 for dinner  
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### Maui County Libertarian Party Liberty Forum

*When:* Friday, March 1, 2013, 6:30PM – 8:30PM  
*Where:* **Kalama Heights Independent Senior Living Community**  
101 Kanani Road  
(lower level, makai end)  
Kihei, HI 96753  
*What:* **Ron Paul's** Congressional  
farewell address & his influence  
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*Who:* Hosted by **Joe Kent**  
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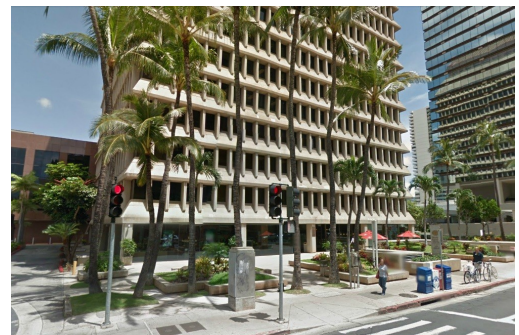
## Grassroot Institute Hawaii

**When:** Friday, 12 April, 2013, 11:00AM – 1:00PM  
**Where:** [The Pacific Club](#), Cleghorn Room  
1451 Queen Emma Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813-2003  
**Who:** **Mark Skousen**  
Author: *The Making of Modern Economics*  
Former President: *Foundation for Economic Education*  
Founder: *Freedom Fest*  
**What:** Freedom Fest, "From Ballys to Caesars Palace;  
*Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness*"  
Lunch at 12:30PM  
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## Entrepreneurship Center/Laissez Faire Society

**When:** Friday, 12 April 2013, 3:00PM - 5:00PM  
**Where:** [Hawaii Pacific University](#)  
1164 Bishop Street, Room 212  
Honolulu, HI 96813  
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## Libertarian Party of Hawaii Convention 2013

**When:** Saturday, June 8, 2013, 1:30PM – 5:30PM  
**Where:** [Unitarian Church](#)  
"AT the Unitarian Church, Sponsored by the Libertarian Party of Hawaii"  
2500 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI 96817  
**Who:** **James W. Lark, III**, Secretary Pro Tem on the Libertarian National Committee,  
Professor at the Department of Statistics & the Department of Systems & Information Engineering  
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**What:** Election of Party officers & Party business  
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# Why the 2nd Amendment

By **Walter E. Williams** republished with permission from [Townhall.com](http://Townhall.com)



Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., in the wake of the Newtown, Conn., shootings, said: "The British are not coming. ... We don't need all these guns to kill people." Lewis' vision, shared by many, represents a gross ignorance of why the framers of the Constitution gave us the Second Amendment. How about a few quotes from the period and you decide whether our Founding Fathers harbored a fear of foreign tyrants.

Alexander Hamilton: "The best we can hope for concerning the people at large is that they be properly armed," adding later, "If the representatives of the people betray their constituents, there is then no recourse left but in the exertion of that original right of self-defense which is paramount to all positive forms of government." By the way, Hamilton is referring to what institution when he says "the representatives of the people"?

James Madison: "(The Constitution preserves) the advantage of being armed, which the Americans possess over the people of almost every other nation ... (where) the governments are afraid to trust the people with arms."

Thomas Jefferson: "What country can preserve its liberties if its rulers are not warned from time to time that their people preserve the spirit of resistance? Let them take arms."

George Mason, author of the Virginia Bill of Rights, which inspired our Constitution's Bill of Rights, said, "To disarm the people -- that was the best and most effectual way to enslave them."

Rep. John Lewis and like-minded people might dismiss these thoughts by saying the founders were racist anyway. Here's a more recent quote from a card-carrying liberal, the late Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey: "Certainly, one of the chief guarantees of freedom under any government, no matter how popular and respected, is the right of the citizen to keep and bear arms. ... The right of the citizen to bear arms is just one guarantee against arbitrary government, one more safeguard against the tyranny which now appears remote in America but which historically has proven to be always possible." I have many other Second Amendment references at <http://econfaculty.gmu.edu/wew/quotes.html>.

How about a couple of quotations with which Rep. Lewis and others might agree? "Armas para que?" (translated: "Guns, for what?") by Fidel Castro. There's a more famous one: "The most foolish mistake we could possibly make would be to allow the subject races to possess arms. History shows that all conquerors who have allowed their subject races to carry arms have prepared their own downfall by so doing." That was Adolf Hitler.

Here's the gun grabbers' slippery-slope agenda, laid out by Nelson T. Shields, founder of Handgun Control Inc.: "We're going to have to take this one step at a time, and the first step is necessarily -- given the political realities -- going to be very modest. ... Right now, though, we'd be satisfied not with half a loaf but with a slice. Our ultimate goal -- total control of handguns in the United States -- is going to take time. ... The final problem is to make the possession of all handguns and all handgun ammunition -- except for the military, police, licensed security guards, licensed sporting clubs and licensed gun collectors -- totally illegal" (The New Yorker, July 1976).

There have been people who've ridiculed the protections afforded by the Second Amendment, asking what chance would citizens have against the military might of the U.S. government. Military might isn't always the deciding factor. Our 1776 War of Independence was against the mightiest nation on the face of the earth -- Great Britain. In Syria, the rebels are making life uncomfortable for the much-better-equipped Syrian regime. Today's Americans are vastly better-armed than our founders, Warsaw Ghetto Jews and Syrian rebels.

There are about 300 million privately held firearms owned by Americans. That's nothing to sneeze at. And notice that the people who support gun control are the very people who want to control and dictate our lives.

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# **Libertarian Party:**

## ***Halt the Massacre of Innocent Children by Ending Prohibition on Self-Defense in Schools***

*Republished from the Libertarian Party December 12, 2012, Monday email*

Families throughout the nation mourn the horrific deaths of 26 people, including 20 young children, killed Friday during a Newtown, Conn., mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

"It's impossible to imagine the depths of despair and grief that the victims' families are experiencing right now," said Geoffrey J. Neale, Chair of the Libertarian National Committee. "Our hearts go out to every one of them."

In the immediate aftermath of news surrounding the shootings, pundits and politicians called for new restrictions on firearm ownership, exactly the opposite of the approach needed to combat tragic gun violence in schools.

"We've created a 'gun-free zone,' a killing zone, for the sickest criminals on the face of the Earth," said R. Lee Wrights, vice-chair of the Libertarian Party. "We've given them an open killing field, and we've made the children of this country the victims."

Wright's pointed out that merely the knowledge that armed people will be present acts as a deterrent for would-be shooters.

"They're not going to walk into a police station, and why not? Because that's where the guns are," he said.

The Federal Gun Free Schools Zone Act prohibits carrying firearms on school grounds in most cases, effectively criminalizing the right to self-defense in places filled with the most vulnerable citizens. Without that federal prohibition, adults working at the school would have been free to defend themselves, very possibly saving the lives of many of the young children and adults who were slain in this horrific tragedy.

"We must stop blinding ourselves to the obvious: Most of these mass killings are happening at schools where self-defense is prohibited," said Carla Howell, executive director of the Libertarian Party. "Gun prohibition sets the stage for the slaughter of innocent children. We must repeal these anti-self-defense laws now to minimize the likelihood they will occur in the future and to limit the damage done when they do."



Responsible gun owners can and do prevent mass shootings from occurring and escalating.

- A 1997 high school shooting in Pearl, Miss., was halted by the school's vice principal after he retrieved the Colt .45 he kept in his truck.
- A 1998 middle school shooting ended when a man living next door heard gunfire and apprehended the shooter with his shotgun.
- A 2002 terrorist attack at an Israeli school was quickly stopped by an armed teacher and a school guard.
- A 2002 law school shooting in Grundy, Va., came to an abrupt conclusion when students carrying firearms confronted the shooter.
- A 2007 mall shooting in Ogden, Utah, ended when an armed off-duty police officer intervened.
- A 2009 workplace shooting in Houston, Texas, was halted by two coworkers who carried concealed handguns.
- A 2012 church shooting in Aurora, Colo., was stopped by a member of the congregation carrying a gun.
- At the recent mall shooting in Portland, Ore., the gunman took his own life minutes after being confronted by a shopper carrying a concealed weapon.

For several years after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, gun prohibitionists blocked pilots from carrying firearms. But after it became undeniable that guns are an essential line of defense against hijackers and other terrorists when the lives of innocent passengers are at stake, Congress finally passed legislation allowing it.

It's time to take the same approach with teachers, school administrators, and security guards, who should be allowed to carry the tools necessary to protect the students in their care. It's time to put an end to gun-free zones and make it much easier for responsible adults to arm, train, and protect themselves and the people they love from the violent criminals who seek to harm them.

"You can't depend on somebody else to take care of your own life for you," Wrights said. "It's too precious to put it into the hands of somebody else, particularly when the seconds count."

The Libertarian Party Platform on Self-Defense states: "The only legitimate use of force is in defense of individual rights — life, liberty, and justly acquired property — against aggression. This right inheres in the individual, who may agree to be aided by any other individual or group. We affirm the individual right recognized by the Second Amendment to keep and bear arms, and oppose the prosecution of individuals for exercising their rights of self-defense. We oppose all laws at any level of government requiring registration of, or restricting, the ownership, manufacture, or transfer or sale of firearms or ammunition."

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# Editorial:

By [Pat Brock](#), Editor & Publisher

The invention of fire arms was a milestone in the evolution of human civilization.

Previously, larger and stronger people had physical advantage and could force their desires on smaller and weaker people. Demagogues would recruit the largest men to raid neighboring villages and commandeer people's wealth. The advent of the gun changed all this.

Guns have been a profound physical equalizer. Since their inception, self-defense was no longer limited by inherent biological ability, but only by the power and number of guns that could be acquired. Finally average citizens could procure the power to defend themselves from professional marauders. This empowerment of individuals has catalyzed our transition from kingdoms to democracies.

Currently, people who advocate gun control, seek to reverse this equalization, inadvertently wishing to again give physical advantage to a select number of individuals, who will again be able to bully the rest.

Authoritarian gun control is societal regression.

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# Letters:

Let's never forget that our 2nd Amendment right to keep & bear arms is absolutely needed to protect citizens from government. History repeats itself, & if we're pupule (stupid) enough not to learn from it, we're doomed to relive it. Pres. Ferdinand Marcos was elected president in 1965, & in 1972 he confiscated all guns from all citizens. Hitler was smarter than any of us & tweaked events to become supreme leader of the German government. He even managed to change the oath every soldier takes, swearing loyalty to himself personally, not to the government's military commander-in-chief. Can it happen to America? Are there forces at work to end our planet's (peace in our time thanks to America's might & benevolence) "Pax Americana?" Yes, the Libertarians have it right -- we have met the enemy & the enemy (more & more government control or "thousand cuts") is us!

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*“Truth is treason in an empire of lies.”*

*~Ronald Paul, M.D.*

# The State of Ron Paulers

*By Joe Kent*

What's going on with all the Ron Paulers? I hear they are discouraged. I hear they are upset. Where have they gone, and why aren't they joining the Libertarian Party?

My name is Joe Kent, and I was the Ron Paul National Delegate for Maui County in 2012, so if there's anyone who should be discouraged, it's me. The stunts they tried to pull! The trickery, and defeat. It's enough to make anyone want to get out of politics for a while. Indeed, when I got back to Maui, I wanted nothing to do with politics, the Republican Party, and especially television.

I still don't want anything to do with that stuff. But lately, I've been getting pretty fired up about the Libertarian Party. Why? Maybe it's an inner calling. Perhaps it's sites like the Mises Institute. Perhaps it's because I see an opportunity to make a big difference. The Libertarian Party carries the same freedom philosophy that Ron Paul advocated for all these years. So I've quit the Republican Party, and joined the Libertarians, and I want to tell you – I sleep so much better at night! It's so nice to be a part of an organization that holds the same values that I do.

So I got out the old lists and I started calling people. I wanted to see what the attitudes of the Ron Paulers were on Maui, and how many of them would want to meet up together with the Libertarian Party. I called all those people who helped us sign wave, and do phone banking, and knock on doors, and so on. All the people who helped Ron Paul tie in Maui County. I called lots of people, and I discovered a secret about the Ron Paulers -- *they aren't as discouraged as you think*.

Don't get me wrong, many people *are* discouraged. One person said, "I've changed my mind about Ron Paul. I just don't have time for any of it anymore," then they hung up on me.

Another said, "The democrats are just too powerful. Sorry."

Many said, "I'm done with politics."

But many more said they were willing to meet up. Of all the people I called so far, 14% were discouraged enough to say no, but 86% of the people said that they definitely would want to meet up. They wanted to talk about Ron Paul's message, and how we could bring it to Maui. Most everybody was excited about sharing their ideas, and gathering together.

Many people said, "I'm so glad you're doing this!"

Others said, "I'm going to be on the mainland that day, but I almost want to cancel my trip now!"

And most said, "We'll definitely be there!"

Lots of Ron Paulers were interested in education and discussion. They were open to the idea of watching Ron Paul's farewell address to Congress, and discussing our ideas about picking up where he left off. More than 300 people on Maui voted for Ron Paul during the Republican caucuses on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012, and that's enough people to create quite a stir on our small island. If we can gather together, we could be a driving force in Maui politics in the future.

As far as the Libertarian Party goes, many Ron Paulers are skeptical, and that's a good thing. Ron Paul folks are intelligent, witty, and are experts at seeing through fake politicians. So the last thing they want is to be tricked into joining another fake political movement (I'm looking at you, Republicans). Indeed, I was skeptical when I went to Tampa and saw all the Libertarian signs and posters at the "Ron Paul Festival". It all seemed so fake, and friendly – like they were just pretending to like Ron Paul. But did they really love him as much as I did?



I got the sense that, "Maybe if we just dangle Ron Paul in front of their faces, they'll join the Libertarian Party." It was a disgusting thought.

But when I got back to Maui, I realized that the movement could happen the other way around if it were the Ron Paul folks who took control of the Libertarian Party. That way, we could be sure that Ron Paul's theme of liberty and prosperity stayed at the center of our political vehicle. Ron Paul folks, after all, like to be in control. Already, I ran into a couple Ron Paul friends at the grocery store, from the past election, and they said, "We were thinking of quitting the Republican Party, and joining the Libertarians. How about you?"

In Maui, libertarian issues are everywhere, and people are starting to get fed up enough to do something about it. It's the shopping bag ban, and the ban on cigarettes at our beaches. It's \$8 a gallon milk prices, and price fixes on water pumps. It's the government supporting sugar cane, and a ban on piano lessons. There are so many local libertarian issues that need to be addressed and discussed, and people are just getting frustrated with the feeling that we simply can't do anything about it.

That's why the Libertarian Party is so important right now.

I believe Ron Paulers are beginning to see the Libertarian Party as aligned with their values. So are ex-republicans and Tea Partiers. People are looking for a place where they can make a difference. That's why one of the most important things to accomplish at our meeting is to identify our strengths. What are you good at? Some people are best at writing. Others are good at talking. Some people like doing grunt work, or using the internet. And lots of people are experts at debating issues. All of it is important! When I met Ron Paul, a man who carried the message, sometimes all alone, for his entire life, I knew that he needed our help. It's our responsibility then, as bearers of the torch of liberty, to support each other. To inspire each other. To educate and discuss with one another, and to light a fire in the hearts and minds of those around us.

The meeting is March 1<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00pm at Kalama Heights Living Center, 101 Kanani Road, Kihei.

There we will:

- Watch Ron Paul's farewell address to Congress.
- Discuss about how we can take the message of liberty to Maui.
- Do a book exchange. Bring your favorite book about liberty, and we'll keep track.

If you have any questions, please e-mail me at [joe\\_kent@hotmail.com](mailto:joe_kent@hotmail.com)

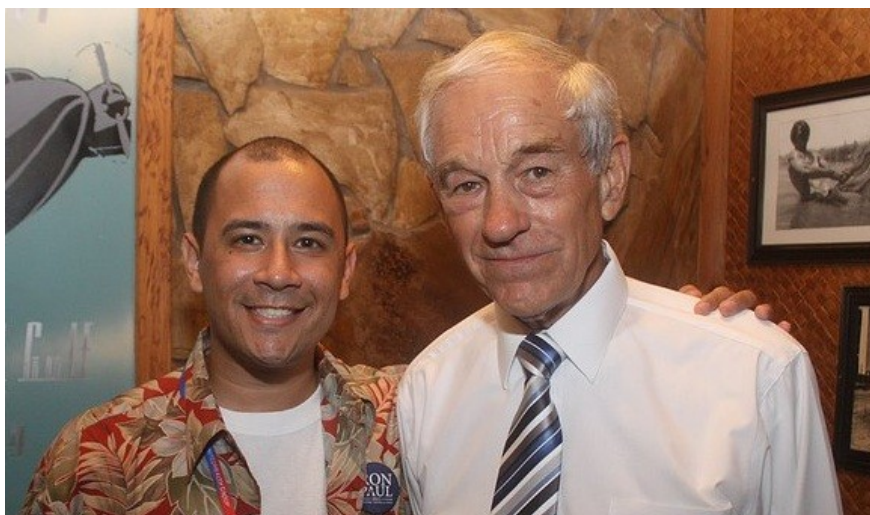
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For Liberty, **Joe Kent**

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# Jonathan Gullible

## & Ken Schoolland's Travels

On behalf of the *International Society for Individual Liberty* (ISIL), the *Grassroots Institute of Hawaii* (GRIH), *Smart Business Hawaii* (SBH), and *Hawaii Pacific University* (HPU), **Ken Schoolland** traveled to *New Delhi, India* earlier this month and gave the following presentations:

*At the Asia Centre for Enterprise, Asia Liberty Forum & Centre for Civil Society:*

“Free Trade & Economic Integration in Asia,” (February 2)

“Economic Theory Meets Popular Culture,” (February 3)

*At the Liberty Institute (LI) & India FNF Alumni Network (IFAN):*

“Welfare Populism: Political & Economic Challenges” (February 4)

The Liberty Institute (LI) has published the Hindi commentary edition of *The Adventures of Jonathan Gullible: A Free Market Odyssey*. This is the 73rd publication of Jonathan Gullible, now printed in 48 languages, this featuring an animated epilogue, *The Philosophy of Liberty*.

**Barun Mitra**, President of the Liberty Institute, previously published commentary editions of the book in Bengali and English. Contacts were made for future publications in Marathi in west India, Baluchistan, Afghanistan, Bhutan.





**Adedayo Thomas**, Director of Outreach for *AfricanLiberty.org* in Lagos State, Nigeria reports, that the *University of Ibadan*, on Friday 16, 2013, won the 2012 Event of the Year Award for their performance of the play, "A Letter from Jonathan Gullible" during the *International Students for Liberty World Conference* at the Hyatt Hotel in Washington, D.C.

[Click to read the article on-line in the Nigerian newspaper The Nation.](#)



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# My Year as a Billionaire

by Joe Kent

When I was 22, I had the unique experience of being able to live like a billionaire. In order to protect the names of those involved, I'd rather not go into the details of how I came upon so much money, but let's just say, suddenly I had a very rich step father figure.

This man was enormously rich. He owned sports teams, and Fortune 500 companies. He had a multi-million dollar mansion, and a private jet. He was the richest man I've ever met, and suddenly, I was like his step son.

I think everyone should live the experience of being fabulously rich. At least for a year. It gives you a great perspective on the world. For one thing, I could travel. I visited more countries that year, than in my entire life.

But another reason everyone should experience it is because for the rest of your life, you will always know what you are missing out on. When you are back to being poor (as I am today), you will know exactly how poor you are, compared to how rich you could be. For the rest of your life, every piece of steak you eat can be compared against a billionaire's steak, and you will know exactly what the difference is. And it's a very important difference to remember. Because the difference is — not that much, really.

As far as steak goes, it was good. But given the choice between my mom's home cooked steak, and a steak served in a fancy restaurant, I'll go with my mom's steak every time. Both taste very good, are cooked to perfection, with just the right amount of seasoning. But I don't care how much the steak costs because my mom cooks the best steak in the world.

The same goes with almost everything else. In the mansion, we had a home theatre system with a projector. In my little studio apartment, I have a little projector that I use to project onto my barren white wall. The picture quality is so good, I barely even notice the difference between what I have, and what we had in the mansion.

In the mansion, we had a big swimming pool. At my apartment complex, we have a big swimming pool. Usually, there's no one in the pool, and I don't even have to worry about cleaning it!

In the mansion, we had our own personal gym. In my apartment, I have my own personal pair of gym shorts, which I use to go running.

In the mansion, we had a giant kitchen. It was like something out of a magazine. It had beautiful lighting and an island in the middle with a marble counter top, a space age looking microwave, and a luxurious dishwasher.



Of course, my little apartment has its own kitchen, with a microwave, and a dishwasher. Sure it isn't as nice as the million dollar kitchen, but I've got all the pots and pans I need, and I can cook everything I need to.

As far as furniture goes, how much furniture does one really need? The mansion was filled with beds and couches. Just a whole museum of beds and couches. Sometimes a table here or there. Sometimes a chair. A lamp. What else is there to buy really, but beds and couches? I remember walking through the mansion filled with beds, couches, tables, and chairs, and just thinking, what's the big deal? When we were poor, we had beds, couches, tables, and chairs too. Sure, we didn't have as many of them, but how many do you need?



My billionaire step father (as we'll call him), had an Audi. It was one of the most luxurious cars at the time. It had a car phone, and a GPS, and a sensor that beeped when you backed up. It was a technological wonder.

But my clunky old 1986 Mercedes Benz is a technological wonder too. I bought it for only \$600, and it goes and goes and goes. The pinnacle of 1986 German engineering, with wood paneling, and a new safety device (at the time) called an "air bag". That car has gotten me from A to B, all the way to Z, and back, and sometimes, I even go faster than the Audis on the road.

Unfortunately, my years as a billionaire have come to an end, and now I am back to being poor again. But that's not really so bad. I'm just as happy as I was when I was rich. In fact, probably happier.

Yet, there is one thing that the billionaire has that I don't have. The enormous power to give. I only wish I could give the amount of money to poor people that the billionaire did. First of all, he provided thousands of people with jobs. Secondly, he gave millions of dollars away every year, to charity. He helped people all over the world, from Guatemala to the Philippines. He would take special trips to make sure he knew the money was going to the right projects, and to the right people. The people who really needed the help most of all.

This billionaire gave because he was a human being, and he felt for his fellow man. He was poor once too, so he knows exactly what it's like to not have enough to eat. He had so much compassion that he knew that keeping his money to himself was more helpful than giving it all away. Because if he gave it all away, there would be no more money left to give. But if he kept some for himself, then he could continue to invest it with people, so many more of us could afford to buy our own beds, and chairs, and couches.

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## Recommended Links:

[Advocates for Self-Government](#)

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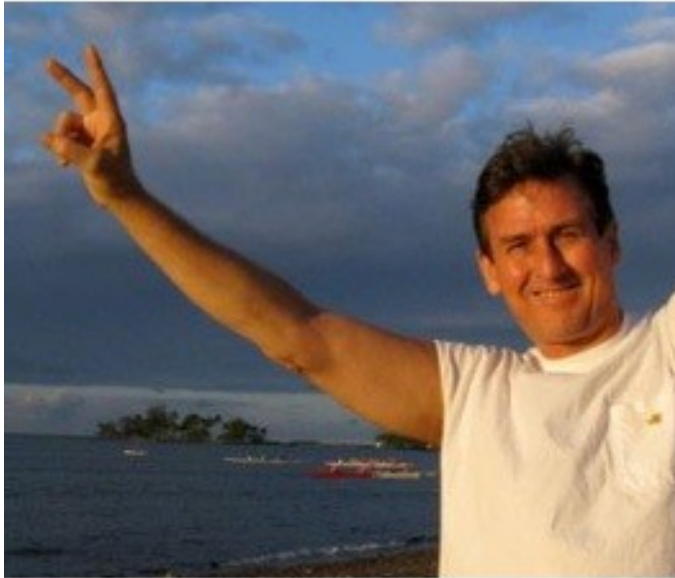
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# FREE ROGER CHRISTIE



This Hawai'i resident has been held since July of 2010 without bail or a trial as provided by the Constitution of the United States.

The Reverend Roger Christie has long proclaimed the right to use cannabis as a sacrament in his church of Jesus Christ. For this "crime" he has been targeted by Federal law enforcement as a distributor of marijuana and held in their detention center for more than two years.



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# END MARIJUANA PROHIBITION



WHAT DO LIBERTARIANS AND  
DEMOCRATS AGREE ON?  
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"Resolved: That the Democratic  
Party of Hawaii urge all Democratic  
elected officials at all levels must  
work to end cannabis prohibition"

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