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**LIBERTARIANS FOR PEACE**

**ENCOURAGES STRONG NONINTERVENTIONIST CANDIDATES,  
CRITICIZES LIBERTARIAN PARTY "ISRAEL LOBBY" LEADER**

On the eve of the Libertarian Party's 2012 National Convention - celebrating the party's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary - members of Libertarians for Peace caucus of the party encourage the Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates to promote the strong pro-peace and noninterventionist platform of the Libertarian Party which reads:

*American foreign policy should seek an America at peace with the world. Our foreign policy should emphasize defense against attack from abroad and enhance the likelihood of peace by avoiding foreign entanglements. We would end the current U.S. government policy of foreign intervention, including military and economic aid. We recognize the right of all people to resist tyranny and defend themselves and their rights. We condemn the use of force, and especially the use of terrorism, against the innocent, regardless of whether such acts are committed by governments or by political or revolutionary groups.*

\* We applaud candidate for the Libertarian Party presidential nomination R. Lee Wrights who has made central to his campaign an unqualified pledge to stop all U.S. wars through ending foreign alliances, closing down military bases and bringing the troops home.

\* We applaud candidate for presidential nomination Governor Gary Johnson's strong opposition to the war in Afghanistan but want to hear him speak even more firmly against entangling alliances; unequivocally against the U.S. supporting in *any way* an Israeli or U.S. attack on Iran; in full support of the U.S. quickly shutting down of Guantanamo detention camp and *all* foreign bases, as well as bringing *all* U.S. troops home. These positions have brought massive support for Republican Presidential candidate Ron Paul - and the Libertarian Party candidate certainly can do no less.

\* We applaud candidate for the Vice Presidential nomination Judge James P. Gray's support for Palestinian human and property rights, and the right to self-determination in their own state, but hope Gray, like Johnson, also will adopt an even stronger noninterventionist stand.

Libertarians for Peace also strongly criticizes statements by Wayne Allyn Root, the leader of the Libertarian Party's small defacto "Israel lobby." As the 2008 Libertarian Party vice presidential candidate and/or as a Libertarian National Committee member Root publicly has stated: he is "as pro-Israel as any human being in the world can possibly be"; his rejection of Palestinian property rights crying he was "sickened and outraged by Obama's demand for Israel to return to its 1967 borders"; arguments regarded as "Islamophobic"; that libertarians should not criticize Israel because Jews "provide a majority of the donations to Democratic politicians" and to Republicans and that only by taking such money can the Libertarian Party succeed; his endorsement of Gary Johnson with the statement that Johnson is "A Libertarian in every way...yet still a huge supporter of Israel."

For more information about these issues go to our web site <http://libertarians4peace.net>

## LIBERTARIANS FOR PEACE PRESS RELEASE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

<http://libertarians4peace.net> 202-635-3739

Libertarian Party Platform: <http://lp.org/platform>

LP Presidential nominee Lee Wrights: <http://wrights2012.com/issues/foreign-policy/>

LP Presidential nominee Gary Johnson: <http://garyjohnson2012.com/issues/foreign-policy>

Vice Presidential nominee Judge James Gray No campaign web page; search foreign policy or Palestine at <http://judgejamesgray.blogspot.com>

*Other libertarian writings supporting Palestinian human and property rights*

Richard M. Ebeling, Ph.D. <http://fff.org/comment/com0305o.asp>

Stephen P. Halbrook, Ph.D., J.D. [http://mises.org/journals/jls/5\\_4/5\\_4\\_2.pdf](http://mises.org/journals/jls/5_4/5_4_2.pdf)

Sheldon Richman, Ph.D. <http://cato.org/pubs/pas/pa-159.html>

I. Dean Ahmad, Ph.D. <http://minaret.org/israeliaid.htm>

### Wayne Root Comments

*\*On allegiance to Israel:*

[http://jewishexponent.com/article/16812/Libertarian\\_Candidate\\_for\\_VP\\_One](http://jewishexponent.com/article/16812/Libertarian_Candidate_for_VP_One)

<http://newsmax.com/WayneAllynRoot/Tebow-Jews-evangelical-Christian/2011/12/19/id/421459>

*\*On fundraising from Israel supporters:*

<http://newsmax.com/WayneAllynRoot/israel-hamas-barack-obama/2011/05/20/id/397131>

<http://carolmoore.net/libertarianparty/bootroot/fundraising.html>

*\*On 1967 borders and by implication Palestinian property rights*

<http://independentpoliticalreport.com/2011/05/wayne-allyn-root-obama-to-jews-christians-and-israel-drop-dead>

*\*On Islam and the "Ground Zero" Mosque:*

<http://www.rootforamerica.com/webroot/oldblog/index.php?m=07&y=10&d=27&entry=entry100727-124859>

*\*On Gary Johnson:* <http://www.independentpoliticalreport.com/2011/12/johnson-campaign-contacting-inc-members-wayne-root-involved-in-recruitment/>

**Libertarian Party founder David Nolan (1943-2010) wrote a 2009 piece decrying the chipping away at Libertarian principles by some party leaders and members which Libertarians 4 Peace want everyone to remember at the party's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration:**

<http://www.nolanchart.com/article6640-an-open-letter-to-the-libertarian-national-committee.html>

*My fellow Libertarians, our party is at a crossroads. Either we stand up boldly for liberty, or we lose all relevance. The voters who want real, meaningful, substantive change will direct their energies elsewhere, while opportunists who seek short-term electoral victories will support the Republican and Democratic politicians who offer a far better chance of "winning now." I urge each of you to bear these thoughts in mind during your upcoming meeting.*