

House District 20 Representative

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EDUCATION:
Ladue HS St. Louis, MO
Westminster College, Fulton, MO
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POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Elected Member, SW Neighborhood Assembly,
Washington DC
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SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:
Alaska Libertarian Party
National Libertarian Party

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Tennis, travel, history, geography

STATEMENT:

The Libertarian Party supports practical approaches to today's problems that are advocated by other pro-liberty groups in areas such as:

- a. Upholding civil liberties by opposing victimless crime laws, civil asset forfeiture, eminent domain abuse, the "war" on drugs, and qualified immunity for government officials.
- b. Upholding free trade by opposing tariffs, trade sanctions, import quotas, export subsidies, the Jones Act, and restrictions on travel and immigration.
- c. Promoting a freer economy by supporting school choice, privatization of public enterprises, and opposing government price controls, occupational licensing and restrictions on building homes.
- d. Upholding freedom of speech by opposing any government attempts to suppress speech that some may consider hateful, racist, homophobic, untruthful, or originating from a "foreign" entity.
- e. Promoting a peaceful international order by opposition to war and foreign intervention.

Most of these positions are supported by expert opinion and have been implemented to some degree in various states and other countries. They are practical and doable, but don't receive adequate support from most politicians and the mainstream news media.

A fundamental pillar of classical liberalism is respect for others. We respect the right of people to make their own choices in life. It is also important to respect the opinions of others and their "good intentions". Rhetoric that demonizes opposing viewpoints and blames our problems on an evil-minded "establishment" should be avoided. We should not stoop to the same level as other politicians who routinely vilify their opponents.

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