



OBAR Oklahomans for Ballot Access Reform

a coalition of Oklahomans working for FAIR laws that give voters genuine choices



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Independent Presidential Candidate & National Libertarian Executive Director to Speak Thursday in Oklahoma City

Independent presidential candidate, Daniel Imperato, and National Libertarian Party Executive Director, Shane Cory will speak at a fundraiser on Thursday, Sept. 6th. This Oklahomans for Ballot Access Reform event will be held at the north Oklahoma City Holiday Inn (NW 63rd and Robinson, just west of I-235), with a \$5 minimum donation.

Schedule of Events for Thursday, Sept. 6th:

- 6:00 PM - Meet and Greet with press
- 7:00 PM - Address to Public
- Until 8:30 PM - Meet with event attendees

Daniel Imperato is an independent candidate for president and is seeking the nomination from the Libertarian Party. Imperato has over thirty years of experience in global business planning and development and has personal relationships at high levels around the world. With ballot access in all 50 states, Imperato believes he could make a major push to win the White House in 2008.

Shane Cory, executive director of the Libertarian Party, will be touring Oklahoma September 3rd to 7th to fundraise for ballot access reform. Cory has roots in Oklahoma, and being one-eighth Pottawatomie, he plans to meet with some Oklahoma Indian tribal leaders, as well as editors of tribal and general circulation newspapers. The Libertarian Party is active in all 50 states and has more than 200,000 registered voters.

In this month's Ballot Access News, Richard Winger wrote: "The Libertarian Party has probably spent \$500,000, in its 35 years of existence, coping with Oklahoma ballot access. The national party is now resolved to fix the Oklahoma problem once and for all."

Oklahoma was the ONLY state with just two choices for president in 2004. Voter choice suffered again in the 2006 general election, when HALF of state legislature races went unopposed.

OBAR is a coalition of Oklahoma third parties and Independents that will circulate an initiative petition to open Oklahoma's ballot access laws, considered the most restrictive in the country.

"We are looking forward to giving more choices to Oklahoma voters, and with the help of our many supporters, we are confident it will be a success," said Matthew R. Jones, an Independent and OBAR Chairman.

OBAR plans to collect over 90,000 signatures this fall to return the number of signatures for recognition of political party back to 5,000; the number required in Oklahoma from 1924 until 1974.

"Our timing is fortunate. Dissatisfaction with the major parties seems to grow everyday," said Jimmy Cook, OBAR Vice-Chairman and Libertarian Party of Oklahoma Chairman.

For more information on the Libertarian Party visit www.LP.org or www.OKLP.org and for more information on Daniel Imperato, visit www.Imperato2008.com

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