

## **New Political Party Ramps Up for Governor's race.**

The newest state-wide political party, Amigo Constitution Liberty, will be competing in the November governor's race. The party's ballot access was created by the signatures of over 11,000 voters, who signed on to see the new party listed alongside the Democrat and Republican, parties. It surpassed the 7500 threshold yesterday, putting the party, and its Governor nominee Mark Stewart Greenstein, on the ballot. Greenstein is one of five candidates who will be on the governor ballot. He is a Democrat, but the Amigo party does not require its candidates to disown their major-party affiliation. Mr. Greenstein appeared in Democrat Party debates alongside Ned Lamont in the winter and spring.

The party expects to compete for General Assembly seats and Congressional seats in 2020. Mr. Greenstein, the party's founder, feels that a good general Assembly is even more important than a good governor. "We need General Assembly members whose seats are threatened if they persist in going against the people's will. If they permit indebtedness, if they permit raiding of specialty funds, if they permit state employees to lavishly spend other people's money, they will be taken down."

Greenstein notes that in Connecticut's two-party system, too many seats are "safe". In too many urban districts, voting "R" is considered heresy; the Democrat there gets a free ride. Similarly, in many rural districts, neighbors think you have a screw loose if you are considering voting "D", so the Republican has room to be ineffective and still win easily. In both cases, a strong third party means votes won't go to the incumbent just by default.

Greenstein points out another advantage of three strong candidates in a race: "Negative campaigning goes away. No longer does your smear against your only opponent elevate you; now the smear against one elevates the THIRD guy, who rises above your bickering."

Mr. Greenstein would like to be a model for what others can do by running in future races. "If I can make a big impact, there are swarms of good would-be candidates who'll see a little guy making headway and know they can run too. You don't need a lot of money; you can keep a part time job. You can then chase out irresponsible incumbents, which is what Connecticut sorely needs.

AMiGo stands for "Americans for Minimal Government". The party is selecting many of Mr. Greenstein's appointees in its Sept 17 convention. "This way voters will know who they are getting in the administration. No surprise selections", says Mr. Greenstein.

Mr. Greenstein speaks with voters by conference call every Tuesday at 11 and Friday at 5. Details are at [www.stewartforliberty.com](http://www.stewartforliberty.com). He also speaks at high school convocations. School coordinators can reach his campaign by emailing [stewartforliberty@gmail.com](mailto:stewartforliberty@gmail.com)