

ACL Party's Straw Poll highlights Borelli, Stewart, Stemerman, and Kasparov.

The AMiGo Constitution Liberty Party held a "straw poll" on Saturday evening in Farmington to reveal preferences for its party's Lieutenant Governor candidate. The party is the only new party that will appear on the Governor ballot in November. Its Governor candidate is Mark Stewart Greenstein, the party's founder. He is a registered Democrat who competed with Ned Lamont in the Democrat party's early 2018 debates. Mr. Greenstein chose the petition route, collecting over 7700 names himself, over the convention route to get on the Governor ballot. The ACL party allows candidates to keep their Republican or Democrat affiliation while running for office as ACL candidates.

The lead vote-getter, at 20.3%, was Deneen Borelli, of Greenwich. Erin Stewart, the current mayor of New Britain, received 12.4%. David Stemerman, of Greenwich, held 8.5%, and Chess Champion Garry Kasparov earned 5.1%.

Mayor of Danbury Mark Boughton and Mark Lauretti, Mayor of Shelton, each received 3.5%. The residency requirement can be met by domicile in Connecticut by November 6. Thus, Brooklyn-based Kasparov and others who live outside Connecticut can be named and serve if they change domicile in time. Other nominees with 1% or more support were:

Bloomfield Mayor Suzette DeBeatham-Brown,
former Highway Department head Charles Drda,
Glastonbury native and talk show host Laura Ingraham,
lawyer and author of *The Death of Common Sense* Philip K. Howard
current Revenue Services Commissioner Scott Jackson,
EMS nurse and liberty activist Susette Kelo,
former U.S. Senator Joe Lieberman,
columnist and WNPR radio host Colin McEnroe,
libertarian Lisa "Kennedy" Montgomery,
former prosecutor and talk show host Jeannine Pirro,
former judge and entertainer "Judge" Judy Scheindlin,
former Connecticut disc jockey and current Sirius Radio host Howard Stern,
commentator and radio host Mark Steyn
consumer affairs journalist John Stossel,
libertarian Connecticut talk show host Jim Vicevich,
and Economics professor Walter Williams.

Current LG Governor candidate for the Republican party State Senator Joe Markley garnered over 1% as well. He has conveyed to Mr. Greenstein that he would not accept a second ballot line from the ACL party, even though election law permits it.

All 108 choices were put forth by Mr. Greenstein. "I would be proud to serve with any of them." The party's true selection will be made September 27th. The party will still entertain nominees. They must be sent to stewartforliberty@gmail.com by any "adult" Connecticut resident by Wednesday at 11pm. Mr. Greenstein controls 22% of the

vote. The remaining 78% is in the control of the people who signed Mr. Greenstein's "Party Formation" document in January. None of those who signed on in January, including Mr. Greenstein, knew they would have direct say in propelling forward the fifth Lt. Governor candidate.

The Lieutenant Governor choice in Connecticut has been meaningful - over the last 57 years, three Lieutenant Governors have ascended to governor and served 26 of those years. The choice within the ACL party is especially important because Mr. Greenstein has publicly pledged to serve no more than one four-year term, and to hand the reins over to a "like-minded" Lieutenant Governor after just three years.

Mr Greenstein holds the default votes should some of the January party members be unavailable. But by his own party's rules, he cannot control more than 44%. Thus every Connecticut resident 13 and over has an indirect say, and every party member who ventured forth with a signature in January has a direct say.

Mr. Greenstein has pledged that all who receive multiple votes on Sept 27th will be invited to serve in his administration. That includes one Annie Lamont of Greenwich, Manhattan financier and wife of Democrat Nominee Ned Lamont. "Hey, she's a star in her own right! The ACL party will have a good role for Ned too - Connecticut needs all the public servants we can get."