

# LaRouche Democrats win in the primaries

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Election results from the presidential primary States of Illinois and Massachusetts show impressive victories for LaRouche-Democratic candidates in local elections there. The LaRouche candidates were backed by the National Democratic Policy Committee, a political action group founded in 1980 for the purpose of rebuilding the Democratic Party in the wake of the Carter re-election debacle. These LaRouche-slate victories occurred in regions that are traditional Democratic strongholds, adding momentum to the candidates' insurgency against the policies enforced by Charles Manatt and his Democratic National Committee.

## Illinois

In DuPage County, Illinois, near Chicago, LaRouche candidates won 29 Democratic committeeman positions out of the 31 they contested. This will give LaRouche supporters control of almost 20% of the elected Democratic Committee seats in the county. The *Chicago Tribune* reacted with a prominent story headlined, "LaRouche Party Victories Chill DuPage Democrats."

In Will County, Illinois, also an outlying area of Chicago, 17 LaRouche Democrats entered the race for Democratic committeeman positions and 15 were victorious. This gives LaRouche Democrats control of about 5% of the elected Democratic Committee positions. Also in Will County, LaRouche Democrat Mary Ann McCardle won outright the Democratic Party's primary nomination for Will County auditor.

There were 15 other victories for Democratic committeeman positions in suburban Chicago, for a total of 59 Democratic committeeman seats. In addition, state representative candidate Stanley Rdzkowski won the Democratic nomination in his Assembly District by running unopposed.

These victories come in an area which has been, over the past four years, the scene of the most intense media slanders against LaRouche candidates in the United States. The reaction of Illinois voters in according these victories to LaRouche-backed candidates despite the almost universally unfavorable, not to say venomous, media coverage is noteworthy.

Votes for LaRouche Democrats in the ten Chicago-area

congressional districts ranged between 12 and 40% of the vote. The total vote for LaRouche Democrats in the congressional and U.S. Senate races was more than 200,000.

Gerald "Laser" Berg won a 40% vote in the two-way Democratic primary race for the Democratic nomination for Congress in Illinois' 4th C.D., which encompasses parts of Will and Cook Counties, even though the Will County Democratic Party Chairman, Kent Bosworth, actively campaigned against him in the media. Berg received his nickname of "Laser" from the press and the voters due to his fierce support of Lyndon LaRouche's call for a National Defense Emergency Mobilization which would feature development of directed-energy laser and particle beam anti-ballistic missile systems.

In Illinois' 10th C.D., which includes parts of Lake and Cook Counties, Mark Adams received 30% of the vote. John Hulbert, State Representative candidate in the Cook County suburbs of Chicago, won 27.5%.

## Massachusetts, California, and Florida

In results just released from the Massachusetts primary on March 13, LaRouche Democrats won 27 ward committee seats in the City of Boston. Candidates associated with LaRouche won in 10 out of the 22 wards in which they were running. In one ward, the full nine-person National Democratic Policy Committee slate was elected. In another, five were elected. All these were contested races in which voters rejected the regular Democratic Party slate. Having won 27 out of the approximately 500 ward committee positions, LaRouche Democrats now control approximately 5% of those positions in the City of Boston.

In California, when filing for the offices in question closed on March 9, the NDPC had elected at least 28 Democratic and Republican Central Committee members and a member of the powerful Orange County Board of Education simply by filing for office. There was no opposition in these races. The man elected to the Orange County Board of Education, which controls a \$44 million annual budget, is Jim Johnson, a professional photographer with a prosperous business in Santa Ana, in the heart of conservative Orange County. A member of the Rotary Club and the Christian Businessmen's Association, he was the only candidate to file the required 40 signatures on his petition to run for the vacant First District seat on the Orange County Board of Education. Then the Orange County Democratic Party and local National Education Association (NEA) mounted a drive to qualify a candidate to run against Johnson in a write-in campaign, a task which they have admitted will be "extremely difficult."

In Florida, out of 62 NDPC-backed candidates in the March 13 primaries, 44, or 71%, won their seats, mostly for committeeman and committeewoman in Democratic executive committees throughout the state. Nine won in contested races, one with 73% of the vote; three others polled over 60%.