



Northern Liberty Alliance

The Northern Liberty Alliance has two events scheduled in the month of October. The first is a School Board and City Council Candidates Forum in the Duluth City Council Chamber at 411 West First Street, Duluth, Minn. on Tuesday, October 20th. The School Board forum will start at 5:15 p.m. and end at 6:30 p.m. The City Council forum will begin at 6:45 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m.

Each of the School Board and City Council candidates are being sent a questionnaire about issues important to the Duluth community. A list of those questions can be found later in this newsletter. We encourage you to attend.

We also encourage you to attend the first annual meeting of the Northern Liberty Alliance, Thursday October 22nd at Black Woods Banquet Center at 195 Highway 2, Proctor, Minn. The meeting will be held from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Skyline Room. Coffee, tea, cookies and muffins will be available. If you wish to join NLA, scroll to the bottom of this newsletter and send an email to Heather.

The Northern Liberty Alliance is seeking writers for this newsletter. We appreciate Joe the Mariner's point of view, but we know there are more of you out there...itching to share your thoughts on economic liberties and the principles for which our country was founded.

Contact your U.S. Senators and Congressman and let your voice be heard on legislation being discussed in Washington. Democratic majorities in the House and Senate are planning to approve the Health Care Reform Act in the next two weeks and as of now the bills contain language we cannot support. Links to news coverage on this "debate" and for our area lawmakers contact information can be found in the column to the right. Pass the word.

Give Me Liberty...

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Making a Difference

The primary premise behind Northern Liberty Alliance and

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[NLA Website](#)

[Congressional leaders fight against posting bills online](#)

[House prepares to debate how to pay for its bill](#)

[Senate committee votes this week](#)

[Minnesota Senator Amy Klobuchar](#)

[Minnesota Senator Al Franken](#)

[Minnesota 8th District Congressman James Oberstar](#)

[Wisconsin Senator Russell Feingold](#)

[Wisconsin Senator Herbert Kohl](#)

[Wisconsin 7th District Congressman David Obey](#)



so many other activist voices across America is to educate the uneducated. To loudly denunciate leftist policies that have led this country to the brink of bankruptcy and threatened our civil society as we know it. The problems we face didn't happen overnight and they won't be resolved overnight either. But now more than ever we need to step up and share what we're thinking and vote with courage and principle, not just sit on the sidelines and watch the dizzying power grab go unchecked.

We have school leaders indoctrinating our young people from PK to post-secondary on matters that constitute the rewrite of history. We have a media machine that is complicit in its endorsement of these destructive policies, both from an ideological perspective and a lack of energy to investigate and report the truth.

So what can WE do about it? First, start by recognizing the threat this thinking has on your way of life and the lives of your children and grand-children. Recognize that we no longer can stand down while our liberties are being squandered...recognize that we need to join the fight to save our country.

Second, educate yourself. Read credible news sources and watch commentators who agree with your concern and monitor that which is being done at the state legislature and in Congress. At the end of this article, I provide links to several sources I read, sources that help me discern who's looking out for me and my family and who's not. These are sources that expose the idiocy of politicians who exploit the plight of the indigent and disenfranchised...politicians who are tearing down what is right about America and perpetuating what is wrong. [1]

Commentators are an interesting component to my education as well. Here's my take on who you should follow:

Mark Levin

I thoroughly enjoy listening to Mark Levin. Sure he does a number on the decibel meter, but to me that shows his passion for what he believes and what he believes is that we should govern according to the Constitution of this country and not rewrite history from the perspective of career politicians and justices in all three branches of the federal government and the fourth estate (the media). [2]

Bill O'Reilly

I watched The Factor as often as I could for several months, riveted by the exchange that took place between both sides of a particular issue. I quit watching for two reasons: one, because of Bill's ego and because he cuts people off in an effort to control the message. It's hard to watch at times. Also O'Reilly is disingenuous about his objectivity when it comes to commentary or interviewing folks who clearly don't share his point of view. For example today O'Reilly is more often than not critical of President Obama, a conclusion Bill should have seen nine months ago when he claimed he was giving the newly elected chief executive the benefit of the doubt. I believe the only reason he took that position is because he wanted another interview with Obama, as president, a boost to his ratings.

Sean Hannity

Sean Hannity makes no bones about where he's coming from and successfully exposes the folly of leftist politicians in general. I agree with most of what he has to say and I learn a lot from him.

Glenn Beck

Glenn Beck is a tireless entertainer who happens to say things for which I agree. He and his researchers have done a good job of exposing hypocrisy and corruption in

government. His dramatic approach is effective.

Rush Limbaugh

My ability to listen to Rush is limited to the lunch hour and business trips in the middle of the day. I have followed Rush for more than 20 years and read both of his books. I don't always agree with him. But in general with the exception of Mark Levin, he makes more sense today than anyone I know. Moreover he unnerves his opponents through satire and self-adulation.

Michael Savage

Another ego-maniac who is right on most issues, but more concerned about his legacy than making an impact.

ABC/CBS/NBC/CNN/MSNBC/New York Times/Washington Post
Four words...leftist bias, minimal credibility.

Third, we have the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness as citizens of this country. Those rights are slipping away as politicians seek unprecedented power over all of us. Arm yourself with knowledge so when the time comes to vote, you are able to vocalize your support for candidates who pledge to govern according to the Constitution and the rule of law. Become an activist by knocking on doors and handing out leaflets. Make a choice...make a difference.

[1] See: [The Drudge Report](#)
[the weekly Standard](#)
[The Hill](#)
[The Heritage Foundation](#)
[Imprimis \(from Hillsdale College\)](#)
[Breitbart](#)
[Daily Telegraph](#)
[WorldNetDaily](#)
[Washington Times](#)

[2] See: [The Mark Levin Show](#)
Read: *Liberty and Tyranny: A Conservative Manifesto*, Mark Levin (2009)

Candidate Forum Questions

School Board:

1. What is the most important responsibility of a School Board Member?
2. What are the three most important issues facing the School District and how would you address them?
3. What role does the U.S. Constitution play in School Board Decisions?
4. Please explain your position on the School District's "Red Plan" and proposed alternatives.
5. What role should District and State Educational Employee Unions have in School Board decisions?
6. The School District is facing shrinking student population, a backlash as a result of implementation of the Red Plan and a population divided as a result of the current Board's actions. What actions will you take to improve that situation?
7. Have you accepted any endorsements from any political action committee or from any political party and if so, which one(s)?
8. If you had been on the School Board over the past four years, would you have supported a public vote on the Red Plan?
9. Explain your opinion of the Federal No Child Left Behind Act.
10. Would you support a change in the School District's weapons policy to allow students to carry small pocket knives?

City Council:

1. What are the three most important issues facing the City of Duluth and how would you address them?
2. What role does the U.S. Constitution play in City Government?
3. What role should City Employee Unions have in Council decisions?
4. What will you do to protect and promote individual liberties within the City of Duluth?
5. What measures do you support to ensure Duluth's Council elections are truly non-partisan?
6. Have you accepted any endorsements from any political action committee or from any political party and if so, which one(s)?
7. Please name on service the city provides that you believe could be reduced or eliminated because it is not a "core city service."
8. Please explain one thing the city can do to improve Duluth's business climate.
9. Provide an example of a recent city council decision that you disagreed with. Please explain why.
10. Explain one initiative that will be among your top priorities if you are elected.

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Northern Liberty Alliance Founding Principles

To promote and preserve economic liberty and the Constitution of the United States.

We must return to the idea of limited government based on enumerated powers.

Government intrusions at the local, state, and federal level have grown at an escalating pace. We need to reverse this trend for the welfare of all.

Liberty, including economic freedom, is the foundation upon which our nation was built and the fountain of all prosperity.

Governments are instituted to protect liberty (rights) not to provide programs.

With liberty must come individual responsibility. People should reap the consequences, both positive and negative, of their actions.

The Northern Liberty Alliance (NLA) is a group of citizens working to promote and preserve the liberties guaranteed by the Bill of Rights. We share a strong belief in the free market system, economic liberty, limited government and the principles espoused in the United States Constitution.

Principles that guide us

- Liberty, including Economic Liberty
- The Free Market System
- Limited Government
- Rights
- Responsibility
- Honor
- Justice
- Constitutionalism

Our goal is to educate citizens about these principles, to promote liberty in a positive way, to develop leaders that embody our values, and to advocate for our values whenever they are challenged in the political arena.

Please join us in our efforts!