

LaRouche National Slate: The Presidency That Should Be

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Feb. 11—In a coherent, national effort to fill the vacuum and incompetence of leadership now being disgustingly displayed in the U.S. Presidential election campaign, all of the six LaRouche Democratic candidates have now announced their candidacies for the upcoming Congressional primary elections. Throwing their hats into the ring are (in order of declaration): Kesha Rogers, 22nd Congressional District, Tex.; Summer Shields, 12th CD, Calif.; Diane Sare, 5th CD, N.J.; Rachel Brown, 4th CD, Mass.; David Christie, 9th CD, Wash.; and Bill Roberts, 11th CD, Mich.

The full slate has embraced the mission outlined by American economist and statesman Lyndon LaRouche, who is conducting a series of webcast leadership discussions with the candidates on the necessary economic and political platform. In the discussion held Feb. 7, available at <http://larouhepac.com/node/21488>, LaRouche expressed the objective this way: “You must think as a composite President of the United States, like a Presidency divided among six people, who are going to represent a Presidency, who are going to be a voice of a Presidency *that should be*.... ‘You are a composite candidacy, which is going to do all the things that are necessary in various parts of the country, all the things that a President *should be* doing in terms of campaign policy.”

In statements issued upon their declarations of candidacy, all the candidates emphasized their dedication to stopping the British thermonuclear war drive by removing President Obama from office; reinstating the Glass-Steagall law; restoring the Hamiltonian credit system; embarking on major national science-driver

projects, such as the North American Water and Power Alliance (NAWAPA) and the space program; and re-starting the foreign policy vision of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who wanted a global partnership with Russia and China in bringing the world out of poverty and war.

The Federal LaRouche slate anticipates bringing more candidates into its leadership group during the coming months. For, as the candidates stress, it is the exercise of policy leadership *now*, not in November, that will determine whether we have a nation at all in the six months to a year ahead.



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Kesha Rogers makes a presentation to the Democratic Party in Sharpstown, Texas.

The Declarations

Each member of the slate has formally begun the process of qualifying for the Democratic primary in his or her state, and is campaigning on the streets of his or her district. While stressing their function of a national leadership group, with a national program, their declarations of candidacy also reflected certain specific points of emphasis.

Kesha Rogers, who won the Democratic primary race in 2010 for the same Texas district under the theme of “Save NASA, Dump Obama,” announced on Dec. 11, 2011. Under the title of “A Real Campaign To Save the Nation,” she vowed: “I am committed to making sure that someone in our country today, just being born, will be able to call back to Earth from a space station on Mars, in the year 2046, and relay the message, that because we acted 35 years ago, he or she is able to live out our mission for the progress of mankind, in our galaxy, and the universe.” (kesharogers.com)

Summer Shields, who ran in California against Nancy Pelosi as a write-in in 2010, announced on Jan. 4. Under the title “FDR Recovery, Not Hyperinflation and Depression,” Shields concluded his statement with: “Instead of endless wars, we need endless scientific development! Where is my opponent Nancy Pelosi on all this? Dangerously and conspicuously silent as usual. This is a battle cry for all freedom-, liberty- and Constitution-loving Americans to fight! Learn a lesson from Rip Van Winkle; we are two minutes from midnight—don’t get caught sleeping. Awaken, citizen, and seize the future before the hourglass is spent.” (summerforcongress.com)



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Summer Shields tells his constituents: “Awaken, citizen, and seize the future.”



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Diane Sare announces her candidacy on Jan. 13: “Stop tolerating mediocrity and downright treason!”

New Jersey candidate **Diane Sare** declared on Jan. 13, in a statement that emphasized the need to return to the Hamiltonian credit system, and which read, in part: “The question is, are we creating the conditions today, so that future generations will be more prosperous, live longer, and be better educated than we are now? If the government is not committed to that idea, then what is the point of having a government? If Presidential or Congressional candidates are not committed to the principles stated in the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution, why are they running? It is time for you, the voter, to stop tolerating mediocrity and downright treason. Join with me, and the LaRouche slate to rescue the future.” (dianesare.com)

Rachel Brown, who ran a feisty, nationally recognized campaign in Massachusetts against the now-retiring incumbent Barney Frank in 2010, announced for the same district on Feb. 9. Her announcement led with a quote from Abraham Lincoln in his 1832 campaign: “My politics are short and sweet, like the old woman’s dance. I am in favor of a national bank... the internal improvements-system, and a high protective tariff,” after which she outlined the slate’s policy with the same conciseness.

Bill Roberts, running in Michigan, announced on Feb. 10, with a statement of policy, including his pledge to provide “a clear, bipartisan Presidential voice to those who have the guts to act now as patriots, instead of as blind partisans.” He emphasized the need to re-adopt a Hamiltonian credit system and the NAWAPA great project, which has special, immediate relevance



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Bill Roberts addresses an audience on how we can revive the industrial base of the U.S.

to reviving manufacturing in the Midwest, including devastated Michigan.

Dave Christie of Washington State, in his Feb. 10 announcement, stressed his commitment to “providing the national leadership to restore the functioning of the institution of the Presidency in this moment of grave crisis. We must now speak not of parties, but of universal principles, as Franklin Roosevelt said.”

Not Issues, but *the* Issue

Hammering out and clarifying just what those universal principles are, was the subject of the candidates’ discussion with LaRouche on Feb. 7. Most crucially, LaRouche emphasized the need for the candidates to raise the level of discussion with the population to one of *principle*, not “issues.”

In fact, the appeal to various “issues” is what permits the American population to be manipulated, to the benefit of the financial establishment. They become fragmented as constituencies, fighting for concessions against other constituencies. As LaRouche put it, “The tendency in U.S. politics is to have a basket of issues,” and people claim that a basket of issues is going to draw people together. “It does not! It works the other way: It becomes *exactly* the way the enemy divides and conquers, on a basket of issues.”

So the issue is not campaign issues as such, LaRouche argued. “It’s raising the level of mentality of the population from issues to *the* issue! And *the* issue is the British Empire, which is a world empire.”

In response to Christie’s specific argument that genocidal environmentalism is a major target, La-

Rouche insisted that environmentalism be treated as what it really is: a hallmark of imperial thinking, rather than an issue per se. Go after the British Empire, and the Greenies will be destroyed.

LaRouche’s point is well demonstrated by the current crop of so-called Presidential candidates, some of whom rail against what they call the “left-wing” environmentalist agenda. But only fools should believe them. For when their own economic policy is scrutinized, in terms of its assumptions and effects, it ends up proceeding from the very same bestial view of man as that of the Greenies—and leaving the global monetarist system, the current incarnation of the British Empire, running the world as its slave plantation. “Free market” genocide, rather than “collectivist” genocide.

The Principle of Sovereignty

Once we are clear that countering the British Empire is the issue that must be dealt with, LaRouche continued, you’ve got to define a unified approach to dealing with it. “And the single issue that settles all, is the issue of *U.S. national sovereignty*, first of all! That means, we have to have a credit system, instead of a monetary system, and we have to eliminate the monetarist system from the United States. If we do that, and we go to win on that point alone, we will win everything, because we went to a *common principle*, rather than an aggregation of issues.

“There should be only *one* issue: the issue of the sovereignty of the United States. Because those who go against that idea, will expose themselves as being the enemy, if it’s properly handled. Therefore, we want Glass-Steagall through—now that’s a big fighting issue



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Rachel Brown (standing, foreground) organizing at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on Feb. 10, with the LaRouche slate’s program for scientific development.

right now; it's a key issue. It can not be diminished in importance, because without that, *the United States is dead!* That ends the question: The United States is finished! And nobody has anything any more.

"Second thing, Glass-Steagall is not a sufficient action. It is an *essential* action, but not a sufficient one. You have to go, now, to a credit system, *only*. The credit system and the rest of it, Glass-Steagall, define the *entire issue*. Because every issue that you want to take on seriously, comes to these two issues, and their connection."

The LaRouche slate has been campaigning aggressively for Glass-Steagall, and specifically, H.R. 1489 in the U.S. Congress, for more than a year, and for the establishment of a credit system based on Constitutional principles. Even top bankers, up to and including former Citibank official John Reed, are publicly stating the need to have Glass-Steagall.

In this light, look again at the utter bankruptcy of the candidates for the Presidency. Both Obama and all the Republican candidates are dead set against the reinstatement of Glass-Steagall—which actually disqualifies them for holding the position for which they are campaigning.

Take Rep. Ron Paul (Texas), for example. When compared to the other so-called Republican candidates, the libertarian Paul would appear to be more reasonable, certainly in his opposition to the war and police-state policies of the current Administration and rabid Republican warmongers. Yet, as LaRouche emphasized in response to a question from radio talkshow host Alex Jones on Feb. 10, "A Presidential candidate who does not propose an immediate Glass-Steagall enactment, is not fit to be a Presidential candidate! Because the United States will cease to exist, unless than change is made. That's not sufficient, but it's necessary. Without the Glass-Steagall Act, you can not save this nation, now. And if you're not pushing the Glass-Steagall Act *now*, you're not fit to be President."

So, you can't be simply "anti-war"; you have to reassert full national sovereignty against the empire, starting with economics.

No Alternatives

As LaRouche has laid out the task for the candidates, it is a daunting one indeed. The challenge before them, as a unified national strike force, is to create the political conditions for reviving within the American population, the recommitment to its identity as the leading anti-imperial nation in history, with an adopted mis-



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Dave Christie announces his campaign in Seattle on Feb. 8: "Speak not of parties, but of universal principles."

sion of freeing the world from an oligarchism in its death throes. But unless this is done, there is no alternative to disaster, either by total war, or genocidal financial/economic collapse.

In the Feb. 7 discussion with the candidates, LaRouche put it this way:

"The key thing is to get an approach to a patriotic intelligentsia, of people who understand what the United States represents historically, and what it must represent again, today, for the defense of civilization against these bastards, the British, and their evil doings. And it's people who respond to that, who are durable, and it's the manifestation of a collection of people, who are of this durable quality, which then leads to bringing other people in, to support the same campaign.

"In other words, if you want to win a campaign, first of all, you must win a leadership; you must win a section of the population as a leadership, which will function as a leadership. I think we have it. You have it from all kinds of people, who understand, on these issues alone—can understand them—and therefore, will be a *united front on a united issue, and that's the only possible way we could ever achieve a victory in the election, now.*"

It is from this standpoint, then, that the LaRouche candidates' slate is campaigning to remove Obama now, and destroy the dangerous Republican clown show, so as to open the field for an actually patriotic Presidency. America's early patriots took on an overwhelming empire and won—it's up to American patriots to do the same today.