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To Whom It May Concern:

I want to nominate myself for the LNC at-large position. I will spend time volunteering my energy and expertise, and I will contribute financial support towards meetings and any other necessary expenditures.

I joined the Libertarian Party March 22, 2012. My member ID is P-0000740627.

I feel that we can accomplish more by empowering individuals. Addressing the problems of our society and rewarding the human spirit can and should be completed at the community level. With local participation in responsible actions, the standard of living and the quality of life will invariably improve. Governmental intervention and control strips away from, rather than improves, our core societal experience. Government should in essence be the referee who maintains a framework in which individuals and entities and industries from the private sector take responsibility and action for the needs of the community at large. I also have had the opportunity to observe many European Governments, because I lived and worked in West Germany, Bulgaria, and Moldova. I have been exposed to many styles of government - post-communism, socialist, and communist governments, and of course our own democratic endeavors. I will bring to the table my experiences and insights to the Libertarian National Committee. I will also bring a commitment to work tirelessly and effectively. I hope and look forward to the opportunity to be of service.

Attached is my personal vitae. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John R. Paul

*VITAE*  
John Robertson Paul III

## EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

Cornell University

B.S. Agriculture Business Management & Marketing 1994

University of Florida M.S. Food, & Resources Economics 1995

## WORK EXPERIENCE:

Paulopolis Owner 2011 - present

Development, marketing, and selling of natural products:

Beauty Berry - a local plant we distilled into a mosquito and bug repellent; Petitgrain - an extract of orange trees from our groves, used in aromatherapy and as a safe and natural cleaner; and Neroli - an extract of the delicate orange flower, a very high quality essential oil.

Car Two Owner 1998 – present

Citrus grove management with harvest (developed new, cutting edge harvesting equipment) and transport divisions, as well as operations buying & selling Citrus from growers to processors. Specialization in acquisition of derelict properties in order to recover value & revitalize their agricultural component(s). Additional agricultural property management areas: alternative fuels and crops– Kenaf and Pongamia, –, as well as Sod, Hay, Cattle, & land clearing, 2,500 acres of citrus. Management of 120 – 200 employees &/or contractors at three office / shop locations in Central & South Florida.

United States Peace Corps Volunteer 1996-1998

Preparation of assets for privatization with the local and state government of Bulgaria, Macedonia, & Serbia. Creation of publication as a forum for local businesses. Collaboration with local business & tourism enterprises.

United States Department of Agriculture

Commodity Grader & Lab Technician 1995 – 1996

Execution of tests to ascertain grade level. Communication with management & quality control to improve levels of sanitation & efficiency of plants.

Eastern Europe Linkage Volunteer 1994

Monitor of collective farms & research investigation of export & import opportunities of three commodities within Moldova. Collaboration with International Intelligentisa, Zeenaca Seeds, & Government of Moldova.

## MEMBERSHIP / ACTIVITIES:

Gulf Coast Citrus Growers Association, Research Committee Member  
Libertarian Party  
Toastmaster Division Governor District 48 Division F  
Peace River Growers Association, Member  
Highlands Grower Association, Member  
Earth Foods, Organic & Specialty Foods, President  
Dean Park Historical Society, Member  
Caloosahatchee River Citizens Association  
Everglades Coalition, Member  
Alpha Zeta, Member  
Boy Scouts of America  
American Red Cross  
United Methodist Church  
U.S. Department of Citrus Mechanical Harvesting Committee

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

I am from a family of Floridians who have been actively involved in agriculture for the past four generations. One of the first citrus pioneers in the 1900s, my great grandfather, Alfred G. Smith, greatly increased the productivity of the markets with his packing house & transport innovations. More recently, my grandfather & father have further improved the moving & marketing of fruit from grove to consumer, as well as developing and caretaking a large volume of citrus. Like my progenitors, I always look for ways to pioneer, innovate, & further agricultural endeavors in Florida. I also have an extensive network of business associates and acquaintances from my own decades of work in Florida and from my trailblazing family.

Over the past four years, I have experimented with many different bio-diesel crops. Expanding into this new & vital market – finding a crop that grows well in Florida & finding consumers for these commodities – has been exciting & fulfilling. Actively spear-heading innovations in the bio-fuel arena is almost akin to a grail adventure with benefits not only for the Florida grower, but also profound and positive implications for the entire country.

Lastly, in the past year, I have finally begun to realize a long time dream of mine. I have always wanted to utilize other parts of the citrus tree - leaves, twigs, bark, and blossoms - and have also begun to learn about other plants that grow wild in and among the groves and on our Arcadia Ranch. My first agenda was to figure out how to access and utilize the fragrances and attributes found in the flowers and leaves of the orange trees. We developed a process whereby we could

distill the oils from the orange leaves. Petitgrain is the name of this product, and it is a very effective, as well as fragrant, cleaning agent. My wife has long been an advocate for organic and natural products, and I am now a recent convert. As a result of her promptings and my studies, I have also become more and more committed to minimizing and eventually eliminating insecticides and herbicides from our citrus groves. Another product that we have developed is Paulopolis' Beautyberry Insect Repellent, which evolved from a plant that local Indians used to combat insect bites, and it grows wild all over central Florida; we began to explore its use in order to solve a chronic problem, and our story of discovery certainly bears out the old adage that necessity is the mother of invention - and truly, it is empowering to see a need and satisfy that situation with one's own effort and innovation. Our daughter has always been a magnet for mosquitoes; they flock to her like the local favorite fast food joint. Beautyberry was our solution. We purchased a distilling machine, located a factory site, and set up shop.

It is exciting to explore the attributes and qualities of the elements of nature that present themselves right outside our very doors and to transform these plants into viable products that satisfy our daily needs. Likewise, I believe that the solutions to our needs are within our grasp, and that the process is in fact part of the solution. - Locally, we all should take hold, discuss, grapple, innovate, and execute those plans which will benefit society. I am committed to participating and helping in any way that I can.