

# PEACE AND FREEDOM PARTY OF CALIFORNIA

## State Central Committee

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Assembly member Matt Dababneh  
State Capitol, Room 2024  
Sacramento, CA 94249  
Subject: AB 1632 (Dababneh) - OPPOSE

Dear Assembly Member Dababneh,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Peace and Freedom Party of California to oppose AB 1632. For years Peace & Freedom Party has sought to ease ballot access laws for parties and candidates. While the original version of this bill made technical, nonsubstantive changes to provisions related to recall elections the amended version of AB 1632 is clearly unconstitutional, as well as highly discriminatory against candidates without large campaign accounts.

The California Constitution requires that a candidate for a voter-nominated office who receives the highest or second highest number of votes cast at the primary be listed on the general election ballot. Requiring a write-in candidate who manages to finish first or second in the primary to then pay a filing fee could deny the candidate a place on the general election ballot if they could not, or would not, pay the filing fee. AB 1632 does not provide an alternative for candidates who are financially unable to pay the filing fee, nor does it provide any time line for paying the fee.

The requirement of any candidate to pay a filing fee in order to run for public office is offensive in a democracy, and is a form of economic discrimination. AB 1632 further enshrines this undemocratic practice into state law and should be rejected.

For these reasons Peace & Freedom Party opposes AB 1632. To discuss our position on this bill further, please contact me at 916-320-9186 (mobile) or [ctwebervoters@att.net](mailto:ctwebervoters@att.net) or our State Chair, Kevin Akin, at \_\_\_\_\_.

Sincerely,

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