



# Peace and Freedom Party of California

## Legislative Committee

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March 29, 2019

The Honorable Thomas J. Umberg  
State Capitol, Room 3076  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 505 (Umberg)**

**Oppose**

Dear Senator Umberg:

The Peace and Freedom Party of California, first qualified for the ballot in California over 50 years ago in reaction to the “Vietnam War” and the racist treatment of black and other people of color. Social, economic, and environmental justice has been a hallmark of the party since 1967. We are dedicated to real democracy, environmentalism, feminism, racial equality and socialism. We represent poor people especially those from the ghettos and barrios, those without a voice and those without hope.

Peace and Freedom Party opposes SB 505, which defines the phrases “generally advocated for or recognized candidate” or “recognized candidate” in a manner that would limit Peace and Freedom Party’s opportunity to place candidates seeking our nomination on our primary ballot so that our registered voters would have choices in the March primary. Peace and Freedom Party is currently a one state party that works with other parties in other states that do not have ballot status in California. During Presidential elections we provide primary ballot lines to those other parties’ candidates and independent candidates who are seeking our nomination

This bill, SB 505, would require Presidential candidates to meet at least two of a list of certain criteria and submit proof they have done so. The criteria are unreasonable because:

- ❖ It is highly unlikely that a candidate seeking the Peace and Freedom Party nomination will be able to qualify for federal matching funds, let alone before the early deadline in California;
- ❖ The two larger parties will not allow alternative parties to participate in “their” debates and any party debates that we organize are held just prior to our August convention and even if held earlier may not meet the Secretary of State interpretation;
- ❖ The California primary is so early that candidates seeking our nomination will be unable to even qualify for placement in another Presidential primary or caucus even if they were allowed to do so by other states elections codes; and finally,
- ❖ A candidate from another state must be registered to vote with Peace and Freedom Party. That would be like keeping Bernie Sanders off the ballot because he is not registered with the Democratic Party.

For these and other reasons Peace and Freedom Party opposes SB 505. If you have any questions regarding this bill, you may contact me at (916) 422-5395 or [CTWeberVoters@att.net](mailto:CTWeberVoters@att.net).

**We urge the members of the State Senate to vote No on SB 505.**

Sincerely,

*CTWeber*

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Peace and Freedom Party of California  
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