

## Kansas Libertarian Party willing to consider Republican Wink Hartman on ballot line for Congress



From Eric Dondero:

The Kansas Libertarian Party has until September 20, to decide who their candidate will be for Congress in the 4th District. And that candidate might possibly be a Republican.

From [StateofStateKS.com](http://StateofStateKS.com), "Hartman Considering Re-Entering Race For Congress Against Pompeo and Goyle" Sept. 14:



### **HARTMAN OIL**

A spokesperson for Wink Hartman confirmed Saturday the former Fourth District Republican candidate is considering re-entering the race for Congress. Hartman would fill the spot on the Libertarian ticket left open by David Moffett, who has dropped out of the race for health reasons.

Michael O'Donnell says Hartman is considering re-entering the race because he believes that neither the Republican candidate, Mike Pompeo, or Democratic candidate, State Representative Raj Goyle, are addressing the issues most important to voters.

### **Libertarian Party willing to meet with Hartman**

Later in the article:

President of the Kansas Libertarian Party (LPKS), Andrew Gray said, "The LPKS is always open to candidates who fit our criteria of social freedom and economic liberty. We believe as this trend continues to enter the consciences of Kansans more and more viable candidates will enter the

election process.”



Gray is also the Libertarian candidate for Governor along with Stacey Davis who is running as his Lt. Governor. The Kansas Libertarian Party hopes to make political strides in a year of Tea Party growth and low approval ratings for both Republican and Democratic members of Congress.

O'Donnell says that if Hartman decides to re-enter the race, he will meet with Libertarian officials to work out any ideological differences but believes that Hartman has always been a conservative candidate who simply wanted the “government out of people’s everyday lives”.

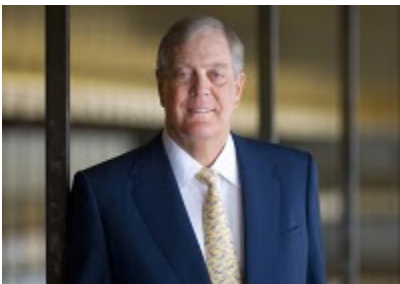
Libertarian President, Andrew Gray, has until September 20, 2010 before he must appoint a replacement for Moffett. O'Donnell says that win or lose, if Hartman runs, “he will definitely impact the outcome of the race.”

Hartman is regarded as Wichita's top businessman.

From [Kansas.com](http://Kansas.com):

he owns his own oil company and a growing string of restaurants. He has an indoor football team and financed and built the \$19 million sports and concert arena where it plays.

### **Friend of the Kochs?**



Hartman is a multi-millionaire oil man from Wichita, owner of [Hartman Oil](#). He is also owner of the Hartman Sports Arena. He is a limited government conservative:

"Government regulation is staggering, more and more federal government is coming down on small businesses that I run and everybody else runs need to get the government out of our lives."

Hartman received a maximum \$2,400 campaign contribution from another famous Wichita oil family, David Koch, 1980 Libertarian Party Vice-Presidential candidate. (Source: [Huffington](#)

**Post)** The Kochs are benefactors of the Cato Institute, Institute for Justice and numerous other libertarian organizations. They've also been supportive of the Tea Party Express, which recently helped to elect Joe Miller over Lisa Murkowski in the Alaska GOP primary.

The Kansas Libertarian Party ([LPKS.org](http://LPKS.org)) is running a total of 22 candidates for federal and state offices this year. In some areas of the state, the LPKS is larger and better organized than the Democrat Party.

*Editor's comment - the Kansas Libertarian Party website is one of the most professional, best looking and informative sites for Libertarians I've ever seen. Congratulations to the KSLP.*