

My name is Dan Vacek. I'm a member of the Head Council of the Legal Marijuana Now Party, and I was 2016 U.S. Presidential nominee for the party.

The independent political parties of Minnesota deserve a better chance of winning major party status by lowering ballot access, not making it more difficult.

This is supposed to be a democracy, but time and again the process favors the elite over working citizens. Political Representatives are supposed to represent their constituents, and not partisan interests.

The independent political parties have a right and duty to be political. We have a responsibility to stand up and do what we're doing.

We're working harder, against greater odds. The polished DFL and GOP politicians do not represent the people's best interests when they're creating laws to limit freedom.

What does really matter is coming together to fight crimes against other persons, hunger, homelessness, and many more pressing issues, not stifling democracy.

Unless people's rights are defended, government prohibition is standing in the way of me and my covenant with God. Genesis Chapter 1, Verse 29, "And God said, behold I have given you every herb bearing seed which is upon the face of the Earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it, to you they shall be food."

Politics is akin to politeness. We are sharing and partaking in abundance, civilly. There is enough for everyone, so we should all be welcome to the table.

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