

Lobby Day 2023:

What You Need To Know

Overview

Lobby Day is about educating our legislators, introducing them to Convention Of States California, voicing our support, & building relationships. This year we are testing the waters of a new relationship building strategy by playing Cornhole. This will be our “testing” day so to speak and your participation in the game will help us gather critical information needed for us to host a Legislator Cornhole Tournament beginning next year.

What Is Included In This Document:

- What You Will Be Doing
- Visiting the Offices
- Event Program
- Invitation to Join our CA Team Meetings on March 13th & 20th at 7:00 pm
- Contact info of our State Grassroots Coordinator & State Director

What Will You Be Doing?

We have 3 ring binders for each of our 120 legislators that we will be distributing that day.

You will be pairing up with someone to deliver bundles of 10 binders to the legislative offices they belong to.

After you deliver the first bundle of 10, you & your partner will need to check back in at the pop up tent to confirm all packets were delivered.

At this point each of you will be given a bundle of 5 binders to deliver. You can choose to stay paired up to deliver them or if you are feeling confident, you can go solo to make those deliveries.

However you choose to do it, it is essential that we deliver them all that day.

Each of the Binders contains:

- The list of petition signers for their district
- Handout from our National Team
- Petition Update Card
- Contact info of the State & Region Director
- A sheet explaining who we are and the process of Article V.

Visiting the Offices

You will be given a map of where each of the offices in your bundle are located once you are in the Swing Building. (the Swing Building is where the legislators are housed while the Capitol Building undergoes renovations. This building around the block from where we will be meeting at the Capitol Building).

IMPORTANT Due to a new Lobbying Law that went effect January 1, 2023, there are a few rules that our Convention Of States Legal Dept has handed down to keep us within the boundaries of this new law. Basically, we can not Lobby for or support any piece of legislation, including our resolution. Guidance on what to say as well as what not to say is below.

We Can Not ask the legislator to support our resolution

We Can ask them if they support Term Limits, Fiscal Restraints, Limits on Federal Power

We Can Not ask the legislator to sponsor our resolution

We Can ask them where they stand on using Article V to call a Convention to Propose Amendments to the Constituion

We Can Not lobby for any specific piece of legislation, such as our resolution

We Can educate them about Article V & Convention Of States

We Can voice Our Own support for Convention Of States

In order to assist you with navigating the boundaries of this situation, we have provided you with a script to practice in the days leading up to Lobby Day. Please let us know if you have any questions.

SCRIPT:

"Hello, my name is _____ and I am a volunteer with Convention Of States. I just wanted to drop in to deliver some information to the legislator. This binder contains a list of petition signers who want to know where the legislator stands (or what their position is) on using Article V to propose amendments to the US Constituion to return power to the legislature & the people of California. Can you please be sure that the legislator reviews this information and then contacts our State Director with their reply? (x #) of the legislator's constituents are waiting for their response. Thank you for reviewing this with the legislator as soon as possible."

If they have not heard of Convention of States:

"We are a grassroots movement, focused on the goal of using Article V of the US Constitution to call a convention of states in order to propose amendments to the constitution that would limit Washington D.C.'s Time, Money & Power and give it back to the states & the people where it belongs."

"In order to hold a convention, 34 states need to pass resolutions calling for a convention that address the same topics (in other words, they all have to agree on the topic of the meeting before they go to the meeting). To date we have 19 states that have done so. We are here to be a resource to the legislator on all things Article V and ask that they call on us to answer their questions."

Event Program

9:45 am - Check-In at the pop up tent

10:00 am - A few words from our State Director & Region Director

10:30 - 11:00 am - Find your partner/buddy - pick up your bundle of 10 binders - begin delivery

12:30 pm - Refreshments Served & Check In

1:00 pm - Cornhole Games Begin - For those not playing, resume delivery of binders

2:30 pm - Check Out Time - Return any undelivered binders to the Check In Point and Sign Out

3:00 pm - End of the Day

When you check in at our pop up tent on Lobby Day, you will be given an ID Badge (so we know you are with our team) a COS Button, & a schedule for the day.

When you check out, you will receive a info kit of your own to assist you with building your relationship with your legislators.

JOIN OUR TEAM MEETING!

You are invited to join 2 of our upcoming CA Team Meetings as we discuss Lobby Day and answer questions before the big event. Scan the QR code below to join from your phone or use the information below to join us from your computer.

CA Team Meeting

Monday, March 13 @ 7:00 pm

Monday, March 20 @ 7:00 pm

<https://meet.goto.com/686307125>



*****If the link does not work for you, copy & paste it into the URL of your Browser*****

Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts:

<https://meet.goto.com/install>

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