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Palm Beach Libertarians support sex workers, denounce Robert Kraft prosecution

Boynton Beach, Fla – Last night, April 24, 2019, the [Libertarian Party of Palm Beach County](#) (LP Palm Beach), an official affiliate of the [Libertarian Party of Florida](#), conducted their regular monthly meeting in Lake Worth, Florida and denounced the invasion of privacy and prosecution of those who engaged in voluntary transactions at the Orchids of Asia Day Spa in Jupiter, Florida. Late last year, Jupiter police secretly installed video surveillance equipment inside the day spa without the knowledge of the business owner or patrons of the business.

Retrieved video found regular massage activity as well as sexual acts being transacted for money by several people including New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft. Many of the patrons of the day spa were not there for any criminal activity but were there just for a massage. Because of this, Robert Kraft and some patrons of the day spa have initiated a lawsuit against the police department for violating their rights to privacy and to prevent videos of them from being released to the public. On Tuesday, a judge temporarily sealed the video footage while Palm Beach County's State Attorney, Dave Aronberg, demanded they be released to be in compliance with Florida's Sunshine law. Initially, Aronberg and others said this investigation was [conducted to curb human trafficking](#); however, since that time prosecutors have admitted in court they [do not have any evidence of human trafficking and no charges are expected to be brought for such a crime](#).

"There are so many problems related to this case, it is a terrible injustice being dealt when no victim in this scenario can be found", said Karl Dickey, Chair of the LP Palm Beach. "First and foremost, city police installed a video surveillance system under false pretences and allegedly

recorded regular customers naked getting regular massages, for which, those videos are at risk of being released to the public. Second, you allegedly have men and women privately engaging in a consensual transaction which happens to be sexual, while something over [70% of Americans believe should not be a criminal offense](#). For every hour the Jupiter Police and the Palm Beach County State Attorney's office spends on this case is an hour not spent on crimes with actual victims; crimes like murder, rape, and theft should garner a far higher priority. Aronberg should drop all charges against Robert Kraft and other customers at the day spa, as well as staff at the spa unless and until an actual victim to their activities and be found. Law enforcement should focus its taxpayer-funded resources on actions of force and fraud rather than consensual activities by adults."

Until a victim can be found in this case, which prosecutors have so far admitted that there is not one to be found, then all charges of sex "crimes" must be dropped. The Libertarian Party is the only major political party to have a [platform plank regarding sex work](#). Platform Plank 2.10 states, "The Libertarian Party supports the decriminalization of prostitution. We assert the right of consenting adults to provide sexual services to clients for compensation, and the right of clients to purchase sexual services from consenting sex workers." Most Americans agree with us.

Libertarians have always been right on the issues, even though it may take Americans and American politicians a little time to warm up to what is right. For example, the Libertarian Party was right on LGBTQ rights before it was popular as well as marijuana legalization, criminal justice, asset forfeiture, and a growing list of other issues Americans are agreeing more and more with Libertarians.

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