



Profile: Free State Project Member Clarence Gardner

Free State Project Members

Free State Project members sign a pledge to move to New Hampshire and work to change the way of life in our state. They do not move here for a job, or for family, or even because they like what New Hampshire has to offer. Instead, they move here because a political group they are affiliated with voted on a state to move to in order to enact a political agenda, and New Hampshire was the unlucky recipient of that vote.

Manchester Ward 12 Selectman Candidate Clarence Gardner

Manchester Ward 12 Selectman Candidate Clarence Gardner moved to New Hampshire from California in late 2014 and is part of the Free State Project. Gardner has demonstrated considerable ties to the Free State Project, including:

- **Gardner attended the Free State Project's largest annual event – PorcFest – in 2014 and 2015 and was listed as visiting from Walnut Creek, California.** The Free State Project's largest annual event PorcFest takes place over a three-day period. At the time of the festival, Gardner listed his home as "Walnut Creek, California." It appears he moved to New Hampshire in late 2014 according to his voter history. On his Google Plus profile, Gardner specifically mentions a to-list for New Hampshire, dated May 23, 2015, indicating he'd recently moved. [GooglePlus, [Clarence Gardner](#); PorcFest 2015, [Clarence Gardner](#)]
- **Gardner is a member of multiple Free State Project groups on Facebook**, including PorcFest's Game Space, PORC Recreational Club, Porcupine Real Estate, and a Manchester social page that advertises monthly new FSP mover socials and other get-togethers. [Clarence Gardner Facebook - Groups, Accessed [10.29.16](#)]
- **Gardner is quoted in a Free State Project blog written by an outspoken Free State Project early mover.** Only other Free Staters were quoted or affiliated with the blog post. [TheDesertLynx.com, GOP's Backwards, Anti-LGBT Platform, [August 1, 2016](#)]
- **Gardner is a supporter and fundraiser for the Foundation for NH Independence, a Free State Project-linked secessionist organization.** Gardner [hosted a fundraiser](#) for the Foundation for NH Independence, a secessionist organization founded in 2012 that was [started by](#) and is [run by](#) Free State Project members.

Why is Clarence Gardner's FSP Affiliation Important?

The ultra-extreme Free State Project voted on a state to move 20,000 people to, with the stated purpose to take over state government and dismantle it. The Free State Project seeks to create a libertarian "utopia" void of public infrastructure and common laws, and to use the power of numbers to dramatically change New Hampshire – even threatening secession from the rest of the country.¹ Members like Clarence Gardner are actively working to help the Free State Project fulfill those goals.

For more information about the Free State Project Watch of Granite State Progress, contact (603) 225-2471 or freestateprojectwatch@granitestateprogress.org.

¹ "Once we've taken over the state government, we can slash state and local budgets, which make up a sizeable proportion of the tax and regulatory burden we face every day. Furthermore, we can eliminate substantial federal interference by refusing to take highway funds and the strings attached to them. Once we've accomplished these things, we can bargain with the national government over reducing the role of the national government in our state. We can use the threat of secession as leverage to do this." [[Announcement: The Free State Project](#) by Founder Jason Sorens]