

DEFENDING TABOR

Penn Pfiffner of the Tabor Committee Sends a RED ALERT on TABOR
"Your TABOR Committee acts to defend and preserve the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights. This is a red alert about two ballot measures moving forward that would each fundamentally damage TABOR. Each would also raise state income taxes by billions of dollars every year. Our request is for people such as you to step forward and help us defeat both measures this fall. An issue committee is being put together to run a campaign to do just that. PLEASE put aside time this year to make a difference.

- Immediate needs include:
- A Treasurer and an accountant - two people honest as the day is long, detail-oriented, familiar with bookkeeping/accounting practices and committed to never missing a reporting deadline,
 - Web site designers (1 or 2 persons) to get the URLs reserved and the site up and running quickly,
 - Web site content manager to keep the page(s) fresh and up-to-date and to coordinate blogs, news updates, recruiting information,
 - Fundraisers - schedulers, people and organizations with good networks, and others to fulfill a budget that seems impossibly large,
 - Speakers to get trained and ready to present at civic and political clubs (we will likely borrow from the TABOR Committee's speakers bureau).

- Shortly following the people volunteering for the list above, the issue committee will need:
- A savvy media director and helpers for TV ads
 - Radio ads team (2 or 3 people)
 - Social media ads (2 or 3 people) and social media content (a separate team)
 - An earned media team
 - Debaters, trained and ready
 - Yard signs team to design the signs and to manage the printing and distribution

Please volunteer to save the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights in 2026!
Call us today at 303-747-7460 or email us at info@TheTaborCommittee.com

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Colorado will be strongly represented with about 30 delegates at the 2026 **National Convention** in Grand Rapids, Michigan. We're excited to connect with Libertarians from across the country and bring *Colorado's energy* to the national stage.
Active candidates are the key to growing the party. We're equipping our candidates, campaign teams, and future candidates with the tools and training they need to succeed. We held an in-house candidate/campaign training in Denver on May 2, and the Alliance for Competitive Elections (ACE) will host **online training every Thursday** evening in June, plus an **in-person training in Denver on June 20**. All candidates, campaign team members, and future candidates are welcome. To attend, contact Keith.Laube@lpcolorado.org or Joe Johnson at campaignsdirector@lpcolorado.org.
We are also **seeking registered Libertarians** to serve on the Bylaws Committee, Platform Committee, Audit Committee, and 2027 State Convention Committee. Please contact me if you are interested in serving.

Proud to be a Libertarian!
Keith Laube, LPCO Chair

FROM THE EDITOR

Join the 1776 Club and get the newsletter delivered.

I'd love for each of you to join the 1776 Club yourselves and receive the newsletter in your mailbox every month. Just visit lpcolorado.org/donate and select a monthly contribution of \$17.76 or more. You'll automatically become a member and start receiving the newsletter right away!

Doug Jones, LPColorado News Editor



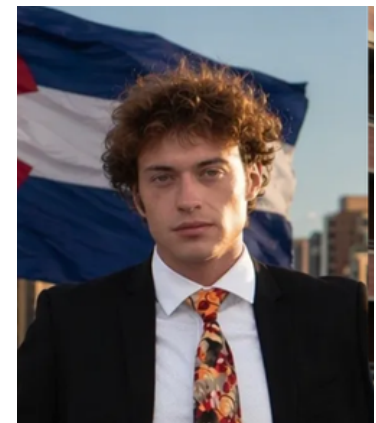


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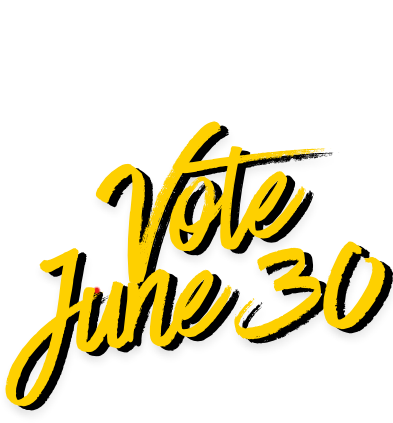
News

Campaign Season

LIBERTARIAN PRIMARY FOR SECRETARY OF STATE



SEAN VADNEY



ALEX ASTLEY

SeanVadneyforSoS.org

The Libertarian Party of Colorado officially nominated candidates for the 2026 election cycle at its recent state convention. One statewide race is headed to a Libertarian primary showdown. The nomination for Secretary of State will be decided in the June primary between Sean Vadney of Highlands Ranch and Alex Astley of Holyoke. Both candidates earned more than 30% of the delegate vote at convention, triggering a primary election under Colorado law.

This gives registered Libertarians across Colorado the opportunity to directly choose their nominee for one of the state's most important offices. To participate in the Libertarian primary, voters must be registered Libertarian by June 8th.

AlexAstley.com

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Membership Director Jeff Orrok has begun compiling a bibliography of libertarian-themed books. He is especially interested in discovering whether there are any group study guides for such titles as *Libertarianism In One Lesson* and *How I Found Freedom In An Unfree World*. He has also begun outlining the content of a welcome "kit" for new members. If you would like to help with any of these efforts, please contact Jeff Orrok at MembershipDirector@LPColorado.org.

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MAY OUTREACH

The **Libertarian Party of Douglas County** will be at **PrideFest** on May 17, 2026, and we need volunteers to help us run our Outreach Booth. An experienced person will be there to help train you, and it is easy, just talking to people about liberty. The address is at **11920 N Motsenbocker Rd, Parker CO**. (The soft grassy multi-purpose field and playgrounds at Salisbury Park). Please copy the following link into your web browser to go to the volunteer signup sheet: volunteersignup.org/BBDY4

To sign up, just follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do. Also Douglas County Pride does require free registration to enter the event which you can find at the bottom of their page: <https://www.dougscopride.org/pridefest>

Our LGBTQ friends and neighbors need to hear the message of liberty now more than ever.

JUNE OUTREACH

The LPColorado will have an outreach Booth at the **Montrose Pride Festival** from 3 pm to 6 pm, Saturday, June 6 at the **Amphitheater in Cerise Park**, Shanes Way, Montrose. If you want to help with this event, please contact Keith Laube at Keith.Laube@lpcolorado.org.

AFFILIATES

JeffCo News

The Jeffco group gets together each 4th Thursday at The Barrel Room@ The Gallery, 1350 Colorado Mills Pkwy, Lakewood.

El Paso County News

Don't miss the LPEPC May Business Meeting on May 18th from 5:00–6:00 PM at 105 Brewing, 1466 Garden of the Gods Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80907! We'll be gathering in the back-right room just inside the front entrance for an evening of planning, organizing, and building momentum for the months ahead. This meeting is especially important because we will be voting to fill the remaining committee chair positions. If you want to help shape the future of LPEPC, this is the meeting to attend!

Please note: 105 Brewing does not allow signage, so if you don't immediately see us, just ask the bartenders and they'll gladly point you our way.

And be sure to save the date for our June Business Meeting on June 15th from 5:00–6:00 PM at the East Library, East Annex Room, 5550 North Union Boulevard, Colorado Springs, CO 80918.

Bring your ideas, your energy, and a friend. We look forward to seeing everyone there! -Brian Flanagan, LPEPC Chair

Larimer/Weld County Affiliate?

Douglas Mangeris, who is seeking the Libertarian nomination for US House District 4, is interested in starting a group to become an affiliate for Larimer or possibly Larimer and Weld counties combined. Anyone interested please contact Doug at Mangeris4thepeople@icloud.com or Janet Turner at Janet.Turner@lpcolorado.org.

Pueblo County News

The newly re-organized affiliate for Pueblo County has scheduled a meeting for May 17th at 9:30am. The meeting will be held at Fuel & Iron Food Hall, 400 S. Union Ave., Pueblo. For more information, contact Donald Vermillion, 719-415-0867.

Douglas County News

On May 4th, the LPDC monthly meeting hosted speaker Rick Raddatz, PhD and author of *The Goldilocks Manifesto*, which Rick calls a “breakthrough in political philosophy that will help us govern just right, healing our political divide in the process.” The group will be hosting a Pridefest outreach event on 5/17. The Douglas County Affiliate meets on the first Monday of every month at Wild Blue Yonder Brewing Company in Castle Rock at 519 Wilcox Street. For more information, contact Wayne Harlos at 303-229-3435

CAMPAIGNS

In each issue until the November election, we will highlight one or more of the key campaigns for Colorado Libertarians.

Patty McMahon is the Real Libertarian Deal in Colorado's 6th Congressional District



Patty McMahon is running for Congress in Colorado's 6th District with a clear message: Congress must answer to the people, not political parties.

Patty spent decades with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), building a career around public service and government accountability. One of her duties was working directly with congressional offices in Colorado and across the country. Through that work, she developed firsthand knowledge on how congressional offices operate and serve constituents.

Among her accomplishments at the EEOC was her selection as Region VIII Lead for the White House Initiative on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders. This distinguished leadership role placed her at the center of regional coordination for the White House. She was also selected to serve on the EEOC reorganization team, where her team redesigned the Agency for greater efficiency. The reforms from the reorganization saved taxpayers millions of dollars and remain in place today.

Her campaign centers on constitutional government: restoring separation of powers, protecting civil liberties, opposing unnecessary war, strengthening congressional spending oversight, and advancing the TRUST Act to ensure taxpayer dollars are spent exactly as authorized by law.

Patty believes her strongest message to Libertarians is this: We do not need 50 percent-plus, we only need the most votes to win. In the last election, more than 150,000 registered voters in CD6 did not return their ballots. Those voters have already rejected the two-party system. If we mobilize them while reaching the disillusioned voters, a Libertarian victory is possible in 2026.

Learn more or get involved:

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COLORADO LEGISLATURE

Legislative Director Ross Metler reports that the 2026 Colorado legislative session has been fast-moving and consequential, with more than 600 bills introduced before the May 13 adjournment. His work this session has focused on monitoring legislation affecting liberty, fiscal responsibility, property rights, and government power, while also developing better systems to keep Libertarians informed and engaged in the legislative process. One major concern highlighted in the report is HB26-1430, referred to as the “Colorado Budget Protection Act.” The bill is designed to automatically offset the effects of Initiative 175 if voters approve it in November. Metler argues this “ballot-stacking” tactic undermines the citizen initiative process by allowing lawmakers to preemptively neutralize voter-approved reforms.

The report also highlights Initiative 175 as an important opportunity for fiscal accountability. The measure would dedicate certain transportation-related tax revenues specifically to roads and transportation infrastructure, preventing lawmakers from diverting those funds elsewhere. Metler describes the initiative as a practical step toward greater government honesty and budget transparency.