

DAVE WOOD FOR CONGRESS

In 1966 he Fought for his Freedom. In 2026 Dave Wood is Fighting for Yours in CO-08
by Jacob Luria

Drawn by Colorado's Independent Redistricting Commission to be the single most competitive swing district in the entire nation, Colorado's 8th Congressional District is a true 50/50 battleground. Spanning suburban Adams County and energy-heavy Weld County, CO-08 has been decided in back-to-back elections by a razor-thin margin of just 0.7%. In a district where unaffiliated voters make up the single largest bloc and the major parties are deadlocked, Libertarian voters hold the true balance of power. That is why Dave Wood's campaign for Congress represents the premier opportunity for the Libertarian Party of Colorado to make national waves.

Dave's commitment to liberty isn't a recent political pivot; it is a story spanning six decades of real sacrifice. A Coloradan since 1953, Dave made history in 1966 when he challenged the morality and constitutionality of the military draft on 9th Amendment grounds, taking his defense of individual self-ownership all the way to the Supreme Court. For refusing to be forced into combat during an unconstitutional war, Dave was sentenced to 3 years in federal prison, ultimately serving 13 months before his release.

A true founding-era Libertarian, Dave was an initial subscriber to Reason magazine in the 1960s, attended the Libertarian Party's second national convention in 1975, and built a successful 28-year career in technology and internet marketing alongside running local small businesses in Colorado.

Dave's campaign is built on a straightforward commitment to core principles—what he calls "Dave's Pledge." He is running to stop Washington's runaway spending to curb inflation, end foreign nation-building to bring American troops home, and fiercely defend personal freedom from federal overreach.

Crucially, Dave is tackling the third rail of American politics head-on...Social Security. Reimagining the principled yet pragmatic framework pioneered by Harry Browne for the modern era, Dave brings a fresh approach to a district and state uniquely ripe for such a bold solution.

In a district decided by a fraction of a percentage point, fielding a candidate who literally faced federal prison to defend anti-war principles gives LPCO an unprecedented megaphone. Dave Wood forces both major parties to pay attention and proves that our movement can dictate the outcome in a nationally watched race.

Dave and his wife, Betsy, are ready to carry the banner of liberty across Adams and Weld counties, but winning in a 0.7% district takes grassroots power. Whether you can volunteer your time, host a lawn sign, or make a financial contribution, every dollar and every hour will make a direct impact in this race.

Please visit DaveWood4Colorado.com to donate and volunteer today!



OUTREACH

Tanner Gun Show in Grand Junction

Libertarian activists recruited new "friendlies" at the Tanner Gun Show on July 18–19 in Grand Junction. John Hjersman (left) and LPCO Chair Keith Laube (not shown) staffed the booth on Saturday, with Marc Montoni (right) joining the effort on Sunday. Volunteers used the World's Smallest Political Quiz to engage gun owners in conversations about liberty and help them discover where they fit on the political spectrum. Many attendees were surprised to find their views closely aligned with Libertarian principles. Interested visitors were invited to join the Libertarian Party of Colorado's growing email list, giving the Party another opportunity to stay in touch, promote upcoming events, and continue building a stronger grassroots movement across the state.



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Looking for a Libertarian Win in 2026? Look No Further Than Clear Creek County

by Matt Digi

In 2020, a Libertarian came close to winning a county commissioner seat in Lake County, needing to swing 199 votes to change the outcome. Hanna Waugh's campaign fell just short of making history after the volunteer crew scheduled to knock on doors and turn out voters came down with COVID-19—a hurdle the campaign simply couldn't overcome.

Despite the loss, the Waugh campaign proved something important: Libertarians can compete, and under the right circumstances, they can win.

As I look across Colorado this year, I see many promising Libertarian candidates who will make the most of their opportunities. After so many years of dedicated volunteers giving their time, energy, and talent to build the Libertarian Party of Colorado, earning a victory this year would be a meaningful milestone for our party. While there are several strong opportunities around the state, one race stands out as particularly winnable: Chris Hardman's campaign for county commissioner in Clear Creek County, where he is competing in a two-way race.

Clear Creek County presents a unique opportunity for a Libertarian candidate. The county is operating at a deficit and drawing down its reserves, creating a pressing need for practical, responsible leadership. Addressing those challenges will require fiscal discipline, honest accounting, and a willingness to ask difficult questions about both spending and revenue while protecting essential county services. Combined with a voter registration advantage for unaffiliated voters over either major party, Clear Creek offers the chance to focus on ideas, stewardship, and what it truly means to be a public servant. I believe Chris Hardman is the right Libertarian for that job.

A husband, father of two, small business owner, and former PTA president, Chris knows his community and is committed to serving it. Surrounded by experienced advisors and driven by a genuine desire to improve Clear Creek County, he understands what it will take to win: meet voters where they are, earn their trust, and knock on enough doors to prevail on Election Day.

This race also represents an opportunity far beyond a single county commission seat. Unlike most Colorado counties, Clear Creek's county elections follow the opposite four-year cycle, with the majority of county offices appearing on the ballot in 2028 rather than 2026. A successful campaign this year could position the Libertarian Party of Colorado to recruit and field a full slate of credible candidates in 2028. One of the party's most important long-term strategic goals should be winning local offices and demonstrating to voters what Libertarian leadership looks like in practice.

By supporting Chris Hardman's campaign, you're not only helping a strong candidate with a legitimate chance to win, but you're also investing in the future growth of the Libertarian Party of Colorado and helping lay the foundation for lasting local success.

Whether you can contribute your time or make a financial contribution, the Hardman campaign will treat every hour and every dollar with the respect they deserve. A victory in Clear Creek County would open new doors for the Libertarian Party of Colorado, but it will only happen with your support.

Please visit TeamHardman.com to learn more about the campaign and discover how you can help make this opportunity a reality.



Chris Hardman



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Arapahoe County

Our August 13 meeting will be at Rancho Alegre (420 S. Chambers) as usual. I have some starter comments about elections, and persons vs. citizens and their voting rights. We'll see where the crowd develops the discussion from there.

Clear Creek County

Clear Creek will have their regular business meeting on Tuesday, August 11th, at 6pm via Zoom. Email clearcreeklibertarians@gmail.com for more information. The social get together will be Sunday the 16th at 5pm at Pickaxe Pizza in Idaho Springs. The Chris Hardman Campaign will be doing door knocking Sat the 15th and a trash pick up the 16th. Anyone interested in helping or donating, please visit teamhardman.com

Douglas County

Our monthly social meeting happens on the first Monday of every month at 7pm at Wild Blue Yonder (separate back room, looks like a little house), 519 Wilcox Street, Castle Rock, CO 80103. For more information, contact Wayne Harlos at 303-229-3435

El Paso County

Stay tuned for the next big event at lpepc.org.

Jefferson County

Check for future events at lpjeffco.org.

Pueblo County

For updates contact Donald Vermillion, 719-415-0867.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



KEITH LAUBE

Our Party Is On the Move

Over the past few months, Libertarians across Colorado have been busy reaching new people and strengthening our movement. We've staffed PrideFest events and gun shows, shared our message in communities across the state, and our candidates and volunteers have been knocking on the doors of fellow Libertarians.

The months leading up to an election are when grassroots activism makes the greatest difference. Every conversation, every door knocked, and every new connection helps build a stronger Libertarian Party.

That's why I'm asking for your help.

If you can spare just a few evenings between now and Election Day, you can have a real impact. We'll provide everything you need—including a short training, walk lists, and campaign materials. You'll visit registered Libertarians, introduce yourself as a fellow party member, provide a guide to the Libertarian candidates on this fall's ballot, encourage them to vote, and invite them to share an email address so they can stay connected with the party.

One of my favorite moments happened just last week. I stopped by a Libertarian household, but no one was home, so I left a door hanger. Later that evening, the adult child living at that address registered as a Libertarian. One simple visit helped grow our party. That's the kind of difference each of us can make.

The most rewarding part of canvassing is seeing the surprise and excitement on someone's face when you say, "I'm with the Libertarian Party." Many Libertarians have never met another party member in person. Your visit reminds them they are not alone—and that our movement is growing.

If you're ready to make a difference, we'd love to have you on the team. We can work around your schedule and will help you get started. Please call or text me at 970-964-8285 to volunteer.

Together, let's build a stronger Libertarian Party—one conversation, one voter, and one neighborhood at a time.

Proud to be a Libertarian!
Keith Laube
Chair, Libertarian Party of Colorado

ROSS METLER FOR HOUSE DISTRICT 23

A Head-to-Head Showdown CO HD23. Ross Metler's Race is the LPCO's Premier State Battleground

by Jacob Luria

For years, Colorado voters have been told that state legislative politics is a rigid two-party monopoly. But in House District 23, the political landscape has shifted dramatically—offering the Libertarian Party of Colorado a rare, historic head-to-head matchup against the Democratic establishment. With no Republican on the ballot, this 1-on-1 state house race represents an unprecedented opportunity to position our movement as the primary alternative to the status quo.

Metler in HD23! The numbers in HD23 reveal a district ripe for a principled breakthrough. Republican performance in this race has hit a hard ceiling for years, consistently stalling around 35%. For thousands of voters in Jefferson County who are exhausted by single-party rule, the GOP has ceased to be a competitive option. Ross Metler's campaign gives us a direct runway to show that Libertarian principles—rooted in individual freedom, fiscal restraint, and local accountability—are far more appealing to Coloradans than anything offered by either legacy party. To capitalize on this rare opening, we have a candidate who brings both strategic precision and proven party leadership. As Chair of LP Jeffco, Ross has demonstrated a tireless commitment to growing our movement from the ground up.

A skilled data analyst by trade, Ross combines a rigorous, data-driven approach to campaign strategy with a natural talent for building bridges and constructing broad coalitions. He isn't just running a race; he is gathering critical campaign intelligence, establishing vital community networks, and demonstrating how Libertarians can systematically win over a district.

Winning a 1-on-1 race, however, requires raw grassroots power. Because this is a direct head-to-head fight, every door knocked and every conversation on the porch carries double the weight. We have a genuine opportunity to shock the political establishment and capture this seat, but it requires immediate, aggressive action from Libertarians across Colorado.

The Metler campaign urgently needs volunteers to knock doors, talk to voters, and execute our ground game, as well as financial contributions to fund campaign literature, data operations, and direct outreach. Whether you can dedicate a weekend to hitting the pavement or make a financial investment in this key race, your support directly determines our impact on the ground in Jefferson County.

This is our moment to prove what Libertarian leadership can achieve when given a clean 1-on-1 shot.

Visit ross4co.com today to donate, sign up to knock on doors, and stand with Ross.



ERIC MULDER FOR GOVERNOR

Eric Mulder is Spreading a Message That Will Grow the LPCO

by Matt Digi

If you've been around the Libertarian Party of Colorado over the past decade, you know Eric Mulder.

Whether serving in party leadership, helping other campaigns, or running for office himself, Eric has consistently stepped forward when the party needed him. At the 2026 state convention, he did so once again by accepting the Libertarian nomination for governor of Colorado.

Since then, the political landscape has continued to shift. With the Republican primary now behind us, it's increasingly clear that many center-right and independent voters may be looking for another candidate this November. With your support, we'll have the opportunity to show them that Eric Mulder is that choice.

Eric and his team have built a serious platform centered on three principles: Affordability, Accountability, and Abundance. His campaign includes practical proposals such as a rural tax holiday, strong protections for Fourth Amendment rights in response to Flock camera expansion, a pro-energy agenda that embraces nuclear power, and reforms focused on what a governor can actually accomplish. Rather than making promises beyond the office's authority, the campaign is built around achievable policies that can make Colorado freer, more affordable, and more prosperous.

As Election Day approaches, it's time to shift this campaign into overdrive. The strategy is in place, but success depends on reaching voters. By focusing resources on strategically selected media markets where advertising dollars stretch further, the campaign can maximize every contribution while strengthening the Libertarian Party's presence in communities that are too often overlooked.

This approach will help build support in areas with winnable races and voters eager for an alternative to the policies that have left them behind. Whatever the statewide result, this campaign represents an opportunity to strengthen the LPCO brand, introduce thousands of new voters to Libertarian ideas, and demonstrate that our party is serious about governing. Every vote earned, every conversation started, and every volunteer recruited lays the groundwork for future victories.

To learn more about Eric's campaign and how you can help, please visit

MulderForGovernor.org.

