



Campaigns Final Push

House District 23 - Ross Metler

Last week Ross completed the League of Women Voters forum with his opponent. The video should be available on lww.org and YouTube.

Feedback from the audience indicates Ross led the conversation! The campaign is now in the final stretch of fundraising, looking to raise an additional \$2,500 to \$4,000 for mailers.

At \$2,500, we can have them printed and volunteers can drop them off. At \$4,000, we can send them by targeted mail. After putting out a notice last week, we're almost halfway to our goal.

This campaign is among the most promising for LPCO in 2026. Please help us finish this campaign strong and make history by getting Ross into the Colorado Legislature at ross4co.com/donate.

Community Town Hall

Sunday, October 11, 2026

3:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Location

Wheat Ridge Recreation Center
Carnation Room
Wheat Ridge, Colorado

What to Expect

Live music, refreshments, and family-friendly conversation. Children welcome with coloring table. A casual, in-person opportunity to meet and talk to Ross directly. Food and drink provided. Live music by the Denver Philharmonic.

Two events. Two chances to ask your questions and see where the candidates stand on issues that matter to your family.
Ross4CO.com

9NEWS Fails the Voters Again

Gallup reported in September that only 33% of Americans trust the mass media to report the news fully, accurately and fairly. On October 1, 9NEWS reinforced that idea. The Denver station held a town hall in Greeley, focused on the 8th Congressional District. It was originally planned as a debate, but the Republican and Democratic candidates declined to show. That was the moment to widen the stage. Instead, 9NEWS never invited the third-party or independent candidates. It replaced the debate with a panel. With the major parties absent, voters heard from no candidates at all. David Wood, the Libertarian candidate who will appear on the November ballot, attended as a member of the audience. 9NEWS neither invited him to participate nor introduced him to those in attendance. A candidate for the very office under discussion sat in the crowd, and the station let the evening go on as if he weren't there. Outside the venue, Libertarians held a peaceful protest with yard signs and information about Wood and the Libertarian Party. As attendees left, several learned he had been in the audience and stopped to talk with him. Many said his exclusion was a disservice to voters and wished they could have heard from him and the other candidates. Those watching never had that chance. They were never even told he was there. Voters deserve to know who is asking for their vote, and they rely on the press to tell them. A news organization cannot claim to cover an election when it invites only the major-party candidates, then fails to tell its audience that a ballot-qualified Libertarian is sitting in the room. When a station treats a candidate who will appear on the ballot as just another face in the crowd, it isn't informing voters. It's deciding for them who counts. That is exactly how trust in the media gets lost.



Chris Hardman, LP Candidate for Clear Creek County Commission

The Hardman Campaign has been hard at work knocking on doors, raising money, and spreading the word about Libertarian solutions. Chris appeared at the EMERGE Candidate Forum on Oct 7th and joined the Clear Creek County Libertarians on Oct 3rd in Idaho Springs for an outreach booth.



(Front, left to right) Team Hardman members Matt Digi, Daniel Lutz, Jacob Luria, and Jeff Orrok pose with candidates (back) Chris Hardman for Clear Creek County Commissioner District 1 and Gubernatorial Candidate Eric Mulder at a fundraiser in September.

Outreach!



Janet Turner (third from right) poses with the League of Women Voters staff and her opponent at the SD11 Candidate forum. Many of our Libertarian candidates gave the message of individual liberty in similar LWV forums across Colorado.



LP CCC (Clear Creek County) outreach booth at the Taste of Idaho Springs event.



John Hjersman hunts prospective Libertarians at Constitution Week in Grand Lake.



Brandon Wark, Libertarian speaker at Constitution Week.



Dr. Jeffrey Rosen headlines Constitution Week, speaking about the arguably Libertarian foundations of our country.



El Paso County Libertarians (left to right) Brian Flanagan, Doug Jones, Robin Early, Richard Graf, and John Hjersman work the table at a Get-Out-The-Vote event in Colorado Springs.

Message from the Chair

Make Your Voice Count. Vote Libertarian!

I'm grateful to every Libertarian candidate who stepped forward to represent the Libertarian Party. Their willingness to run gives voters more choices and brings fresh ideas to the ballot.

Take a moment to explore the 2026 Libertarian candidates at lpcolorado.org. Click on a candidate's name to learn more about who they are and what they stand for. Share the list with friends and family so they can see the options available to them.

Between now and November 3, let's focus on turning out voters. Start a conversation: Ask the people around you whether they plan to vote this November. Many are frustrated with politics and may be thinking of sitting this election out. Let them know there are choices on the ballot—and that Libertarian candidates deserve a thoughtful look.

You may hear that voting for a third-party candidate is "wasting your vote." But your vote is yours to cast according to your own beliefs, priorities, and circumstances. The ballot isn't a test with one universal right answer. Every vote is counted, and every voter has the right to choose the candidate who best represents them. Don't let anyone tell you your voice doesn't matter.

Encourage someone to vote this November. Help them discover their choices. And when you believe a Libertarian candidate is the right choice, vote Libertarian with confidence.

Proud to be a Libertarian!
Keith Laube
LPCO Chair

A Message from Patty McMahon, U.S. Congressional Candidate, District 6

Can you believe it's October already? Summer has flown by, and what a summer it was. America turned 250 and Colorado turned 150, and we were lucky enough to witness both. Years from now, photos of the 2026 celebrations will show that the LPCO was part of Colorado history.

Between the Fourth of July and Colorado Day, I joined 15 celebrations full of parades, festivals, music and fireworks, all in honor of the place we share. This campaign took me into communities I might never have seen otherwise. I poured wine at a wine walk, presented a trophy at a golf tournament, visited festivals across Aurora and the Colorado State Fair, and volunteered at the 7/20 Memorial.

My volunteers and I have knocked on 1,500 doors, and I'll remember every person who opened one and took the time to talk with us. Shortly after I was nominated to run against Crow, a family of owls moved into my yard. A sign? Hmmm.

I ended September with "Get the Crow Out of the House," a parody of The Crow. Next up are "Friday the 13th, Part V: A New Beginning" on October 13 and "The Congressional Office" on October 22.

This is the last LPCO newsletter before Election Day, so I want to share something from the heart.

Soon the signs will come down, the votes will be counted, and every campaign will be reduced to a number on a screen. Please don't let that number tell you what this year meant. It can't measure the voter who saw a Libertarian on the ballot for the first time, the conversation that changed someone's understanding of who we are, or the courage it took to keep showing up when the two major parties acted as though no one else belonged. We belonged there.

Whatever happens on November 3, Colorado will still need candidates, volunteers and Libertarians willing to carry our message into their communities. An election ends, but the reason we entered it does not.

We have less than a month left, so let's give this campaign everything we've got. I hope you'll join me at our election-night watch party. We were part of this moment in history, and we'll be part of many more.

From the Editor



I'm incredibly proud of our candidates and volunteers this year. Together, we've made meaningful progress, and the growing number of campaign activities is a welcome challenge to document here. It's a sign that our movement is gaining momentum.

I hope you enjoy this newsletter format. It is designed to be easy to read, easy to print at home, and far more affordable than using a commercial print shop.

➤ NEXT MONTH ➤





Ross Metler Town Hall
Real Questions, Real Answers
 AN HD 23 CAMPAIGN TOWN HALL

ROSS METLER
 FOR COLORADO HOUSE DISTRICT 33

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11
3:00 PM – 6:30 PM
 CARNATION ROOM • WHEAT RIDGE REC CENTER
 Refreshments Provided
 Children Welcome

Learn more at Ross4co.com
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Upcoming Outreach Event at CSU on October 26

CSU students are the next generation of Colorado's civic leaders—and on Monday, October 26, we have an opportunity to meet them where they are.

This year's Ramplify Civic Fair will be held outdoors on the Lory Student Center Plaza, in the heart of the campus and along a major route students use between classes. This new location gives us a much better opportunity to connect with students from every major, background, and area of interest—not merely those already attending the Democracy Summit.

Our last CSU outreach visit took place in the middle of winter. With better weather, a central location, and a steady flow of students, we hope to make this our strongest CSU outreach event yet. Building real relationships with students is how we identify, encourage, and equip the future leaders our movement needs.

Because the Civic Fair is close to Election Day, CSU will not permit campaign activity at the event. Candidates may not participate, and organizations may not campaign. We can, however, encourage students to vote and introduce them to the Libertarian Party's values, community, and opportunities to get involved.

Please join us at the outreach booth and help make a lasting impression. To volunteer, contact John Hjersman at John.Hjersman@lpcolorado.org.

When: Monday, October 26, 9–11 a.m.

Where: Lory Student Center Plaza, Colorado State University

Parking: 1101 Central Avenue Mall, Fort Collins, CO 80523

Minor Parties Support More Voting Choices in Longmont

The Libertarian, Forward, American Solidarity, Center, and Unity parties have come together in support of Longmont ballot questions 3C and 3D. The Alliance for Competitive Elections (ACE), a Colorado democracy group, brought the parties together. ACE offers campaign and communications training, helps groups work together, and supports election integrity through independent election observation.

The parties support these questions because they would give Longmont voters more choice. Question 3C would introduce ranked-choice voting, while question 3D would let voters choose at-large council members in one election contest.

With ranked-choice voting, voters rank candidates in order of preference. If no candidate receives a majority of first-choice votes, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated. Those votes then go to the voters' next choices. The process continues until a candidate receives a majority.

Although the Libertarian Party has its own beliefs and supporters, we share an important goal with the other parties: voters should have meaningful choices, and more candidates and parties should have a fair chance to compete.

That shared goal matters to many Coloradans who want alternatives to the two major parties and better representation. More than half of Colorado voters are registered unaffiliated. The support of these five parties for questions 3C and 3D reflects a common belief that election rules should give voters more ways to make their voices heard.