

LPCOJeffCO Meeting Minutes

*May 16, 2019 7:00PM
Old Capitol Grill & Smokehouse
Golden, CO*

Attendees:

Paul Smith
Elea Helker
Scott Helker
Lisa Helker
Stephanie Parker
Tom Conwell
Michael Stapleton
Lesley Hollywood
Ross Klopf
Margot Anthony
Reyd Dotson
Anthony Hale
Anthony Johnson
Rakim Slaughter
Danaled Better
Shelly Foland

Proceedings:

After Introductions, guest-speaker Lesley Hollywood spoke regarding Colorado's new red flag ERPO bill (see included PDF).

- 15 states now have red flag laws, Colorado's is the most unchecked. Lesley Hollywood has a youtube video in which she discusses the law in detail.
<https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=gsE3BOU6OqY>
- The bill allows virtually anyone with whom you have (or have had) a close connection to "red flag" you. They can request to remain anonymous.
- The bill creates a new civil search warrant that has a lower standard of evidence than the warrants we have had previously, which can be used to enter your house and seize your guns.
- The bill was opposed by the vast majority of all law-enforcement professionals in the state.
- The language of the bill is such that a person is *guilty* and *insane* until proven *innocent* and *sane*.
- If your guns are removed for one year as a result of proceedings under this law, the person who reported you will be alerted at the end of that year, and they can request that your guns be removed again.

- There are no consequences for false reporting, and no consideration given to whether the reporter has a criminal record, or is currently involved in court proceedings of any kind with the person about whom they are reporting.
- We cannot petition to overturn this bill until we have a **plaintiff** (until someone has been hurt by the implementation of the law). When this situation arises, Rally for Our Rights may do pro bono legal work on behalf of the plaintiff. www.rallyforourrights.com

Framing our Party Agenda:

As a county party, our primary focus should be on local elections and local issues. At the meeting Paul brought up **TABOR** as our local issue, as it looks like it may be under threat in the near future.

- We will be studying this issue (including why we want to save TABOR, what the real issues are with that, and identifying workable solutions) with the intent of presenting our findings first to the party in June, and then to local government in Jefferson County.
- Margot Anthony, Tom Conwell, Paul Smith, and Stephanie Parker have volunteered to assist with this. Further discussion will take place over email.

Colorado Issues:

- Shelly Foland brought some Colorado issues to our attention (see included PDF), including most notably SB 10-042 National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, which gives Colorado's electoral votes to the presidential candidate who wins the national popular vote - this essentially makes Colorado irrelevant in national presidential elections.
- We will need to follow up and see what we can do (individually and as a party) to help combat this.

Other agenda items:

- The board needs to decide when to meet independently to conduct business. Before the monthly meeting (6-7pm) or after (9-10pm) were proposed - we will need to decide this over email prior to the next meeting.
- We have been officially registered with the state (thank you Ross!) and accepted May 13th.
- We have a bank account - voluntary dues will need to be collected, so far this has not been addressed.
- We have a website - minutes will be published on the website once we have worked out how to do that.
- Ross - We can volunteer for roadside cleanup in the next 6 weeks. There will be 80 locations to choose from, and the state will provide trash bags. In exchange, the state will post 2 publicity signs. More information will be forthcoming.