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From The Chair David K. Williams, Jr., Chair

Thanks, Doug Anderson!

I want to thank Libertarian Doug Anderson, who just finished a four year term on the Lakewood City Council. He chose not to run for re election.

It is hard work to run for office, and even harder if you win. Harder still when you actually believe in small government and are surrounded by those that believe the government has a role in every aspect of every detail of everyone's life.

We need people like Doug who are willing to put up a fight in the name of liberty. Even when it seems like our cause is doomed, we need to put up as much resistance as possible. Without that resistance, the stats will just steamroll our freedom. Doug helped provide that resistance.

He did not always make friends. But he always stood up for his principles. At his last council meeting on October 26, a long line of supporters took the time to thank Doug publicly for his efforts, and for standing up for those principles.

I was honored to be among those thanking Doug at that meeting on behalf of the Libertarian Party of Colorado.

Even though Doug is no longer an elected official, we look forward to his continued work in the name of freedom as a private citizen.

Once again, the LPCO thank you, Doug.

Election news

Aurora Ballot Issue 4-A

In recent election news, Aurora Ballot Issue 4-A, which would have raised property taxes in Aurora 40%, was defeated.

Several Libertarians were instrumental in the defeat, including Jim Frye and Rob McNealy, two of the leaders of [Citizens for Responsible Aurora Government](#), which organized opposition to the measure. Other Libertarians active with CRAG were Ken Wyble, Frank Atwood, Roger Ko, Jeff Orrok, Buck Bailey, Claire Gersch and Mykl Kryka. Special thanks to everyone in the Libertarian Party of Arapahoe County.

A special shout out to two newly converted Libertarians who also were instrumental in the defeat of 4A - Sheila and Michael Davis. Welcome aboard! We look forward to working with you both for a long time.

This victory for property rights shows what we can accomplish when we get together and organize in defense of liberty.

Denver Initiative 300

I-300 would have required Denver police to confiscate every car stopped if the driver did not have his license with him. In other words, the state would take away private property from individuals if they were unable to provide government issued identification when asked by police.

Our Legislative Director, Justin Longo, issued a Liberty Alert against this measure. Westword even noted the LPCO's opposition, then published [my letter to the editor the following week](#). (It's the third letter down.)

It was defeated soundly.

If you are not already on the list, subscribe to the [Liberty Alerts by clicking here](#).

Join the fight

Aurora has two openings on the [Board of Adjustments and Appeals](#). Rob McNealy serves on this board right now. According to Rob, they only meet a couple times a year for about an hour each time.

You can find an online application by [clicking right here](#).

If you live in Aurora, apply! This board helps restore property rights and is a great way to get started in politics. It looks good on a resume when you decide to run for city council later.

Let Freedom Ring.

David K. Williams, Jr.
Libertarian Party of Colorado State Chair



Looking Ahead to 2010

Now is the time to apply for the 2010 LPCO Constitution & Bylaws and Platform Committees

For each of the committees, there will be five at-large representatives selected by the board from the state membership, plus an additional representative per chartered affiliate. The deadline for affiliate appointments and at large applications is the LPCO Board meeting 7pm Monday, December 14th, 2009.

While there are no official qualifications (beyond being a registered Libertarian in Colorado), prospective applicants should be prepared to commit to attend all the committee meetings and participate fully in the process of drafting, reviewing, and discussing the proposed amendments. **You don't have to be an expert, but you do have to be willing to learn and participate.**

For the Constitution and Bylaws committee, in addition to reading and becoming familiar with the LPCO Constitution <http://lpcolorado.org/constitution.aspx> and LPCO Bylaws <http://lpcolorado.org/bylaws.aspx>, it is a good idea to acquire a copy of Robert's Rules Of Order Newly Revised, 10th Edition (available for purchase from several bookstores, or from used book websites for as little as a few dollars, or at any library) and become familiar with the basics of parliamentary procedure and its recommendations for running organizations.

For the Platform committee, familiarization with the LPCO Platform <http://lpcolorado.org/platform.aspx> (especially the values statement, which is the basis for the rest of it) is desirable, along with some acquaintance with one or more of the current issues in Colorado.

Each county affiliate should begin the process of selecting its representatives to these two important bodies as soon as possible. Ideally a process to do that is specified in the affiliate's bylaws, but if there isn't one, the affiliate can adopt a rule. Typically there would be notice given at one meeting and the actual selections would be made at the following meeting. The affiliate must have an Affiliate Representative (AR) on record with the state board who will certify the selected representatives to the state board, so if the affiliate does not have an AR, it needs to elect or appoint one (again, according to its bylaws, otherwise by giving notice at one meeting and then having the actual election or appointment at the following meeting). So some affiliates may be issuing notices for three positions in the coming month. If there are any questions about this, please contact State Chair Dave William StateChair@LPColorado.org or Front Range Outreach Director Jeff Orrok OutreachDirector@LPColorado.org.

To apply for an at-large position on the Constitution & Bylaws and/or Platform committees, please submit your name, residential address where you are registered to vote, mailing address if different than residence, and a phone number and/or email address to board@lpcolorado.org or to Libertarian Party of Colorado, 6989 S Jordan Rd Ste 5U, Centennial CO 80112-4369

LPCO 2010 State Convention Timeline

Event	Stipulation	Governing Text	Deadline	Scheduled
C&B and Platform Committee Member Solicitation	at least six months before the convention	BYL Art VI Sec 2	10/24/09	10/22/09
Deadline for Sustaining Membership applications to count in National Delegate Allocation by LNC	no later than the last day of the seventh month prior to a regular Convention	LPBYL Art 11 Sec 5	10/31/09	10/31/09

C&B and Platform Committee Member Final Solicitation	at least one month before final appointments	BYL Art VI Sec 2	11/14/09	11/09/09
Notification of the National Delegate Allocation from the Secretary of the LNC	no later than the last day of the sixth month prior to a Regular Convention	LPBYL Art 11 Sec 5	11/30/09	
C&B and Platform Committee Final Appointments	at least four months before the convention	BYL Art VI Sec 2	12/24/09	12/14/09
Deadline to select National Platform Committee Member (if applicable)	no later than the last day of the fifth month prior to a Regular Convention	LPBYL Art 11 Sec 7b	12/31/09	
Delegates must have been registered to vote as Libertarian on or before this date	at least ninety days before the convention	CON Art VII Sec 4	01/24/10	01/24/10
Application to run for US Senate, US House, or State Executive (Gov, Lt Gov, SOS, AG, Treasurer)	no later than sixty days before the convention (on applicable years)	CON Art VIII Sec 5	02/23/10	02/23/10
Candidates must have been registered to vote as Libertarian on or before this day	at least ninety days before the last date candidate designations may be filed	CON Art VIII Sec 4	03/12/10	
End of Fiscal Year	the last day of March	BYL Art IV Sec 1	03/31/10	03/31/10
Call of the Convention Members must be notified of the time and place of the convention and the names of Congressional and Gubernatorial candidates on or before this date	at least forty-five days before the convention	CON Art VII Sec 2	03/10/10	
C&B and Platform Final Reports Due	at least six weeks before the convention	BYL Art VI Sec 5	03/13/10	
Legal Notice Time and Place of Convention must appear in a newspaper of general circulation on or before this date	at least fifteen days before the convention	CON Art VII Sec 2	04/09/10	
LPCO 2010 State Convention Business Meeting	at least sixty-five days before the primary election; and at least one month before the National Convention	CON Art VII Sec 1; CRS 1-4-1304;	06/06/10	04/24/10
Deadline to file candidates' designations and acceptances	no later than four days after the adjournment of the assembly	CRS 1-4-1304(3), (4)	04/28/10	
	within seven days after adjournment on			

National Delegate List Submission	applicable years; and no later than one month prior to the start of the first general session of the Regular Convention	BYL Art VII Sec 6; LPBYL Art 11 Sec 5	04/28/10	
Constitution and Bylaws Filing (with Secretary of State)	within fifteen days of adoption	BYL Art II Sec 1	05/09/10	
Colorado Primary Election	Second Tuesday of August	CRS 1-4-101(1)	08/10/10	
National Convention, St. Louis MO	Every two years, at a time and place selected by the National Committee, sometime during the period of July of an odd-numbered year through August of an even-numbered year	LPBYL Art 11 Sec 1	08/31/10	05/28/10

Vice Chair Report

By [Steve Gallant, Vice Chair](#)

Mike Spalding and I co-hosted the October meeting of the Jefferson County Libertarian Party (JCLP). The JCLP has a Treasurer/Registered Agent, a bank account, and a 130-member list of e-mail contacts. All this turnkey affiliate needs is a new chairperson. If you live in Jefferson County and you are interested in being JCLP chairperson or just getting more involved in your local affiliate, please contact me at vicechair@lpcolorado.org. Mike and I (both former JCL chairs) will be available to help.

Attention El Paso County Libertarians:

I am seeking El Paso county Libertarians who are interested in organizing an affiliate. If you would like to get more involved in El Paso county politics, please contact me at vicechair@lpcolorado.org.

Fundraising Report

By [Deni Cates, Fundraising Director](#)

Libertarian License Plate Frames have arrived!

Put two on each of your cars! Be the envy of the neighborhood!

**[Click Here](#)
To Order Yours!**



Monthly Pledge Program

Steady monthly support is the best way to help make a political difference. This support helps build the voice of liberty within Colorado, increases the ability to support local candidates, and provides more materials for the outreach and education of Colorado voters. Choose a non tax-deductible monthly amount below, and PayPal will automatically send us your donation each month or click any button below and use your credit card or bank account. Support Liberty and Liberty can support you.

Join the "Copper Club!"

Donate \$10.00 each month easily using PayPal.



Receive a Libertarian bumper sticker, outreach handouts for friends, and a Libertarian cap.

Join the "1776 Club!"

Donate \$17.76 each month easily using PayPal.



Receive a Libertarian bumper sticker, outreach handouts for friends, a Libertarian cap, and the book, "*To Save America: How to Prevent Our Coming Federal Bankruptcy*" by Martin L. Buchanan.

Join the "Silver Club!"

Donate \$25.00 each month easily using PayPal.



Receive a Libertarian bumper sticker, outreach handouts for friends, a Libertarian cap, the book, "*To Save America: How to Prevent Our Coming Federal Bankruptcy*" by Martin L. Buchanan, PLUS the book, "*Nanny State*" by David Harsanyi (a Denver Post columnist).

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BECOME A VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

OPPORTUNITY to help liberty: Volunteer Coordinator for the Libertarian Party of Colorado. This person will use their people skills to find, motivate, and guide the various volunteers that contact the LPCO, matching the volunteer interests to the needs of the organization. This is a volunteer position for a political party that showed 62% growth in the past year and has a Board of Directors that is committed, interesting, and active in the community. A one year commitment with an average of 4-6 hours per week is needed. Please contact membershipdirector@lpcolorado.org with interest and questions

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Legislative Report

By Justin Longo, Legislative Director

1. Alerted the public about Denver's Initiative 300, which looks to take police officer's discretion when it comes to unlicensed drivers. The end result of 300 would be to turn the DPD into an immigration arm for the Feds. Despite the new language giving forgetful, but law abiding citizens some recourse if stopped, 300 still goes too far for no real reason at all. The Libertarian Party was mentioned for their opposition in Westword and the ballot measure was soundly defeated.
2. Became aware of a federal TABOR amendment being proposed at a very grassroots level now (read: under the radar). Will include information about this measure in my next Liberty Alerts newsletter.
3. Will work with transparency machine Amy Oliver to make our state more transparent - like Ritter promised. Turns out, after passing legislation that Ritter was "for," the follow-through was extremely weak at best. Need to drum up the best idea for getting our Guv to follow the intent of the law.

Please forward this information to friends and family who are concerned about defending our freedoms!

Urge others to sign up to receive free liberty alerts at:
<http://lpcolorado.org/lpcolibertyalerts.aspx>

You can read past "LPCO Liberty Alerts" at:
<http://lpcolorado.org/lpcolibalbertarchive.aspx>

Sign-up to receive free e-mails from the National Libertarian Party at:
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Support the Libertarian Party of Colorado by joining the 1776 Club:
<http://www.lpcolorado.org/monthlypledges.aspx>

Media Report

By [Kate Melvin](#), [Media Director](#)

New Projects:

1. Dave Williams wanted to bring attention to Congressman Jared Polis', D-Boulder, introduction of the Respec for Marriage Act. I communicated with the editor at the Boulder Daily Camera to have Dave's op-ed published which ran in the Sunday edition on October 4th. If you missed it, you can read it here: http://www.dailycamera.com/guestopinion/ci_13472398 The article generated some good discussion in the comments section, which is good to see.
2. I am actively working on reviving the LPCO podcasts. We have three options for recording locations that vary in price and availability. We are finalizing our options and will decide by the end of the month which one we will pursue. Our goal is to produce at least 1-2 podcasts 5-6 minute podcasts each week. They will be available on the LPCO Web site for download.
3. I have also met with two candidates who are running for Congress about media strategy. Although no candidate will officially have the state party nomination until after our Spring convention, I am happy to share our media contacts and help with messaging and other media-related questions.
4. It has come to my attention that it would be useful to have a media list that is organized by state House and Senate districts. This way, candidates interested in running at the state level can have a list that is sorted and relevant to their district. I am beginning to sort my media list accordingly.

Membership Report

By [Clint Jones](#), [Membership Director](#)

1. The Libertarian Party of Colorado has an opportunity to appoint a member and an alternate to the Libertarian Party National Platform Committee. We get this opportunity by being one of the top ten states with subscribing members to the National Libertarian Party (registered Libertarians who contribute \$25 or more dollars each year to National). This member and alternate would join Richard Randall who was appointed to the Platform Committee by Libertarian National Committee. If you are interested in this appointment and can attend the 2009 Platform Committee meetings in Las Vegas (Dec 12-13) and the National Convention in St. Louis in late May, 2010, please contact [State Chair, Dave Williams](#).
2. **Candidates** - Do you know who your contributors and activists are in your district? If not, contact me membershipdirector@lpcolorado.org
3. I have emailed 180 registered Denver Libertarians to support the LPCO now and receive a Libertarian license plate holder (see Fundraising Director report above) as well as the usual gift premiums. This offer is available for all Colorado Libertarians who support the LPCO this month.

Publications Report

By [Jaime Brown](#), [Publications Director](#)

Our publications consist of the [Colorado Liberty](#), [the state website](#), [the LPCO blog](#), and [event announcements](#).

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Thank you for your dedication to liberty.

Records Report

By [Mary MacFarlane](#), [Records Director](#)

I compiled and filed the minutes and reports from the previous Board meeting.

Thank you to our 1776 Club members.

These are the people that keep the doors open and the lights on at the State party. Please consider [joining them!](#)

 Biff Baker	 Jaime Brown	 Monte Poague
 Curtis Harris	 James J. Frye	 Mike Spalding
 Daniel Underkofler	 Jeff Lucius	 Norman Olsen
 Debbie Schum	 Jeff Orrok	 Rand Fanshier
 Deni Cates	 Joe Klauser	 Richard Randall
 Eva Kosinski	 Kathryn Chappell	 Ronald Thomas
 Frank Atwood	 Leah Kelley	 Shannon Murphy
 Grace Reed	 Martin Buchanan	 Steve Adams
 Greg Woods	 Michele Poague	 Steve Gallant

We have increased our Membership to nearly 12,000 members. Still, there are only Twenty-Seven [1776 Club Members](#).

Please [join these 27 dedicated individuals](#) who help Coloradans hear the vigilant voice of liberty. With their support, Libertarians have ballot access, basic support for local Libertarian Candidates, rent, utilities, outreach/education for Colorado Voters.

Any amount helps. [Please donate.](#)

I am working with a 2010 county commissioner candidate in Delta County—our first ever candidate for office here! I am also contributing to the completion of the "affiliate handbook"; a project I started a few years ago that is now being compiled by Steve Gallant. The affiliate handbook will now include information about nominating candidates at the county affiliate level, and the info those candidates will need to successfully run for office. I would also like to see the affiliate handbook be accompanied by a sorted media list, so that the candidates, no matter what office they are running for, will have available to them the contact info for the media pertinent to their political office race, for the purpose of press releases related to their campaigns. I continue to write a Libertarian political column every other week in the Western Slope Watchdog, addressing the Libertarian perspective on various political issues. The column has been very well received on the western slope of Colorado! You can view some of these columns at www.lpdco.org or subscribe to the Watchdog by contacting Ron Bain at westernslopedog@gmail.com

I worked with a professional petition circulator (a Libertarian!) for a few hours on Saturday, October 10. I was amazed and learned a lot about how to be productive in petitioning. For petition tips, contact me at wsoutreachdirector@lpcolorado.org

We are in the last couple of weeks of the statewide petition drive for the vehicle registration/phone tax reform, property tax reform, and Colorado debt reform initiatives. We still need more signatures! Please push a little harder, we are almost there!

Letters To The Editor:

Save The Status Quo? - By Debbie Schum:

In an October 1 editorial in the GJ Sentinel, Rick Wagner has warned people not to vote 3rd party. He says Ross Perot is the cause of the election of Bill Clinton, but he "forgets" to mention that by his reasoning, Ralph Nader is the cause of the election of big spending, TARP creating, bailout boy George W Bush. Presumably this oversight is because Mr. Wagner, as he has said, is a "fan" of Bush.

Mr. Wagner also compares the difficult hurdles placed for third parties to ballot access by the major parties (Democrats and Republicans) to a Monty Python comedy. Apparently, the "bi-partisan" efforts of the Redempubliciticans to block anyone else from ballot access is comedic to Mr. Wagner. Ha-ha, pretty funny.

While Mr. Wagner acknowledges the widespread dissatisfaction of citizens with state and national politics, he also continues to play the "lesser of 2 evils" game, and encourages the rest of us to do the same. He calls "the other team" (in Rick Wagner 's world, this would be the Democrats, the only other competition he wants to allow) "the least desired alternative" and "the less favored candidates". One of the big bonuses Mr. Wagner offers as a reward for not voting 3rd party is that you get to vote in primaries! Now isn't that special? What is particularly

silly in this editorial is right after Mr. Wagner acknowledges the widespread dissatisfaction with state and national politicians, he says that if you vote 3rd party, you will be denying that vote to the major party candidate who is closest to your political philosophy. WOW. Uh, that's the whole point, Mr. Wagner. Because the major parties no longer have any connection to our political philosophies! Within the ranks of Libertarians, the one theme I hear over and over from people who have left the 2 major parties is "I didn't leave my party—they left me". Mr. Wagner apparently doesn't care much for political philosophy, though—just team politics. And he wants us all to follow suit, and follow the major parties down whatever convoluted, corrupted path they want to take us. Here is a case in point: former district 2 county commissioner, Wayne Wolf, who ran for congress last year, is running for state senate next year. In a recent DCI article, Mr. Wolf is quoted as saying he is a fiscal and social conservative. Anyone in Delta County has paid even a small amount of attention will note that Mr. Wolf is indeed a social conservative (because we need a huge government to regulate our morality), but a fiscal conservative? Give me a break! Mr. Wolf also now claims he is a supporter of TABOR. This must be a very recent conversion, because I certainly remember commissioner Wolf supporting Referendums C and D—HUGE anti-TABOR bills!

Mr. Wolf defines the main theme of the state senate race as "the state budget". That's a pretty good one coming from Wayne "roundabout" Wolf (do you Delta County residents remember Wolf's \$5 million roundabout idea for the bottom of Cedar Mesa grade?), under whose watch the county budget tripled in 2 years, from \$19 million to \$29 million. This is the same Mr. Wolf who is now criticizing Governor Ritter for putting the state in a bind for funding too much new hiring. Before Mr. Wolf decided to run for congress last year, he was going to run for US senate. At that time, he publicly said that we shouldn't dismiss Hillary Clinton's health care plan just because she's a Democrat; that it's actually a very good plan.

For you Democrats out there smirking, we could bring up your Blagoyavich, your Louisiana congressman with \$90,000 in bribes in his freezer, your "yes we can" president who made such a smooth transition from Bush's corporate welfare bonanza to his own corporate welfare spend-o-rama, and on and on.

Do these people really represent us? Is this what is closest to our political philosophies? Or is Rick Wagner simply asking us to drink the kool-aid--ignore reality and hum along to the rhetoric? If you keep wasting your votes on "the lesser of 2 evils", guess what you are going to get? That's right—more evil.

This letter to the editor is a response to: [Rick Wagner's Column](#)

Feel free to contact Mr. Wagner yourselves with your own comments!

Victory In Aurora - By Jim Frye:

Thanks And Congratulations to NO on 4A Supporters!

Thank you and congratulations on a well deserved victory to contain the growth of government in Aurora. With the help of many groups and individuals we were successful in turning back yet another attempt to extract more money from Aurora taxpayers.

The proponents of this measure outspent us 20 to 1, but we were able to reach out and convince the majority of voters that this was an ill-conceived measure.

The unofficial tally at this time is:

Yes on 4A - 15,362 -- 45.7%

No on 4A - 18,283 -- 54.3%

You can read more about the results at:

<http://www.aurorasentinel.com/articles/2009/11/04/news/doc4af11c4ba8928454029897.txt>

http://www.denverpost.com/ci_13707663

We will regroup in a couple of weeks to begin to tackle other issues that need to be addressed by this city government.

Thanks again for all your individual efforts that made the difference.

Medical Marijuana's Growth - By Mike Heiny, Colo. Spgs.:

Re: "Clouds hang over pot issue," Oct. 22 news story.

State Sen. Chris Romer plans to introduce a medical -marijuana bill because he is "alarmed" at the growing number of medical marijuana patients and dispensaries.

Sen. Romer, before adding more government bureaucracy and regulations to hinder willing producers from providing a product to willing consumers, please tell us what the problems are. Are medical marijuana users more likely to commit crimes? Have they been involved in a rash of traffic accidents? Are the dispensaries somehow causing trouble?

I suspect not. I'll bet legal marijuana users are less likely to commit crimes than illegal ones (at least one, by definition). I'm certain that legal growers and sellers present far fewer problems than the black market. I suggest Sen. Romer consider legislation to give us more liberty, rather than less.

Clear The Air On Marijuana Rules - By Tony Ryan, Sioux Falls, S.D.:

Re: "Clear the air on marijuana rules," Oct. 23 editorial.

The Post 's editorial board is completely right that a "simple solution" to the confusion surrounding medical marijuana policies in Colorado and other states is to simply legalize and tax marijuana for all adults who want it.

As a veteran Denver police officer who served for more than 36 years, I saw firsthand how our decades long "war on drugs" isn't doing anything to keep marijuana (or other drugs, for that matter) away from people.

The only results of the prohibition policy are millions of arrests, billions of dollars in spending, and rich profits going directly into the pockets of the violent gangs and cartels that control the illegal market.

It's time for a broader conversation about the failure of prohibition as a drug control strategy.

Tony Ryan is a board member for Law Enforcement Against Prohibition.

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