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LPCO Fights for Equal Ballot Access

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Hi Caryn Ann,

Party Fights Unfair Election Law

Alex Astley, the winner of the Libertarian primary election for Secretary of State, officially withdrew his candidacy last week. The LPCO Vacancy Committee selected Sean Vadney to replace Astley on the ballot. Paperwork for Vadney was submitted to the Secretary of State's Office on Monday. The Secretary of State's Office denied placing Vadney on the November ballot based on the election law stating that a candidacy withdrawal 69 days prior to the election cannot be filled by a minor political party. Whereas a major political party would be able to fill such a vacancy.

This is an unfair election law that favors the major political parties by allowing them more time to fill candidate vacancies. The law guarantees that there can always be a major party candidate on the ballot. If a candidate for a minor party withdraws later than 70 days prior to the election, there is no candidate on the ballot for the minor party.

Yesterday the Libertarian Party of Colorado filed a court petition to get Sean Vadney on the ballot, the first step in getting the unfair election law changed.

Nicholas Sarwark, an attorney and LPCO member, will perform legal services for the party pro bono. The party will pay filing fees, which are expected to be \$300 to \$600.

If you wish to help pay for the filing fees, please click on the **Contribute** button at the bottom of this email and write SOS court petition in the comments section.

Help Our 2026 Candidates!

The 2026 candidates are listed on the LPCO website at <https://lpcolorado.org/>. We encourage you to donate to campaigns that are accepting donations and/or offer to be a campaign volunteer.

Constitution Week in Grand Lake

Tuesday, September 15 at noon LPCO member Brandon Wark and founder of Free State Colorado will be speaking about "Citizen Activism & Securing the Blessings of Liberty" at the Grand Lake Center located at 301 Marina Drive in Grand Lake.

Saturday, September 19 from 9 am to 3 pm the party will have a booth at Town Park located at 1025 Grand Avenue in downtown Grand Lake. If you want to volunteer to help work the booth, please email John Hjersman at outreachdirector@lpcolorado.org.

Sincerely,
Keith Laube, Chair

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