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LPCO Board Denounces "Liberty Pledge"

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Libertarian Party of Colorado Denounces and Nullifies "Liberty Pledge"

The recently elected State Board of the Libertarian Party of Colorado has formally denounced and nullified the so-called "Liberty Pledge," following a vote taken during its Monday evening meeting.

During the 2024 election cycle, the Liberty Pledge was used by the previous Libertarian Party leadership as a mechanism to support Republican candidates who were claimed to hold "libertarian-leaning" views. In several races, the Libertarian Party leadership showed support for Republican candidates who signed the Liberty Pledge.

The current State Board determined that the Liberty Pledge conflicts with the Libertarian Party of Colorado's bylaws, which were **adopted by party members. Those bylaws explicitly state that the Party and its Board may endorse only Libertarian Party nominees for partisan public office.**

According to Chair Keith Laube, the underlying assumption of the Liberty Pledge—that Libertarian voters would automatically support Republican candidates in the absence of a Libertarian option—is fundamentally flawed.

"Many Libertarian voters choose not to vote in races where there is no Libertarian candidate," said Laube. "When they do vote, they are more likely to

support another minor party candidate than a Republican. Libertarians should not be denied a Libertarian choice by their own leadership.”

Laube further emphasized that Libertarians are not aligned with either major political party. “The notion that Libertarians are Republicans is simply not true,” he said. “Libertarians are strong defenders of personal liberty and equal rights for all adults. The Libertarian Party has long supported the LGBTQ community, immigrants, and marriage equality—positions that the Republican Party has historically opposed.” He added, “Libertarians believe in non-intervention abroad, staying out of unnecessary wars, and maintaining a government that is accountable to its citizens. The current Republican administration’s actions—including deploying ICE and masked military police into communities and intimidating schools—are unacceptable to Libertarians.”

The Libertarian Party of Colorado reaffirmed its commitment to running and supporting Libertarian candidates and providing voters with a genuine alternative to the two-party system.

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