

---

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

August 30, 2026

Contact: James Wiley | james.wiley@redflameofliberty.com | (719) 369-1790

**WILEY SIGNS LPCO 2025 LIBERTY PLEDGE,  
PLEDGES TO WORK WITH LIBERTARIANS ON ELECTION SECURITY**

*Libertarian Nominee Alex Astley Withdraws from November 3 Ballot, Avoiding a Split of the Liberty Vote*

**DENVER / HOLYOKE, Colo.** — Republican nominee for Colorado Secretary of State James Wiley today reaffirmed that he has signed the State Candidate Pledge for Liberty produced by the Libertarian Party of Colorado in 2025 for the 2026 election cycle, and that he will work with Libertarians if elected to represent their concerns about election security.

Wiley said that commitment — paper ballots, voter ID, precinct-based in-person voting, citizen observation, and audits — has encouraged Libertarian nominee Alex Astley of Holyoke to withdraw from the November 3 general-election ballot, preventing a Libertarian spoiler in the Secretary of State race.

*"I signed the Liberty Pledge because only through coalition can Republicans and Libertarians resist the failed status quo in Denver and restore elections Coloradans can trust," Wiley said. "Libertarians have been right to demand paper ballots, voter identification, and an end to black-box machines. As Secretary of State I will represent those concerns, not treat liberty voters as an afterthought. Alex Astley's decision to step aside keeps the liberty vote unified instead of splitting it on November 3."*

The 2025 LPCO Liberty Pledge set out commitments on taxes and TABOR, school choice, property-tax relief, open records, and limited government. Wiley has long argued that the same spirit applies to the Secretary of State's core duty: secure, transparent elections and honest business records. He has pledged to work with Libertarians — including former colleagues and rank-and-file liberty voters across Colorado.

Astley, a Professional Engineer from Holyoke in Phillips County, won the Libertarian primary on June 30. Public election records now list him as withdrawn from the general-election ballot.

*"Colorado does not need another race where liberty-minded voters cancel each other out and the machine status quo wins," Wiley said. "I will be a Secretary of State who works with Libertarians, unaffiliated voters, and Republicans who still believe the count belongs to the people. Election security is not a partisan hobby. It is the first duty of this office."*

The general election is Tuesday, November 3, 2026. Wiley faces Democrat Amanda Gonzalez and several minor-party and unaffiliated candidates. No Libertarian nominee will appear on the Secretary of State line.

**###**

**About James Wiley for Colorado**

James Wiley is a Colorado native, CSU-Pueblo graduate (B.S. Management and Marketing, cum laude, and MBA), and the 2026 Republican nominee for Colorado Secretary of State. Raised in Kazakhstan after the fall of communism, he has spent years as an election-integrity advocate, legal assistant, and organizer—founding Save Our Suffrage, serving as executive director of the Libertarian Party of Colorado, and litigating and researching voting systems, campaign-finance, and

**JAMES WILEY FOR COLORADO SECRETARY OF STATE**

Red Flame of Liberty • [wileyforcolorado.com](http://wileyforcolorado.com)

---

election-law issues. Campaigning under the banner of the Red Flame of Liberty, he argues for paper ballots, voter ID, audits, and blockchain-secured business records, and for reducing red tape while rebuilding trust in how Colorado counts its votes.

Web: [wileyforcolorado.com](http://wileyforcolorado.com) • [redflameofliberty.com](http://redflameofliberty.com) • [@redflameliberty](https://twitter.com/redflameliberty)