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## LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF COLORADO CONTINUES TO GROW

The Libertarian Party of Colorado (LPCO) recently celebrated its 45,000 voter registration, continuing its rein as the largest third party in the state.

*"I am proud and honored to be part of the continually growing liberty movement," says Wayne Harlos, State Chairman of the LPCO. "This increased interest in our party is indicative of a growing dissatisfaction with politics as usual, and we hope to continue to be a safe landing space for those people."*

The increase in voter registration for the LPCO correlates with the increase of votes received by Libertarian candidates, such as Gary Johnson, the Libertarian presidential candidate for the 2012 and 2016 election. Johnson received 32,262 votes in Colorado in 2012 (1.3% of the total). In 2016, he received 144,121 in 2016 (5.2%)—a 346 percent increase. Johnson went on to garner 4.4 million votes nationwide during the 2016 election, which is the most successful campaign by any Libertarian presidential nominee.

The growth in Colorado's Libertarian Party is part of an overall increase in interest in libertarianism nationwide. According a report conducted by Ballot Access news, national registration for the Libertarian Party has increased by 92 percent since 2008.

During this same time period, registrations for the Democratic and Republican Parties have decreased—down 8 percent for the former and 5 percent for the latter.

“People are quickly abandoning the two-party system, and it’s nice to see so many joining our ranks,” Harlos adds.

The Libertarian Party of Colorado is hosting its statewide convention from March 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, located at [83 E. 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue](#) in Thornton. During the conference, LPCO will be picking delegates to attend the Libertarian National Convention in July in New Orleans, nominating candidates for statewide political races, featuring prominent figures in the Libertarian movement as speakers, and finalizing party business. More information about the convention is available at [www.lpcolorado.org](http://www.lpcolorado.org).



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