



The Election Is Over, And We WON! Now what?

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LPEPC Chair
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The election left the American voters stunned. I have to admit, I was one of those. I mean look at these numbers:

- District 16 – John Hjersman 28.03%;
- District 17 – Susan Quilleash 9.08%;
- District 18 – Norman Dawson 7.43%;
- District 20 – Judith Darcy 5.79%;
- District 21 – Michael Seebeck 31.09%;
- State Senate District 12 –Manuel Quintel 24.44%;
- U.S. Congress District 5 – Mike McRedmond 6.83%;
- U.S. Senate Lily Tang Williams 3.54%;
- President Gary Johnson 5.09%

These are all of the Libertarian Party candidates that were on the El Paso County ballot. Not a single one won their race, so why am I stunned?

Because every candidate on the ballot beat the previous record number of votes won by a Libertarian Party candidate. This is a huge win for liberty. These numbers tell us our message is getting out and we are seen as an alternative to the old two party system. All of you effort has paid off and these vote totals show the fruits of your dedication.

Now what? We all have an election hangover. Typically we all dive into our holiday times, the new year and slide back into our routine. Before we know it, four years has passed and we are ready to get back to the political grind. That is a problem. That is no way to follow up the work done this election. We, the voices of liberty need to stay engaged. This is the time we can make real substantive change. Colorado Springs City elections are in April. Six of nine council seats are up for grabs. Liberty minded people could take these seats and be a super majority. Don't want to run for office? That's understandable. There are other options. Colorado Springs alone has 52 advertised committees that have multiple

vacancies. In most cases the only qualification is that you live in the city. There are similar boards and committees at the county level, your school board, your water district. Most colleges even have a student advisory committee on school policy. Students can have a voice as well. Virtually any place the government has its hand there is a citizen committee where you can be a voice for liberty in your committee. If you find yourself asking "now what?" the answer is go find a committee and be that reasonable voice of change.

Sure it would have been great to have a Libertarian in the White House. It would have been great to get that national 5% average to get funding and compete. However, when you think about it, how much influence do nationally elected officials have on your daily life. It's increasing but it is not as intrusive as the local government. You have the greatest influence right here at home.

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Treasurer's Corner

By John Hjersman, LPEPC Treasurer
December, 2016

Happy Birthday, Libertarian Party, born in Colorado Springs on December 11th. That's when The Libertarian Party of El Paso County celebrates it at the annual birthday party.

You are all invited!

Now is a good time to renew your membership by paying 2017 dues. LPEPC membership period is the calendar year. The "Donate" tab on the LPEPC.ORG website is working. It's easy to contribute. It is helpful to me, as Treasurer, if you could include a "note to seller" saying what the contribution is for if it is for postcard stamps (\$34/roll) or 2017 dues (\$25/year). The stamps will help to continue our project to send out invitations to El Paso County Libertarians who might not know about us and our monthly meetings.

Come to a meeting and have dinner with us and add to the count of active Libertarians. Thank you for considering helping to spread the message of liberty, tolerance, and peace!

Please Note: The ability to vote on board measures is contingent upon membership. Having paid annual dues qualifies the member to run for a position on the board. LPEPC Treasurer, John Hjersman, is always available to discuss ways to give money to the LPEPC or answer your questions about how the money will be spent. treasurer@lpepc.org. If I don't know the answer, I'll do my best to find it.

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Stay motivated. Keep in touch with LPEPC. We have many events and meetings we are hosting and promoting. We would love to see you and help you stay involved.

In closing and in the spirit of this time of year I would like to say thank you. Thank you to all of the candidates that took the time to use their name to advance the Libertarian Party and our message. Thank you to all of the volunteers that helped the candidates at all levels. Thank you to all that donated to LPEPC. It is all of you that show the world how great the Libertarian Party and our message is.

Christopher Houtchens is the Libertarian Party of El Paso County Chair



FREE POLICY TRAINING IN COLO. SPRINGS

SAT. DEC 3 @ 9:30 AM ☆ 1175 CHAPEL HILLS DR
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Come Join Principles of Liberty Colorado for our FREE training class in Colorado Springs on December 3rd. Learn how the state legislative process works, discuss the role of state government, and find out how to become involved in the legislative process.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1676555696006516/>

SUBMISSIONS NEEDED!!!

Got a talent for writing? Cartoonist? Know of an important event coming up that Libertarians need to know about? *Where have you been hiding?*

Our LPEPC Newsletter Editor needs your submissions. If you have something to say & it lines up with the Libertarian Party Platform.

Libertarian Party
of El Paso County
Calendar of Events



Third Thursday of Every Month
El Paso County LP Meeting
Various locations throughout
El Paso County 6-9 pm

LP Colorado Calendar of Events
www.meetup.com/lpcolorado

Keep track of events and meet-ups
with our Facebook page:
Facebook.com/LPEPC/events

LPEPC POLICY MEETING
Monday, December 5 at 6 PM - 9 PM
The LPEPC is creating a Policy Manual
and compiling our history in order to
make it easier for future volunteers.
Please join us and let us know how you
want to help. IHOP - 6005 Constitution
Ave, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80915

The Bob Telmosse 33rd Annual Christmas Giveaway
Saturday, December 19th
 9am-3pm (or when supplies run out)

We Still Need Your Help For The Following Items:
 (Accepting Donations starting Mid-November)

- New Toys-\$25 Value & Up (For Kids of All Ages)
- New & Used Bicycles (Especially Kids' Bikes)
- Canned Vegetables & Fruits
- Turkeys, Hams & Stuffing Mix
- Household Gifts
- Personal Gift Items
- Coats, Gloves, Hats & Blankets
- Stuffed Toys & Kids Books

Volunteers Needed
 We Need You Help Make This Fun!
 33rd Annual Christmas Giveaway 2015
 Good + People, Helping + People

Children Must Be Present To Receive Toy NO EXCEPTIONS

Every Family Receives a Frozen Turkey and Fixings for Christmas Dinner!

Mortgage Solutions Financial Expo Center
3650 N. Nevada Ave.

The Bob Telmosse FOUNDATION


To become a sponsor, make financial or in-kind donations, or for further details and more information on how to donate or set up your own toy/food drive, please visit us at: www.santa-bob.org or call 719.646.0896

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Libertarian Birthday Party!!! Sunday, December 11, 2016 6pm-9pm Fargo's Pizza (2910 E. Platte Ave.)


Arrive early to get your food and be ready for the meeting at 7:00.

45 years ago today the Libertarian Party was officially formed right here in the State of Colorado. Come for the party and learn about the history of the Libertarian Party. We hope to hear your stories on why you became a Libertarian. Pictures will be taken and signs will be provided for you to fill out: "I'm a Libertarian Because..." Cake will be served. Guest Speaker from The Bob Telmosse Foundation will be giving a short presentation about our volunteer event for their Christmas Giveaway. We will be accepting donations at this meeting of toys and/or food.




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