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Bob Glass Announces Candidacy for Governor

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Bob Glass, the former proprietor of Paladin Arms in Longmont and co-founder of the Tyranny Response Team, a gun rights activist group, announced his bid for the Libertarian Party nomination for Colorado Governor on Thursday, September 27, at the Secretary of State's office.

Prior to his announcement, Bob Glass said, "In light of the recent tragic events, now more than ever it is obvious how devastating the policies of state-enforced victim disarmament laws have been. These laws create a mentality and actuality of helplessness and dependence. Weapons as simple as knives might have thwarted the murderous actions of these hijackers, yet the government has instituted a policy that takes away even this small means of self-defense from airline passengers. It is an outrage that up until now the government has prevented, by law, pilots from protecting themselves, their passengers, and bystanders. It is criminal that it has taken

a tragedy of this proportion to even bring up in the public forum for debate the possibility that pilots can carry weapons into their cockpits."

BetteRose Smith, campaign manager for Bob Glass, has been encouraged by the amount of enthusiasm Glass has been generating in and out of the Libertarian Party. "Many people have been coming forward offering to volunteer should Bob decide to run, even though the election is over a year away."

Notes from the Chair

It is with mixed emotions that I write this month's "Notes from the Chair." As with many of you, I am still coming to grips with the effects from the events of 9-11-01, yet the past month has seen so many exciting developments for Boulder County Libertarians that it is difficult to keep everything in its proper perspective. Like you, the images of the destruction and the thoughts of the victims are daily reminders of the preciousness of life. Yet I feel that I owe it to those very victims to continue to work toward liberty so that the message of evil that was delivered that day NEVER takes root—not on my watch! Like you, I am infuriated by the recent attacks on our personal liberties. From calls for federalizing airport security to the revival of the "Know Your Customer" and "Methamphetamine Anti-Proliferation" bills under the misleading (see lie) "USA Patriot Act," the statist carpetbaggers wasted no time in mobilizing their forces. And as with any time of tragedy, both the forces of good and evil come out in strength. Luckily, as has been proven throughout history, the good ones outnumber the evil, as the outpouring of aid to the victims and their families has shown.

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October Board Meeting

The LPBC Board meeting was held on October 11 at the Golden Corral in Longmont. The usual matters of business were dispatched along with the food, including the passing of the September minutes, the current membership tally (60 members), and the state of the coffers (\$978.81 in checking, \$677.71 in savings).

Chairman Joe Johnson has begun working on a letter pitch to two groups of potential LPBC members: national and state LP members who live in Boulder County, and registered Libertarians living in the county. He has also found a replacement for director of the Libertarian Party booth at the Tanner gun shows, which will free him up to work on other outreach ideas and party matters.

LPBC members were well represented in the local media last month. Chuck Wright had a letter published in the Boulder *Daily Camera* opposing open space funding, and the *Camera* and the *Boulder Weekly* covered Ron Bain's campaign for Boulder City Council in depth.

A vote was taken to amend the LPBC by-laws to include three new board positions—Outreach Director, Campaign Director, and Fund-Raising Director. The changes were unanimously approved, with six members present and voting and two members voting by proxy. These are *vital* positions to the health and growth of the LPBC, so any member of the party who is looking for an opportunity to advance the cause of freedom is encouraged to step forward. A big thanks goes out to Longmont attorney Dwight Harding for becoming the LPBC's first official Campaign Director.

Under old business, there was much discussion about the canopy situation. As anyone who has ever worked a shift at the Boulder Creek Festival knows, the old canopy was not exactly seaworthy. It has been retired after being tossed around by one too many Colorado windstorms, and chairman Joe Johnson has been spearheading a campaign to locate a replacement. The new canopy will be of sturdy new construction, have four sidewall panels, and feature a silk-screened Libertarian Party identifier and graphic of the Statue of Liberty. It will be wonderful enticement for all members of the LPBC to attend an outreach event under the new professional booth. The LPBC has pitched in \$250 as seed money to pay for the canopy, and a fund raiser will be held soon to raise the remaining \$750.

Under new business, Dwight Harding noted that now is the time to start planning for next year's election campaigns.

There was discussion about the difficulty of doing this due to the fact that election district boundaries have not been established yet. The state legislature is still debating the issue, so god knows when we'll have an answer.

The meeting adjourned at 9 o'clock.

Candidates Needed for the 2002 General Election

We are now actively soliciting for people to run for election in the year 2002. The time to make up your mind to start running is now. The time to start thinking about your campaign platform is now.

Line holder candidates are welcome.

If you're interested, please contact the LPBC Campaigns Director, Dwight Harding, via email at haalaw1@qwest.net or 303-651-7230.

The game plan for an election starts a year in advance. Essentially, once you have decided to run, you need that much lead time to organize your campaign and recruit a staff.

Two people are running for governor from the Libertarian Party, so we will have a primary election. Nothing gets the Libertarian Party name more into the voter's mind than seeing us on the ballot. That's how to expand the party. Keep the party's candidates and names on the ballot. Keep this in front of the people on the ballots. The more they see it, the more often they'll vote for it.



Here's the final stage of our campaign.
They pull apart their own constitution just to get at us!!

BE A CANDIDATE!

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From the wreckage, however, we will grow stronger. We MUST grow stronger. And the events of this past month here in Boulder County have filled me with the renewed hope that I needed to continue the fight. At our monthly board meeting, the membership voted unanimously to amend the LPBC's bylaws to add three new board positions: Outreach Director, Campaigns Director, and Fund-Raising Director. With these new positions, I can see the future of the Libertarian Party in Boulder County. With much-needed outreach, thousands more Boulder County citizens will be introduced to the message of liberty. With the much-needed funds raised by that director, our party will not only continue on its strong growth trend, but we will be able afford to combat statism directly by running better and stronger political campaigns. At this month's meeting, Dwight Harding (the man who garnered the highest vote total for a state legislative race in Colorado in 2000) boldly accepted the position of Campaigns Director. With his guidance and direction, I am confident that as we begin recruiting candidates and setting up campaigns for the

2002 races, the LPBC will lead the way within the Colorado LP.

Libertarian ideas and ideals are becoming more and more accepted in Boulder County, as can be seen by our record highs in party membership and Libertarian voter registrations, our record returns for our fund-raising events such as this year's highly successful "Bowling for Liberty" bowl-a-thon, and the simple fact that the media no longer portrays our views as strange and outside of the mainstream. By all measures the LPBC is a success, but I hope that you will not take this as an opportunity to let your guard down. Rest assured that liberty is under the gun and, as with those who have gone before me, I will continue to work to make the LPBC a strong and viable voice in the county's body politic.

I hope that you will join in fueling this success. As you may remember, when announcing my candidacy for the position of Chairman, I pledged to double the membership and increase the Libertarian voter registrations by 50 percent in this county during my tenure. I also noted that while that goal is certainly within our grasp, I cannot do it without your help. So I want you to ask yourself two questions. First, "Do I truly want to be a part of the strongest and fastest growing LP affiliate in the state (perhaps nation)?" If the answer to that was "Yes," then ask yourself, "What am I doing right now to help ensure that we meet that goal?"

Sincerely,

Joe Johnson

Chairman LPBC

Liberty in my lifetime!

P.S. The board has not yet appointed anyone to the positions of Fund Raising Director or Outreach Director. If you are interested in running for either of these positions, please contact me at joejohn@us.ibm.com or (303) 604-9153.

Repeal gun control laws that leave us defenseless against evil terrorists

WASHINGTON, DC — With sales of guns soaring and support for the Second Amendment peaking after the September 11 terrorist attacks, it's time for politicians to start repealing burdensome gun laws, the Libertarian Party said today.

"More Americans are beginning to realize that the Second Amendment is not some fossilized remnant of a frontier nation, but a practical solution to the 21st century problem of terrorism," said the party's national director, Steve Dasbach.

"Now, it's time for politicians to acknowledge this change in attitude—as well as the new reality of the terrorism threat—and immediately start repealing laws that prohibit law-abiding Americans from buying and carrying firearms to protect themselves and their families."

Over the past month, a number of news stories and polls have revealed a stunning increase in gun purchases and an unprecedented groundswell of support for gun rights. According to media reports:

- There has been "a surge in gun sales" following September 11, reported the *Washington Post* (October 2, 2001), with applications to buy handguns in Virginia doubling the week after the attack, and background checks for handguns, rifles, and shotguns up by 32%.
- 45% more Americans "value Second Amendment rights" than before the terrorist attacks, according to an NRA poll reported in *U.S. News & World Report* (November 5, 2001).
- In Colorado, background checks for concealed carry permits jumped 172% from August to October, according to the *Rocky Mountain News* (October 30, 2001).
- In Connecticut, 41% more people bought guns in September 2001 than in the same month last year, according to the Associated Press (October 2, 2001).
- Women across the country are signing up for gun safety courses in record numbers, according to NBC's *Today Show* (October 10, 2001), with sales of guns to women increasing by 60%.
- In California, gun sales surged 42%, reported *CBS Morning News* (October 2, 2001).
- There is an obvious explanation for such figures, said Dasbach.

"Americans have begun to realize, following the September 11 tragedy, that government and police cannot keep them safe from every danger," he said. "There is simply no way the government can protect 280 million Americans from stealthy terrorists or even garden-variety criminals.

"Americans have begun to understand that they must take personal responsibility for their own safety. That's why we're seeing such a surge in gun sales—especially to vulnerable demographic groups, like women."

Unfortunately, noted Dasbach, there are over 21,000 local, state, and federal laws that limit the right of Americans to purchase or carry guns—leaving millions of individuals still at risk.

"September 11 was a wake-up call to America that we are vulnerable to terrorists," he said. "Now, politicians need to wake up, and start repealing the 21,000 gun control laws they passed over the last few decades. It is unconscionable that old-fashioned gun laws and anti-gun politicians can prevent Americans from protecting themselves and their families from murderous terrorists.

"Those laws are a shameful legacy of a government that not only could not protect Americans—but actually has made it more difficult for Americans to protect themselves. In light of September 11, that must change."

Monthly Calendar

Date	Day	Time	Event/Location
November			
11/04/01	Sun	12-3	Glass/Vance Debate at Boulder Public Library
11/05/01	Mon	Noon	Weekly lunch. At Hunan Garden .
11/08/01	Thu	6:30pm	Monthly board meeting. At Cheng's Garden in Louisville.
11/10/01	Sat	8:30-5	LP Booth. At CrossRoads Gun Show .
11/11/01	Sun		
11/12/01	Mon	Noon	Weekly lunch. At Hunan Garden .
11/13/01	Tue	6:30pm	Visions for the Future of Colorado in Denver.
11/17/01	Sat	8:30-5	LP Booth. At Tanner Gun Show .
11/18/01	Sun		
11/19/01	Mon	Noon	Weekly lunch. At Hunan Garden .
11/26/01	Mon	Noon	Weekly lunch. At Hunan Garden .

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Membership Application

Option (Check one)	Dues	LP Memberships included			Duration
		<i>Boulder County</i>	<i>Colorado</i>	<i>National</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> One year	\$15	Yes	–	–	1 year
<input type="checkbox"/> Three year	\$42	Yes	–	–	3 years
<input type="checkbox"/> Triple combo	\$40	Yes	Yes	Yes	1 year
<input type="checkbox"/> State/Nat'l	\$25	–	Yes	Yes	1 year
<input type="checkbox"/> Trial	\$0	Trial	–	–	3 months
<input type="checkbox"/> I'm not ready to join yet, but please send me a FREE Libertarian info packet.					

- In addition, please accept my contribution of \$_____ to the LPBC.
- To become a *voting* member of the LPBC, you must sign the Libertarian Pledge. By not signing, you will become a *non-voting* member.

Libertarian Pledge: I hereby certify I do not believe in, or advocate, the *initiation* of force as a means of achieving political or social goals. *

Signature	
Date	

- Member information

Name
Address
City/State/Zip
Home Phone
Work Phone
Email

- Please make checks payable to: **LPBC**
- Return to: LPBC • 2525 Arapahoe Ave, Suite E4, PMB 427 • Boulder, CO 80302
- Volunteer activities (check all that apply)
 - I'm interested in being an LP candidate.
 - I'm willing to work on a LP candidate's campaign.
 - I'm interested in serving on the LPBC board of directors.
 - I'd like to volunteer my skills of _____
 - I'm willing to help in other ways; let me know what you need!

* What does the above Libertarian Pledge mean? We ask our members to disavow the initiation of force. This does not mean that you cannot defend yourself; you do have the right to defend your life, liberty, and property. It means that you will not use the coercive power of government to forcibly achieve your personal, ethical, or religious goals. This commitment helps us maintain our principles and provides us with a measuring stick to determine if we have strayed from our common goal: a society where all relationships among persons are based on voluntary cooperation.

For more information about the LPBC, please check our web site at <http://www.lpboulder.org/>

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