

Libertarian Republicans Announce Candidacy for Montana Legislature

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Three candidates in Cascade County — **Jessica Dyrda** (Senate District 10), **Tony Rosales** (House District 20), and **Kevin Leatherbarrow** (House District 22) — have announced their candidacy in the 2026 **Republican primary** on a shared commitment to *Libertarian Republican* values.

United as members of the Cascade County Libertarians, the three candidates offered a joint statement: **“Of the major parties, we are proud to run as Republicans because that is where liberty-minded ideas have the best chance of becoming law in Montana. At the same time, we are equally proud to call ourselves Libertarian**

Republicans because we want to protect and

expand liberty, limit government power, and guarantee equal justice for all Montanans.”

Shared Campaign Priorities

Individual Liberty: Protect the rights of Montanans to live, work, worship, and raise families free from government interference.

Constitutionalism: Defend both the Montana and U.S. Constitutions as living compacts that restrain government overreach and preserve citizen rights.

Equal Justice: Reform institutions so that every Montanan is treated fairly, regardless of wealth, status, or political connections.

“Montanans are tired of politics-as-usual. Our campaigns are about principles, not power — about protecting families, keeping government in its proper place, and ensuring Montana remains free for the next generation.”

The candidates emphasized that while they are running as Republicans, their values are rooted in liberty, not party machinery:

Jessica Dyrdahl (SD 10): *“As a mom and survivor, I’ve seen firsthand how broken systems fail families. I’m running to make sure our government protects children and respects parental rights.”*

Tony Rosales (HD 20): *“We need legislators who not only want to tackle Montana’s biggest issues like overburdening property taxes and housing affordability, but are guided by principles of individual liberty”*

Kevin Leatherbarrow (HD 22): *“As an educator and small business owner, I know that strong communities come from individual responsibility and freedom — not government mandates.”*

Contact Information: As the candidates initiate their campaigns, contact them to see how you can support liberty in the Montana Legislature:

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