

**STATE OF COLORADO**  
**Department of State**

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Secretary of State

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**NOTICE OF HEARING**

**Petition for Declaratory Order  
of the Secretary of State under 8 CCR § 1505**

**Tuesday, January 7, 1:30 p.m.**

**Office of the Secretary of State  
Blue Spruce Conference Room  
1700 Broadway, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Denver, CO 80290**

**Purpose of Hearing**

The hearing will address a Petition for Declaratory Order under 8 CCR § 1505. The Petition requests the Secretary of State to resolve the uncertainty and controversy regarding the formation of an independent expenditure committee by a political party. At the hearing, the Secretary of State's office will hear evidence and inquire into matters that pertain to whether a political party may form an independent expenditure committee and thereby raise funds in any amounts from any source permissible under Colorado law.

A copy of the Petition may be found on the Secretary of State's website at <http://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/CampaignFinance/files/2013/20131108CORepublicanParty-IECDeclaratoryOrder.pdf>.

**Procedure**

The hearing will be conducted by the Secretary of State or his designee. At the hearing, the Petitioner will first be invited to present views and arguments relevant to the Petition. Other interested individuals will then be permitted to present relevant views and arguments. The Petitioner will be permitted to provide final remarks. If necessary, time limits on testimony may be imposed.

At the hearing, testimony may be provided orally and in writing. Written testimony may also be submitted to [Melissa.Steward@sos.state.co.us](mailto:Melissa.Steward@sos.state.co.us).

The hearing will be broadcast over the Internet and will be recorded.