2026 Wasatch Back General Election Voter Guide

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2026 General Election Voter Information

IMPORTANT DATES AND LINKS

Election Day for the 2026 general election is Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Early voting varies by county: In Summit County, early voting runs Oct. 28-31. In Wasatch County, early voting runs Oct. 27-30.

Up-to-date information on the Summit County 2026 general election is available online at summitcountyutah.gov/281/Voter-Registration-Elections.

Up-to-date information on the Wasatch County 2026 general election is available at wasatchcounty.gov/elections.

Information for Utah elections is available online at vote.utah.gov.

CHANGES TO UTAH ELECTIONS

The clerk's offices for any election must receive a ballot by 8 p.m. on Election Day (Nov. 3) in order for it to count. In previous years, ballots had to be postmarked the day before Election Day. Voters who are mailing in a ballot should check with their post office to make sure the clerk's office for their county will receive it in time.

Ballots will include information about how to opt in for receiving mail-in ballots. After 2029, voters must opt in to receive mail-in ballots. As long as they continue to actively participate in elections, they'll continue to receive mail-in ballots. After eight years, they must opt in again. Voters can opt in online at vote.utah.gov/voter-registration-portal.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

To be eligible to vote in the 2026 general election, county clerks must receive voter registration by 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 23. Voters who missed the registration deadline may still vote provisionally in person at an early voting location or on Election Day with two forms of identification.

The last day for Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act voters, also known as UOCAVA, to submit an application for an absentee ballot is Monday, Nov. 2. These are U.S. citizens residing outside the United States or active members of the uniformed services, the Merchant Marine and the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, as well as their eligible family members.

BALLOT TRACKING

Voters can sign up to receive notifications on the status of their ballot using BallotTrax: trackmyballot.utah.gov/voter.

Additionally, voters can view their voter registration, as well as other election information, at vote.utah.gov.

SUMMIT COUNTY

Up-to-date information on the Summit County 2026 general election is available online at summitcountyutah.gov/281/Voter-Registration-Elections.

WHEN IS THE SUMMIT COUNTY 2026 GENERAL ELECTION?

The 2026 general election for Summit County will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 3. Early voting for Summit County is also available from Wednesday, Oct. 28, to Saturday, Oct. 31.

IN-PERSON VOTING LOCATIONS

In-person voting for Summit County will be available on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3, from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. at the following locations:

COALVILLE CITY HALL
Council Chambers
10 N. Main Street, Coalville

SUMMIT COUNTY LIBRARY KAMAS BRANCH
Main floor conference room
110 N. Main Street, Kamas

SUMMIT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Lower level conference room
650 Round Valley Drive, Park City

SHELDON RICHINS BUILDING
Main floor conference room
1885 West Ute Boulevard, Park City

SUMMIT COUNTY DROP BOX LOCATIONS

Active, registered voters in Summit County will receive a ballot by mail unless they have opted out of receiving a mail-in ballot. The Summit County Clerk's Office began mailing ballots to voters on Oct. 13 — that's 21 days before Election Day, per Utah law.

The Summit County Clerk's Office must receive a ballot by 8 p.m. on Election Day (Nov. 3) in order for it to count.

Ballots can be dropped off at any of the following locations:

SUMMIT COUNTY COURTHOUSE
60 N. Main Street, Coalville (northwest corner)
Monday-Friday
8 a.m.-5 p.m.

SUMMIT COUNTY LIBRARY COALVILLE BRANCH
82 North 50 East, Coalville (east side of building)
Open 24/7

PARK CITY LIBRARY
1255 Park Avenue, Park City
Open 24/7

THE MARKET AT PARK CITY
1500 Snow Creek Drive, Park City
Monday-Saturday, 7 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sunday 7 a.m.-9 p.m.

SUMMIT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Lower level conference room
650 Round Valley Drive
Open 24/7

SUMMIT COUNTY LIBRARY KAMAS BRANCH
110 N. Main Street, Kamas (east side of building)
Open 24/7

FRANCIS CITY HALL
2317 Spring Hollow Road, Francis
Open 24/7

HENEFER TOWN HALL
150 West Center Street, Henefer
Open 24/7

OAKLEY CITY HALL
960 W Center Street, Oakley
Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

SHELDON RICHINS BUILDING (KIMBALL JUNCTION)
DMV Entrance
1885 West Ute Boulevard, Park City
Open 24/7

JEREMY RANCH PARK & RIDE UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY
Drive-up possible
3361 Rasmussen Road, Park City
Open 24/7

EARLY VOTING IN SUMMIT COUNTY

Early voting for the Summit County 2026 general election will be available from Wednesday, Oct. 28, through Saturday, Oct. 31, at the following locations:

SHELDON RICHINS BUILDING (KIMBALL JUNCTION)
1885 West Ute Boulevard, Park City
Oct. 28-30 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Oct. 31 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

SUMMIT COUNTY COURTHOUSE (COALVILLE)
Oct. 28-30 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Oct. 31 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

HOW DO I KNOW WHICH SUMMIT COUNTY PRECINCT I LIVE IN?

Summit County has an online interactive map that helps voters identify their voting district: https://www.summitcountyutah.gov/285/Precinct-Maps.

Voters can view their voter registration at vote.utah.gov.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE SIGNATURE ON MY BALLOT ENVELOPE DOESN'T MATCH?

County election officials will compare the signature on a voter's ballot envelope with the signature on that voter's previous ballots and voter registration form. If the signature does not match, the county clerk will notify the voter. They will be given an opportunity to submit an affidavit called a "cure letter" that allows them to affirm that their signature is correct. Once the county election official receives their affidavit, the ballot will be counted.

VOTING ASSISTANCE IN SUMMIT COUNTY

Those who are temporarily or permanently disabled and need an accommodation to vote in Summit County can call 435-336-3040 for assistance.

WHAT ELECTIONS ARE HAPPENING IN SUMMIT COUNTY?

Sample ballots for each precinct voting are available at summitcountyutah.gov/elections.

In Summit County, there will be an election held for the following positions. Not shown are uncontested races.

U.S. House District 3 (6 candidates, vote for 1)
- Kent. S. Udell (Democrat)
- Cassie Easley (Constitution)
- Celeste Maloy (Republican)
- Ayden Scott
- Michael R. Stoddard (Liberty)
- Adonis Hooslyn

State Senate District 20 (2 candidates, vote for 1)
- Ronald M Winterton (Republican)
- Annette McRae (Utah Forward)
- State House District 4 (2 candidates, vote for 1)
- Zane Woolstenhulme (Democrat)
- Tiara Auxier (Republican)

State House District 59 (2 candidates, vote for 1)
- Celeste T. Johnson (Democrat)
- Luke Searle (Republican)

State School Board District 1 (2 candidates, vote for 1)
- Jennie Earl (Republican)
- Cathy Callow-Heusser (Democrat)

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Summit County Clerk (2 candidates, vote for 1)
- Suni Woolstenhulme (Republican)
- Malena Stevens (Democrat)

North Summit School Board Seat 4 (2 candidates, vote for 1)
- Rene Potter
- Kevin Orgill

North Summit School Board Seat 5 (2 candidates, vote for 1)
- Eric Cylvick
- Russell Hendry

Judicial Retention

Voters will be asked whether the following judges should be retained in their various offices. Visit judges.utah.gov to learn about the Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission's recommendations for each judge.

- Jill M. Pohlman, Justice of the Supreme Court of Utah
- Michele M. Christiansen Forster, Judge of the Court of Appeals of Utah
- David Ned Mortensen, Judge of the Court of Appeals of Utah
- John David Luthy, Judge of the Court of Appeals of Utah
- Ryan M. Harris, Judge of the Court of Appeals of Utah
- Amy Jo Oliver, Judge of the Court of Appeals of Utah
- Gregory Keith Orme, Judge of the Court of Appeals of Utah
- Matthew David Bates, Judge of the District Court of the Third Judicial District
- Charles A. Stormont, Judge of the District Court of the Third Judicial District
- Coral Sanchez, Judge of the District Court of the Third Judicial District
- Todd Shaugnessy, Judge of the District Court of the Third Judicial District
- Susan Heather Eisenman, Judge of the Juvenile Court of the Third Juvenile Court District
- Steven K. Beck, Judge of the Juvenile Court of the Third Juvenile Court District
- Aaron William Flater, Judge of the Juvenile Court of the Third Juvenile Court District

PROPOSED STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Constitutional Amendment A

Shall the Utah Constitution be amended to change how proposed constitutional amendments are published, requiring publication for 60 days immediately before the general election in a manner established by state law instead of in newspapers?

If voters approve Constitutional Amendment A, state statute would change to require the Lieutenant Governor to publish the full text of all proposed constitutional amendments and other ballot questions from the Legislature, on the Utah Public Notice Website and on the Lieutenant Governor's website for 60 days immediately before the general election.

Constitutional Amendment B

Shall the Utah Constitution be amended to require that citizen-proposed laws that increase taxes compared to existing law be approved by at least 60% of voters, instead of a simple majority?

SPECIAL DISTRICT QUESTIONS

Special Bond Election

Shall the Snyderville Basin Special Recreation District (the "District"), of Summit County, Utah (the "County") be authorized to issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed Seventy-One Million Dollars ($71,000,000) (the "Bonds") for the purpose of financing all or a portion of the costs of acquiring and/or constructing recreational facilities, related site improvements, and trail and open space improvements within the District; said Bonds to be due and payable in not to exceed twenty (20) years from the date of issuance of the Bonds?

Property Tax Cost of Bonds: If the Bonds are issued as planned a property tax sufficient to pay debt service on the Bonds will be required over a period of twenty (20) years in the estimated average amount of $120.94 per year on a $1,000,000 primary residence and in the estimated amount of $219.90 per year on a business property having the same value.

The District has other outstanding bonds for which a tax decrease would occur upon the retirement of such bonds which may not occur if the proposed Bonds are issued.

The foregoing information is only an estimate and is not a limit on the amount of taxes that the County may be required to levy to pay debt service on the Bonds. The Summit County Council is obligated to levy taxes to the extent provided by law in order to pay the Bonds. The amounts are based on various assumptions and estimates, including estimated debt service on the Bonds and taxable values of property within the District.

COUNTY BALLOT QUESTIONS

West Hills Incorporation

Shall the area described as West Hills be incorporated as the town of West Hills?

WASATCH COUNTY

Up-to-date information on the Wasatch County 2026 general election is available at wasatchcounty.gov/elections.

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The 2026 general election for Wasatch County will take place from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Early voting for Wasatch County is also available from Tuesday, Oct. 27, through Friday, Oct. 30, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

IN-PERSON VOTING LOCATION FOR WASATCH COUNTY

In-person voting will be held from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3, at the Wasatch County Administration Building, 25 N Main Street, Heber City.

The Wasatch County Clerk's Office encourages voters who received a mail-in ballot to submit the ballot and their vote via a drop box, but any registered voter can still opt to vote in person if they prefer.

DROP BOX LOCATIONS FOR WASATCH COUNTY

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Voters can drop their ballots at any of the following locations:

CHARLESTON TOWN HALL
3454 West 3400 South, Heber City
Open 24/7

MIDWAY CITY HALL
75 N 100 West, Midway
Open 24/7

WASATCH COUNTY ADMIN BUILDING
25 North Main Street, Heber City
Back parking lot or in the Wasatch County Clerk's Office
Normal business hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
Open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day

WASATCH COUNTY LIBRARY
465 East 1200 South, Heber City
Open 24/7

HIDEOUT TOWN HALL
10860 N Hideout Trail, Hideout
Open 24/7

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- Support Services
- Emergency Shelter
- Sexual Assault Recovery
- Children's Services
- 24/7 Helpline

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HOW DO I KNOW WHICH WASATCH COUNTY PRECINCT I LIVE IN?

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WHAT HAPPENS IF THE SIGNATURE ON A BALLOT ENVELOPE DOESN'T MATCH?

The Clerk-Auditor's Office verifies both the last four digits of a voter's Social Security Number and their signature. If there is a discrepancy, the office will contact the voter.

VOTING ASSISTANCE IN WASATCH COUNTY

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- Luke Searle (Republican)

Wasatch County Council Seat A At Large (2 candidates on ballot or write-in, vote for 1)
- Robert Duncan McNeill (Democrat)
- Rachel Kahler (Republican)
- Shawn Taylor (write-in)
- Jami Hewlett (write-in)

Wasatch County Council Seat C (1 candidate on ballot or write-in, vote for 1)
- Erik Rowland (Republican)
- Alex Folmer (write-in)

Wasatch County Council Seat F (2 candidates, vote for 1)
- Michael Murphy (Republican)
- Joseph A. Tugaw (Democrat)

County Attorney (2 candidates, vote for 1)
- Jon Woodard (Republican)
- Lauren Forsyth (Democrat)

County Sheriff (2 candidates, vote for 1)
- Paul Moore
- Jeremy M Hales (Republican)

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- Gregory Keith Orme, Judge of the Court of Appeals of Utah
- Jared William Eldridge, Judge of the District Court of the Fourth Judicial District
- Kraig Powell, Judge of the District Court of the Fourth Judicial District
- Thomas Low, Judge of the District Court of the Fourth Judicial District
- Anthony Leonard Howell, Judge of the District Court of the Fourth Judicial District
- Douglas John Nielsen, Judge of the Juvenile Court of the Fourth Juvenile District

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The Park Record's 2026 Voter Guide was translated into Spanish by Park City High School senior Alix Finkel as part of her legacy project for the Utah Attorney General's Student Advisory Council.

Finkel is the founder of a Park City community initiative called the Immigration Translation Project, a completely youth-led effort to provide translated documents for Spanish speakers in the Park City area. As part of the state's student advisory council, Finkel decided to expand her efforts and provide nonpartisan Spanish-language voting guides and candidate information for the upcoming midterm elections.

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U.S. HOUSE DISTRICT 3

	Why are you the best choice?	What is the top issue for the district?	Should Congress rein in the war on Iran, considering the cost at home?	Why should the state take over public lands, given the plight of the Great Salt Lake?	What are you hearing most from constituents?
 **Celeste Maloy** *Republican*	I have the experience to get results for Utah. I know how federal decisions affect Utah, and I have a record of turning local priorities into results.	Washington makes life too expensive through overspending and unnecessary regulation. My priority is helping Utah families get ahead while protecting our land, water, and economic opportunities.	I support preventing a nuclear Iran and pursuing peace through strength. Congress should exercise its authority over military action and funding, with clear goals and limits.	Local communities deserve more say in land management; that does not always require transferring ownership. I also support federal investment in the Great Salt Lake and long-term water security.	Families want their paychecks to go further and their children to be able to afford homes here. They also want a government that listens, works responsibly, and earns their trust.
 **Kent Udell** *Democrat*	I am an engineer, scientist, and educator with a history of truth, integrity and service. I solve problems rather than create them. My Utah roots are deep. I don't accept corporate funding.	Water security is a top issue in Utah along with affordability of housing, food, and energy. With increasing pressure from billionaires, preserving rural Utah's way of life is essential.	Congress had the constitutional responsibility to approve this ill-conceived war in the beginning. Their failure has left us in a position of no good options. Yes, rein in the "war".	Those are two different issues. The State should not take over Federal Lands. The State, Municipal, Federal government and farming communities should cooperate to save the Great Salt Lake.	That corruption is making life unaffordable. Most people feel the system is rigged against them, leading to rising energy, food, housing, and health care costs.
 **Cassie Easley** *Constitution*	I would be the best choice because I believe representation means serving the people, not a party, upholding the constitution, and never forgetting who I work for.	Water and Public lands are vital to Utah's 3rd District. I support responsible stewardship that protects our natural resources, sustains agriculture, and preserves opportunities for future generations.	I believe Congress must reclaim its constitutional authority over war. The War Powers Resolution is unconstitutional, and the president should not wage war without Congress. Americans bear the cost.	Utah should honor its 1894 Enabling Act, which establishes the terms of statehood. The Great Salt Lake needs responsible management, not a transfer of federal public lands to the state.	People are worried about water security, public lands, the cost of living, and over development in rural areas. There are also concerns about data centers and flocking systems.
 **Ayden Scott** *Unaffiliated*	The best choice is determine by the people of district 3 who have independent criteria for a representative. I've dedicated my life to public service as a Firefighter/medic and will continue serve you.	Cost of living is a conversation I have no matter where we are in the district. Groceries, homes, gas, school and everything else are more and more expensive. We need policy to keep our money for us.	We have plenty of issues that should be our focus domestically. The more we focus on forever wars the less we have time to invest in the American people. American should be our priority.	The constitution's vision is state control and we should honor that. The people of Utah understand the needs of the area better than anyone in Washington DC. We should work together top down.	Cost of living is a huge conversation. Other major topics include: jobs for new grads, immigration, abortion, and the war in Iran.
 **Michael Stoddard** *Libertarian*	Candidate Did Not Respond	Candidate Did Not Respond	Candidate Did Not Respond	Candidate Did Not Respond	Candidate Did Not Respond
 **Adonis Hooslyn**	Candidate Did Not Respond	Candidate Did Not Respond	Candidate Did Not Respond	Candidate Did Not Respond	Candidate Did Not Respond

Western water is becoming scarce. What should Congress do?	What must be done now about federal spending, the national debt, and Social Security funding?	How do you rank spending on an arch, White House ballroom and other ceremonial flourishes among federal priorities?	Has ICE gone too far in arresting and deporting people who are not violent criminals?	What is your overriding central goal in congressional service, your one thing?	Do you recognize climate change as human driven and what if anything should Congress do?	What if anything should Congress do with rapidly advancing artificial intelligence?
Congress should help states build a 100-year water security plan, invest in water infrastructure and reuse, and support a negotiated Colorado River agreement while respecting state water law.	We need disciplined budgets, and we should restrain federal spending, reduce unnecessary regulations, let families keep more of what they earn, and protect seniors' earned benefits.	My priorities are national security, essential services, and infrastructure. Congress should scrutinize every dollar and weigh ceremonial projects against those needs and our debt.	I support secure borders and enforcing immigration laws with fairness and respect for human dignity. Congress also needs to repair our legal immigration system.	My central goal is restoring trust in government by making Congress do its job: budget responsibly, solve problems, and deliver results for the people we represent.	Congress needs to plan for a changing climate. I support innovative energy opportunities like nuclear and geothermal. I am also working to find water solutions to protect our resources.	Congress should protect people from harmful deepfakes and AI security risks while encouraging innovation. States need to remain free to develop protections that meet their needs.
Water if life. We cannot make more of it. Fund water conservation projects, address climate change, assess aquifer capacities, and plan for the eventual decommissioning of Glenn Canyon Dam.	Our goal should be balancing the budget. Comprehensive tax reform is needed as is reduction in Federal spending through improved efficiency. The cap on Social Security should be raised.	I rank them last among federal priorities. In fact, they should not be funded at all.	Absolutely. ICE actions are unconstitutional, cruel, expensive and are hurting our economy. We need congress to pass legislation that secures our borders while respecting human dignity.	Bringing integrity back to government. Truth, facts and evidence should override disinformation, party politics, and "pay for play" service. Overturning Citizens United would be a good start.	Yes. The science and evidence is irrefutable. I will propose a carbon dioxide fee, returned equally to all US citizens. That would incentivize innovation and create many new jobs while reducing CO2.	Regulations requiring the labeling of AI generated images, protection of personal data, and limits on any AI agent having the decision-making authority of a human. A "kill-switch" is also needed.
Congress should support a fairer Colorado River Compact, requiring shared conservation while encouraging California to expand desalination and reduce its reliance on the Colorado River water.	Congress must curb federal spending, address the debt, repeal the 16th Amendment and phase in a transition from Social Security to individually owned retirement accounts.	Ceremonial projects rank low. Focus on essential services and reducing debt the national debt should take priority.	People who violate immigration law remain subject to enforcement, even if they are not violent criminals.	To uphold the Constitution. To keep government accountable to the people.	Climate change involves natural cycles and human impacts. Congress should prioritize responsible land use and environmental stewardship while respecting constitutional limits.	Congress should protect human oversight of AI, prevent unchecked development, and ensure technology serves people rather than replaces human judgment and responsibility.
States should have control of their states, where federal influence takes place like EPA, bureau of reclamation and the Colorado compact. Policy should have a focus on growth and sustainability.	We need to be way more mindful of the American tax payers investment, audits to ensure waste, fraud and abuse aren't taking place and potentially overhauling programs that aren't sustainable.	We should be mindful of our spending across the board, whether a ballroom or waste found within laws passed in Congress. Every penny should be treated with mindfulness.	Protecting the integrity of American citizenship should be a priority. Whether violent or not adherence to all laws should be a standard. Any law broken has consequences which includes deportation.	Ensuring representation of people and accountability into the system once again. The majority of the district feel misrepresented so we must fix that.	I believe more accountability should take place at the state level.	National security is a top priority of the federal government. Hearings, research, accountability and mindful legislation should be had.
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SENATE DISTRICT 20



Ronald M. Winterton
Republican



Annette McRae
Utah Forward

	Ronald M. Winterton (Republican)	Annette McRae (Utah Forward)
Why are you the best choice?	My background in local government has aided me to stay focused on local control and working with your local elected officials help me stay focused on what is important today.	I did not wait to be elected. I research the records, challenge bad policy and bring practical plans for water, housing and infrastructure. I answer to the people of District 20.
What is the top issue for the district?	SB258 seems to be at the forefront of every one's concerns it is a bill on preliminary municipalities which I feel is wrong to go around local planning and zoning to either repeal it or sunset it.	Water security. Growth must prove its water supply and pay for infrastructure. I support responsible reuse and protecting the communities where our water originates.
What are you hearing most from constituents?	Preliminary municipalities, flock cameras, climate control, ice, MIDA spending, public lands, expanding the Kamas post office, Heber bypass, open space, Property taxes, Impact fees.	Housing costs, water, rapid growth and local control are the concerns driving my campaign. I want residents to have a real say in the decisions that shape their communities.
What's your stance on the preliminary municipality pilot program?	We have a bill file open to repeal or sunset it this next session. I don't like it and was lied to about the intent to help southern Utah communities. Number one on my list of priorities.	Repeal SB 258. Developers should not be able to bypass county planning by creating their own municipalities. Prove the water supply, require growth to pay its way and restore local control.
How well do you believe the Military Installation Development Authority is hewing to its original mission?	They have strayed and are stretching the envelope as to their mission and intent. we are looking at revisiting MIDA legislation.	MIDA has strayed from its military mission. I would confine it to that purpose, restore local control and public oversight, and abolish it if those limits cannot be enforced.
Which is the higher priority, saving the Great Salt Lake or economic needs that limit replenishment of the lake?	Saving the great Salt Lake Is a high priority and replenishment of the lake will be an ongoing effort to make sure it's sustainable.	Saving the lake protects health, jobs and our economy. I support conservation that gets water to the lake while protecting rural communities, agriculture and existing water rights.
Why should the state take over management of federal public lands?	Because of budget constraints the federal government continuously underfunds the needs of our parks and monuments it is in the best interest of Utah to protect our economy and have a say in management.	Any change must keep public lands public, protect access, water and tribal rights, and prove Utah can fund wildfire response and long-term stewardship. Show the evidence before making promises.
How friendly should Utah be to large-scale data center applications?	I do not think that we should be incentivizing any data centers and certainly do not want them impeding the cost of our utilities, and our resources.	Welcome them when done right. Require proven water and power supplies, safe reuse where feasible, public reporting and full payment for infrastructure. Residents should not subsidize the strain.
Was the legislation breaking the Summit County Council into districts a mistake? How so or why not?	I represent two county councils and have a 3rd county looking at changing the form of government for better representation countywide, So in order to accomplish that, people feel that districts are it.	The mistake was taking the decision away from local voters. Districts can improve geographic representation, but Summit County residents should decide how their council is elected.
Is there too much development planned for the Wasatch Back, and what needs to be done?	At the state level we require general plans of five to ten years with updates so that growth can be addressed in a reasonable way. Impacts from development need community input thru general plans.	Too much is being planned without enough proof that water and infrastructure can support it. Require that proof first, protect open space and build housing local workers can afford.
Has the state government become too secretive in recent years?	It may seem like it has, I think all forms of government do a terrible job in keeping the public informed on current projects and plans and assume the public knows what is being done. We can do better.	Yes. My records requests have shown how hard answers can be to obtain. I want clear decisions, accessible records and meaningful public oversight. Taxpayers deserve to know what government does.
How do you grade the Legislature in service to the public?	I would give the Legislature a B Grade their heart is in the right place but follow through and communication is lacking and needs improved. For a part time legislature it is very time consuming.	Poor on local control and accountability. I would judge every bill by its effects on families, water, public costs and constitutional rights, then report the results to voters.

HOUSE DISTRICT 59



Luke Searle
Republican



Celeste Johnson
Democrat

Why are you the best choice?	I grew up here and I'm raising a family here. I have a proven record helping seniors, fighting for lower property taxes, and protecting local control. I'll be an effective voice for the Wasatch Back.	EXPERIENCE! As Mayor of Midway for the last 8 yrs I've seen how state over-reach takes away critical desist ins from local voices. I have been an active member of this community for over 20 yrs.
What is the top issue for the district?	Rapid development. These decisions should be make locally, not state mandates or threats. We have to protect our character and ensure growth pay for itself, not pass the costs onto taxpayers.	Protecting our farms and open lands. Housing affordability. Stopping state overreach in our local land use laws. Closing loopholes in laws that don't appropriately punish violent crimes against women.
What are you hearing most from constituents?	Talking with neighbors, I hear cost of living. Young families can't afford to come or stay, seniors worry about property taxes, and people want decisions made here, not in Salt Lake.	The issues listed above also are the top concerns of constituents.
Should local governments or the state have more say in land use issues?	Local governments, without question. The state needs to stay out of our business except to provide the infrastructure and resources we need to let locals lead out.	There has to be cooperation between the two. But state laws that hurt the Wasatch back are very problematic. Local leaders need the support of the state, not threats!
How well do you believe the Military Installation Development Authority is hewing to its original mission?	It's gone completely outside its original mission of helping Hill Air Force Base. Their projects keep growing with no clear scope. It's wrong, and we need to overhaul this quasi-government model.	Not well at all. Good reporting has been done on this and MIDA needs to be stripped back to what it was intended to do, or it must be repealed all together.
What's your stance on the preliminary municipality pilot program?	I oppose it and have fought it on the county council. It lets developers create towns with virtually no oversight. I'll fight to repeal it in the next legislative session.	It's a disaster! Once again, under the banner of affordable housing a law was created that is actually a giveaway to developers. It must be repealed before any more damage to rural communities happens.
How should Utah lawmakers balance development and water needs?	We need to make sure there's sufficient water before we approve development. We must protect our aquifers and working farms, encourage conservation, and never build without real wet water.	Water issues must be the top concern. Water requirements must be adjusted to meet long term goals and development can only happen if water is proven and held in escrow until the project is completed.
How friendly should Utah be to large-scale data center applications?	Our residents and communities must come first. Data centers use huge amounts of water and power. They must cover their impacts, pay their own way, and we need to end the statewide tax incentive.	Friendly is not the issue, giveaways are.There must be a moratorium until appropriate studies are done to show the impacts of any sized data center. Impacts on water, power and community must be known.
How will you prioritize constituent voices once elected?	On the county council I've held regular listening town halls, and I'll continue that. What the district wants matters deeply to me. I'll always have an open-door policy and respond to constituents.	I know better than most that you can't make everyone happy. I also know answering questions, working with all concerned parties can lead to favorable outcomes. As an elected official I will be open.
Which is the higher priority, saving the Great Salt Lake or economic interests that limit replenishment of the lake?	I don't see this as either/or. We need to build on our momentum with philanthropic partners and new state and federal dollars to make it happen. We must remain committed to saving the Great Salt Lake.	Great Salt Lake. Economic issues won't even matter if that lake is diminished.
Why should the state take over management of federal public lands?	Utah knows its land best, but I'm not for selling off public lands. I want more local say, better management of our lands and access protected for hunting, grazing and recreation.	I would like to believe that we would protect them better. Honesty concerned over this crazy desire to sell them off.
Is there too much development planned for the Wasatch Back, and what needs to be done?	We have massive amounts development approved. We don't need the state forcing more. We need development to pay for itself, infrastructure for our growing communities, and our open space protected.	Yes, because it isn't affordable development. We know we need housing, but at what price range and where? Answer those questions first. Then let's discuss development generally.

HOUSE DISTRICT 4





	Tiara Auxier (Republican)	Zane Woolstenhulme (Democrat)
Why are you the best choice?	I'm not afraid to take on big issues. I have been THE voice in the legislature pushing back against preliminary municipalities since I got into office two years ago and am going to continue to do so.	Having spent my life in HD4, I have connections with friends and associates throughout HD4. I have not only a platform, but a proven 40 year record of successful public service. Experience matters!
What is the top issue for the district?	Preliminary Municipalities/ Local Control- People want responsible growth without the state overriding the communities that must live with the consequences. Development must pay its own way.	Growth, and all the issues that go with it, including affordability, water, and local control. HD 4 wants to keep local decisions local.
What are you hearing most from constituents?	Property Taxes/Affordability- I'm a Tax Accountant. I passed a property tax reduction bill my first year in office, voted to lower the income tax, social security tax and expand the child tax credit.	I'm hearing concerns about: Data Centers; MIDA; The Great Salt Lake; Legislative overreach; Housing affordability. The people of HD4 are looking for accountability from their leaders.
Should local governments or the state have more say in land use issues?	Local Government- we have a representative form of government which means that the people making decisions should be answerable to the voters, state overreach takes that protection and voice away.	Local governments should have the most say in land use. It is appropriate that the legislature set basic parameters and provide maximum flexibility to local governments to determine their own path.
How well do you believe the Military Installation Development Authority is hewing to its original mission?	MIDA was originally created to help develop the area around Hill Air Base with industry partners and Weber State. Buying and developing land in other counties is far outside the original scope.	MIDA has mostly ignored its original mission (www.midaut.gov). Viewed through the lens of transparency and accountability, MIDA works unbridled and under the public radar. This is unacceptable!
What's your stance on the preliminary municipality pilot program?	It's horrible policy. I've led the pushback on preliminary municipalities because they bypass counties and local voters. I sponsored HB510 to restore county involvement, oversight and accountability.	Counties should decide where new municipalities are allowed, in keeping with a county's general plan and its ability to service these new communities. I am opposed to the program as it stands.
How should Utah lawmakers balance development and water needs?	Growth must follow water reality. Major development should show not just legal but physical water supply for dry years. The state provides good data; local communities should make land-use decisions.	Availability of water, keeping in mind future needs, should be the decision driver. Oakley City had a 3 yr moratorium on new water hookups until a new well could be developed. Plan and work the plan.
How friendly should Utah be to large-scale data center applications?	Local control- Virginia is building many data centers and offering $0 in incentives. Some communities want them and it should be their choice but we shouldn't be giving away tax increment.	This is not a question of friendship, but a question of planning. Data centers are a direct threat to the health, safety and welfare of our citizenry. Unless addressed, a hard stop is what we need.
How will you prioritize constituent voices once elected?	I take my role seriously. I'm very accessible via text, email, phone and IG @tiara4utah to hear constituent feedback and concerns. I've addressed many of these in legislation to help our district.	All constituent voices are important and deserve to be heard. Having served in public office, I've learned the importance of community leaders' voices and will have respect for their respective roles.
Which is the higher priority, saving the Great Salt Lake or economic interests that limit replenishment of the lake?	That's a false choice. A healthy Great Salt Lake supports Utah's economy. I support measurable, voluntary conservation that protects water rights, agriculture and our economy.	I believe if we don't prioritize the GSL, the other economic interests will dry up… and nothing else will matter. We need to be willing to make hard decisions in this regard, not just talk about it.
Why should the state take over management of federal public lands?	Utah should have a stronger management role because local decisions from people on the ground can improve access, wildfire prevention, grazing and recreation while protecting the lands we all value.	Frankly, I question whether the state should manage our federal public lands. The state's interest appears to be solely economic. A lot to discuss here. Who will be the best steward is debatable.
Is there too much development planned for the Wasatch Back, and what needs to be done?	Parts of the Wasatch Back face tremendous development pressure. We need local control, realistic water and infrastructure planning, and development that pays its own costs.	You're talking to a 5-generation native of Summit Co. We thought there was too much development planned 50 years ago. The fact is, the wagon train will keep coming. Communities must plan for it.

STATE SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 1





	Jennie Earl (Republican)	Cathy Callow-Heusser (Democrat)
Why are you the best choice?	A vote for me is a vote for a candidate who works hard to understand education issues in District 1. I am in the schools meeting with constituents, and finding solutions to common concerns.	Highly qualified 32-yr educator with experience across all sectors of public education: local, state, federal. Four children including 2 with special needs who graduated from Logan School District.
What is the top issue for District 1?	One of the top protective factors for children is academic success in school. We have asked our public schools to do everything, leaving little time for high academic outcomes. Simplify!	Funding which impacts local taxes; class sizes; number of mental health, behavior, social services, special ed, safety staff; teacher support, training; teacher burnout; school closure, consolidation.
What are you hearing most from constituents?	Concerns around increases to property taxes, over usage of technology, and best way to work with local boards. Grateful comments related to the work we have been doing over the past couple of years.	Teachers: large class sizes, too little money for classroom expenses, AI/ technology use, lack of local & state support. Parents: frustration with class sizes, screen time & school-home communication.
What policies need to be implemented concerning artificial intelligence in the schools.	The state board has already been engaged in this work for a couple of years. We are rolling out a model technology policy, organizing a youth taskforce, and protecting the privacy of students.	Current research shows homework scores are higher with AI use; test scores are substantially lower. Better determine appropriate use & set actionable policies to establish student use & consequences.
How are cell phone bans in classrooms working?	Schools who have put significant restrictions on cell phone usage in schools are seeing more classroom engagement from students and more social interaction within the school setting.	Most teachers prefer cell phone bans because student attention in class and mental health increases. Parent support is mixed but leaning positive. Policies and use cases need to be clear and enforced.
How can the school board help education most across the state?	One of our primary goals in education is to set clear academic standards for educators. I believe strong standards lead to strong educators, which lead to improved outcomes for Utah families.	Better communication: decision-making, funding choices, expenditures, effectiveness of funded projects/products. Increase accountability, per pupil expenditure, educator support. Reduce class sizes.
Has book banning in the schools across the state gone too far or not far enough?	We have limited time and limited resources within the state. What we put before our children matters. Books purchased with tax payer money should not violate pornography laws within the state.	Too far: too few districts/charters driving decisions for all; books approved in some districts removed by vote of few districts. Need more diverse voices at the table making book-banning decisions.
This is a thankless job. Why are you running?	I work effectively with education leaders within the state to find solutions to current needs and concerns. I would love to continue doing this work.	Staunch public education advocate. Disagree with incumbent about vouchers; UT's rule supporting equitable education opportunities for all students; federal management of federal funds, accountability.
What's the best way to boost student literacy in Utah?	Adults who use effective literacy interventions in small group settings have a dramatic impact on student literacy outcomes. We all need to be reading with children and let them see us read as well.	ALL K-12 teachers trained in Science of Reading best practices, implementing explicit literacy instruction & using high quality instructional materials. Strong Tier 2 & 3 student support. Attendance!
What do you cut first when your budget requires shrinking?	Cleaning out programs and pet projects that have no research to back them up.	Technology & programs without demonstrated effectiveness. Delay capital costs including supplemental curricula, hardware. Effective personnel cost-cutting (e.g., early retirement, pooled insurance).
What needs to happen to boost student attendance?	During covid, we sent the message that school was optional. We need to send the message that every day counts and schools are working with families to meet the educational needs of their students.	Increase school safety: build a positive environment; increase student success; reduce punitive behavior measures & bullying. Engage families: intervene early; use two-way communication; home visits.
What concerns do you have about Summit County school districts?	Schools in a more rural setting have different needs than larger districts. I have advocated for the unique needs and resources to hep Summit County Schools meet their unique needs.	Educator cost of living. Early childhood funding. Gaps in outcomes for students with special needs, low-income, multi-lingual learners. Student mental health, bullying. Rural district challenges.

SUMMIT COUNTY CLERK





	Malena Stevens (Democrat)	Suni Woolstenhulme (Republican)
Why are you the best choice?	I bring the experience, leadership and attention to detail this job requires. I know Summit County, I know how government works, and I've proven I can run accurate, secure and accessible elections.	I will bring independence, transparency, and common sense to this office, grounded in the rule of law. I'm not running to legislate or push an agenda. I'm running to serve you and restore your voice.
What is No. 1 for you as county clerk?	Protecting the integrity of our elections. I will continue to administer elections fairly and impartially, regardless of party affiliation, while prioritizing accuracy, security and access.	Rebuilding trust through transparency. People should understand what is happening in their government, have confidence in the processes I oversee, and know the Clerk's Office serves everyone equitably.
What are you hearing most from voters?	Voters want elections they can trust and a process that remains accessible. I hear often how much people value vote by mail and want to know their ballot is secure and counted accurately.	Voters feel outsiders and politicians influence too much in Summit County. People want to be heard, informed, and see a clear record that local elected officials are working in their best interests.
Does previous support for the Dakota Pacific development matter in this office? Why or why not?	Clerk is an administrative role. I've always served with integrity and transparency, making hard decisions based on the facts and legal realities—not what is politically easiest. I continue to do so.	I don't hold policy decisions made in my opponent's prior role against her. But publicly discouraging voters from their right to petition concerns me and conflicts with the values a Clerk must uphold.
What is the value of mail-in voting as practiced in Utah today?	Vote by mail works. It's secure, increases participation and gives voters options. It removes barriers for families, seniors and rural voters and makes it easier for eligible voters to be heard.	Mail-in voting drives participation in government and is secure. I vote by mail. Deadlines changed last year. Rules will change again in 2029. Voter education is key to protecting vote by mail.
How much voting fraud do you see or suspect in elections today?	Very little. Utah's state audits show our elections are secure. Safeguards catch irregularities, concerns are investigated and violations are addressed. We take every issue seriously statewide.	Voter fraud in Utah is rare. As Clerk, I'll follow the law, consistently apply safeguards, and engage in regular roll review and staff/volunteer training to ensure every eligible vote counts.
County clerk is a partisan office. Why is that?	Utah law makes this a partisan office; the Legislature can change that, and voters can ask their representatives to do so. My responsibility is to serve every voter fairly, regardless of party.	While Utah law makes County Clerk a partisan office, the work must remain nonpartisan. Politics has no place here. Focus is on impartiality, qualifications, and fair administration of law and process.
How do you balance ballot integrity with the public's right to observe counting the votes?	I welcome anyone to observe our process and ask questions. Observers don't handle ballots or see private information, but they can watch the process and see firsthand how we protect & handle ballots.	Transparency builds trust. Election integrity demands clean process and strict chain of custody. Public oversight doesn't require compromising voter identity. Bipartisan oversight will assure fairness.
What is crucial in this role that voters are not thinking enough about?	How administrative this job really is. Elections require precision, planning and attention to thousands of details. Experience managing government systems and people matters every single day.	The Clerk keeps the official record of the County Council. That record is only trustworthy if the Clerk is independent of the government it documents. Separation is what protects the public.
How do you campaign for a strictly administrative role like this?	By talking about the work. I meet with voters, answer questions and explain how the office operates. I want people to know my experience, how I approach the job and what they can expect from me.	Stay within the office's limits and keep politics out of decisions. Empower voters, never use personal views to disenfranchise them, and refuse money from office holders whose elections I oversee.
What role does the county clerk play with short-term rentals and what are you thinking about in connection with this?	The Clerk's Office licenses nightly rentals. I serve on the subcommittee reviewing the program, but policy comes from County Council. My role is to implement it clearly, consistently and efficiently.	The Clerk does not and should not set policy. The Clerk's duty is to maintain impartiality and issue any and all business licenses efficiently and in compliance with established laws and conditions.
Thinking about the messiness of Dakota Pacific, how do you best handle the sensitive business of validating or rejecting voter petitions for referendums?	I will follow the laws and communicate those laws effectively with those who petition for referendums, and I'll work closely with the County Attorney's Office for legal guidance and expertise.	A Clerk should apply the plain language of the law, not disqualify petitions under pressure. Aggrieved parties like DP have the courts. Voters/taxpayers shouldn't fund a fight against themselves.

NORTH SUMMIT SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 5





	Eric Cylvick	Russell Hendry
Why are you the best choice?	If elected, I will enforce strong fiscal discipline and remain accountable to the voters.	I feel like my career in education, at all levels, has prepared me to help our district maintain our momentum in academic and extracurricular growth and success. I am willing to listen and learn.
What is the top issue for your district?	The current School Board intends to demolish the existing high school and build a new one off the hill next to the cemetery.	Maintaining and expanding growth and opportunities for students. The bond elections have been at the forefront for most, and that is an important issue, but we need to maintain a quality education.
What about that aging high school?	The fact that a school is 50 years old does not, by itself, justify demolition.	We will need to come together and decide what the best course is. The high school has issues that need remediation. A new school is costly. If we work together we can find an acceptable path for kids.
How do you reach citizens with no children in the district?	I will also represent citizens who do not have children, as they constitute a significant share of voters in this district.	The district has done a great job with mailings and social media posts to help keep people aware and involved. I would like to ensure that everyone feels welcome to come cheer on our Braves.
Are residents taxed too much?	Yes, citizens are taxed too much.	The short answer is yes. The longer answer is that government has focused too much on areas that it has no business in being involved. I believe that public education is an area that we do.
Can the district operate effectively within current budget?	I will be able to address this question more accurately once I'm serving on the School Board and have the opportunity to review the budget and evaluate the district's needs in detail.	I think the district has shown wise stewardship of public funds. With the current economic climate everything has become more expensive. Education is no different. We need to fund our schools and kids.
With growth looming, how does the district best prepare?	At present, enrollment in most schools in the area is either flat or declining.	We are in a puzzling situation with enrollment. We have housing growth, but families with fewer kids. We need to really look at this area. A wise plan for growth is imperative for our district.
Will you continue to try to pass bonds to renovate or replace the high school?	No. I won't support any decision until I have a complete understanding of the school's finances and the true condition of the existing facility.	Both a new high school and the major renovations needed will cost a lot of money. I am interested in passing a bond that people will feel good about.
Are you more an advocate for students or fiscal watchdog?	I am an advocate for both. You can't raise good citizens unless you first teach them fiscal discipline.	I feel like I am both. I was used to providing a quality education for students within tight budgets. There's only so much money is a reality. Our kids deserve the best is also a reality.
What grade do you give the district for the quality of education it provides?	B - B+	I am biased but I believe that our district has done great work with the families and kids within our district. There is always room for improvement but I would give the district an A. Go Braves!
What would you do to improve the district as a board member?	Work to expand STEM coursework and strengthen skilled-trade programs across the district.	I want to focus on building research and common sense based educational practices in our district. We have come a long way the past few years and I would really like to see that momentum continue.
What are voters not giving enough thought to with the school district?	Through two rounds of voting and a signed petition, the residents of this district have made their priorities unmistakable. They want fiscal discipline and transparency, and I stand firmly with them.	I wonder if we have forgotten the sacrifices of those that built this community that we enjoy so much. Each generation has contributed, many during difficult times. How we contribute is important.

North Summit School Board District 4 candidates Rene Potter and Kevin Orgill were each given the same set of questions but did not respond by press time.

WASATCH COUNTY ATTORNEY





	Jon Woodard (Republican)	Lauren Forsyth (Democrat)
Why are you the best choice?	I hold conservative values like those of our beautiful community, like love of family, County, God, justice, integrity, liberty, and the second amendment. I also have experience as a prosecutor.	I have the experience and courage to challenge complacency, modernize outdated practices, stand up to Developers & UDOT, take cases to trial, and put Wasatch County residents first.
What is most important to you from this list a. Prosecuting crimes b. Supporting victims c. Interagency cooperation	1. Prosecuting crimes 2. Supporting victims 3. Interagency cooperation	1. Supporting victims 2. Prosecuting crimes 3. Interagency cooperation
What three adjectives describe your style as an attorney?	Justice. Integrity. Experience.	Diligent, Strategic, and Compassionate.
How can the county attorney better handle cases in Wasatch County?	Improving relationships. This includes the county council, law enforcement, victims, schools, the courts, businesses, churches, and with other attorneys and employees in our office.	File criminal charges proportionate to the harm, listen to and incorporate a victim's input, and anticipate community concerns when advising the council on whether development is lawful.
What has the Attorney's Office done right?	The attorneys in the office work to advance the public welfare, instead of personal agendas or those of influential people. They serve with integrity, andseek for justice.	The office has operated within its budget. However, that success has come at a cost to victim services, leaving victims to pay out of pocket for protections they deserve, and their taxes should cover.
How can the Attorney's Office improve?	Improving relationships with law enforcement is essential. I have also asked that the council allow an investigator who will be able to quickly respond andhelp victims as we prosecute.	Engage the community, educate the Council and departments on ethics, enhance victim advocacy, take violence and abuse seriously, and bring greater accountability and transparency to the Office.
Would you make any changes to how the Sheriff's Office and Attorney's Office work together?	I am committed to meeting with the sheriff and the police chief often to ensure our office is providing the support needed to keep the peace and charge crimes. This will help us prosecute effectively.	Yes. To create trust, I would require lawful investigations that gather reliable, admissible evidence, and safeguards against officer/employee misconduct and improper use of police resources.
Do you agree with the charging decision in the 2024 fatal road rage case? Explain.	All three prosecuting agencies that reviewed the evidence agree we did not have the evidence to disprove self defense beyond a reasonable doubt, as required. It would be unethical to charge murder.	No. A life was taken and probable cause supported a homicide charge. In this situation, the County Attorney shouldn't unilaterally resolve self-defense when it merits a jury's involvement.
How would you approach coordination and communication with victims?	Every victim's needs are different, and understanding their needs is essential to helping them. Supporting them in finding resources, support, and to hold defendants accountable is important.	Currently with only 1 full time and 1 part time victim advocate for 30,000+ residents, we need more advocates. Then we can improve communication, ask victims what they need, and use their input.
What legal strategies will your office employ to defend the county's general plan?	I have helped develop litigation strategies and have supported political strategies to protect local control from developer approved subdivisions. I believe these are unconstitutional and illegal.	Challenges to state and federal actions that undermine our General Plan and ordinances, enforce laws equally so developers can't buy exceptions, and build public awareness of issues that threaten it.
How do you balance advising county boards to follow land use law while ensuring local environmental regulations and water rights are enforced?	I have been directly involved in preparing the Health Department's groundwater study, and implementing its findings. I work with the Provo River Water Users Association to help protect water quality.	My advice includes practicality, cost/benefit, land use, regulations, and rights. For example, a legal proposal that compromises cherished resources can outweigh its benefits and invite lawsuits.
What is the top priority for you as county attorney?	Maintaining the integrity of the office. Many people are distrustful of their government. I have the experience to know what the County attorney does, and will use my relationships to advance justice.	My top priority is making this Office serve the people. Example, I've seen the toll of abuse on victims and had to obtain civil protections when the criminal system failed them. That needs to change.

WASATCH COUNTY SHERIFF





	PAUL MOORE (UNAFFILIATED)	JEREMY HALES (REPUBLICAN)
Why are you the best choice?	Wasatch County needs fresh, independent leadership. I bring broad law-enforcement experience, sound judgment, and a commitment to transparency, accountability, and public safety.	With 25 years in law enforcement, I bring proven leadership, strong community relationships, and broad experience. I am committed to serving Wasatch County with integrity, accountability, and dedication.
What part of the sheriff role will be No. 1 for you?	My No. 1 priority is strong, accountable leadership—giving deputies the support they need to protect our community while ensuring every resident istreated fairly and respectfully.	Accountability will be my number one priority from day one, every day. I will lead by example, set clear expectations, take responsibility, and ensure were main accountable to the people we serve.
Rank these priorities: a. Strengthen interagency relationships b. Promote communication with the public c. Prevent crime in Wasatch County	1. Prevent crime in wasatch county 2. Promote communication with the public 3. Strengthen interagency relationships	1. Promote communication with the public 2. Prevent crime in wasatch county 3. Strengthen interagency relationships
Describe your style as sheriff in three words or less	Lead by Example.	Experience, accountability and integrity.
How can the Sheriff's Office best handle incoming growth?	Growth requires planning, not reacting—building the right team, using resources wisely, and making sure public safety keeps pace with our community. Growth requires planning—not just a bigger budget.	Growth requires planning and coordination. I will work with our community and public safety partners to anticipate needs, plan responsibly, and ensure the Sheriff's Office is prepared for the future.
How can the Sheriff's Office better support residents?	I want residents to know they can reach me, be heard, and expect action. I will listen, communicate openly, and make sure every concern is taken seriously.	The Sheriff's Office must listen, engage, and build relationships. Together, we can strengthen trust, improve communication, and keep Wasatch County a safe, strong, and connected community.
How will you change the way the sheriff's office is run?	I will lead by example, support our deputies, listen to residents, and make accountability start with me—always putting the needs of our community first.	I will lead with transparency, engage with our community, be present and accessible, strengthen our Sheriff's Office, support our employees, and defend the constitutional rights of every citizen.
What needs to be done to strengthen collaboration with other area law enforcement agencies?	Wasatch County has been too isolated. I'll strengthen partnerships, train and communicate with other agencies, and work as one team. Different badges, same mission: public safety.	My leadership vision starts with collaboration. We will build strong partnerships, train together, share resources, and support one another to better serve and protect Wasatch County.
To what extent should Wasatch County work with federal immigration agents?	My first responsibility is Wasatch County. We should work with federal partners when appropriate, while treating people fairly and keeping local resources focused on public safety.	As Sheriff, I will uphold the Constitution and protect the rights of every person we serve. Enforcement will be based on lawful authority, due process, and individual conduct, never race, ethnicity.
How will you ensure transparency in the sheriff's office?	I'll share regular public updates, post key information online, hold community meetings, explain major decisions, and publish clear reports so residents know what their Sheriff's Office is doing.	I will provide transparency through open communication, community meetings, clear public reporting, and honest answers. You deserve to know what your Sheriff's Office is doing and why.
How would you approach charging decisions with the county attorney?	I'll let the evidence lead investigators where it goes, without political or personal interference, and work with the county attorney to ensure decisions are based on facts and the law.	I will work closely with the Wasatch County Attorney to make sound, decisive legal decisions that uphold the law, protect constitutional rights, and serve the best interests of our community.
Do automated license plate cameras belong in Wasatch County?	No. The government should have a reason to investigate you before it tracks you—not track everyone, hoping to find one. Public safety matters, but so do privacy and freedom.	License plate readers can improve public safety, but strong policies must control their use, access, and data retention. Transparency, constitutional protections, and public trust must come first.

WASATCH COUNTY COUNCIL SEAT A





Why are you the best choice?	Wasatch County experience matters: 4 years on Heber City Council, 2 on the North Village SSD Board, 4 on Heber Light & Power, lifelong Heber Valley roots, and a commitment to collaborative planning.	I am running for Wasatch County Council because I believe this community deserves leadership that listens first, brings people together and puts the interests of residents ahead of special interests.
What is the top issue for your district?	Plan transportation and infrastructure before growth—not after\. Align development with roads, water, utilities, and public services to reduce congestion and improve safety.	Protect the community I call home. Manage growth with local input- protecting our water, land, infrastructure and rural character while ensuring every resident has a voice in Wasatch County's future.
What is most important to you from this list? a. Preserving rural character b. Responsible growth c. Implementing affordable housing	1. Responsible growth 2. Preserving rural character 3. Implementing affordable housing	1. Preserving rural character 2. Responsible growth 3. Implementing affordable housing
Describe your leadership style in three words or less	Proactive, collaborative, infrastructure-focused.	Listen. Unite. Deliver.
What is the biggest issue that no one is talking about in Wasatch County?	Wasatch County relies heavily on snowpack. Future planning should prioritize additional water storage to ensure reliable year-over-year water availability as growth continues.	Who controls the future of Wasatch County? Local control that puts local voices first and protects our resources and infrastructure.
How do you picture Wasatch County in five years?	My hope for Wasatch County is to create a community with better roads, reliable water, better wastewater management, clear public communications, and preservation of our historic heritage.	A vibrant, connected community where people can live, work and play together- growing intentionally while preserving the small town character and neighborliness that makes Wasatch home.
Are you happy with the relationship between Wasatch County and the Military Installation Development Authority? Why?	The relationship between MIDA and Wasatch County can be strengthened through better local representation, clear community priorities, and consistent communication.	MIDA creates a significant issue around lack of local control. We need to demand transparency and more local oversight while protecting water, infrastructure, tax dollars and control over our future.
What's your stance on the preliminary municipality pilot program?	SB 258 takes away local control and eliminates municipalities' procedural rights to ensure infrastructure is adequately available and maintained.	Protect local control. New municipalities should require meaningful resident input, fiscal accountability and a clear public benefit, not allow developers to bypass planning and community priorities.
Assess the county's collaboration with municipalities. What, if anything, should be done differently?	I've experienced tension between community leaders. We need to set aside personal differences, have meaningful conversations, and make better decisions for the people we serve.	We all share roads, water and the future. County and city leaders should plan growth together and give all of our neighbors a voice before major decisions are made.
Should local governments or the state have more say in land use issues?	Land-use decisions are best informed closest to the communities they affect. The farther decisions move from local voices, the harder it can be to reflect local needs and priorities.	The state can set standards, but local residents- not developers or distant politicians- should decide how their communities grow.
Evaluate Wasatch County's relationship with Summit County.	Summit and Wasatch Counties are increasingly interconnected through transportation, housing, workforce, and economic needs. Strong collaboration is essential as both communities grow.	Wasatch and Summit Counties share a future. We should coordinate growth, transportation, water and resources while protecting local control over the distinct character of both communities.
Should the county raise taxes to match inflation?	Based on current growth projections, Wasatch County does not appear to have a need to raise property taxes at this time. Responsible growth should sustain essential services.	I won't support automatic tax increases just to keep pace with inflation. We should uncover efficiencies and make growth pay it's fair share.

	
I bring a different perspective, practical experience, and a commitment to limited government, private property rights, transparency, accountability, and listening before making decisions.	My opponent says she's "ready to work on top issues." I believe her past "work" helped create today's problems. I'm already fighting for the people of Wasatch—and I'll keep fighting. Residents first!
Managing growth responsibly while keeping government transparent and accountable. Infrastructure must keep pace with growth while protecting property rights and our quality of life.	Lower taxes and utility costs, responsible spending, transparent budgets, and ethics reform. We need accountable public servants who put residents first—not lobbyists, consultants, or special interest.
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Listen. Learn. Lead.	Watchdog. Tenacious. Independent.
Public notification. Residents shouldn't learn about major projects after decisions are nearly made. Better notice gives people a meaningful chance to participate before decisions are made.	We are out of water.
A county that has grown thoughtfully without losing what makes it special. Infrastructure keeps pace with growth, rural areas are protected, and residents have a meaningful voice in decisions.	Wasatch County is at a crossroads. One path offers economic prosperity and a great quality of life. I believe our current path leads to economic and environmental ruin. We must choose a better future.
I have concerns about local control and using public subsidies to support private development, particularly luxury projects. MIDA should be transparent, accountable, and benefit residents.	No. MIDA and its PIDs have issued over $1 billion in bonds. I believe county leaders failed to secure local control and revenue to protect residents from this scale of development. Dismantle MIDA!
I oppose it. Major land-use decisions should remain accountable to local residents and elected officials, not allow new municipalities to bypass the county's planning process.	Hard pass. Utah is not a developer's playground, Spencer Cox is our governor, not our emperor. I will fight to stop it. Local communities deserve a voice in their future.
The county and cities need better coordination on growth and infrastructure, including better notification when decisions may impact neighboring communities and their residents.	Wasatch County needs to fight harder to protect its residents from the urban sprawl being perpetrated by our local municipalities. Negative impacts don't stop at the city boundaries.
Local governments. Land-use decisions are best made closest to the people they affect. The state has a role, but local communities should retain control over planning and zoning.	Local governments. Utah's Constitution puts power in the people. Utah is not one size fits all. Land use affects our taxes, water and roads. We pay the bills and deserve a voice in our future.
Wasatch and Summit Counties share transportation, growth and regional challenges. Continued cooperation is important, while ensuring Wasatch County retains its own priorities and local voice.	MIDA's East Village competes with Summit resorts; 75% of property tax growth goes to MIDA for 40 years. Both counties must assess how excess housing could affect home values, tourism and the economy.
No. Taxes shouldn't automatically rise with inflation. The county should first control spending, find efficiencies, and prioritize essential services before asking taxpayers for more.	No. Families don't get automatic raises to match inflation. Government should review spending, cut waste and prioritize essential services before asking residents for more. Taxpayers are not an ATM.

WASATCH COUNTY COUNCIL SEAT C





Why are you the best choice?	I'm the best choice because I know what it takes to stand up to state and local interests. I also know how to bring conflicting interests together and have a meaningful dialogue. I've proven that.	As your write-in candidate, I'll put residents first through open government, responsible use of tax dollars, and a strong local voice in decisions about growth, water, and our valley's future.
What is the top issue for your district?	Preserving both our open space and local control from constant and increasing pressures from developers and the state.	The common thread is preserving our rural character. Old-town Heber faces crime, overcrowding, noise, and parking; newer areas face taxes and utility bills tied to growth and developer incentives.
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Describe your leadership style in three words or less	Collaborative, disarming, disciplined.	Independent, analytical, accountable.
What is the biggest issue that no one is talking about in Wasatch County?	What are we going to do with the surplus revenue received from Deer Valley East? Very few realize how much money is coming in and we need to be very transparent on how it's being spent.	We aren't doing enough to help local farm families keep farming. They deserve real alternatives to selling to developers, so our farms and our community's identity can carry on.
How do you picture Wasatch County in five years?	I see Wasatch County growing stronger in our position on standing up to both the state and special interests but also leading by example so that other counties can feel empowered to do the same.	Local control back in residents' hands. Rich agritourism supporting our economy and local farms. Connected bike paths linking our community to trails, points of interest like our farms & farm stands.
Are you happy with the relationship between Wasatch County and the Military Installation Development Authority? Why?	Today we have a good working relationship with MIDA. Do I wish we could go back in time and change our agreements? Yes. Especially when it comes to land use.	Absolutely not. The County loses. An unelected board writes the rules and can benefit financially. We keep the density, traffic, and overloaded infrastructure. MIDA keeps the tax benefit.
What's your stance on the preliminary municipality pilot program?	It must be repealed. It is a horrible law that was only created to satisfy developer interests and nothing more. It represents the pinnacle of hypocrisy in government.	I support repeal. Developers should not bypass local planning, & the governor's adviser should not threaten road funding because counties defend local control. Residents deserve a voice, not threats.
Assess the county's collaboration with municipalities. What, if anything, should be done differently?	Collaboration is essential. Most are unsure where the city ends and the unincorporated county begins. The more we work together, the more likely we can create solutions that work for the public.	Heber City needs to be a better neighbor. Before annexing for growth, it should work with the county and nearby towns on water, traffic, and costs—and give valley residents a meaningful say.
Should local governments or the state have more say in land use issues?	Local governments - we understand the needs of the community far more then the state.	Local governments. Residents live with the density, traffic, and taxes. A state board should not erase county and city zoning, & the state should not fund a pilot that lets landowners write their own.
Evaluate Wasatch County's relationship with Summit County.	I feel we have a good working relationship with Summit County. We don't always agree on all issues but we respect each other. To me that is what matters most.	We face the same state overreach. We need a strong partnership to defend local control, including joining litigation when the state steps over both counties.
Should the county raise taxes to match inflation?	No. We should be looking at ways to lower taxes by better utilizing surplus revenues.	No. Do not raise taxes to chase inflation. Make the developer pay the road, water, and public-safety cost in the agreement, before the plat. If the numbers do not cover the load, the project waits.

WASATCH COUNTY COUNCIL SEAT F





Why are you the best choice?	Born, raised and lived in the Wasatch Back much of my life. Experience serving the community as a country and state delegate, precinct chair, planning commision and the county council.	50 years in finance, software development, real estate development, and cattle ranching. I read budgets and plan for the long term. I'll show up, listen, and act in my constituents' best interests.
What is the top issue for your district?	Reducing taxes and adherence to the General Plan.	Managing the explosive growth around Jordanelle and Deer Valley East—getting infrastructure in before people arrive, protecting our water and open space, and winning our fair share of the tax revenue.
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Describe your leadership style in three words or less	Direct, decisive, conservative.	Listen. Analyze. Deliver.
What is the biggest issue that no one is talking about in Wasatch County?	Full-time residents don't want Wasatch County to follow the same path as Summit County which is inundated with part-time residents.	Long-range water. We approve growth on a four-year basis, but the Jordanelle, our aquifer and the Provo River need 100-year planning. Get water wrong, and nothing else we build will matter.
How do you picture Wasatch County in five years?	More high-density and mixed use commercial in annexed areas along both the Hwy 40 and 189 corridors.	Bigger, but on our terms—infrastructure ahead of rooftops, farms and open space protected, water secured for the long haul, and a county that kept its small-town character instead of sprawling.
Are you happy with the relationship between Wasatch County and the Military Installation Development Authority?	No. The entire project is a boondoggle and in no way benefits the military. There may be an opportunity to reduce property taxes with revenue from the project, but the area is already saturated.	No. An unelected state authority makes our biggest land-use and tax decisions while keeping most property tax revenue for 40 years. I'll push for transparency, local input, and a fair revenue share.
What's your stance on the preliminary municipality pilot program?	SB258 is a catastrophe. A majority conservative state should never have passed such a wrong headed approach to development. Government always fails to create affordable housing.	Opposed—I'd repeal it. S.B. 258 lets as few as three landowners incorporate a new town and bypass county planning and zoning—handing outside developers a way to build with no local input.
Assess the county's collaboration with municipalities. What, if anything, should be done differently?	Alignment of vision regarding zoning and annexation. Push-back against state and federal usurpation.	Improving, but too reactive. We should plan infrastructure, water, and the Heber bypass jointly and early with Heber, Midway, and Francis—shared data and costs, one growth vision, not turf battles.
Should local governments or the state have more say in land use issues?	Local. It's our community.	Local—strongly. The people who live with the traffic, water, and open-space impacts should decide. S.B. 258 and MIDA let the state and developers bypass our planning and zoning. That's backward.
Evaluate Wasatch County's relationship with Summit County.	Good collaboration on transportation and push-back against state usurpation.	Neighbors share roads, a reservoir, resort growth, and a workforce. Cordial but underused—we should coordinate more deliberately on US-40 traffic, transit, water, and housing.
Should the county raise taxes to match inflation?	No. The county should reduce services outside its mandate. Inflation is a tax.	Not automatically. Balanced budgets and Truth-in-Taxation first—cut waste and capture growth's fair share (including from MIDA) before asking residents for more. Any increase justified line by line.


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