

UTAH REPUBLICAN PARTY CAUCUS



March 8, 2022

TO BE READ BY PRECINCT CHAIR/CAUCUS HOST

WELCOME LETTER

Dear Caucus Attendees,

Welcome to your local 2022 Utah Republican Party Caucus Meeting. Your attendance tonight speaks volumes about your commitment to your community, our state, and our treasured style of representative democracy. The important work that you take part in and complete tonight will have a broad and lasting effect on your community, our state, and our nation. Congratulations for getting involved and making a difference.

The delegates that you elect tonight will commit to be your voice and represent you at county and state conventions. They will vet candidates, they will do their research, and they will be your voice in choosing conservative candidates who align with the Utah Republican Party Platform. Please share your thoughts and concerns with your delegates so that they can best represent you as they cast votes to decide the future of our state and country. Elected delegates at both the county and state level should be open to receiving your feedback.

We are grateful for your service to the Utah Republican Party. We appreciate your support and your willingness to show up and take part in the caucus and convention system. We know it is a system that is most representative, where you can truly make a difference. Utah is a great place to live because of the caucus system and your willingness to participate in the political process. We thank you again for being here tonight and we wish you a happy and successful caucus experience.

Thank you for your service,

Carson Jorgensen, Chair
Jordan Hess, Vice Chair
Olivia Horlacher, Secretary
Mike Bird, Treasurer

Utah Republican Party State Party Platform (as ratified at the 2009 State Convention)

PREAMBLE

We, the Republican Party of the Great State of Utah, affirm our belief in God and declare our support for government based upon a moral and spiritual foundation. We affirm freedom for every individual as expressed in the Declaration of Independence and protected by the Constitution. We believe that citizens' needs are best met through free enterprise, private initiative, and volunteerism. We support the "Rule of Law" and believe in upholding the law of the land.

THE PROPER ROLE OF GOVERNMENT

We believe government properly exists by the consent of the governed and must be restrained from intruding into the freedoms of its citizens. The function of government is not to grant rights, but to protect the unalienable, God-given rights of life, liberty, property, and the pursuit of happiness.

PRIVATE PROPERTY

We recognize the rights of the individual to own property. We resist any effort by government to take private property without an overwhelming need for public use. We strongly oppose the forfeiture of private property from innocent owners.

REAFFIRMATION OF STATES' RIGHTS

We oppose congressional, judicial, and executive abrogation of the principle that the powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people. We oppose unreasonable and intrusive federal mandates.

ETHICS AND STANDARDS

We demand honesty, integrity, morality, and accountability of our public officials. We will work to expose and stop corruption.

NATIONAL SECURITY AND PUBLIC PROTECTION

We support a military force of sufficient strength and readiness to deter any threat to our national sovereignty or to the safety and freedom of our citizens. We support the Constitutional mandate to protect and secure our national borders. We oppose placement of United States troops under any foreign command, including the United Nations. We support lawful efforts of local law enforcement agencies to protect citizens in their homes and in their communities. We urge reform of the legal system to accomplish a swift and balanced administration of justice, including consideration of rights of the victim. We support capital punishment when appropriate.

SELF DEFENSE

We support the individual constitutionally-protected right of the people to keep and bear arms for security and defense of self, family, others, property, or the state, as well as for other lawful purposes. We encourage personal responsibility for the care and use of these firearms.

FREEDOM OF RELIGION

We claim freedom of religion for every citizen and expect the protection of government in securing to us this unalienable right. We affirm the right to religious expression, including prayer, in both private and public.

FAMILY VALUES

We recognize the traditional family as the fundamental unit of society. We affirm that parents have the fundamental right and primary responsibility to direct the upbringing of their children and to provide nurturing care, discipline and training in moral values.

RIGHT TO LIFE

We believe in the right to life for both the born and unborn. We strongly oppose abortion, except to preserve the life of the mother or in cases of rape or incest. We believe the unborn child has a fundamental right to life which cannot be infringed. We believe all human life is sacred regardless of age or infirmity, and therefore we oppose abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, and the public funding of any of these abhorrent practices.

HUMAN SERVICES

We believe that the primary responsibility for meeting basic human needs rests with the individual, the family, and the voluntary charitable organizations. We recognize, however, that there are special social needs which must be addressed through state human service programs. We support requiring welfare recipients to work towards self-sufficiency.

HERITAGE

We recognize the contributions made to our quality of life through ethnic diversity.

EQUAL RIGHTS

We believe that no individual is entitled to rights that exceed or supersede the God-given individual rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Utah.

EDUCATION

We believe that all children should have access to quality education. Parents have the primary right and responsibility to educate their children, and we support their right to choose public, private, or home education. We support incentives to promote competitive excellence. We encourage cooperative initiatives to help all Utahans become literate in English. We support the prudent and profitable use of school trust lands. We support all interest and dividends from the permanent State School Fund being distributed to each public and charter school to improve student academic performance.

TAXATION

We accept the necessity for limited taxation in order for government to perform and administer those services which meet essential public needs. However, we recognize that the power to tax is also the power to control, and believe that the best way to control government is to strictly control the amount of taxes imposed on the people. We encourage further simplification of tax systems, the elimination of the estate tax, and broad-based rate reduction where possible.

REGULATION

We recognize that government regulation can be a major impediment to productivity and to competition. We must rely more on market forces and less on government. Regulatory power now exercised by the federal government must be eliminated or returned to state and local governments.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

We believe that a strong, diversified economy based on a positive work ethic, a well trained and well educated work force, a business-friendly environment, and safe work place will help Utah compete in a world market place. We believe that developing our human resources is essential to the future of Utah. We support the Utah Right to Work Law.

THE ENVIRONMENT

We appreciate the quality of our environment. Our air, water, and land are at the heart of our existence and must be protected through balanced management. We support reasonable laws and volunteer efforts to improve air and water quality. We continue to seek responsible solutions to controversies surrounding uses of our wilderness. We seek to preserve the environment while serving the best interests of our Utah citizens. We oppose as unconstitutional the declaration by any President without approval from Congress of any large tract of land as a national monument. We call on the Governor of the State of Utah to use the Constitutional Defense Fund and other resources at his disposal to bring any such declaration affecting Utah before the United States Supreme Court for reversal.

JURY

The jury is a fundamental institution of liberty, because it is the only anchor yet imagined by man by which a government can be held to the principles of its constitution. The jury has the right and the authority to acquit if jurors feel justice will be served.

IMMIGRATION

America is a stronger and better nation because of the hard work and entrepreneurial spirit of legal immigrants, and the Republican Party honors them. We believe that control of our borders is an urgent national security interest and our national sovereignty depends on those secure borders.

We oppose illegal immigration and all forms of amnesty, or legal status, for illegal immigrants. We support suspending automatic U.S. citizenship to children born to illegal immigrant parents. We oppose granting government benefits to those illegally present in the US. We oppose any temporary or "guest" worker program that would offer an automatic path to citizenship. We believe that current laws against employing illegal immigrants should be vigorously enforced, particularly to stem the now too common crime of identity theft in obtaining employment.

UTAH STATE SOVEREIGNTY

The 13 original Sovereign States in Constitutional Convention created the Constitution of the United States of America and subsequently ratified that document creating a Federal Government and granting to that Government limited and enumerated powers.

The Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States defines Federal powers as those enumerated in the Constitution and reserves all other powers to the States and to the People.

It remains the sacred responsibility of the States as creators of the Federal Government to keep the federal powers within the limits set by the Constitution.

We resolve that the Republican Party of the Great State of Utah and elected party members take any and all steps necessary to ensure that Federal powers exercised within the Great State of Utah not exceed those granted by the Constitution of the United States, and that those usurpations of State Sovereign Powers already violated by the Federal Government be corrected by the State Legislature and enforced by the Governor's office thus protecting Utah State Sovereignty

OUR MISSION

The Republican Party is a party by the people and for the people. We appreciate the productivity of our citizens, affirm the infinite worth of all individuals, and seek the best possible quality of life for all. We invite all citizens to join us in working together for a better Utah.

CAUCUS OUTLINE, RULES, AND PROCEDURES

Check In:

Precincts should be prepared to make sure that caucus attendees are able to properly check in for caucus night. Voting participants at a republican caucus meeting must be registered Republicans and must reside in the precinct for which the caucus meeting is being held. All caucus attendees must sign in. Please collect as much contact information as possible so that we can produce a reliable and accurate statewide caucus attendee list. Ballots must only be given to attendees who have verified that they are registered Republican and that they reside within the correct precinct boundaries. Collection of caucus attendee data can be done with the provided sign in sheets or electronically. All caucus attendee data must be submitted to the State Republican Party in an Excel or Google Sheets format.

Affiliating Election Night:

Those residents living within the precinct boundaries who will be at least 18 by the time of the general election and not a registered Republican may complete a voter registration form and affiliate as a Republican on the night of the neighborhood caucus election. The Precinct Host will collect the registration form and forward it to the County Party with the precinct packet at the conclusion of the meeting. Precinct hosts MUST verify that a person affiliating on caucus night has checked the box to affiliate as a Republican.

Getting Started:

Caucus night should begin with both a prayer and the pledge of allegiance. Precinct Chairs or a volunteer should read the welcome letter from party leadership. Each caucus meeting should also read the Utah Republican Party Platform. Precinct Chairs have flexibility to show a short video or recording of the Utah Republican Party Platform if desired. Precinct Chairs should also have a clear and accurate count of how many caucus attendees are checked in and eligible to vote in precinct elections.

Collecting Delegate Information:

Once all elections have taken place and every delegate slot has been filled, it is the Precinct Officers' duty and responsibility to collect ACCURATE and VERIFIABLE delegate contact information. A link to a Google Form will be provided so that delegate data can be submitted at the precinct level. Each Delegate must submit their full name, their address, their Congressional District, their State House and State Senate District, an email address that they check regularly, and a working phone number. Precinct Officers should verify email addresses and phone numbers by sending a test email and making a phone call while the newly elected delegate is in their presence. All data must be submitted to the County and State Party in a Google Sheets or Excel format. When using the provided Google Form, the data will have met this requirement.

Electing State Delegates:

Caucus attendees may run to be a State Delegate if they are registered Republican, reside inside the correct precinct boundaries, and have been verified and checked in to participate in the caucus meeting. There is no limit on the number of people who can run to be a Republican State Delegate. Those running to be a State Delegate must be familiar with the responsibilities that come with the position. They must agree to vet candidates, do their own research, be open to feedback and suggestions from voters in their precinct, and they must commit to attend conventions where they will cast votes on behalf of their precinct.

Anyone desiring to run to be a State Delegate may have someone else nominate them if they so desire. Each candidate for State Delegate should be given time to share the reasons why they are running and to share their commitment to carry out the responsibilities of a State Delegate. Candidate speeches for each office shall be limited to a total of three minutes per office or delegate seat, evenly divided among the candidates, or thirty seconds each, whichever is less, unless modified by a majority vote. Disclosures of candidates with regard to platform planks, employment, personal views, support for individual candidates, etc. are in order. Once each delegate has been given time to speak, elections shall take place until each State Delegate position in the precinct has been filled. If a candidate for State Delegate runs unopposed, that candidate becomes a State Delegate by acclamation.

Voting will be by secret ballot in contested races. In the event that three or more candidates are nominated for the same precinct office or the same delegate position, the caucus may use multiple ballots or preference voting to choose precinct officers or delegates. Precincts may determine whether to use a majority or plurality vote but this decision must be made before any ballots are cast. Ties shall be determined by a coin toss. Precinct Hosts shall designate two or more non-candidate ballot counters and inform each candidate they may provide a poll watcher. Violations of these procedural rules shall not be basis for challenging delegate credentials. This does not prohibit county parties from disciplining party officers for such violations. Alternate delegates shall be elected if allowed by the respective county party's governing documents.

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Precinct Officer Elections:

Similar to how delegates are elected, elections shall take place to elect a Precinct Chair, a Precinct Vice Chair, a Precinct Secretary, and a Precinct Treasurer. If caucus attendees in a precinct so desire, they may fill these positions by asking for volunteers who have the willingness to serve in these positions.

Closing:

Make sure delegates know the dates and times for the county and state convention. Thank all caucus attendees for participating and close the caucus meeting.

Same Day Balloting:

A precinct-specific ballot will be available on the precinct website 24 hours before the neighborhood caucus election convenes. Candidates on the ballot will be any registered Republican who pre-registers to run for a precinct office or delegate seat. The ability to print the online ballot will only be available to a registered Republican from that specific precinct. The ballot will not include the individual's name, but will include their unique Voter ID, number or another suitable unique identifier at the top of the ballot. Individuals are only allowed to vote using their unique ballot. No copies of ballots are allowed.

The Precinct Host and ballot counters will verify that only unique same-day ballots will be cast at the neighborhood caucus election by verifying that no duplicate Voter ID numbers or other identifiers are present at the top of the ballots. The ballot will accommodate write-in candidates. The ballot will not be signed, to protect the right to a secret ballot. The ballot will be folded and inserted into an envelope, the envelope will be sealed, and the voter will affix his signature across the envelope seal. A copy of a government-issued ID – front and back – will accompany the envelope.

A person may bring to caucus no more than three (3) ballots on behalf of others. The person to whom the voter's envelope and copy of the ID is entrusted to shall be responsible to deliver the envelope to the Precinct Host and to destroy the copy of the ID or to return it to the voter. The State Party will assume no liability for the information on the copy of the voter's ID.

The Precinct Host and ballot counters will verify the identity of the voter using the copy of the voter's ID to ensure the individual meets all regular requirements for participation in that precinct's neighborhood caucus election. The Precinct Host and ballot counters will verify the signature on the envelope against the signature on the copy of the government-issued ID, but will not take possession of the copy of the ID. Once the signature is verified the ballot will be certified.

The ballot will be used in all rounds of voting.

A voided blank copy of the ballot will be posted conspicuously inside the precinct location throughout the registration and meeting.

Ballot Sheet

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How to be an Informed and Successful Delegate

We're all busy and doing the best we can, from the chair of your county or state party down to the everyday caucus attendee and voting citizen. Even with the best of intentions and organization, communications may not always flow as you'd like.

Don't rely on others. Educate and empower yourself!

Here are some best practices, ideas, and resources to help you be an effective delegate:

- **Where applicable, become familiar with your party's constitution, platform, and bylaws. Understanding these documents will help you know the party's purpose, how it functions, and why your role is essential.**
 - You can find the UT Republican Party's constitution, platform, and bylaws here: <https://utgop.org/governing-documents/>.
- **Make it a habit to check your party's calendar of events. Most of the main event and meeting dates are determined well in advance to aid you with your planning and scheduling.**
 - You can find the UT Republican Party's calendar here: <https://utgop.org/calendar/>.
- **Reach out to your Precinct Chair.**
 - Make sure you have your Precinct Chair's contact info if you don't already.
 - Update your Precinct Chair if you change your email or phone number.
 - Where possible, cultivate a working relationship. Your Precinct Chair is a good resource when you have questions that a black and white document cannot answer.
- **Check your email inbox and spam folders regularly during the election and convention seasons.**
 - Make sure you know how to navigate your email folders.
 - Keep an eye out for campaign emails and invitations to Candidate "meet and greets" during election season and ATTEND THEM.
 - Keep an eye out for your call to the Organizing and Nominating Conventions.
 - Make it a habit to check your emails periodically to keep up with updates and news sent from the party.
- **Talk with your neighbors. Take note of their concerns. Encourage them to be involved and invite them to help keep you informed. Ultimately, you're elected to represent them through the caucus system.**
- **ENJOY THE PROCESS AND HAVE FUN!!!**

Delegate Agreement

I, _____, accept the opportunity to serve as a Republican Delegate for Precinct _____, (Specify County).

In order to fulfill my role as a delegate, I will:

- Provide accurate contact information (email address, cell phone number, &/or physical address) and will update my Precinct Chair should any of my contact information change; I understand that I will receive campaign communications from many candidates.
- Check my provided list of communication methods regularly to ensure I am not missing information relevant to my role and responsibilities.
- Attend official events during the caucus-convention/election season including Meet-the-Candidate events and debates (in-person or online).
- Diligently vet candidates and issues.
- Vote at the specified times and places in order to represent my precinct; if I am unable to vote in an election, I will contact my Precinct Chair as early as possible so s/he can notify an alternate to take my place.
- Serve the full two-year term; this includes participating in local elections/conventions to represent my area as well as the party organizing conventions

I understand that if my contact information is not accurate or updated, or I am unresponsive to party communications related to my delegate service, I may be replaced by an alternate. This is to ensure constituents are well-represented and candidates are treated fairly as they reach out in their campaign efforts.

Contact Information:

Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ Zipcode: _____

My Precinct Chair is: _____

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