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# Davis County Clerk

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### QUESTIONS & RESPONSES

1. What kind of options should be available for voters casting their ballot?

ANSWER: It is important to remember that voting options, for the most part, are determined by the legislature. However, I believe the Clerk should ensure all available voting options are provided to voters. Currently, we provide in-person voting on election day and during early voting and an option for voting from home through the mail and online for voters unable to vote a paper ballot.

2. What current voting practices in your county should be maintained and what kind of election changes are you planning to make?

ANSWER: Davis County provides 15 accessible polling locations, located in each

3. Do you believe your election website provides current comprehensive information to help voters engage in the electoral process?

ANSWER: Yes

Does your county's website meet the needs of English language learners and voters with disabilities? If not, what improvements would you make?

ANSWER: In 2020 the ACLU conducted a review of all county websites. They were checking 18 different points that would help inform voters about election processes, Davis County received a 100% score on that evaluation. In 2020 I designed an Elections and Accessibility webpage. This page provides all important election information for the current election in an easy to read one page format.

4. How would you determine the number of days for early voting, the number and location of ballot drop boxes?

ANSWER: The maximum and minimum number of early voting days is determined by state law. Working within these parameters, I determine the number of days needed based upon the type of election, the estimated turnout and the estimated number of voters expected to vote early. Because Davis County pays return postage, we have not historically seen a high demand for ballot drop off locations, however we provide one 24/7 drop off location in each city. Drop off locations are located at our regular polling locations.

5. What accommodations will your office provide to ensure that voters with disabilities have equal access and can vote privately and independently? How will voters be informed about how to access accommodations?

ANSWER: Davis County provides 15 accessible polling locations on election day and an early voting location with accessible voting machines. All polling locations are ADA surveyed each year. Poll workers are trained to assist all voters, including voters with disabilities. Voters will also receive a ballot by mail to their home with a postage paid return envelope. This allows a voter to vote without needing to leave their home. Davis County also provides an online voting option for voters with disabilities. We notify voters of this option on our website, our election notice and with a notice sent with each ballot.

6. People who either A) have been previously incarcerated for a felony conviction but are no longer incarcerated, OR B) are currently incarcerated pre-trial or for a misdemeanor conviction ARE eligible to register and vote in Utah. However, many people in these situations do not know this. Will you take steps to ensure eligible individuals from these populations can register and vote?

ANSWER: Yes. No.

Please explain your answer and what steps you would take, if applicable:

ANSWER: I would prefer a "not applicable" option for this question, as these steps have already been taken. A voter may register to vote in-person, online, or by mail, depending on their preference or circumstance. Eligible voters currently incarcerated need only register their previous permanent residence and then request their ballot be mailed to the correctional facility.

7. How will you determine residency for purposes of voter registration? (Note: this has been an issue in rural counties with second homes and seasonal workers)

ANSWER: Utah Code 20A-2-105 provides guidelines for determining residency. These are the guidelines I have always used and will continue to use.

8. Will you provide translated election materials or language assistance at the polls?

ANSWER: No

Please elaborate on your plans to serve English learners:

ANSWER: Currently, we only provide election materials in English.

9. Do you plan to take steps to educate voters about matching signatures and minimize the number of ballots that are rejected due to mismatched signatures?

ANSWER: Yes

Please explain:

ANSWER: Educating voters about the election process and matching signatures is an ongoing effort. We provide several online resources, we include information with each ballot, and we host in-person tours, all in an effort to educate. When a signature is challenged, we have a robust notification process that results in just over a 60% resolve rate.

10. What measures do you believe will support public confidence in the election?

ANSWER: Personal experiences help us understand the world around us and help us develop our beliefs. Our citizens need to have personal experiences with elections. They need the opportunity to see and ask questions. Davis County has always worked to provide these experiences. In 2022 we began holding monthly town hall meetings and tours to continue this effort.

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### QUESTIONS & RESPONSES

1. What kind of options should be available for voters casting their ballot?

ANSWER: Voters can vote by mail and in person on election day. Voters needing assistance with their ballot can receive assistance at elections centers on election day.

1. What current voting practices in your county should be maintained, and what kind of election changes are you planning to make?

ANSWER: Currently, the County is compliant with state code and is completing the election through the mail-in ballots and same-day voting at elections centers.

I believe that transparency is vital to fostering trust in the community and understanding how their vote counts.

I want to create a video of the entire voting process. This video would live online on the Clerk's website. In addition, I would promote its presence on social media and throughout the year, not just during elections. Anytime a person has a question regarding the process, they would be able to view the video and review the most commonly asked questions regarding the voting process.

During the elections, cameras with a live video feed should be in the ballot counting area and on 24/7 until the last ballots have been counted and sealed. Anyone should be able to watch and see their votes are safe, being processed, and counted.

The Clerk's office should do all it can to be transparent, encourage participation in the voting process, and foster trust in the community regarding the security of elections.

There are several other areas of improvement to be made regarding elections. Providing upcoming election information to the community in advance of the filing date encourages people to consider filing for office. Pieces of information such as open seats, election requirements, and campaign finance reporting requirements allow people to

understand the process of being a candidate. There is a big gap here and an opportunity to encourage greater participation in running for offices.

3. Do you believe your election website provides current comprehensive information to help voters engage in the electoral process?

ANSWER: No

Does your county's website meet the needs of English language learners and voters with disabilities? If not, what improvements would you make?

- ANSWER: I do not see that it offers translation or other options for English Language learners. I would love the opportunity to make sure the site is compliant, and we find a best practice to accommodate those in need.
4. How would you determine the number of days for early voting, and the number and location of ballot drop boxes?
    - ANSWER: In Utah, we have all-mail balloting, eliminating the need for early voting.
  5. What accommodations will your office provide to ensure that voters with disabilities have equal access and can vote privately and independently? How will voters be informed about how to access accommodations?

ANSWER: The Clerk's website's first tab under elections is "Elections and Accessibility." Unfortunately, while it lists where and when you can vote and who is on your ballot, it does not clarify for anyone who needs assistance with their ballot how or where they can go. I will place information regarding voting machines and accommodations available at election centers. I see room for improvement and more awareness of these issues.

6. People who either A) have been previously incarcerated for a felony conviction but are no longer incarcerated, OR B) are currently incarcerated pre-trial or for misdemeanor conviction ARE eligible to register and vote in Utah. However, many people in these situations do not know this. Will you take steps to ensure eligible individuals from these populations can register and vote?

ANSWER: Yes.

Please explain your answer and what steps you would take, if applicable:

- ANSWER: This is a good question. I would have to know who those people are to notify them of eligibility. Including who is eligible to vote on the website would be a good start. I would love to hear about policies or efforts that can reach this population.
7. How will you determine residency for purposes of voter registration? (Note: this has been an issue in rural counties with second homes and seasonal workers)

ANSWER: I am aware of the issues in some rural areas. I am not aware of this being an issue in our county. The state code 20A-2-105 Determining residency is the framework that should be used.

8. Will you provide translated election materials or language assistance at the polls?

- ANSWER: Yes
- Please elaborate on your plans to serve English learners:

ANSWER: I realize this is an issue, and it is important that those eligible to vote are able and accommodated. Therefore, it will be something that I will work on and look into to find ways to ensure their vote is counted.

9. Do you plan to take steps to educate voters about matching signatures and minimize the number of ballots that are rejected due to mismatched signatures?

- ANSWER: Yes
- Please explain:
- ANSWER: The video on the voting process that I referred to in my earlier answer will outline how the ballot is processed and signature verified. It is another way to educate the public about what is used to validate their signatures. There are circumstances of injury or illness that have substantially changed a person's signature, and for their ballot to be counted, updating their signature may be an extra step they need to take. An individual may update their signature by completing an online voter registration form or a mail-in form available on the county clerk's website; they can also be found at post offices and in election offices. This information is currently unavailable but should be included on the Clerk's website.

10. What measures do you believe will support public confidence in the election?

ANSWER: We need the Clerk's office to spend more time educating and engaging the public and doing our best to be open and transparent.

If I am elected Clerk, this will be my focus. Thank you for your time researching candidates and engaging in the process.

# Grand County Clerk Candidate

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### QUESTIONS & RESPONSES

1. What kind of options should be available for voters casting their ballot?

ANSWER: By-mail voting, in-person voting and early voting

1. What current voting practices in your county should be maintained and what kind of election changes are you planning to make?

ANSWER: By-mail voting and early voting should be maintained. I would plan on more voter outreach both during and off election cycles regarding voter registration, availability of voter assistance, voting options, and candidate and election information.

I plan on having candidate information guides and candidate orientation sessions to educate candidates and encourage local participation in elected offices.

I also plan on voter registration activities to engage the voters and potential voters.

3. Do you believe your election website provides current comprehensive information to help voters engage in the electoral process?

ANSWER: No

Does your county's website meet the needs of English language learners and voters with disabilities? If not, what improvements would you make? •

- ANSWER: I would like to offer election information on the County's website in other languages for voters (Spanish, Navajo)

4. How would you determine the number of days for early voting, the number and location of ballot drop boxes?

- ANSWER. As per UCA 20A-3a-601(2), early voting begins on the date that is 14 days before the election and continues through the Friday before the election - if the election date is a Tuesday. I plan on utilizing the full 14-day period and not reducing early voting days.

- We are a rural county, so I think one early voting polling place is sufficient at the County Courthouse where County Clerk employees can staff the polling place during early voting. If there is a need for additional polling places I would assess the need and resources available, utilizing trained election workers or volunteers if needed.
5. What accommodations will your office provide to ensure that voters with disabilities have equal access and can vote privately and independently? How will voters be informed about how to access accommodations?

ANSWER: Voters need to be informed of their rights to accommodations so I would publicize and conduct outreach prior to the election through website, social media, printed news, and speaking engagements at local organizations I would personally contact local government and non-profit community agencies, hospitals, and churches.

My office would provide voter assistance for any voter requesting assistance and also provide information to the voter that they can choose a person - informing them of the state regulations regarding voter assistance.

If a voter cannot enter the building but wishes to vote early, I would train Clerk staff to offer curbside assistance for voters.

6. People who either A) have been previously incarcerated for a felony conviction but are no longer incarcerated, OR B) are currently incarcerated pre-trial or for misdemeanor conviction ARE eligible to register and vote in Utah. However, many people in these situations do not know this. Will you take steps to ensure eligible individuals from these populations can register and vote?

ANSWER: Yes

Please explain your answer and what steps you would take, if applicable:

- ANSWER: I will ensure that we disseminate this information through our local media, social media and directly through our jail.
7. How will you determine residency for purposes of voter registration? (Note: this has been an issue in rural counties with second homes and seasonal workers)

ANSWER: I would follow the guidelines set forth in UCA 20A-2-105 that became effective 5/5/2021.

Specifically, I would apply the criteria listed in UCA 20-A-2-105(4) to the voter whose residency was being determined to make my decision. There is also a voter rebuttal presumption allowed by state code.

8. Will you provide translated election materials or language assistance at the polls?
- ANSWER: Yes
  - Please elaborate on your plans to serve English learners:

ANSWER: There are many online translation services and I personally know several translators. Prior to elections, I will make sure that there are digital copies and hard

copies available in all available languages. Walmart provides a similar service for patients, the same process can be used for elections.

9. Do you plan to take steps to educate voters about matching signatures and minimize the number of ballots that are rejected due to mismatched signatures?
  - ANSWER: Yes
  - Please explain:

ANSWER: I think education and information is the key to increasing trust in our election process. I have already begun this process personally (as a former Election Administrator). Voters just need to understand the process, see demonstrations and be informed. I think the best way to do that is through communications and opening a venue for the public to ask questions.

10. What measures do you believe will support public confidence in the election?

ANSWER: Get the electorate involved in the process through voter education, election and registration demonstrations, publicizing the process, overall election transparency.

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### QUESTIONS & RESPONSES

1. What kind of options should be available for voters casting their ballot?

ANSWER: We have By-Mail, Early Voting, In-person Election Day, same-day voter registration with provisional voting.

1. What current voting practices in your county should be maintained and what kind of election changes are you planning to make?

ANSWER: WE will maintain all the practices we have and are always looking for improvements and open to suggestions.

3. Do you believe your election website provides current comprehensive information to help voters engage in the electoral process?

ANSWER: Yes

Does your county's website meet the needs of English language learners and voters with disabilities? If not, what improvements would you make? •

- ANSWER: The County is diligent working on a more user friendly web site as we want a page just for elections.

4. How would you determine the number of days for early voting, the number and location of ballot drop boxes?

- ANSWER: We follow the code and provide the most allowable days. We start the Tuesday 14 days prior to Election Day and hold early voting during regular office hours. The ballots Drop boxes are in every municipality at city or county offices. They are listed on our public notice.

5. What accommodations will your office provide to ensure that voters with disabilities have equal access and can vote privately and independently? How will voters be informed about how to access accommodations?

ANSWER: We do by mail, so they can vote at home privately or we have ballot marking devices for Early Voting and Election Day voting. They are equipped with Audio for the blind.

6. People who either A) have been previously incarcerated for a felony conviction but are no longer incarcerated, OR B) are currently incarcerated pre-trial or for misdemeanor conviction ARE eligible to register and vote in Utah. However, many people in these situations do not know this. Will you take steps to ensure eligible individuals from these populations can register and vote?

ANSWER: No

Please explain your answer and what steps you would take, if applicable:

- ANSWER: We do not have access to any list or notification regarding felons, This should be the Courts or the Jails that notify them.

7. How will you determine residency for purposes of voter registration? (Note: this has been an issue in rural counties with second homes and seasonal workers)

ANSWER: We ask for them to prove their residency if it is within 30 days of the elections.

8. Will you provide translated election materials or language assistance at the polls?

- ANSWER: No
- Please elaborate on your plans to serve English learners:

ANSWER: We do not have a large enough group of non-English speakers to provide this service yet.

9. Do you plan to take steps to educate voters about matching signatures and minimize the number of ballots that are rejected due to mismatched signatures?

- ANSWER: Yes
- Please explain:

ANSWER: I can, we have not done any formal accounting other than to the Board of canvassers. We work directly with the voters to minimize any future mismatch, but I still believe it should be between the voter and the election office only. I believe it violates their right to privacy to have any public access.

10. What measures do you believe will support public confidence in the election?

ANSWER:

Taking time to answer questions

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### QUESTIONS & RESPONSES

#### 1. What kind of options should be available for voters casting their ballot?

ANSWER: In-person voting with a marking device, and/or just to come in-person to drop a voted ballot during early voting and on Election Day. We currently offer this, as does all Clerk's Offices in Utah. My office has also reprinted a ballot for a concerned voter who received a ballot in the mail and felt more comfortable bringing that ballot in and trading it for a new one; even though the new ballot they were given in my office was the exact same ballot they received in the mail. I understand that voters have various concerns and I am open to accommodate a voter to make them feel more at ease.

#### 1. What current voting practices in your county should be maintained and what kind of election changes are you planning to make?

ANSWER: I believe that what I have implemented over the past 7 years as County Clerk has worked. However, I am always open to suggestions and/or concerns. I will take every suggestion into consideration. However, not all suggestions can be easily implemented or are in the best interest of the voters.

#### 3. Do you believe your election website provides current comprehensive information to help voters engage in the electoral process?

ANSWER: Yes

Does your county's website meet the needs of English language learners and voters with disabilities? If not, what improvements would you make? •

- ANSWER: I am lacking on the language barriers, but not disabilities. We offer touch screens here in the Clerk's Office for those who are hearing and/or visual impaired and that information is listed on our website as well as on our mailings.

4. How would you determine the number of days for early voting, the number and location of ballot drop boxes?
  - ANSWER: We currently offer all the available days within the 2 week period of early voting here in the office, as well as 2 days in the Delta Office; excluding Federal and State holidays. HB313 now requires a drop box in each municipality and reservation; therefore, each municipality will have a ballot drop box available for voters to drop their ballot in their own town, in addition to the post office mailing.
5. What accommodations will your office provide to ensure that voters with disabilities have equal access and can vote privately and independently? How will voters be informed about how to access accommodations?

ANSWER: Both of our vote centers accommodate handicap access and if a voter cannot read or mark a mailed ballot, we provide assistance or the use of a ballot marking device with accessible features (e.g. audio ballot, touch screen, large print, high contrast). This information is posted on our website and on our mailings.
6. People who either A) have been previously incarcerated for a felony conviction but are no longer incarcerated, OR B) are currently incarcerated pre-trial or for misdemeanor conviction ARE eligible to register and vote in Utah. However, many people in these situations do not know this. Will you take steps to ensure eligible individuals from these populations can register and vote?

ANSWER: Yes

Please explain your answer and what steps you would take, if applicable:

- ANSWER: I added the following language to our elections website: "Notice: If you have been previously incarcerated for a felony conviction but are no longer incarcerated, OR are currently incarcerated pre-trial or for misdemeanor conviction you are eligible to register and vote in Utah."
7. How will you determine residency for purposes of voter registration? (Note: this has been an issue in rural counties with second homes and seasonal workers)

ANSWER: We ask for anything that shows a street address and the voters name such as a car registration, property tax notice, doctor bill, utility bill, etc.. Voters should be voting in the County of their primary residency so wherever they reside permanently.

8. Will you provide translated election materials or language assistance at the polls?
  - ANSWER: No
  - Please elaborate on your plans to serve English learners:

ANSWER: I would LOVE to add anything helpful like this; however, I do not have any translated and/or language assistance materials.

9. Do you plan to take steps to educate voters about matching signatures and minimize the number of ballots that are rejected due to mismatched signatures?

- ANSWER: Yes
- Please explain:

ANSWER: We already do this.

10. What measures do you believe will support public confidence in the election?

ANSWER: All Clerk's Offices are open to the public to view any and all election processes. I encourage any voter to come watch what we do on a daily basis. I believe if voters will do this, they will see what we do and will gain confidence in our election process.

# Salt Lake County Clerk Candidate

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### QUESTIONS & RESPONSES

#### 1. What kind of options should be available for voters casting their ballot?

ANSWER: The state legislature determines what methods voters can use to vote. As Clerk, I will offer all the methods mandated by the state legislature. By law, there are currently four ways that you can submit a ballot to the Clerk's office:

- (1) in-person voting;
- (2) submit a mail ballot at an in-person voting location;
- (3) submit a mail ballot into a dropbox; and
- (4) submit a mail ballot through the U.S. Postal Service.

As County Clerk, I will put out a notice before every election telling people the pros and cons of each type of voting so voters can make an informed decision regarding the method of voting they want to use to cast their votes.

#### 1. What current voting practices in your county should be maintained and what kind of election changes are you planning to make?

ANSWER: There are many improvements that we can and should make to our election system. I have made multiple proposals to improve the security and transparency of our election system. My proposals are realistic and can be implemented within existing law.

For example, I am going to conduct regular audits of our election system so we can determine what is and is not working and use the information to continuously improve our election system. I will design the audits to include poll watching and make public our findings and any improvements my office will make due to our findings.

I also want to get more people involved in how our Clerk's office is run. In that vein, at least two weeks before processing ballots, I am going to release a detailed poll watching schedule. It will tell people when we will engage in the various ballot processing activities like signature verification, ballot duplication, and ballot adjudication. This way

citizens will know when we are engaging in different activities and can plan ahead to participate in specific poll watching activities.

For all of my current proposals, please go to my website: goud4clerk.com. Also, stay tuned because I will be putting out more proposals during the general election campaign to address other areas of our election system that can use improvement.

3. Do you believe your election website provides current comprehensive information to help voters engage in the electoral process?

ANSWER: No

Does your county's website meet the needs of English language learners and voters with disabilities? If not, what improvements would you make?

- ANSWER: Right now, it is difficult to find information for voters with disabilities on the Salt Lake County Clerk's website. It requires multiple clicks and is not provided in a manner that is easy to find. One improvement I will make is to add an option in the "Spotlight" section of the Elections homepage for voters with disabilities where all information pertinent to those voters will be available. The Salt Lake County Clerk's website is available in many languages. Salt Lake County's website, including the Salt Lake County Clerk's website, are designed to substantially conform with WCAG 2.0 and 2.1. As Clerk, I will track complaints that we get from English language learners and voters with disabilities, ensure that we are responsive to concerns that are raised, and make the complaints and resolutions public (without disclosing any personal information) on a quarterly basis.
4. How would you determine the number of days for early voting, the number and location of ballot drop boxes?
    - ANSWER. Early voting is governed by Utah's election code. I will provide the maximum number of early voting days allowed by law as long as the demand for it justifies the cost.
    - According to Utah Code 20A-5-403.5(1)(a), the Clerk is required to put "at least one ballot drop box in each municipality and reservation located in the jurisdiction to which the election relates." In addition, HB 313 requires that all unattended ballot drop boxes have 24-hour surveillance. We will have at least one ballot drop box per municipality to which the election relates. Whether we add more will depend on demand and whether there is money in our budget to pay for the required cameras and 24-hour surveillance.
  5. What accommodations will your office provide to ensure that voters with disabilities have equal access and can vote privately and independently? How will voters be informed about how to access accommodations?

ANSWER: This is an area that could use improvement. I am concerned that under our current system, it is possible for people to take advantage of voters with disabilities under the guise of "helping" them vote. As a society, we should be protecting those that are most vulnerable from being taken advantage of. The Clerk's office should focus resources on group homes for adults with special needs. As Clerk, I will set up a team that will go to the various group homes in Salt Lake County and assist the residents to

vote so that we can ensure they are able to vote in a private and secure manner and not being taken advantage of.

My office also will use the website, local media, and notices at in-person voting locations to inform people about how to access the accommodations they need to vote.

6. People who either A) have been previously incarcerated for a felony conviction but are no longer incarcerated, OR B) are currently incarcerated pre-trial or for misdemeanor conviction ARE eligible to register and vote in Utah. However, many people in these situations do not know this. Will you take steps to ensure eligible individuals from these populations can register and vote?

ANSWER: Yes

Please explain your answer and what steps you would take, if applicable:

- ANSWER: The language regarding the ability of those who are incarcerated for a misdemeanor conviction to vote appears incorrect. According to Utah Code Section 20A-2-101.3(2)(b), a “misdemeanant’s right to register to vote and to vote in an election is restored when the misdemeanant . . . has successfully completed the term of incarceration to which the misdemeanant was sentenced.” This means, contrary to what is stated in the question, someone incarcerated for a

misdemeanor cannot vote. Per Utah Code Section 20A-2-101.5, a convicted felon’s “right to register to vote and to vote in an election is restored when . . . the felon has successfully completed the term of incarceration to which the felon was sentenced.” Once someone has satisfied the law with regard to serving their time, I believe they should exercise their right to register to vote and to vote, if they so choose. I will work with local nonprofits that help those who have served their time get back on their feet to make sure they understand when they have the right to register to vote and to vote. Part of successful reintegration into society is making sure that those who have served their time get involved as much as they choose to in our political process.

7. How will you determine residency for purposes of voter registration? (Note: this has been an issue in rural counties with second homes and seasonal workers)

ANSWER: I am unclear how much of an issue this is in Salt Lake County. However, I will follow Utah Code Section 20A-2-105 when determining the residency of voters. I will note that, under Section 20A-2-105(7)(a), “there is a rebuttable presumption that a person's principal place of residence is in Utah and in the voting precinct claimed by the person if the person makes an oath or affirmation upon a registration application form or declaration of candidacy that the person's principal place of residence is in Utah and in the voting precinct claimed by the person.”

8. Will you provide translated election materials or language assistance at the polls?

- ANSWER: Yes
- Please elaborate on your plans to serve English learners:

ANSWER: Yes. We will provide translated election materials or language assistance for those that need it to vote.

9. Do you plan to take steps to educate voters about matching signatures and minimize the number of ballots that are rejected due to mismatched signatures?

- ANSWER: Yes
- Please explain:

ANSWER: It is very important that voters sign their voter registration form very carefully. If you use a generic looking signature (e.g., putting an “x” as your signature), it will be easy for someone else to submit a ballot for you and for the signature to match. I will put out a notice letting voters know that the best practice is to be very particular about how you sign your voter registration form. A unique signature is the best way to protect your vote.

10. What measures do you believe will support public confidence in the election?

ANSWER: My proposals are aimed at improving public confidence in our election systems. People want a Clerk who is constantly asking questions and looking for ways to improve our election system, as well as one who is transparent about issues that are discovered and what can be done to address them. If my office finds a problem, we will identify it to the public, isolate it, and then find ways to address it. We also will keep the public apprised of what we have found and how we are addressing it. For more information about my campaign and proposals, please go to my website: [www.goud4clerk.com](http://www.goud4clerk.com).

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### QUESTIONS & RESPONSES

1. What kind of options should be available for voters casting their ballot?

ANSWER: By mail ballots that can either be mailed or dropped off and ballot drop boxes in each towns.

Physical polling location held at the courthouse for both early voting and election day.

1. What current voting practices in your county should be maintained and what kind of election changes are you planning to make?

ANSWER: Piute County runs a great election already with all the options available. If an issue ever arises we do our best to fulfill the needs of the residents.

3. Do you believe your election website provides current comprehensive information to help voters engage in the electoral process?

ANSWER: Yes

Does your county's website meet the needs of English language learners and voters with disabilities? If not, what improvements would you make?

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- ANSWER: (Answer skipped)

4. How would you determine the number of days for early voting, the number and location of ballot drop boxes?

- ANSWER: We go by the suggestions given to us by the Lt. Governors office according to state statute.

5. What accommodations will your office provide to ensure that voters with disabilities have equal access and can vote privately and independently? How will voters be informed about how to access accommodations?

ANSWER: We will provide ADA voting as well as curbside voting if needed.

6. People who either A) have been previously incarcerated for a felony conviction but are no longer incarcerated, OR B) are currently incarcerated pre-trial or for misdemeanor conviction ARE eligible to register and vote in Utah. However, many people in these situations do not know this. Will you take steps to ensure eligible individuals from these populations can register and vote?

ANSWER: Yes

Please explain your answer and what steps you would take, if applicable:

- ANSWER: (Answer skipped)
7. How will you determine residency for purposes of voter registration? (Note: this has been an issue in rural counties with second homes and seasonal workers)

ANSWER: They will need to provide us with a physical location address as well as other proofs of residency.

8. Will you provide translated election materials or language assistance at the polls?

- ANSWER: Yes
- Please elaborate on your plans to serve English learners:

ANSWER: (Answer skipped)

9. Do you plan to take steps to educate voters about matching signatures and minimize the number of ballots that are rejected due to mismatched signatures?

- ANSWER: Yes
- Please explain:

ANSWER: (Answer skipped)

10. What measures do you believe will support public confidence in the election?

ANSWER: (Answer skipped)

# Summit County Clerk Candidate

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### QUESTIONS & RESPONSES

1. What kind of options should be available for voters casting their ballot?

ANSWER: Local Polls, Handicap accessibility, Mail-in if needed, in person.

1. What current voting practices in your county should be maintained and what kind of election changes are you planning to make?

ANSWER: We currently have mail-in ballots, and drop boxes though not under surveillance, in person. I want to bring back voting locations on a more local basis, easier access for voters, hand vote counts done publicly, audits after every election, handicapped accessibility for all.

3. Do you believe your election website provides current comprehensive information to help voters engage in the electoral process?

ANSWER: No

Does your county's website meet the needs of English language learners and voters with disabilities? If not, what improvements would you make? •

- ANSWER: I don't feel that it does. I would include text to voice as well as options for larger print and more language selections. I would also like to include clear explanations of what exactly the pro's and con's are of proposals. ie "This will raise taxes by a specific amount." or "This will be paid for through"....with a clear explanations and specifically who the proposals will impact. For example "Bill A will provide bus service in Park City, bus service will not be provided to . This will be paid for by a 10% property tax increase on homeowners."

4. How would you determine the number of days for early voting, the number and location of ballot drop boxes?

- ANSWER. I would look at the date of the election, allow 14 days prior to the election and not count holidays and/or weekends in that 14-day window. • A new law was just passed stating that all ballot drop boxes must be under video surveillance.
5. What accommodations will your office provide to ensure that voters with disabilities have equal access and can vote privately and independently? How will voters be informed about how to access accommodations?

ANSWER: I am considering deploying handicapped accessible transportation options to transport disabled voters from their residences to the polls with poll workers to assist them as needed.

Voters will be informed via text messages, standard mail, posters, phone calls, emails, and social media.

Additionally, I am also a disabled individual. My step-mother was deaf, my stepfather was blind, I have mobility challenges and I am the legal guardian of an adult with intellectual disabilities. I will do everything in my power to assist the disabled community with fully participating in the election processs.

6. People who either A) have been previously incarcerated for a felony conviction but are no longer incarcerated, OR B) are currently incarcerated pre-trial or for misdemeanor conviction ARE eligible to register and vote in Utah. However, many people in these situations do not know this. Will you take steps to ensure eligible individuals from these populations can register and vote?

ANSWER: Yes

Please explain your answer and what steps you would take, if applicable:

- ANSWER: I will take the same steps as I will for disabled voters and I will also contact probation and parole officers to gain their support in getting this information to eligible voters.
7. How will you determine residency for purposes of voter registration? (Note: this has been an issue in rural counties with second homes and seasonal workers)

ANSWER: Each person has a legal "home of record". I live in a rural county, so I am very aware of this challenge. If their home of record is in another county or state, then they will be advised to contact their county clerk to cast their absentee ballot. If our county residents have a second home or are seasonal workers, they too will be notified of their option to vote with an absentee ballot.

8. Will you provide translated election materials or language assistance at the polls?
- ANSWER: Yes
  - Please elaborate on your plans to serve English learners:

ANSWER: There are many online translation services and I personally know several translators. Prior to elections, I will make sure that there are digital copies and hard

copies available in all available languages. Walmart provides a similar service for patients, the same process can be used for elections.

9. Do you plan to take steps to educate voters about matching signatures and minimize the number of ballots that are rejected due to mismatched signatures?
  - ANSWER: Yes
  - Please explain:

ANSWER: Social media is a great teaching tool. Creating materials for social media as well as using general marketing techniques will go a long way in addressing this issue.

10. What measures do you believe will support public confidence in the election?

ANSWER: I believe that having the vote count be hand-counted and the vote count process open to public observation followed by audits conducted after every election will do a lot to support and restore confidence in the election.

I have worked with the Utah State Auditor for Medicaid in Utah in the past and completed audits with no problems with my record keeping. It only stands to reason to do, and expect the same level of integrity and ethics so that there is no question as to the veracity of the vote in my county.

# Tooele County Clerk

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### QUESTIONS & RESPONSES

1. What kind of options should be available for voters casting their ballot?

ANSWER: All kinds! I like options for in-person, vote by mail, absentee, UOCAVA, and provisional.

1. What current voting practices in your county should be maintained and what kind of election changes are you planning to make?

ANSWER: As a newly elected clerk, I'm already making changes to our election security. I've added election room cameras, eliminated husband/wife ballot pickup teams, no cell phones in the election room, logging ballot weights and chain of custody in the field, and more.

Vote by mail works well, in my opinion, especially when we continue to have inperson voting options available to those who need it.

3. Do you believe your election website provides current comprehensive information to help voters engage in the electoral process?

ANSWER: No.

Does your county's website meet the needs of English language learners and voters with disabilities? If not, what improvements would you make? •

- ANSWER: Our election website is newly redesigned. I'm working to make it more comprehensive each day. I aim to use plain language for voting information for ease of use, and I always include Alt text for images for those with visual impairments etc. when adding information online.

4. How would you determine the number of days for early voting, the number and location of ballot drop boxes?

- ANSWER: I determine it based on historical use and ease of access for voters, and the costs required to maintain Early Voting centers. The number of drop boxes has now

been legislated: Each town/city within the county must have a drop box. I'm working closely with our local municipal leaders to select a spot in each area that is ADA accessible and viable for the residents of the area.

5. What accommodations will your office provide to ensure that voters with disabilities have equal access and can vote privately and independently? How will voters be informed about how to access accommodations?

ANSWER: We will always and forever have Vote Centers where those who need equal access can come to take part in our election process. I have worked with the DLC to ensure our locations meet the standards required for accessibility. We have placed ADA information on all ballot inserts and our website.

6. People who either A) have been previously incarcerated for a felony conviction but are no longer incarcerated, OR B) are currently incarcerated pre-trial or for misdemeanor conviction ARE eligible to register and vote in Utah. However, many people in these situations do not know this. Will you take steps to ensure eligible individuals from these populations can register and vote?

ANSWER: Yes

Please explain your answer and what steps you would take, if applicable:

- ANSWER: As a new clerk, my aim is to get acquainted with the basic outlined tasks of the position, but when I get more comfortable in my current duties, I would like to coordinate efforts with our local judicial team and law enforcement representatives to help better inform this group of potential voters of their rights and options.

7. How will you determine residency for purposes of voter registration? (Note: this has been an issue in rural counties with second homes and seasonal workers)

ANSWER: We follow State code regarding residency requirements. Our County legal team helps to advise me in situations where residency is questionable.

8. Will you provide translated election materials or language assistance at the polls?

- ANSWER: No
- Please elaborate on your plans to serve English learners:

ANSWER: We utilize plain language on our ballots and instructions, and we have never had a request for these services in our county. If a significant need arose, I would be open to exploring these options.

9. Do you plan to take steps to educate voters about matching signatures and minimize the number of ballots that are rejected due to mismatched signatures?

- ANSWER: Yes
- Please explain:

ANSWER: Yes, absolutely. I'm making a significant effort to help voters become more educated about our balloting processes. I'm purposefully inviting the public to our Logic and Accuracy Public Demonstration of our election equipment, and will continue to improve this presentation on an on-going basis and make it more public-facing.

10. What measures do you believe will support public confidence in the election?

ANSWER:

Continued invitations to watch and observe the election process up close.

A responsive clerk to public inquiries.

An informative website and clear designs & instructions on voting materials.

Maintaining a good relationship with media representatives.

Getting involved in social media, meeting people where they are.

Staying involved with our local political parties and their leadership teams.

# Weber County Clerk Candidate

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### QUESTIONS & RESPONSES

1. What kind of options should be available for voters casting their ballot?

ANSWER: All allowed by the State of Utah

1. What current voting practices in your county should be maintained and what kind of election changes are you planning to make?

ANSWER: Vote in person along with mail in ballot upon request.

3. Do you believe your election website provides current comprehensive information to help voters engage in the electoral process?

ANSWER: Yes

Does your county's website meet the needs of English language learners and voters with disabilities? If not, what improvements would you make?

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- ANSWER: There is always room for improvement.

4. How would you determine the number of days for early voting, the number and location of ballot drop boxes?

- ANSWER. I would survey the voters and make those accommodations.

5. What accommodations will your office provide to ensure that voters with disabilities have equal access and can vote privately and independently? How will voters be informed about how to access accommodations?

ANSWER: Yes, I believe access is available, inform votes through mail and website.

6. People who either A) have been previously incarcerated for a felony conviction but are no longer incarcerated, OR B) are currently incarcerated pre-trial or for misdemeanor conviction ARE eligible to register and vote in Utah. However, many

people in these situations do not know this. Will you take steps to ensure eligible individuals from these populations can register and vote?

ANSWER: Yes

Please explain your answer and what steps you would take, if applicable:

- ANSWER: List the process on the website
- 7. How will you determine residency for purposes of voter registration? (Note: this has been an issue in rural counties with second homes and seasonal workers)

ANSWER: Through a valid ID

8. Will you provide translated election materials or language assistance at the polls?

- ANSWER: Yes
- Please elaborate on your plans to serve English learners:

ANSWER: Website and flyers

9. Do you plan to take steps to educate voters about matching signatures and minimize the number of ballots that are rejected due to mismatched signatures?

- ANSWER: Yes
- Please explain:

ANSWER: Show samples and list the process on the website

10. What measures do you believe will support public confidence in the election?

ANSWER: Vote in person with ID, my mail if requested through a secure process and verification.

# Weber County Clerk Candidate

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### QUESTIONS & RESPONSES

#### 1. What kind of options should be available for voters casting their ballot?

**ANSWER:** The more options the better. Voters should always have the ability to vote in person on election day and early. Voters should also have the option to vote by mail if they want to. Finally, voters with disabilities should have the option to conveniently cast their ballot independently and in secret. While there are options to accomplish this now, they are all in-person. I would like to see a solution that would allow them to also accomplish this without needing to leave their home.

#### 2. What current voting practices in your county should be maintained and what kind of election changes are you planning to make?

**ANSWER:** We have excellent security procedures including chain of custody controls and logs, reconciliations, segregation of duties, frequent audits, conducting all ballot-related tasks in the sunshine – open to public observation. Additional changes: improvements to the ballot pick up process, including using GPS tracking, images, and security seals to ensure the chain of custody of the ballots. Also providing monitors for poll watchers to more easily observe activity.

#### 3. Do you believe your election website provides current comprehensive information to help voters engage in the electoral process?

**ANSWER:** Yes and no. Our website has everything a voter needs to register, see what's on their ballot, see what the deadlines are, see where and how they can vote, and see what options they have if they need assistance. The one area I wish we did more on was helping voters find information about candidates. We point them to the state website for the candidate bios, we provide campaign financial reports, and we show the filing documents, which show campaign emails, websites, and social media pages. Still, I wish we could have all of those visible and easily accessible with links. The challenge is doing that while treating all candidates equally. If there's a typo for one candidate's website or email, that creates an unfair playing field. It's difficult to manage and poses those challenges.

**Does your county's website meet the needs of English language learners and voters with disabilities? If not, what improvements would you make?**

**ANSWER:** Yes, we have consulted with the Center for Civic Design, a nationally respected company that specializes in election communications design. We have revised our forms to make them easier to understand and fill out. Our website is reviewed to ensure it is ADA compliant.

**4. How would you determine the number of days for early voting, the number and location of ballot drop boxes?**

**ANSWER:** The minimum number of early voting days is 4, according to state law, so of course we comply with that. So few people come during those four days (I think we had 200 people vote early in person in 2021, out of 125,000 voters), it is not a good use of taxpayer dollars. However, it provides an important window for people who can't vote by mail or vote in person on election day. We look at how many people want/need to vote early, and make our decisions based on those numbers. For drop boxes, we made sure we have at least one per city, located at the city offices, as well as one at each public library. We also did a GIS analysis and found that the average voting household has a drop box within 1.5 miles of their home. That's excellent coverage.

**5. What accommodations will your office provide to ensure that voters with disabilities have equal access and can vote privately and independently? How will voters be informed about how to access accommodations?**

**ANSWER:** We include information about options for voters with a disability on our website, our social media platforms, and on all documents we send to voters, including the ballot packet itself. We provide the ability for voters to vote from their home, but our current solution requires them to waive their right to a secret ballot. We are working on technical solutions to guarantee a secret ballot, but we're not there yet. We go to significant lengths to still ensure the secret ballot, though.

**6. People who either A) have been previously incarcerated for a felony conviction but are no longer incarcerated, OR B) are currently incarcerated pre-trial or for misdemeanor conviction ARE eligible to register and vote in Utah. However, many people in these situations do not know this. Will you take steps to ensure eligible individuals from these populations can register and vote?**

**ANSWER:** We provide information on eligibility to vote on our website and promote it on our social media. Our staff are well trained in the law so that they can identify people who are no longer incarcerated and can vote. We do not proactively reach out to these individuals, just as we do not reach out to any particular segment of the population, encouraging them to register. We need to be objective in that area. That is part of the

reason why voter registration drives are not the responsibility of the county, but rather of voter advocacy groups, political parties, etc.

**Please explain your answer and what steps you would take, if applicable:**

**ANSWER:** See answer above.

**7. How will you determine residency for purposes of voter registration? (Note: this has been an issue in rural counties with second homes and seasonal workers)**

**ANSWER:** We confirm the voter's address with the Utah Driver License Division (DLD) for EVERY voter PRIOR to approving their registration application. We verify they live within the appropriate boundaries. Residency is a difficult issue to prove or disprove, because people often have unique situations (i.e., someone lives in Utah but works 6 months of the year at the oil rigs in South Dakota, or seasonal workers.) Our assumption is that people need to have a place where they can be given a ballot, and if they can meet the state requirements of residency, which also includes signing an oath stating that they meet the requirements, they should be allowed to register. State law also says that their signing of that oath is a rebuttable presumption that they meet the requirements, and someone would need to prove otherwise for them to lose their registration.

**8. Will you provide translated election materials or language assistance at the polls?**

**ANSWER:** Yes, we try to have at least one Spanish speaking poll worker at all times. If not, we have county employees whom we can call on, if needed, to translate. A couple of our Clerk staff are taking Spanish lessons to better serve our voting customers. We have the Spanish voter registration forms available. Also, in the past, we've been able to have an ASL poll worker present.

**Please elaborate on your plans to serve English learners:**

**ANSWER:** We've done a deep dive on all of our documents to make them simpler and easier to read, including doing Fleish-Kinkaid readability assessments. We've worked with a national design and communications organization to make our documents more easily understood.

**9. Do you plan to take steps to educate voters about matching signatures and minimize the number of ballots that are rejected due to mismatched signatures?**

**ANSWER:** Yes, we have an active social media educational campaign. We've included information in the ballot packet and included the information on our website. We plan to do educational videos about the process.

**Please explain:**

**ANSWER:** We design the envelope to reduce the number of unsigned/mis-signed envelopes. We train our election judges in signature comparison and keep close statistics on each person to ensure nobody is rejecting or accepting an unusual amount of signatures. We look at multiple versions of signatures for consistencies and matches.

**10. What measures do you believe will support public confidence in the election?**

**ANSWER:** The biggest measures involve transparency and communication. We have to let the public know that everything we do can be observed and that we have nothing to hide. As election officials, we have to be better at getting the word out about our strong security measures and multiple layers of controls. We need to proactively counter misinformation confidently and openly. Above all, we need to abide by the controls that we have to ensure elections are safe, secure and accurate.

# Washington County Clerk Candidate

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### QUESTIONS & RESPONSES

**3. What kind of options should be available for voters casting their ballot?**

**ANSWER:** Both the in-person and vote by mail options

**4. What current voting practices in your county should be maintained and what kind of election changes are you planning to make?**

**ANSWER:** Washington County is adding more official ballot box locations, allowing for all areas of the County to have a ballot box close to them. We will keep having early voting, and in-person voting on election day.

**3. Do you believe your election website provides current comprehensive information to help voters engage in the electoral process?**

**ANSWER:** The Washington County Website does provide great information.

**Does your county's website meet the needs of English language learners and voters with disabilities? If not, what improvements would you make?**

**ANSWER:** We do have accessible voting and have voter registration is now available in Spanish.

**4. How would you determine the number of days for early voting, the number and location of ballot drop boxes?**

**ANSWER:** We comply with State law, and look at our voter requests and respond as able to their requests.

5. **What accommodations will your office provide to ensure that voters with disabilities have equal access and can vote privately and independently? How will voters be informed about how to access accommodations?**

**ANSWER:** Information about accessible voting is also on our website

6. **People who either A) have been previously incarcerated for a felony conviction but are no longer incarcerated, OR B) are currently incarcerated pre-trial or for misdemeanor conviction ARE eligible to register and vote in Utah. However, many people in these situations do not know this. Will you take steps to ensure eligible individuals from these populations can register and vote?**

**ANSWER:** A previously incarcerated individual can just register at [vote.utah.gov](http://vote.utah.gov) as can all voters wanting to register to vote.

**Please explain your answer and what steps you would take, if applicable:**

**ANSWER:**

7. **How will you determine residency for purposes of voter registration? (Note: this has been an issue in rural counties with second homes and seasonal workers)**

**ANSWER:** We use our GIS mapping and State Voter registration software

8. **Will you provide translated election materials or language assistance at the polls?**

**ANSWER:** We do provide translation in our office.

**Please elaborate on your plans to serve English learners:**

**ANSWER:** Instructions are included in all of our vote by mail ballots and signage is provided at the in-person voting locations.

9. **Do you plan to take steps to educate voters about matching signatures and minimize the number of ballots that are rejected due to mismatched signatures?**

**ANSWER:** We provide inserts with instructions to help voters to sign their correct envelopes, and we give our contact information to answer questions or provide help with what they do if they have signed the wrong envelope or made a mistake on their ballot

**Please explain:**

**10. What measures do you believe will support public confidence in the election?**

**ANSWER:** Video surveillance on our un-attended drop box locations, and additional monitors drop box locations.

**Having a person work on voter roll maintenance on a daily basis, and updating our voter registration continually.**

Additional testing and audits of our processes and procedures will support voter confidence in our election results.