

Delegate Voting Guide

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Mission Statement

Republicans for Civil and Informed Participation (RCIP) is a grassroots organization of Salt Lake County Republicans seeking to reduce party infighting and help delegates gain the information and skills they need to carry out their responsibilities effectively. By so doing, the RCIP hopes to strengthen the party and assist qualified mainstream Republican candidates to become office holders.

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Tiani Coleman

Chair

1. In the past two years, what would you consider to have been the top three challenges for the Salt Lake County Republican Party?

- a. Keeping the party unified and reflective of the majority of Salt Lake County Republicans.
- b. Maintaining a positive image in the press and the public at large.
- c. Keeping party volunteers enthused, active, informed and positively involved in the party, so that we have broad-based support to win elections.

2. In your opinion, what will be the top three concerns facing the party in the next two years?

Same as above.

It is vital that we have leadership which will tackle these issues. We should have taken back the 2nd Congressional District: Salt Lake County failed to deliver its small piece of victory in a new district that is 60% Republican. Looking into the future, if we continue to fail at keeping the party unified and reflective of the majority of county Republicans, at maintaining a positive image with the press and the public, and in keeping our volunteer base enthused and active, we will not be able to garner enough support to raise the funds we need to keep the party strong, nor will we be able to win elections. In Salt Lake County, this could eventually lead to our loss of majority party status. I am running to help the Party get back on track.

3. Do you believe that you sufficiently understand the make-up and operation of the party's conventions, Central Committee and Executive Committee to do the job you are seeking? Why?

Yes, most definitely. I've been serving as Vice Chair over the past two years and am well versed and have experienced first hand how these conventions and committees operate--how to organize them, plan for them, recruit volunteers and how to conduct them. I have chaired some of these meetings in the chair's absence and am well prepared for the job.

4. Do you believe that you sufficiently understand the procedural and governing documents of the party? Why?

Yes, most definitely. I have reviewed these documents repeatedly, have participated in enacting various portions of these documents.

Also, I am an attorney and am capable of understanding, interpreting, and proposing changes to any procedural or constitutional types of documents.

5. What special skills or experience do you possess that qualifies you for the office that you seek?

I have served as Vice Chair of the County Party from 2001 to present.

I have served on the State Central Committee, as precinct chair, county and state delegate, and on various Republican women's organizations.

I was an intern for the Republican Study Committee in the U.S. House of Representatives in D.C.

I majored in Political Science at B.Y.U. and have a law degree from Cornell Law School.

I work well with people, and have extensive leadership experience. I will be able to bring ALL Republicans together in the common goals of recruiting viable candidates for democratically-held offices, supporting our Republican elected officials, and getting our Republican candidates elected!

Keith Haines

Chair

1. In the past two years, what would you consider to have been the top three challenges for the Salt Lake County Republican Party?

- a. Unity. (On the op. ed. page, not the comic page)
- b. Accountability. (Pass a state constitutional amendment allowing elected officials to be recalled. Return to an open primary)
- c. Justice. (Central Committee supremacy over Executive Committee)

2. In your opinion, what will be the top three concerns facing the party in the next two years?

- a. Unity. (Have minimum of 600 at Central Committee meetings, which are Testimony Meetings of Democracy)
- b. Accountability. (Dual Communication through Educational Officer)
- c. Justice. (Bigger tent, even a split level, not a private club. We need to reach out to all racial and ethnic groups)

3. Do you believe that you sufficiently understand the make-up and operation of the party's conventions, Central Committee and Executive Committee to do the job you are seeking? Why?

What should be done on both paper and reality. We must quit arguing and start trusting and serving.

4. Do you believe that you sufficiently understand the procedural and governing documents of the party? Why?

I have served on the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. We have determined finally what was. We now need to determine what should be. I have written constitution and bylaws for 9 political parties.

5. What special skills or experience do you possess that qualifies you for the office that you seek?

Twenty four year member of State Central and Executive Committee. Utah County Chair, 1978 - 80. Went from 10 of 26 to 24 of 26 in one election. As party HQ Chair, made it 26 of 26. Created legendary Utah County Republican Party Hegemony. Board of Director U.S. Naval Academy Alumni. League of Women's Voters without sex change operation. Utah Travel Council. Active state veteran's programs and projects. Build state Vietnam Veteran's Memorial. Started Olympic Feasibility Committee. Coached BYU Football, Rugby, and Wrestling. Founder Beehive Intermountain Rugby Union. (Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, Nevada) Founder Western Territorial RFU. (St. Louis to California boarder) Treasurer of Western Territorial Rugby Union. Founder U.S. Rugby Union. Co-founder Highland High Rugby Team. Recipient Senator Watkins Award from Orem City, Provo Orem Chamber. Recipient Good Neighbor Award Provo City. Inspirational Award Navy Football Team. Rowed National Champion Crew Team. Inspirational Award Wrestling. Third All Navy Heavyweight. National Champion Wheelchair Dance Team. Nominated by Provo Mayor and BYU ROTC for Patriot Veteran's Advocate. Founder of the Trek Home--every Saturday and Sunday night we hold a fast and prayer vigil until every MIA and GI is back from Iraq.

John Hohlbauch

Chair

1. In the past two years, what would you consider to have been the top three challenges for the Salt Lake County Republican Party?

- a. Money (lack of)
- b. Apathy and or Contentions
- c. Protecting the rights of the minority while acting on the will of the majority.

2. In your opinion, what will be the top three concerns facing the party in the next two years?

- a. Electing good republicans.
- b. Fundraising, because of the economy and apathy.
- c. Calming the sea of contention within the party.

3. Do you believe that you sufficiently understand the make-up and operation of the party's conventions, Central Committee and Executive Committee to do the job you are seeking? Why?

Yes. Because I have been an active member of the party and have held many positions in this great party.

4. Do you believe that you sufficiently understand the procedural and governing documents of the party? Why?

Yes. I have served on the Platform committee, Constitution and Bylaws committee, Executive committee, County Central committee, State Central committee, Rules committee, Rules committee Chair, Elections committee, Lincoln Day dinner committee, Credentials committee, Credential committee Chair, Legislative Liaison committee, Parliamentarian, State and County convention delegate for 11 years, and candidate for the state Legislature.

5. What special skills or experience do you possess that qualifies you for the office that you seek?

I have been there for the party, officers, delegates, and candidates. I can and have worked with all Republicans regardless of how I personally feel about them. I am easy to talk to and I listen. I have attained the position of Professional Registered Parliamentarian and can professionally preside at our meetings.

Mike Montgomery

Chair

1. In the past two years, what would you consider to have been the top three challenges for the Salt Lake County Republican Party?

- a. A lack of tolerance towards Republicans that do not agree with the ultra conservative right.
- b. Getting delegates to show up for Central Committee meetings.
- c. Fostering a sense on the part of mainstream Republicans that they belong.

2. In your opinion, what will be the top three concerns facing the party in the next two years?

- a. Perception by the public, fueled by the media, that we are extreme right wingers.
- b. Electing a Republican back into the 2nd Congressional District seat.
- c. Winning the statewide elections. (Governor, Attorney General, etc.)

3. Do you believe that you sufficiently understand the make-up and operation of the party's conventions, Central Committee and Executive Committee to do the job you are seeking? Why?

Yes, I have been a delegate for 13 years, Region I Chair, and on the Executive Committee for 8 years. Candidate for public office 3 times. Chaired the Rules Committee, the Platform Committee, and the Organizing Committee.

4. Do you believe that you sufficiently understand the procedural and governing documents of the party? Why?

Yes, I sat on the Constitution and Bylaws Committee 5 times under 5 different Chairs. Chaired the Rules Committee at 2 nominating conventions. Strong knowledge of Utah election laws and FERC. Region I Chair for 10 years.

5. What special skills or experience do you possess that qualifies you for the office that you seek?

J.D. (law degree) but not a practicing lawyer. M.B.A. Strong speaker and debater -- very thorough knowledge of Roberts Rules of Order. Have been a paid campaign manager on many campaigns. 40 years active Republican activities, including County Chair in Idaho, and a 2 time national delegate.

John Solomon

Chair

1. In the past two years, what would you consider to have been the top three challenges for the Salt Lake County Republican Party?

- a. Returning Salt Lake County to majority Republican representation at all levels of government.
- b. Making the County Party viable and relevant to the election process through candidate support, both monetarily and non-monetarily.
- c. Increasing grassroots energy and support through activation efforts, training, increased communication, and additional grassroots authority and responsibility.

2. In your opinion, what will be the top three concerns facing the party in the next two years?

- a. Winning more seats for Republicans in Salt Lake County, specifically winning back the 2nd Congressional Seat!
- b. Building on our foundation, creating grassroots leadership on a broader scale that can take the Republican message directly to each neighborhood, and building bridges to Republican elected officials and candidates.
- c. Re-emphasizing the Republican message to the public at large, activating voters, and bringing them into political activity.

3. Do you believe that you sufficiently understand the make-up and operation of the party's conventions, Central Committee and Executive Committee to do the job you are seeking? Why?

Yes. As the current Party Chair, former Executive Committee member (Senate Chair), and Precinct Chair, I believe I have the unique experience of seeing all sides of the County Party and what makes it tick.

4. Do you believe that you sufficiently understand the procedural and governing documents of the party? Why?

Yes. The Party Chair's responsibility is to support and uphold the governing documents of the Party. I have diligently researched the Constitution and Bylaws of the Party as well as other rules and policies. I am currently a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians, which has helped quite a bit on the Parliamentary procedures that the Party uses.

5. What special skills or experience do you possess that qualifies you for the office that you seek?

Current Party Chair, successful Senate and Precinct Chair in activating grassroots and electing Republicans to office. Work experience, I manage multiple government accounting areas in 4 states. This requires an excellent mix of skills in juggling competing state issues and management goals, while at the same time maintaining strict compliance to complex and difficult government statutes.

Carrie Dickson

Vice Chair

1. In the past two years, what would you consider to have been the top three challenges for the Salt Lake County Republican Party?

- a. Fund Raising.
- b. Candidate Elections.
- c. Building Grassroots Support.

2. In your opinion, what will be the top three concerns facing the party in the next two years?

- a. Now that the groundwork has been solidly begun, growing the Party through grassroots.
- b. Fundraising to support candidates in 2004.
- c. Taking back the 2nd Congressional District seat.

3. Do you believe that you sufficiently understand the make-up and operation of the party's conventions, Central Committee and Executive Committee to do the job you are seeking? Why?

Yes! I planned the 2002 Nominating Convention and dinner, and set up for each Executive Committee and Central Committee meeting. I have helped prepare the notices, and attended and served in each meeting. I have filled in for the Vice Chair numerous times and managed registrations.

4. Do you believe that you sufficiently understand the procedural and governing documents of the party? Why?

As a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians, one of the first things you learn is "know your organizations documents!" As a matter of procedure, I have reviewed these documents prior to nearly every meeting.

5. What special skills or experience do you possess that qualifies you for the office that you seek?

I have excellent organizational and management skills. I am a high energy and infections worker, who knows how to motivate volunteers and work with a diverse make up of people. I already have a broad working relationship with precincts and have first hand experience with the structure of the Party and its inner workings. I have been here for the Party for the past two years, and I will be here to help bring the Party to its full potential in the next term.

Cindy Morgan

Vice Chair

1. In the past two years, what would you consider to have been the top three challenges for the Salt Lake County Republican Party?

- a. Image and voter turnout.
- b. Press.
- c. Distribution of information and education, and goals at the precinct level. We need more support for our elected officials to vote in Republican bills.

2. In your opinion, what will be the top three concerns facing the party in the next two years?

- a. I will unite Republicans and organize together to improve image and turnout. I will get our candidates elected by working at the precinct level to support our candidates.
- b. Image. Our values unite us. We need to work as a team on conventions, caucuses, etc.
- c. Organization of fundraisers and donations. This is not last. Activities are supported by all of us. Money talks.

3. Do you believe that you sufficiently understand the make-up and operation of the party's conventions, Central Committee and Executive Committee to do the job you are seeking? Why?

Yes. I have lifelong experience in politics and civic work, campaigns, Central Committee, Credential Committees, and am a member of Republican clubs. Also, I can work with any candidate for Chair.

4. Do you believe that you sufficiently understand the procedural and governing documents of the party? Why?

Yes. I Understand them & a great deal of my understanding came from my work on the credentials committee last year with parliamentary Process & Roberts rules. We have an organization of Republican Elected Officials supported by a grassroots effort with principles, values, and morals that support clear communication of our objectives to implement ideas from the top to the grassroots in the most fair and organized way.

5. What special skills or experience do you possess that qualifies you for the office that you seek?

Organizing experience with Republicans, also holiday festivals, fireworks shows, golf tournaments, and 5K runs. We united people, from the former Mayor to the current Mayor, and had a great fest. I am very accustomed to civic budgets, fundraisers, and getting donations.

David Stewart

Vice Chair

1. In the past two years, what would you consider to have been the top three challenges for the Salt Lake County Republican Party?

- a. The issue of how to deal with party officials who openly supported a democrat, and were subsequently "purged" from the party.
- b. My second issue stems from the first and is the overall portrayal of the Republican party in the media. We are the 800 pound gorilla and we need to be careful we don't take that for granted. Following the rules and due process in every situation is critical.
- c. I believe there has been too much infighting and posturing in the party. We need to focus our energy and resources to electing good Republicans. Several seats in the legislature were won by less than a couple of hundred votes and retaining what we have gained will not be easy.

2. In your opinion, what will be the top three concerns facing the party in the next two years?

- a. There is a disconnect between the party and a fair amount of elected officials. We need to support our elected officials and be a resource not a hindrance.
- b. With our newly gained majority of elected seats, the Democrats will be making an even greater push to take back Salt Lake County. Therefore, it is critical we are united in purpose (electing good Republicans) even though we may disagree on different issues.
- c. We must have good turnouts for our caucuses because that is where fundraising and strong party leadership will be most impacted. One critical success factor for a good turnout at caucuses is the elected officers of the county need to represent the majority of the party. Otherwise, people will feel disenfranchised and they will not participate.

3. Do you believe that you sufficiently understand the make-up and operation of the party's conventions, Central Committee and Executive Committee to do the job you are seeking? Why?

Yes, I believe that I understand my role as Vice Chair in the conventions, central committee, and executive committee. This understanding has been developed through research, observation, and participation.

4. Do you believe that you sufficiently understand the procedural and governing documents of the party? Why?

Yes, I believe I understand and I am well versed in the Constitution, Bylaws, procedures, platform, etc. I have read them several times, have seen them in action, and have had to defend them.

5. What special skills or experience do you possess that qualifies you for the office that you seek?

I feel that I bring a fresh perspective to county politics, and I do not bring baggage or preconceived ideas of how things need to be done. I am very personable and open minded, which I feel is critical to the position of Vice Chair. I am very organized, and I have in my professional career had to manage and organize large functions and events, which would be comparable to organizing successful caucuses. I have been involved in politics for most of my life, and I believe the knowledge and insight I have gained would be very helpful in this position.

Nancy Lord

Secretary

1. In the past two years, what would you consider to have been the top three challenges for the Salt Lake County Republican Party?

- a. Developing greater integrity within the Party and it's processes through expecting leaders to adhere to properly adopted rules –creating greater openness, accessibility and accountability to the grassroots people.
- b. Grappling with the issues regarding how delegates are selected, and particularly the issue of “automatic” or “appointed” delegates, and
- c. Issues regarding the power to remove delegates or precinct officers from their elected positions (Should it be the Executive Committee, or the Central Committee, that has that power? Should there be specific prohibitions against such things as publicly endorsing a Democrat, or can a delegate or precinct officer be removed based on a general “not fulfilling the purposes of the Party” reason (as in the case of the recent purge of delegates and precinct officers who endorsed Randy Horiuchi)?

2. In your opinion, what will be the top three concerns facing the party in the next two years?

The issues above have not been completely resolved, but the following additional concerns come to mind:

- a. The County Party helping Republican candidates for public office more fully than in the past, not only with money but also with name lists and volunteers. (Some candidates say they received NO help from the County Party during their 2002 general election, and feel they lost their races as a result.)
- b. Making the effort to educate the grassroots Party members better in how to participate in the meetings and processes within the Party, which would empower them to better fulfill their duties.
- c. Unifying the Party by engendering trust, respect and participation from the Officers down to the grassroots. The climate of any organization is created and exemplified by it's leaders.

3. Do you believe that you sufficiently understand the make-up and operation of the party's conventions, Central Committee and Executive Committee to do the job you are seeking? Why?

Yes; I have served on the Central Committee as a Precinct Chair for the past seven (7) years, and before that as a Precinct Vice Chair. I have also served on the Executive Committee for three (3) of the past seven (7) years, first as a Region Chair and later as the County Party Treasurer. I have been either a county or state delegate almost every election cycle for the past 25 years (since I was 18). However, being a good leader includes involving many people with particular experience or talents who can help make these meetings successful. I encourage opening up Officer-appointed committees in the Party to all interested persons (which has not been done during the last two years).

4. Do you believe that you sufficiently understand the procedural and governing documents of the party? Why?

Yes; I have studied them for the past five years whenever procedural questions have arisen. I usually carry a copy of the National, State and County Party rules with me to meetings. Party Officers must have a working knowledge of our governing documents and refer to, respect and uphold them when issues arise. An Officer doesn't need to memorize them, but it is important to be the kind of leader that refers to the rules often, admits when he or she makes a mistake, and rectifies it as quickly as possible.

Also, Officers should be more strict about holding themselves to the rules, but more forgiving of grassroots volunteers who have not been given adequate notice of those rules. I have proposed many improvements to our governing documents, some of which have been adopted, including a Standing Rule (while I served as Rules Committee Chair) that created an open, predictable method for filling State Central Committee vacancies. This method has been in use for almost four years now, and has eliminated guesswork and political wrangling and favoritism in filling these positions.

5. What special skills or experience do you possess that qualifies you for the office that you seek?

I have an intense desire to insure that the Party processes are fair, open and above board; encourage maximum participation; and help the delegates/members to understand what's happening. This is especially important for the Secretary, who carries out the job of keeping records and distributing information. My extensive experience in both the County and State Party leadership is a plus because there won't be any wasted time learning my duties.

Amy Loris

Secretary

1. In the past two years, what would you consider to have been the top three challenges for the Salt Lake County Republican Party?

- a. Organizing the party -- collecting information concerning caucuses, precinct chairs, delegates, and also involving more people in the political process.
- b. Redistricting Salt Lake County -- during a census year was a huge feat to accomplish.
- c. Finances -- making the budget balance and fundraising for elections and party needs.

2. In your opinion, what will be the top three concerns facing the party in the next two years?

- a. Grassroots participation -- distributing information and opportunities for involvement.
- b. Fundraising -- providing money to encourage good Republicans to run for office.
- c. Elections -- victory in 2004!

3. Do you believe that you sufficiently understand the make-up and operation of the party's conventions, Central Committee and Executive Committee to do the job you are seeking? Why?

Yes, as a campaign manager, state delegate, and county delegate, I have been involved at all levels of organization, and understand the purposes of each body or committee.

4. Do you believe that you sufficiently understand the procedural and governing documents of the party? Why?

Yes, I recently passed the National Association of Parliamentarians test competently. (I understand Robert's Rules of Order)

The Constitution and Bylaws come first, and then we rely on the rules of order and standing rules to conduct our meetings effectively and with civility.

5. What special skills or experience do you possess that qualifies you for the office that you seek?

Campaign manager:

- Organized GOTV programs.
- Successfully re-elected Morgan Philpot to legislature.
- Coordinated efforts with Precinct Chairs, Region Chair, and volunteers to distribute literature and information.

State and County Delegate

- Continuing involvement in nominating and electing conservative Republicans to office.
- Clear understanding of party procedures.

Mike Ridgway

Secretary

1. In the past two years, what would you consider to have been the top three challenges for the Salt Lake County Republican Party?

- a. Member Relations: Making all Republicans feel welcome in the party has to be our "number one" priority. We still have a ways to go.
- b. Candidate Relations: We need to make our caucus, convention, and primary processes fairer and more predictable for the candidates and their supporters. Once our nominees have been chosen, we need to do more to support them in their races in the general elections in November.
- c. Media Relations: Ill-advised ballot challenges (in the county clerk's race), multiple "purges," – even criticism of our delegates by elected officials (like Mike Leavitt, Bob Bennett, and Mark Shurtleff, etc.) and by our state chair (Joe Cannon), make us Republicans an easy target in the media. Our party leaders need to do more "bigger picture" thinking in order to try to avoid these kinds of regrettable representations. .

2. In your opinion, what will be the top three concerns facing the party in the next two years?

The challenges I've listed above will, in all likelihood, continue to be "top concerns." The question, then, is "How do we best address these concerns?" I believe that...

- a. By electing party officers who are committed to working with all party members in a spirit of good will, we can do much to re-instill a climate of respect and appreciation for each member's contributions to the party.
- b. By electing party officers who are committed to fair rules and strict compliance to those rules, we can make our processes more fair for candidates and their supporters.
- c. The Republican rank and file have spoken on many issues in recent conventions and central committee meetings – preservation of caucuses and conventions, closed Republican primaries, automatic delegates. But time and again, our collective will has been ignored (or worse) by our county and state party leaders. By electing party officers (and elected officials) who don't automatically presume to know better than the broad mass of grassroots Republicans, we can avoid the kinds of unflattering reports about our party that have appeared in the news in the last two years.

3. Do you believe that you sufficiently understand the make-up and operation of the party's conventions, Central Committee and Executive Committee to do the job you are seeking? Why?

I do. I have years of hands-on experience in these bodies. In fact, I am the only candidate for party office to have served on the party's State Executive Committee (two years), State Central Committee (three years), County Executive Committee (two years, elected Senate Chair) and on the County Central Committee (three years, elected Precinct Chair). I'm also an elected county and state delegate. Furthermore, until a hospital stay two months ago, I had 100% lifetime attendance in each of these bodies.

4. Do you believe that you sufficiently understand the procedural and governing documents of the party? Why?

Yes, I've served on the State Constitution and Bylaws Committee and twice on the County Constitution and Bylaws committee. I also served on the County Convention Credentials Committee. I have an excellent understanding of our state and county Constitution and Bylaws, standing rules, convention rules, and our parliamentary authority, Robert's Rules of Order. I've been successful in getting numerous amendments to the party's state and county constitution and bylaws adopted both in conventions and in central committee meetings. When it comes to ensuring that our rules are fair and that they are adhered to, my record is unsurpassed.

5. What special skills or experience do you possess that qualifies you for the office that you seek?

I have the ability to produce accurate, impartial minutes, to send calls to central committee meetings and conventions in a timely and appropriate manner, to use computerized tools effectively and efficiently, to deploy and maintain web sites, email systems, databases, etc, to implement proper archival systems (no more missing minutes or lost constitutions and bylaws), to make lists and instructional materials needed by caucus hosts and candidates available in a timely and efficient manner, and to be completely fair and impartial in the distribution of the same.

Scott Vranes

Treasurer

1. In the past two years, what would you consider to have been the top three challenges for the Salt Lake County Republican Party?

- a. Organization -- Grassroots motivation and organization.
- b. Finances -- Started 2 years ago pretty tight. Now in good shape.
- c. Election.

2. In your opinion, what will be the top three concerns facing the party in the next two years?

- a. Election -- Utilizing and energizing grassroots organization and structure.
- b. Fund Raising -- Making sure we have real funding and support for candidates.
- c. Candidates -- Getting good, viable candidates, and making them feel the full weight of the party is behind them. (i.e. Randy Horiuchi)

3. Do you believe that you sufficiently understand the make-up and operation of the party's conventions, Central Committee and Executive Committee to do the job you are seeking? Why?

Yes, I'm over the financial side, including the Lincoln Day Dinner. Regarding this, I'm also the current Finance Committee Chair. I feel I understand the financial workings of the party.

4. Do you believe that you sufficiently understand the procedural and governing documents of the party? Why?

Yes, the Constitution governs, with Bylaws on the second position. After that, Standing Rules take precedence, with Robert's Rules in the fourth tier of governing literature.

5. What special skills or experience do you possess that qualifies you for the office that you seek?

I'm a CPA. I also have my own accounting practice, which gives me control over my time. I also understand how to run large fundraising events.