

Grant gives address to the state amid Salt Lake protests!



The Governor gave an empowering and progressive speech, promising to hear the will of the protestors.

Today, following mass protests in Salt Lake City, the Governor of Fremont, Michael D. Grant, released an address to the state by television which was broadcast on all major news channels. In the address, Grant spoke to the protestors and promised to take action to effectively execute their wishes, without the bureaucracy of Lt. Governor Melp's proposals.

This address came from the executive mansion and depicted Grant in his office, in a suit and tie, in front of a United States flag. His tie was striped with red, white, and blue and he wore a U.S. flag pin on his lapel.



Below is a transcript of Governor Grant's address to the state, as recorded by the Office of the Governor.

GRANT: People of Fremont. Good afternoon to you all. I come before you all today from the executive mansion in Salt Lake City, Fremont, to address the recent protests in Utah and the surrounding provinces. These protests have come in response to my repealing of Lieutenant Governor Melp's directive to establish an office to deal with crimes committing by religious institutions in particular. Today, I am here to clear things up.

GRANT: Firstly, let's address the facts. Lieutenant Governor Melp's directive to establish an office to prosecute crimes by religious institutions was a poor solution to the problems that you, the people, face. Melp immediately and without question designated thousands of taxpayer dollars, your dollars, to his new office without first consulting local police forces or federal officials to see how successful his project would be. Had I been in his position, I would have wanted to talk to law enforcement officers, to talk to members of the federal Department of Justice, to talk to regular citizens like yourselves. But Melp didn't. He focused only on how the crimes committed against many of you here could be used to advance his own political career! I heard the words earlier today of a woman who told PBS she was scammed out of 13,000\$ by her LDS ward and that you received no compensation for that afterwards.

The Governor looks saddened and emboldens his vocal tone slightly.

GRANT: Well, to that woman and to all of you, I want to say I feel for you all and I am appalled that people pretending to be disciples of God would take money from a citizen so heinously. But did Lieutenant Governor Melp ever actually promise to give anyone a penny of compensation for crimes committed against them? Did he promise anything to the *victims* of these crimes? No.

The Governor takes a breath and places his hands on his desk, putting on a face of strength and authority.

GRANT: My intention as your Governor is not to waste taxpayer money on creating new levels of bureaucracy! My intention is to help you, the people of this state, in getting justice. That's why I will be

putting together a new bill towards the Assembly, with help from my colleagues and hopefully some input from the Lieutenant Governor, that focuses on giving compensation to the victims of criminal acts, rather than subjecting them to bureaucracy! These are *real* solutions to our problems!

Grant points a finger at the camera and gently slams his hand on the desk as he says his final sentence to assert the value of his point.

GRANT: I'd also like to talk about abortion, something many of the protestors have come out to support, amid rumors that I intend to somehow outlaw or restrict abortion in this state.

Grant leans back slightly in his chair as the subject shifts.

GRANT: I want to make these clear. These accusations are pure rumors that are not based in any sort of political fact. As of currently, abortion is protected by law and, as long as I am your Governor, I will uphold that protection. While I am a man of LDS faith and the LDS Church does not support abortion, I recognize the value of the First Amendment in our society and recognize not everyone has the same faith as me. So I will be maintaining the status quo as best as I can. That is not because I personally support abortion, because I do not personally believe in it, but it is because I recognize that other citizens have different beliefs to mine. And protecting your Constitutional rights is what I do!

Grant puts on a smile and the proud face typical of his political rallies.

GRANT: Since I took office, I have protected your Second Amendment rights with my recent bill and I am protecting your First Amendment rights too! I will uphold the status quo for abortion law in the Republic of Fremont and I will create a new bill to ensure that cases of finance-related crime focus on compensating the victim.

The Governor turns on his swivel chair and looks at the United States flag hanging behind him, before turning back to the camera.

GRANT: That flag behind me stands for a nation in which the right to protest is protected by law and where the government exists to serve the will of the people. Many Governors would have deployed the national guard by now, as we have seen in the past, but I know this is not always the solution. Violent riots do need to be dealt with by the police and the minority who have caused criminal damage will be having a chat with some of our public servants about that, but I know the majority of you came out to protest today to be heard. And as your Governor, I want to hear you. So, I am asking that you all, for the sake of public ease of movement and in respect of the sacred and holy space that is the Salt Lake Temple, please disperse now and I will carry out the promises I have made to you, and I will spend the next few weeks hearing from you, meeting with you, and listening to your will. And I want to end by saying this. Victims, you will be compensated. Women, your rights are safe. God Bless Fremont and God Bless These United States!

"I'm Proud to be an American" plays as the screen fades to black, with the state seal of Fremont in the center.



Some individuals have praised Governor Grant for tackling the protests in such a calm and powerful way. By trying to work towards a common goal, the Governor was able to gain an insight into the thoughts and feelings of the citizens of the state. This leaves leaders across the globe admiring Grant and eager to see how activists will respond.

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