

# Convention Voting must Comply with Utah Republican Party (URP) Bylaws

5. Election of Presidential Electors, National Delegates (both at-large and congressional), and Alternate National Delegates (both at-large and congressional) shall be by single ballot.
6. There will be no absentee or proxy voting.
7. Unopposed candidates shall be declared the party's nominee by the Chair.
8. Voting will be conducted in the convention hall when the chair calls for the vote. It is the prerogative of the chair to open and close balloting at appropriate times.
9. Each opposed candidate for \_\_\_\_\_ shall be permitted to have one poll watcher. This observer may not leave the ballot counting room before the vote tally for that office has been announced to the Convention. The Elections Committee Chairperson is responsible for the ballot counting room and poll watchers. The Elections Chairperson is responsible for any complaints and has the authority to take any concerns to the Convention Chair.

N. **Presidential Electors and National Delegates (Nominating Convention Only).**

1. The Convention shall select \_\_\_\_ at-large Presidential Electors and \_\_\_\_ Presidential Elector per congressional district, for a total of \_\_\_\_ Electors. When filing for the position of Elector, candidates should specify for which type of Presidential Elector position (at-large congressional district) he/she wishes to run.
2. The Convention shall select \_\_\_\_ at-large national delegates including (3) from each congressional district and \_\_\_\_ at-large alternate national delegates including (3) from each congressional district. When filing for the position of national delegate, candidates shall specify for which type of national delegate position

# Paper Ballots: The SCC's Choice

- Besides fully complying with URP Bylaws like no other option, paper ballots was the nearly or possibly unanimous choice of the SCC at our Jan 2023 meeting under Chairman Jorgensen. No contrary vote has passed since then.

The SCC is “**the governing and policy making body**” of the URP. Yet, the SCC was ignored.

# URP & RNC Call for Paper Ballots

- Just like in 2023, the 2024 UTGOP SCC Calls for Paper Ballots at Convention.
- This resolution echoed the RNC Resolution also calling for paper

**WHEREAS**, Election experts agree that the most resilient voting systems use paper ballots, either marked by hand or with an assistive device, and are verified by the voter before any means of tabulation; and

**WHEREAS**, County Clerks in Utah are actively being criminally prosecuted for the destruction of ballots; and

**WHEREAS**, The Republican National Committee has unanimously opposed complicated election schemes like Ranked Choice Voting that is a clear example of the chaos being pushed on our states and territories; and

**WHEREAS**, Registered Republicans throughout Utah are relying on the leadership of the Utah Republican Party to restore public trust in our elections;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, The Utah Republican Party SCC boldly opposes means of voting that do not have the proper safeguards in place and are exclusively electronic and calls on every county and state to use as the default ballot systems, which are fully auditable, namely hand-marked, voter-verified paper ballots to ensure every voter is memorialized by a paper record; and

**RESOLVED**, The Utah Republican Party SCC calls on our Lt Governor to implement anticounterfeit ballot printing, tracing and verification procedures; and

**RESOLVED**, The Utah Republican Party SCC calls our Party Leadership, Conventions Chair, and County parties from all 29 Utah Counties to utilize sequentially numbered paper ballots in our elections; and

**RESOLVED**, The Utah Republican Party SCC calls our Party Leadership, Conventions Chair, and County parties from all 29 Utah Counties to discontinue complicated ranked choice or electronic voting methods; and

**RESOLVED**, The Utah Republican Party SCC supports the rights of counties and cities that are willing and able to competently and efficiently implement voting procedures that do not require the use of machines and those that implement hand counting procedures that are fully auditable; and

# Voter Trust, Rules & the SCC

## **There's 3 main reasons to use paper ballots:**

- Voters trust paper ballots, especially with security measures built in
- Only numbered paper ballots fully comply with our Utah Republican Party (URP) Constitution and Bylaws
- The URP SCC & RNC have both voted for using paper ballots in all elections in 2024

# The Republican National Committee (RNC) has called for hand-counted Paper Ballots

*RESOLVED*, The Republican National Committee boldly opposes means of voting that do not have the proper safeguards in place and are exclusively electronic and calls on every county and state in the nation to use as the default ballot systems, which are fully auditable, namely hand-marked, voter-verified paper ballots to ensure every voter is memorialized by a paper record;

*RESOLVED*, The Republican National Committee calls on secretaries of state of each state to implement anti-counterfeit ballot printing, tracing and verification procedures;

*RESOLVED*, The Republican National Committee formed a special Election Integrity Committee designed to offer ideas, suggestions and reports on election equipment and voting procedures and it will integrate its findings of best practices through the Election Integrity Department and communicating its findings on voting schemes, balloting systems, election equipment, and safeguards to elected officials, candidates, and voters;

*RESOLVED*, The Republican National Committee supports the rights of counties and states that are willing and able to competently and efficiently implement voting procedures that do not require the use of machines and those that implement hand counting procedures that are fully auditable;

*RESOLVED*, The Republican National Committee calls on state legislatures, county, and municipal governments to pass laws and municipal codes and rules that allow for full transparent hand-counting procedures that are planned, timely and fully observable by the public and the registered parties for geographically defined audits and recounts;

*RESOLVED*, The Republican National Committee calls on all Republican officeholders to defend the historic practice of geographically-defined and assigned precinct, ward and localized polling places for means of balloting and tabulating paper ballots by geographic unit;



# Voters Don't Trust Elections

- We need to win the confidence of our customers: GOP Candidates and GOP Voters back.



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## Election Integrity: 54% Say Not Enough Done to Prevent Cheating

Friday, February 23, 2024



A majority of voters still believe cheating is likely to affect this year's election, and don't think government officials have done enough to protect election integrity

The latest Rasmussen Reports national telephone and online survey finds that 52% of Likely U.S. Voters say cheating is likely to affect the outcome of the next presidential election, including 27% who think it's Very Likely. Thirty-seven percent (37%) say election cheating is unlikely to affect the 2024 outcome, including 16% who consider it Not At All Likely. Another 11% are not sure. Concerns are slightly down from last November, when 56% said cheating was likely to affect this year's presidential election. [LINK TO Election Integrity: 56% Say Cheating Likely in 2024](#) (To see survey question wording, [click here.](#))

# The One Method of Balloting Authorized for the URP

Other methods have been used, but only one is fully compliant with the Utah Republican Party Constitution and Bylaws

# Advantages of Paper Ballots

- Paper ballots are trusted. They are well understood and have been used for generations
- The Utah Republican Party (URP) should be the “**Gold Standard**” example to Utah
- Sequentially numbered ballots allow easy detection of duplicate (copied) ballots
- Poll watchers can watch ballots as they are counted, they can challenge in real time
- Paper ballots are available for **recount** and examination
  - Clickers and phone votes don’t allow for such examination or recount
- Fraudulent attempts to vote more than 1 ballot are easily spotted
  - Our bylaws say “**There will be no absentee or proxy voting.**” Bylaw 8.5 M. 6.
  - Our bylaws say “**Voting will be conducted in the convention hall**” Bylaw 8.5 M. 8.
- Voters need no training on how to use paper ballots
- There are no technical problems with paper, no one can hack them or disrupt voting
- Paper ballots protect the secret ballot required by Utah law
- **Eyewitness account of clicker abuse/cheating at the 2022 convention. CD-1 was close and some clickers voted in all 4 CD elections. Clickers were stolen and used.**
- A trained counting team with just an hour’s experience can count 400 ballots in less than 10 minutes and verify the results



# 2024 URP State Convention Candidate Preferences

| 2024 Candidates   |                        | Preference |          |       |   |
|-------------------|------------------------|------------|----------|-------|---|
| Person            | Office                 | Paper      | Clickers | Phone | Comments  |
| Carolyn Phippen   | US Senate              | X          |          |       | Prefers paper for the ability to recount.   |
| Rep. Phil Lyman   | Governor               | X          |          |       | "Paper".  |
| Carson Jorgensen  | Governor               | X          | X        |       | Either paper or clickers. He added he would not have opted for clickers at \$37K, they were \$24K when he used them as Chair.   |
| Sen. Mike Kennedy | US House (CD3)         | X          |          |       | Paper is OK as long as it doesn't take too long to count.   |
| Rep. Mike Schultz | Utah House             | X          | X        | X     | Any choice is fine by him. He noted there's only 58 State delegates in his race.  |
| Chris Herrod      | US House (CD3)         | X          |          |       | "Please pass my preference as paper. For transparency and trust to happen, any election needs to be auditable which I see as the only method is paper. Thanks!"   |
| Sylvia Miera Fisk | Governor               | X          |          |       | "Paper ballots should always be used. It eliminates most problems and assures voters more exact results."   |
| Ron Mortensen     | Utah Senate Dist. 8    | X          |          |       | Paper, multiple elimination per round is important to expedite the vote.  |
| Frank Mylar       | State Attorney General | X          |          |       | "I prefer paper ballots these days and a poll watcher, witness for each candidate. "  |
| Brent Hatch       | US Senate              | X          |          |       | Mr. Hatch desires security with paper ballots to ensure they are not handed off for proxy voting. <i>[Note that traditionally this is why we mark credentials and watch ballot insertion.]</i>  |
| Trent Staggs      | US Senate              | X          |          |       | Supports paper ballots.   |
| Ricky Hatch       | Utah Auditor           |            | X        |       | I'm fine with them using clickers as long as there is a strong and clear audit trail and transparency of the system. I think the clickers might be a little more secure than voting by phone, as long as they have the strong audit trail. <i>[Ricky is the current Weber Co. Clerk/Auditor.]</i> |

# RNC & UT GOP SCC

## Support Election Integrity

*“We have three pillars that we need to focus on at the RNC to ensure victory on November 5, turn out the vote, protect the vote, and raise money,” Ms. Trump said. “But I would argue that maybe the most important of those three is protecting the vote, **election integrity**.”*

### Lara Trump: Protecting the Vote in November Election Is Top RNC Priority

‘We can never allow what happened in 2020 and the questions surrounding that election to ever happen again,’ the RNC’s new co-chair said.

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Lara Trump speaks during the Conservative Political Action Conference at Gaylord National Resort Hotel and Convention Center in National Harbor, Md., on Feb. 22, 2024. (Anna Moneymaker/Getty Images)

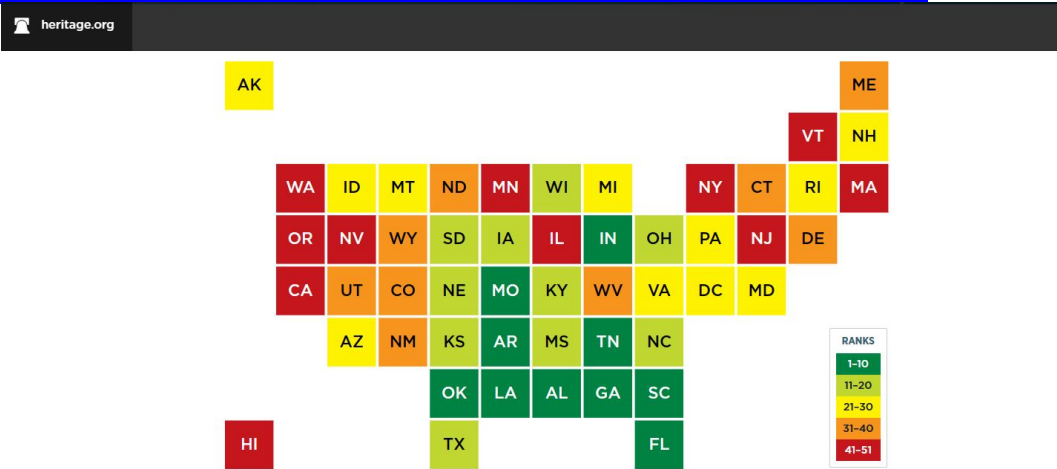
By [Aaron Pan](#)  
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“Protecting the vote” in the upcoming November election is the most critical task for the Republican National Committee (RNC), co-chair Lara Trump said.

# External Ratings

- The Heritage Foundation ranks Utah tied for 32<sup>nd</sup> place on election integrity in 2024. That's up from tied for 37th.
- <https://www.heritage.org/electionscorecard/>



# Ballot Security: Sequentially Numbered with Logo & Colors

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 3001  | <b>Round 1</b><br>Utah Republican Party Organizing Convention<br>April 22, 2023 | <input type="checkbox"/><br><i>Election official<br/>use only</i> |
| <hr/> <i>State Party Secretary (Vote for only one)</i>                            |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | Stafford Palmieri   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | Olivia Dawn   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | Nicholas Compton  |   |
| <hr/> <i>State Party Treasurer (Vote for only one)</i>                            |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | Patrick Russo   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | McKay Newell  |   |
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| 3002  | <b>Round 2</b><br>Utah Republican Party Organizing Convention<br>April 22, 2023 | <input type="checkbox"/><br><i>Election official<br/>use only</i> |
| <hr/> <i>State Party Secretary (Vote for only one)</i>                            |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | Stafford Palmieri   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | Olivia Dawn   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | Nicholas Compton  |   |
| <hr/> <i>(Please have your credential ready when voting)</i>                      |   |   |
|  |   |   |

# Heritage Foundation: Utah 53 of 100 Points—Tied for 32<sup>nd</sup> Place

## State Scorecard: Utah



Select State

The Heritage Foundation's Election Integrity Scorecard: Utah

Utah

SCORE  
**53**

RANK  
**#32**

*We can do better!  
The URP Should be  
the example for the  
State to follow!*

| CATEGORY  | SCORE  |
|---|--------|
| Overall Score   | 53/100 |
| [ + ] Voter ID Implementation   | 6/20   |
| [ + ] Accuracy of Voter Registration Lists  | 24/28  |
| [ + ] Absentee Ballot Management  | 7/21   |
| [ + ] Vote Harvesting/ Trafficking Restrictions                                   | 2/4    |
| [ + ] Access of Election Observers  | 3/3    |
| [ + ] Verification of Citizenship   | 2/4    |
| [ + ] Identification for Voter Assistance   | 0/3    |
| [ + ] Vote Counting Practices   | 2/2    |
| [ + ] Election Litigation Procedures  | 2/3    |
| [ + ] Restriction of Same-day Registration  | 0/3    |
| [ + ] Restriction of Automatic Registration                                       | 0/3    |
| [ + ] Restriction of Private Funding of Election Officials or Government Agencies | 3/3    |
| [ + ] Election Audits   | 2/2    |
| [ + ] Ranked Choice Voting  | 0/1    |

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COMPARE TO ANOTHER STATE

# 2024 Candidates Support Paper Ballots

- US Senate Candidates Trent Staggs & Carolyn Phippen both support recountable paper ballots
- Gubernatorial Candidates Phil Lyman & Sylvia Miera-Fisk prefer numbered paper ballots
- Utah State House District 10 Candidate Ignacio Valdez when asked his preference of paper, clicker or phone replied: *“Paper is king. We can always come back and recount, it’s more transparent. An app can always be manipulated.”*



# Advantages of Paper Ballots (2)

- Printing paper ballots gives no conflict of interest; we aren't renting clickers or selling the state on our phone voting. Others may not be able to say the same.
- 2023 SCC Vote overwhelmingly passed calling for paper ballot use at Convention
  - Per the URP Constitution the SCC is *“the governing and policy-making body of the Party”*.
- 2024 Election Integrity Resolution passed the SCC and it calls for a return to paper ballots
- Virtually all County Republican Party Conventions use paper ballots without complaints. It makes spotting anyone attempting to vote more than one ballot easy
- We don't want people's phones infected or the party disgraced like at caucus (Blair). Maybe someday the tech will be ready and secure, but we aren't there.
- Frustrated voter at caucus: ***“Why do I need a phone to vote”***
- Games Chairs can play with opening/closing balloting (timing), waiting for the right votes. Clickers or phones are not necessarily faster.
- If you examine the URP Constitution and Bylaws you can see they were written with paper ballots in mind, with all voting done in the “Convention Hall” and with poll watchers watching physical ballots being counted. Anything else but paper is a twisting of the GOP rules.


# Example 2: Weber County Convention

## 2023 Example

- **297 Paper Ballots Counted/Tallied/Reported in 10 minutes**
- 8 Counters at 4 tables with 4 observers and ~3 independent poll watchers.
- 4 SCC Candidates
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Round took 9 minutes for the voting, 14 minutes to count. Slower due to time to find a key for one box.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of voting was 7 minutes, 10 minutes to count/tally/report
    - No contested results, no complaints
    - Times documented from contemporaneous texting of start/finish voting and counting times

# Ballot Tally Sheet (Record)

The Counters & Observers agree in real time.

Round: \_\_\_\_\_ **Ballot Tally Sheet** 

Office: \_\_\_\_\_

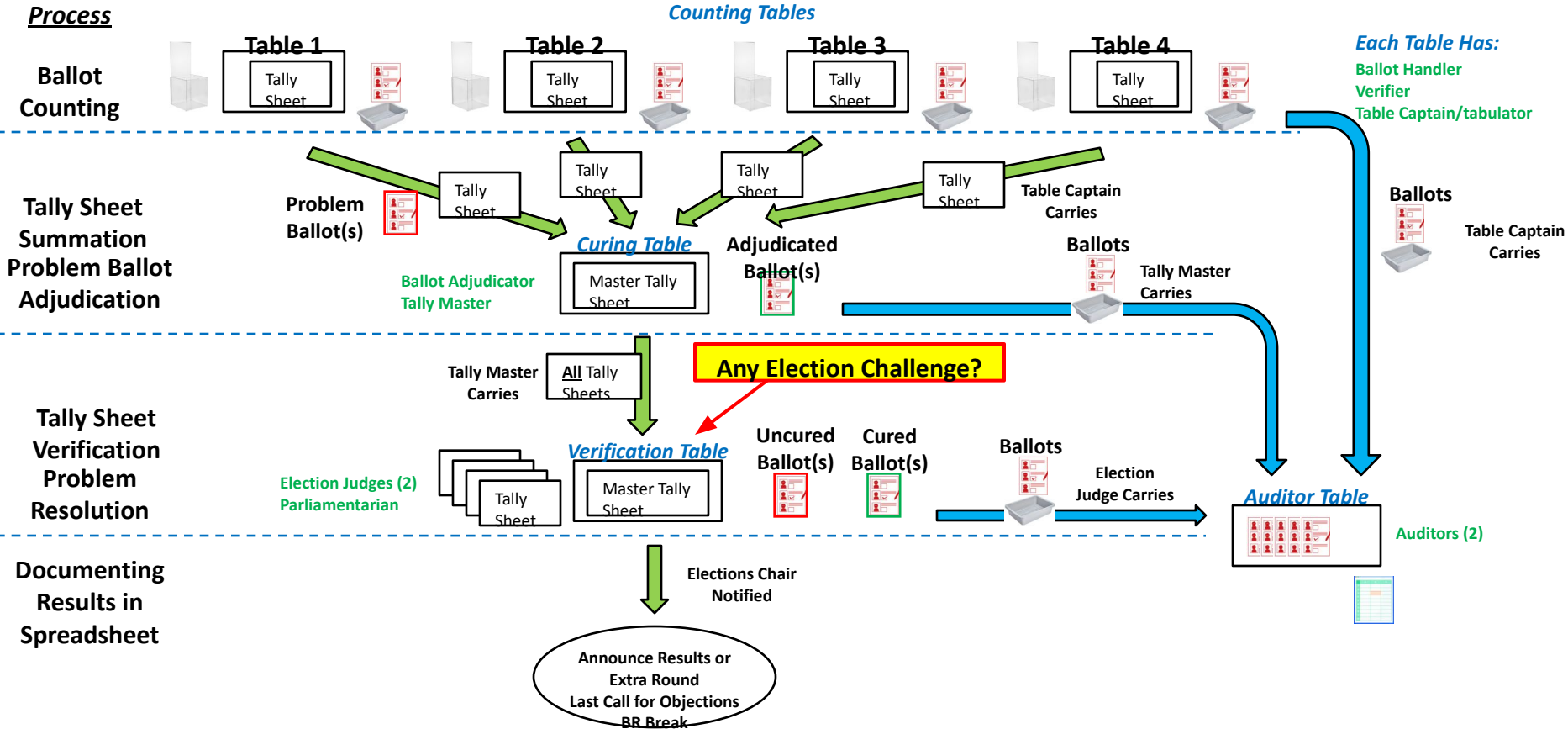
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**WINNER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **OFFICE:** \_\_\_\_\_

All elections require a majority vote to win (more than half the ballots cast). If more than half is not obtained on the first round then additional rounds will be necessary.

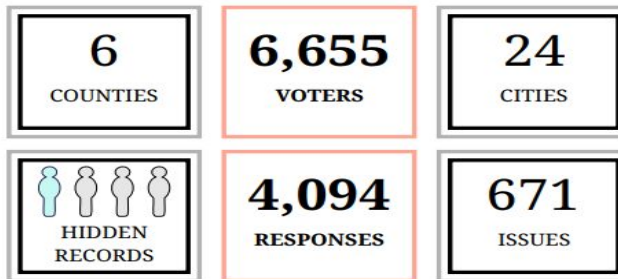
# Ballot Counting at County Convention

Used at Weber 2023. Scale up for State.



# Private Canvass Shows Problems in Utah

## CANVASS SUMMARY



### TOTAL ADDRESSES CANVASSED: 3,211

- 1,731 or 53.9% responses
- 96 or 5.5% of the 1731 received extra ballots
- 26 or 0.8% problematic addresses

### TOTAL VOTERS CANVASSED: 6,655

- 5,592 public records in Utah Voter PSR
- 4,094 or 61.5% responses
- 543 voters\* had 671 issues
- 1,051 or 26% of 4,094 are hidden records<sup>2</sup>

13%  
of responses  
had issue

#### LOST VOTE: 200

*Voted and the Utah Voter PSR has NO vote*

#### METHOD MISMATCH: 68

*Vote method does not match the public Utah Voter PSR. For example, a vote by mail is recorded in person*

#### PHANTOM/GHOST VOTE: 26

*Did NOT vote and Utah Voter PSR has a vote*

#### INELIGIBLE VOTE: 164

*A vote by voter who does not live at address or deceased or otherwise ineligible*

#### ADDRESSES WITH EXTRA BALLOTS: 96

*A registrant who does not live at address or is deceased*

#### INELIGIBLE REGISTRANT: 135

*A registrant does not live at address or deceased or otherwise ineligible*

<sup>1</sup>A "Voter" is an individual of voting age who may have responded to a door knock, or who may be registered to vote, or who may have voted, for which we have data from the canvass.

<sup>2</sup>A hidden record is an individual voter not on our public Utah Voter PSR.

# 2024 State Convention Resolution

## RESOLUTION FOR UTAH TO RETURN TO AN INDEPENDENTLY ELECTED SECRETARY OF STATE

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**WHEREAS**, Dedicated focus on the important matter of secure and accurate public elections is a worthy endeavor and,

**WHEREAS**, the Republican National Committee (RNC) has made election integrity a prime focus in the 2024 elections<sup>1</sup> partly due to problems encountered in the 2020 election cycle and due to GOP voter distrust of election integrity and,

**WHEREAS**, polls show<sup>2</sup> a majority of US voters do not trust that our elections are conducted securely enough to prohibit or satisfactorily punish fraud or cheating in elections<sup>3</sup>. 20% of US voters admit to cheating with mail-in ballots.

**WHEREAS**, Confidence in Utah elections is critical to ensure citizens vote and can have faith and trust in election outcomes and enjoy a State Executive who is appropriately neutral in races and,

**WHEREAS**, An independent, private multi-County Utah canvass<sup>4</sup> showed widespread (13% of those responding) problems with excess ballots, improper voting, lost votes and other errors significant enough to change election outcomes, and,

**WHEREAS**, 47 US States currently employ an independently elected Secretary of State to oversee election matters, as Utah once did. Further, there is a need for increased focus and a call from the RNC and the UTGOP via the 2024 "Excellence In Voting" SCC resolution on election integrity, and,

**WHEREAS**, Sole reliance on County Clerks or the Lieutenant Governor's (LG's) office to call for full hand recounts when indicated has not enhanced candidate or voter trust in election outcomes.<sup>5</sup> Candidates need the ability to independently trigger full hand-recounts even if there is some cost to them,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, The Utah Republican Party calls upon our Legislature to once again adopt our former model of having an independently elected and individually accountable **Secretary of State** to oversee our critical public elections while retaining the LG's office for other duties.

**RESOLVED**, The Utah Republican Party calls upon our legislature to enable *candidates* to independently require a **full hand recount of ballots** when races are within 5% if that candidate will pay towards said recount the reasonable amount the Legislature shall set except if they win the recount there shall be no cost to them.

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.npr.org/2024/03/15/1238765442/rnc-trump-republicans-whatley-lara-election-integrity-voter-fraud-early-voting>

<sup>2</sup>[https://www.rasmussenreports.com/public\\_content/politics/biden\\_administration/election\\_integrity](https://www.rasmussenreports.com/public_content/politics/biden_administration/election_integrity)



# Call to Action--Email

Please, *respectfully*, email your Utah Republican Party Leadership to request numbered paper ballots for Convention:

[dan.burton@gmail.com](mailto:dan.burton@gmail.com) (Elections Chair Dan Burton)

[convention@utgop.org](mailto:convention@utgop.org) (Convention Chair Nikki Brammer)

[chair@utgop.org](mailto:chair@utgop.org) (URP Chair Rob Axson)

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