



**PRESS RELEASE: Midterm Vacancy Notice - Cache County Clerk/Auditor**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**DATE: March 19, 2024**

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The County Council has notified the Cache Republican Party that David Benson, Cache County Clerk/Auditor, has resigned effective March 18, 2023. Therefore, pursuant to Utah Code 20A-1-508, the Cache County Republican Party has scheduled a special election to fill the vacancy. The winning candidate will serve out the remainder of the term.

**The filing period opens Thursday March 21, 2024 at 12:00 PM, and closes Saturday, April 6, 2024 at 5 PM.** The **Special Election** will be held in person on **Saturday, April 13, 2024** at Mount Logan Middle School, 875 N 200 E in Logan. Credentialing will begin at 8:00 AM, the meeting will come to order at 9:00 AM. The public is invited to attend. Members of the Cache County Republican Party Central Committee (including Precinct Officers) and County Delegates vote.

Candidates must meet the Qualifications for Candidate Filing Affidavit per Utah Code 20A-9-201. To file to run, please submit your application to chair@cachegop.com on or before the deadline mentioned above. After filing electronically, mail your signed paper application to Cache GOP, PO Box 43, Logan UT 84323. Visit cachegop.com for more information. Good luck to all candidates!

# DUTIES FOR COUNTY CLERK/AUDITOR

## Clerk Department Duties

The County Clerk's general duties are to conduct Countywide elections, issue marriage licenses, and issue business licenses for the unincorporated county. Prepare and retain all County Council minutes, retain agendas, contracts, resolutions and ordinances for the County.

- Business License (CCC 5.04.080)
- Marriage License (UCA 17-20-1.7)
  - Issue Marriage Licenses
  - Review Marriage License Applications for compliance with current laws
  - Retain Marriage Records for Cache County
- Primary and General Elections (UCA 20A)
- Clerk to Cache County Council (UCA 17-20-1.7)
  - Council Minutes - Prepare and retain all minutes of the Cache County Council
  - Retain Agendas
- County Record Keeper (UCA 17-20-1.7)
  - Records Custody and Management
  - Maintain all Contracts and Agreements, Resolutions, and Ordinances records
  - Receive and retain files of Notices of Legal Action and other official documents for the county

## Auditor Department Duties:

The Auditor's general duties include accounting and auditing services per UCA 17-19a-202. However, in accordance with 17-19a-203, the Cache County executive has designated the budget officer to be the director of finance; therefore, we direct any **accounting** questions to the finance department at 755-1700.

The Auditor is granted **investigative powers** under UCA 17-19a-401, and is authorized by 17-19a-204 to conduct discretionary financial **audits** within any area of county government. Performance audits may be conducted in coordination with the council. The Auditor's office also maintains, archives and disposes of **financial records** per 17-19a-207.

In addition, the Auditor's office provides core **property tax administration** services for Cache County. These functions are required by law and include but are not limited to:

- Board of Equalization - property appeals
- Notifications to taxpayers of property values and proposed tax increases
- Redevelopment tracking and reporting
- Tax charging and balancing
- Tax rate setting with the state and local taxing entities
- Tax Relief
- Tax Sale
- Value reporting to the state



## DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

*(Utah Code reference 20A-9-201)*

STATE OF UTAH, County of CACHE

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Print name of candidate exactly as it is to be printed on Official Ballot)*

declare my intention of becoming a candidate for the office of

\_\_\_\_\_

as a candidate for the REPUBLICAN party. I do solemnly swear, under penalty of perjury,  
that: I will meet the qualifications to hold the office, both legally and constitutionally, if selected;

I reside at \_\_\_\_\_

in the City or Town of \_\_\_\_\_, Utah Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_,

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Voter Registration No. \_\_\_\_\_

Additional information:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Website

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Candidate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



# QUALIFICATION FOR CANDIDATE FILING AFFIDAVIT

(Utah Code reference 20A-9-201)

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the constitutional and statutory requirements as listed below for the office of CACHE COUNTY CLERK/AUDITOR and I meet the qualifications.

## UTAH CANDIDATE FILING QUALIFICATIONS

The candidate shall state whether he/she fulfills the requirements of candidacy. The County GOP Chair may not accept candidates who do not qualify. 20A-9-201(3)

### COUNTY CLERK/AUDITOR

Utah Code 17-16-1; 20A-2-101.5; 20A-9-201; 20A-9-202

- U. S. Citizen at time of filing.
- A registered voter in the county.
- At least a one year resident of the county immediately before the date of the election.
- A registered member of the Republican party.
- If ever been convicted of a felony:
  - All felony convictions have been expunged or
  - Ten years have passed since the most recent felony conviction and
    - All court-ordered fines and penalties have been paid
    - Probation is completed
    - Parole has been granted
    - Term of incarceration is completed
- An individual who holds a county elected office may NOT, at the same time, hold a municipal elected office.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Candidate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Received by \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

# PLEDGE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

*(Utah Code 20A-9-206)*

There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play which every candidate for public office in the State of Utah has a moral obligation to observe and uphold, in order that, after vigorously contested but fairly conducted campaigns, our citizens may exercise their right to a free election, and that the will of the people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues.

## **THEREFORE:**

**I SHALL** conduct my campaign openly and publicly, discussing the issues as I see them, presenting my record and policies with sincerity and frankness, and criticizing, without fear or favor, the record and policies of my opponents that I believe merit criticism.

**I SHALL NOT** use, nor shall I permit the use of, scurrilous attacks on any candidate or the candidate's immediate family. I shall not participate in, nor shall I permit the use of, defamation, libel, or slander against any candidate or the candidate's immediate family. I shall not participate in, nor shall I permit the use of, any other criticism of any candidate or the candidate's immediate family that I do not believe to be truthful, provable, and relevant to my campaign.

**I SHALL NOT** use, nor shall I permit the use of, any practice that tends to corrupt or undermine our American system of free elections, or that hinders or prevents the free expression of the will of the voters, including practices intended to hinder or prevent any eligible person from registering to vote or voting.

**I SHALL NOT** coerce election help or campaign contributions for myself or for any other candidate from my employees or volunteers.

**I SHALL** immediately and publicly repudiate support deriving from any individual or group which resorts, on behalf of my candidacy or in opposition to that of an opponent, to methods in violation of the letter or spirit of this pledge. I shall accept responsibility to take firm action against any subordinate who violates any provision of this pledge or the laws governing elections.

**I SHALL** defend and uphold the right of every qualified American voter to full and equal participation in the electoral process. Utah Code Page 12 I, the undersigned, candidate for election to public office in the State of Utah, hereby voluntarily endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly pledge myself to conduct my campaign in accordance with the above principles and practices.

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*This is a voluntary pledge. Candidates are not required to sign this pledge of fair practices.**

**\*This document is considered a public record and will be retained for public inspection until 30 days following the election.**