

Justice O. Wolcott, CPA

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To whom it may concern:



It is absolutely vital to have a qualified experienced independent auditor who has the highest level of intellectual and emotional integrity. Never settle for anything less with your auditor leadership.

My experience working in industry has reinforced my conviction and reliance on an engaged auditor who can ensure the accuracy of business or government accounting of its stakeholder's funds. My trust in both internal and external auditors is built on integrity, independence, and experience and good auditors have helped me rest assured that the entity's funds were being used appropriately.

I have known Chris Harding for 15 years and have seen the highest level of integrity in his thoughts and actions. I have complete confidence that he will be fully engaged in the county's work and Chris will ensure that the highest level of integrity is used with the taxpayer's funds. I believe this job requires a person to be singularly focused and I trust Chris will truly be an actively engaged leader for Salt Lake County.

I also believe without question that the Salt Lake County Auditor must be qualified for the office with proper education and experience. There are so many complex principles related to auditing that an individual must have at minimal a CPA license. I also don't feel that a CPA license is enough; the individual must have years of real and relevant experience for me to make a recommendation for an auditing leadership position. Chris has the education and experience and I fully recommend Chris Harding for the Salt Lake County Auditor.

Never settle for good enough with an auditor, never settle for someone who will not be independent and is easily influenced. Never settle for someone who is sidetracked with other ventures. Ask for someone who will help the county be fiscally responsible with the sacred nature of taxpayer's funds. Ask for Chris Harding to be the Salt Lake County Auditor.

Thank you,

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