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# BYRON RUSSELL

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Byron founded [Byron Russell LLC](#) in March of 2011, based on his years of experience in academics, national and international politics, journalism, fundraising, finance, economic development, higher education, public relations, philanthropy and social enterprise. Having expanded a wide network in varied interests, [Byron Russell LLC](#) was formed based on a need of facilitating corporations and foundations to connect. ideas. connections. results. has been a template of performance for well over a decade.

Byron was Vice President of Development for over five years for Western Governors University, fundraising and leading the National Advisory Board of Fortune 500 corporate partners to enhance the quality of an educated workforce. Before joining WGU, Byron was the Founding Executive Director of the Salt Lake Cultural District Development. Byron created this initiative to create state-of-the art facilities in downtown Salt Lake City with a mission to project a greater quality life through increased economic development. Formerly a Private Banking Vice President at Zions Bank, Byron was provided on loan to the Salt Lake Chamber for two years. In 1994 he worked in Development at the Utah Symphony for six years. Prior to making Utah home, he was a writer at the Washington Post Style Section and a political reporter for the Washington Times covering the U.S. Congress and the Executive Branch. His experience in politics began in South Africa, the British House of Commons, including his assignment in leading the Namibia independence campaign from former South West Africa.

Byron is a graduate of the University of Maryland, College Park in Government Politics, Journalism and French. He was born in Washington, DC, and now regards Utah as home, where he serves as co-chair of the Utah Multicultural Commission, and serves on the boards of the Utah Film Center, PBS Utah, Salt Lake Education Foundation, Encircle, Christian Center of Park City Board and National Advisory Board, Westminster College Emeritus, Welcoming Americans, Utah Census 2020, and Utah Governor's Mansion Foundation.



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