

1. Redistricting & Representation

What principles should guide redistricting in Utah? How do you balance fairness, transparency, and community representation?

I don't think redrawing electoral districts based on partisan interests was ever a good idea and I am glad that a fair map will be drawn with Prop 4 being passed as law again. I think the partisan system has its place in politics but not in maps for districts. I believe the principles that need to guide redistricting are honesty, professionalism and integrity. The same qualities I have been striving to uphold throughout my career.

2. Housing Affordability

What specific policies would you support to make housing more affordable in Davis County while still protecting community character?

I have children that are all the age to be buying their first home or condo / townhome as homes are very expensive. I support first home buyer programs. It could be a better interest rate or grants for down payments. As Sheriff I will do my best to keep the community safe and connected with my Office. I don't know that crushing crime is going to make the homes more affordable but it does make Davis County a place where we want to live with our kids and grandchildren etc.

3. Citizen Initiatives

What role do you believe citizen-led ballot initiatives should play in Utah? When, if ever, should the legislature modify or override them?

I like the idea of citizens having a voice and a way to make changes by submitting ballot initiatives. I believe that the process can be used for good and sometimes the process can be used by special interest groups as well. I don't think this is a good enough reason to get rid of ballot initiatives the same way I don't think we should get rid of all political offices because some politicians use their office inappropriately. I think that if the people have decided there needs to be a ballot initiative, its probably because the law makers have not addressed the problem or caused the problem. So I don't think they should be able to override citizen-led ballot initiatives.

4. Elections & Trust

How would you strengthen public confidence in Utah's elections? What are your views on vote-by-mail and election security?

In my position as Chief Deputy for Davis County Sheriff's Office, I have been able to work with our County Clerk for the past seven years and we have collaborated on security for

elections. I feel that the elections are being handled well but I feel that the perception not be that. We can do a better job of sharing the things the Clerk and his staff are doing with the public.

5. Governing Approach

When you disagree with others in your party, how do you approach those situations? Can you give an example of working through differences to reach a solution?

I am sure there will be differences of opinion in the party. There are four candidates running for Sheriff and there are at least that many different groups supporting each one. One group is very determined to get their candidate elected to the point of talking bad about me and other candidates and using negative campaigning tactics. My example is that I have been professional and honest with that group. Throughout the campaign I have not made negative remarks about any of the candidates or even that group. I have tried to work well with all members of the party and volunteered to help with party events. I feel that some people don't like me even before they meet me because of the negative things some are saying. I have been trying my best to open and professional, treating everyone with kindness regardless of how they feel about me or my campaign.

6. Role of Delegates vs. Voters

How do you view the balance between the convention system and the signature path in determining candidates?

I decided to try both paths attending caucus and gathering signatures. I attended caucus and was nominated by the small group in my district to be the precinct chair. I was also nominated as a backup county delegate, and one of our three county delegates had a death in the family come up this week. So now I am also a county delegate. I couldn't get sufficient signatures and so the convention is my only way to get on the ballot.

I like the caucus system but I was very disappointed in the turnout at caucus. I feel the Republican Party needs to find new ways to get people involved in caucus and the party. I also feel that part of the problem is the party and one loud group in the party are so against signature gathering that there is a huge divide in the party. If signature gathering is allowed by the current voter laws in Utah, then it should be viewed as allowable and not made into the spectacle that it currently is. If enough people feel strongly about changing the law to discontinue the option of signature gathering, then that is what needs to be done. Submitting requests to the party leadership to strip party members of their membership due to signature gathering is absurd as long as it is allowable under state and or federal law. Or stating that signature gatherers should not be permitted to speak at convention.

7. Immigration & Local Impact

What are your views on immigration enforcement, and how do you think recent federal enforcement approaches have impacted local communities like ours?

My view is that we need immigration enforcement to protect our borders and to assist in the processing and deportation processes of undocumented immigrants that come into our county illegally and then commit crimes, have gang involvement, drug organizations, sex trade etc. These individuals have no business remaining in our cities, county, state or country. Recent ICE enforcement on a national level has had a negative impact on our county residents.

The Sheriff and I met with ICE within the last year and declined their offer to participate in 287g agreements. I don't think the Sheriff's Office should be enforcing federal immigration laws. For many years, our Office has been assisting ICE when illegal aliens are booked into the jail for criminal charges. Before they complete their time for the charges, we work with ICE to put a detainer on the person. ICE then has a few days to pick up and transport the person. We reserve 10 beds in the jail for ICE detainees that are awaiting transport.

If elected as Sheriff, I will continue to work with ICE as we have been in the jail. I will not enter into 287g agreements. There are many reasons for this:

- I believe there needs to be a line or division between federal ICE agents and local deputies. I don't want deputies to have two chains of command, one with our office and one with the Federal govt. I also don't want ICE deploying County resources (deputies).
- We are understaffed and it doesn't make sense to send our deputies to work with ICE to help them do their job when we are using overtime for staffing.
- I believe there is a chilling effect that happens with our residents when local deputies or officers get trained as ICE agents. The citizens and residents stop trusting local law enforcement, and some won't call 911 because they are afraid we will bring ICE or that we are ICE.

8. January 6 & Rule of Law

How do you view the events of January 6 and the legal responses that followed? What principles should guide accountability and the use of pardons in situations like this?

I am against the mob mentality that prevailed on January 6 at our nation's capital. I think it was a huge waste of resources to have the people that were prosecuted and found guilty end up pardoned by the person that could have had a large affect and influence in stopping

the madness and the march and subsequent mob that marched on and into the US Capitol building. If the President would have handled things differently leading up to January 9th, I believe there would not have been a takeover that day. We need our elected officials to be above reproach and stand up as professionals. It's a high standard but one we must uphold.

What are your top three priorities if elected, and what specific steps would you take in your first year to move them forward?

My top three priorities if elected will be managing the budget, providing safety for our community including schools and neighborhoods and increasing and improving our daily interactions with the residents of Davis County.

For the last seven years, I have been in charge of the budget for each of the three bureaus in the Sheriff's Office: Law Enforcement, Administration and Corrections. We have remained with our budget and many times turned money back in at the end of each year. My plan if elected is to continue to stay within the budget, finding ways to cut unnecessary expenses and looking for ways to rotate necessary equipment purchases and contracts over time so we can budget accordingly.

I plan on increasing the training we give to our employees and the community on active shooter scenarios to help keep our schools as safe as we can. We are currently training the school resource officers and school guardians. I would like to create an even more robust school safety program based on experiences I have had with active shooter officer involved critical incidents.

Lastly, I want to help our deputies to get out of the cars when possible and walk through parks and ride bikes through neighborhoods so they can get to know our residents in Davis County. I don't want the only time people have contact with deputies to be when we are giving them a citation or a warning for a traffic violation or calling 911 for help. I would like see deputies throwing a ball with kids in the park or talking to people that out in their front yard gardening etc. Visiting and getting to know each other but we need staffing up to be able to do this.

Staffing is a current concern. My current priority is to get our Office up to full staffing. We have made great strides with recruiting and retention over the past seven years. We have already started hiring and training larger groups of deputies to address this concern. We also have several employees that are taking advantage of the retirement incentive offered recently by the County to save money. This will cause us to lose some employees to retirement, and we are actively hiring to try to keep staffing from dipping too much.