

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to you today to express my profound concern regarding the decision to engage Gordon Bowen to lead the creative team for the Salt Lake Temple Open House. While I recognize Mr. Bowen's professional reputation in advertising and his past contributions to high-profile projects, public reports and allegations surrounding his personal conduct raise serious questions about the wisdom of this appointment. I respectfully request that Church leadership reconsider this decision and provide greater transparency to members on the vetting process. Here are five specific concerns that weigh heavily on my heart:

1. **Protection of the Church's Moral Authority and Reputation:** The Salt Lake Temple Open House is a sacred opportunity to invite the world to experience the holiness of the Lord's house. Placing someone with well-publicized allegations of serious sexual misconduct in a prominent leadership role risks undermining the Church's moral witness and could cause unnecessary distraction or stumbling blocks for investigators and members alike.
2. **Safety and Trust for Vulnerable Members and Visitors:** Allegations involving sexual predation, particularly those referencing minors or vulnerable individuals in court documents and public accounts, create legitimate safety concerns. Families who bring children to the Open House or participate in related activities deserve assurance that every leader and key contributor has been thoroughly vetted with child protection standards in mind.
3. **Consistency with Church Policies on Worthiness and Leadership:** The Church has emphasized the importance of moral cleanliness, repentance, and worthiness for those who serve in visible capacities. Mr. Bowen was reportedly excommunicated in the early 2000s, and questions remain about the resolution of those matters and any subsequent allegations. Elevating him to this role appears inconsistent with the high standards applied to local leaders and general authorities.
4. **Potential for Further Harm to Victims of Abuse:** The Church has worked diligently in recent years to address abuse and improve reporting and response systems. Hiring an individual at the center of multiple credible-sounding allegations of sexual abuse has retraumatized survivors within and outside the Church, sending a message that professional expertise outweighs accountability and compassion for the wounded.
5. **Stewardship of Sacred Resources and Member Donations:** Tithes and offerings fund temple projects and associated public initiatives. Many members may feel uneasy knowing that funds contributed in faith are being directed toward an individual whose background has generated significant public controversy, even if the work itself is professional. This decision has already sparked discussion and division in online communities and among local members, which could have been avoided through more cautious selection.

It is a well-established fact that Gordon Bowen called male escort services over 1,500 times, allegedly sexually abused six individuals, was deemed a threat to the safety of children by nine separate professionals, and has written in his journal about God teaching him the secret

combinations, words, signs, oaths, and songs, and how ritual abuse is different in its power and potency than normal abuse. Clearly employing such a man threatens both the image and assets of the church. I would ask that church leadership consider acting more prudently moving forward, and ask you specifically to contact The Office of The First Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to share with them the fact that those under your stewardship are expressing their concerns.

Sincerely,

p.s. - If you feel you need more information, including access to all court documents related to the allegations against Gordon Bowen, please feel free to visit <https://gordonbowencourtdocuments.com>