

**PRECINCT SLC028**

**Dear Salt Lake County GOP member of Precinct SLC028,**

As you are likely aware, voter turnout for the November 2022 midterm in north and west county was extremely disappointing, and exceptionally good conservative candidates our county party promoted did not win their races. Considering that Democrats have held some key county positions for decades, this is a formidable hurdle that we face.

While south county has relatively strong Republican activity, we have a problem in our area. A number of us are thinking about how to improve GOP outreach in our north county communities. I am very interested hearing about what you want to see from your party in your community and I would like to hear your ideas – for example, events and activities for young people, women, etc. Please don't be shy or embarrassed about reaching back out to me and conveying your thoughts.

It may be a surprise to learn that even our most dedicated party leaders experience a love/hate relationship with the party. We've all been there. Most of us don't think about politics except at the deadline to turn in a ballot. We are consumed by things like the price of gas and groceries (for good reasons!), without considering how we got into our current difficulties. For better or for worse, politicians impact our quality of life. Political leaders require our scrutiny and candidates require vetting. Good political leaders strive for transparency and don't hide their work or their principles.

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Our biennial county organizing convention was held on March 11. Our former county delegate had to resign since she could not attend. Our Vice-Chair, Bruce Hamilton, will serve as county delegate through our precinct caucus in 2024. Bruce attended. Chris Null will continue to serve as the county party chair.

60 party Central Committee members were also elected. The state Central Committee is the governing body of the state party and is comprised of members from all 29 Utah counties. Good candidates have won seats, running on issues such as transparency in government, and putting the needs of Americans / Utahns first.

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I am a state delegate and attended the biennial state organizing convention, held on April 22. Robert Axson, who worked in Senator Mike Lee's office for many years, is our new state party chair. Governor Ron DeSantis of Florida gave the keynote address. If you'd like to watch his address, put this URL in your Internet browser:

<https://tinyurl.com/RonDesantisUtahConvention>

A major issue impacting the party is Senate Bill 54, passed in 2014. This legislation gave candidates registered as Republicans a way to get around nominating convention scrutiny by gathering signatures so they could appear as a Republican on the primary election ballot.

Normally, a candidate must get 60% vote at the nominating convention to win the primary nomination. SB54 worked around that rule.

This has been a disaster, badly impacting the effectiveness of our convention system. We have not been able to stir Capitol Hill into repealing this legislation.

At the state organizing convention, we passed a resolution to push again to repeal it. It is critical to get this done before 2024 elections.

You can learn more about the history of this disastrous legislation at:

<https://overturn54.org>

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2024 is going to be huge. We will be voting for President, Governor and Lieutenant Governor, one U.S Senator, and a state Attorney General, among other people. We will probably have our caucus next March, at which time we elect precinct party officers. To pique your curiosity and motivate you to attend, we are considering hosting a mini-brunch for you to get you acquainted with caucus night, party structure, and our governing documents. The brunch would occur on a Saturday morning or Sunday afternoon before the caucus. **Please keep late February and early March weekends in mind for next year if you are interested in attending. Stay tuned.**

*Yours in peace, liberty and freedom,*

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