2026 DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY
UTAH STATE LEGISLATURE - PARTISAN

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PRINT YOUR NAME EXACTLY AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT

ⓘ If a candidate's name, as listed below, does not consist **only of their legal first and legal last names**, they may be required to submit signed affidavits per Utah Code § 20A-6-109.

Taylor J	Paden
FIRST, MIDDLE, and/or **NICKNAME(S)** in desired order	**LEGAL LAST NAME**

ⓘ Candidates may provide their address, phone number, and email address on a **confidential contact form.**

State Senate - District 13	Democrat	taylor.j.paden@gmail.com
OFFICE and **DISTRICT**	**POLITICAL PARTY** you are a member of	**EMAIL ADDRESS**

		UT		(801) 450-4065
RESIDENTIAL or **MAILING ADDRESS**	**CITY**	**STATE**	**ZIP CODE**	**PHONE NUMBER**

HOW ARE YOU SEEKING NOMINATION? (select one)
- ☐ **Only** the convention process.
- ☐ **Only** the signature-gathering process.
- ☑ Both the convention and signature-gathering processes.

HOW WILL YOU GATHER SIGNATURES? (if applicable)
- ☐ **Only** the manual process.
- ☐ **Only** the electronic process.
- ☑ Both the manual and electronic processes.

PLEASE CHECK THE FOLLOWING BOX IF IT APPLIES TO YOU

☐ I currently hold the office for which I am seeking reelection, I have previously filed a conflict of interest disclosure in accordance with Utah Code § 20A-11-1603, and that conflict of interest disclosure is updated and accurate as of today's date.

Stop! The following section must be completed in the presence of the filing officer or notary public.

State of Utah,
County of Salt Lake } ss.

I, the candidate listed above, declare my candidacy for the office listed above, seeking the nomination of the political party of which I am a member. I do solemnly swear, under penalty of perjury, that:

- I will meet the qualifications to hold the office, both legally and constitutionally, if selected;
- I will not knowingly violate any law governing campaigns and elections;
- If filing via a designated agent, I will be out of the state of Utah during the entire candidate filing period;
- I will file all campaign financial disclosure reports as required by law; and
- I understand that failure to do so will result in my disqualification as a candidate for this office and removal of my name from the ballot.

The address that I designate for receiving official election notices is the address listed above or on the confidential contact form.

Taylor J. Paden
SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE (must be signed in the presence of the filing officer or notary public)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1/2/2026. Kenna Stringam
MONTH/DAY/YEAR **PRINTED NAME OF FILING OFFICER** or Notary Public

K. Stringam
SIGNATURE OF FILING OFFICER or Notary Public

DEIDRE M. HENDERSON ★ STATE OF UTAH ★ LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
(Seal)

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QUALIFICATIONS FOR UTAH STATE LEGISLATURE

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Per Utah Code § 20A-9-201, 201.5, and 202, before the filing officer accepts any declaration of candidacy, the filing officer shall read to the candidate the constitutional and statutory requirements for candidacy, and the candidate shall state whether he/she fulfills the requirements. If the candidate indicates that he/she does not qualify, the filing officer may not accept his/her declaration of candidacy.

UTAH SENATOR AND REPRESENTATIVE
Utah Constitution Article VI, Sections 5 and 6

- U.S. Citizen
- At least 25 years old at the time of the election
- Three-year consecutive resident of Utah at the filing deadline
- Six-month consecutive resident of the district from which elected at the filing deadline
- Qualified voter in the district from where the person is chosen*
- Not convicted of certain crimes**
- Pay filing fee of **$83.86** (Representative) or **$117.73** (Senator)

No person holding any public office of profit or trust under authority of the United States, or of this State, shall be a member of the Legislature: provided that appointments in the State Militia, and the offices of notary public, justice of the peace, United States commissioner, and postmaster of the fourth class, shall not, within the meaning of this section, be considered offices of profit or trust.

*A qualified voter (1) is a citizen of the United States; (2) is a resident of Utah; (3) will, on the date of that election: be at least 18 years old and have been a resident of Utah for 30 days immediately before that election; (4) and has registered to vote.

**An individual convicted of certain crimes loses the right to hold office until convictions have been expunged OR the individual meets all of the following requirements: (1) 10 years have passed since the individual's most recent felony conviction, (2) The individual paid all court-ordered restitution and fines; (3) the individual completed probation, granted parole, or completed the term of incarceration associated with the felony; and (4) an individual convicted of an election related misdemeanor has restored their rights to hold office according to Utah Code § 20A-2-101.3.

PLEASE INITIAL THE FOLLOWING

TJP The filing officer read the constitutional and statutory qualifications listed above to me, and I meet those qualifications.

TJP I agree to file all required campaign financial disclosure reports, and I understand that failure to do so may result in my disqualification as a candidate for this office, removal of my name from the ballot, possible fines, and criminal penalties.

TJP I received a copy of the pledge of fair campaign practices, and I understand that signing this pledge is voluntary.

TJP I received a copy of Utah Code § 20A-7-801 regarding the Statewide Electronic Voter Information Website Program and its applicable deadline.

TJP I provided an actively monitored email address to the filing officer. I understand this email address will be used for official communications and updates from election officials and is not a record under Utah Code § 63G-2.

TJP I submitted signed affidavits, as required, to have my name appear on the ballot as specified on this declaration of candidacy.

TJP I understand any information entered on this form is a public record under Utah Code § 63G-2 and will be made available to the public. I understand a confidential contact information form is available.

TJP I understand **that I may not make any amendments or modifications to my candidate filing** after 5:00 p.m. on the final day of the filing period.

Taylor J. Paden — 1.2.26
SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE — **DATE**

M. Stringam — 01/02/2026
SIGNATURE OF FILING OFFICER or Notary Public — **DATE**

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PLEDGE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

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This is a **voluntary** pledge. Candidates are not required to sign this pledge to file a declaration of candidacy.

There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play which every candidate for public office in the State of Utah has a moral obligation to observe and uphold, in order that, after vigorously contested but fairly conducted campaigns, our citizens may exercise their right to a free election, and that the will of the people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues.

THEREFORE:

I SHALL conduct my campaign openly and publicly, discussing the issues as I see them, presenting my record and policies with sincerity and frankness, and criticizing, without fear or favor, the record and policies of my opponents that I believe merit criticism.

I SHALL NOT use, nor shall I permit the use of, scurrilous attacks on any candidate or the candidate's immediate family. I shall not participate in, nor shall I permit the use of, defamation, libel, or slander against any candidate or the candidate's immediate family. I shall not participate in, nor shall I permit the use of, any other criticism of any candidate or the candidate's immediate family that I do not believe to be truthful, provable, and relevant to my campaign.

I SHALL NOT use, nor shall I permit the use of, any practice that tends to corrupt or undermine our American system of free elections, or that hinders or prevents the free expression of the will of the voters, including practices intended to hinder or prevent any eligible person from registering to vote or voting.

I SHALL NOT coerce election help or campaign contributions for myself or for any other candidate from my employees or volunteers.

I SHALL immediately and publicly repudiate support deriving from any individual or group which resorts, on behalf of my candidacy or in opposition to that of an opponent, to methods in violation of the letter or spirit of this pledge. I shall accept responsibility to take firm action against any subordinate who violates any provision of this pledge or the laws governing elections.

I SHALL defend and uphold the right of every qualified American voter to full and equal participation in the electoral process.

I, the undersigned candidate for election to public office in the State of Utah, hereby voluntarily endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly pledge myself to conduct my campaign in accordance with the above principles and practices.

Taylor J. Paden
NAME OF CANDIDATE

State Senate - District 13
OFFICE and **DISTRICT**

Taylor J. Paden
SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE

1/2/2026
DATE