



Declaration of Candidacy

Note: This is a Public Form and may be displayed on a publicly available website.

Office	State Senate District 7		
Political Party	Democratic Party		
Legal First Name	Garret	Legal Last Name	Rushforth
Name as appears on Ballot	Garret Rushforth		
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Website			
Residence Address	Mailing Address		

I am seeking the nomination using: The convention process described in Utah Code 20A-9-407.

Status of Conflict of Interest Disclosure (only for State Legislature and State Board of Education): I do not currently hold the office for which I am seeking election, but have filed a conflict of interest disclosure in accordance with Utah Code 20A-11-1603, and the conflict of interest disclosure is current as of the date I am filing this document.

Please read and initial:

[Signature] The filing officer read the constitutional and statutory qualifications listed below to me, and I meet those qualifications.

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

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

[Signature] I have provided a valid email and I understand this will be used for official communications and updates from election officials including Financial Disclosure Notices. If no email is available I have provided a valid physical address.

[Signature] I understand my name will appear on the ballot as it is printed on this declaration of candidacy, and that I may not make any amendments or modifications after 5:00 P.M on the final date of the applicable declaration of candidacy. I also acknowledge this form is a public document and may be displayed publicly.

[Signature] I have received a copy of Section 20A-7-801 regarding the Statewide Electronic Voter Information Website Program and its applicable deadlines.

Qualifications

An individual convicted of an election related misdemeanor has restored their rights to hold office according to Utah Code 20A-2-101.3.

* 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; and (3) the individual completed probation, granted parole, or completed the term of incarceration associated with the felony.

Utah Senator and Representative

Utah Constitution Article VI, Section 5 and 6; Utah Code 20A-9-201

- U.S. Citizen
- 25 years old when the oath of office is taken
- A registered voter in the district from which the person is chosen
- 3 consecutive year resident of Utah immediately prior to the last day of the filing period
- 6 consecutive month resident of the senate or representative district immediately prior to the last day of the filing period
- 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.
- Unless unaffiliated, the candidate must be a member of a registered political party
- If ever been convicted of a felony:
 - All felony convictions have been expunged or
 - Ten years have passed since the most recent felony conviction and
 - All court-ordered fines and penalties have been paid
 - Probation is completed
 - Parole has been granted
 - Term of incarceration is completed

State Board of Education

Utah Code 20A-2-101.5; 20A-9-201; 20A-9-202; 20A-14-103

- U. S. Citizen at time of filing.
- Resident in the school representative district from which elected at least one year immediately preceding the date of the election.
- Registered voter of the school representative district.
- Maintain primary residence within district for term of office.
- Unless Unaffiliated, be a member of a registered political party.
- May not be an employee of the State Board of Education during term of office.
- An individual who has been convicted of a grievous sexual offense, as defined in Section 76-1-101.5, against a child, may not hold the office of State Board of Education member or local school board member.
- If ever been convicted of a felony:
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General Qualifications for all County Offices

Utah Code 17-66-201; 17-70-304; 20A-2-101.5; 20A-9-201; 20A-9-202

Additional Utah Code for Commissioner - 17-64-201

- U. S. Citizen at time of filing.
- A registered voter in the county.
- At least a one-year resident of the county immediately before the date of the election.
- Unless unaffiliated, be a member of a registered political party.
- If ever been convicted of a felony:
 - All felony convictions have been expunged or
 - Ten years have passed since the most recent felony conviction and
 - All court-ordered fines and penalties have been paid
 - Probation is completed
 - Parole has been granted
 - Term of incarceration is completed

Additional requirements:

- Must provide a conflict of interest disclosure statement upon filing if not already provided in the same year of filing.

County Assessor

Utah Code 17-66-201; 17-67-201; 17-70-304; 20A-2-101.5; 20A-9-201; 20A-9-202

- U. S. Citizen at time of filing.
- A registered voter in the county.
- At least a one-year resident of the county immediately before the date of the election.
- Shall be a state-licensed or state-certified appraiser prior to filing for office
- Unless unaffiliated, be a member of a registered political party.
- If ever been convicted of a felony:
 - All felony convictions have been expunged or
 - Ten years have passed since the most recent felony conviction and
 - All court-ordered fines and penalties have been paid
 - Probation is completed
 - Parole has been granted
 - Term of incarceration is completed

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County Attorney

Utah Code 17-66-201; 17-68-202; 17-70-304; 20A-2-101.5; 20A-9-201; 20A-9-202

- U. S. Citizen at time of filing.
- An attorney licensed to practice law in Utah who is an active member in good standing of the Utah State Bar.
- A registered voter in the county.
- At least a one-year resident of the county immediately before the date of the election.
- If there is no qualified attorney residing in the county, or a qualified attorney does not file, the county commission will fill the office by appointment.
- Unless unaffiliated, be a member of a registered political party.
- If ever been convicted of a felony:
 - All felony convictions have been expunged or
 - Ten years have passed since the most recent felony conviction and
 - All court-ordered fines and penalties have been paid
 - Probation is completed
 - Parole has been granted
 - Term of incarceration is completed

Additional requirements:

- Must provide a conflict of interest disclosure statement upon filing if not already provided in the same year of filing.
- Must provide at the time filing: the individual's license number with the Utah State Bar or any other state bar association if the individual is a member
- Must provide a letter from the Utah Supreme Court, affirming that the individual is an attorney in good standing; proof of the individual's application with the Utah State Bar, with an affidavit describing the status of the individual's application; or an affidavit describing how the individual intends to comply with the requirements of 20A-9-201(3)(b)(i).

County Clerk

Utah Code 17-66-201; 17-70-201; 17-70-304; 20A-1-107; 20A-2-101.5; 20A-9-201; 20A-9-202

- U. S. Citizen at time of filing.
- A registered voter in the county.
- At least a one-year resident of the county immediately before the date of the election.
- Unless unaffiliated, be a member of a registered political party.
- Shall begin State Elections Training within one year of being elected and complete training within 4 years after beginning training.
- If ever been convicted of a felony:
 - All felony convictions have been expunged or
 - Ten years have passed since the most recent felony conviction and
 - All court-ordered fines and penalties have been paid
 - Probation is completed
 - Parole has been granted
 - Term of incarceration is completed

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County Sheriff

Utah Code 17-66-201; 17-72-201; 17-70-304; 20A-2-101.5; 20A-9-201; 20A-9-202; 53-6-205; 53-13-103;

- U. S. Citizen at time of filing.
- A registered voter in the county.
- At least a one-year resident of the county immediately before the date of the election.
- Provides at the time of filing to the County Clerk a certificate issued by the Peace Officer Standards and Training Division created under Utah Code 53-6-103 stating that the candidate has:
 - Successfully met the standards and training requirements established for peace officers under Title 53, Chapter 6, Part 2, Peace Officer Training and Certification Act; or
 - Met the waiver requirements in Section 53-6-206; and
 - Met the qualifications to be certified as a law enforcement officer, as defined in section 53-13-103.
- Before taking office be qualified to be certified as a correctional officer as defined in Utah Code 53-13-104, or a correctional facility manager by having successfully completed a correctional facility management course that is offered by a certified academy in both an online web-based format and in a classroom format and that is approved by the Peace Officer Standards and Training council created in Utah Code 53-6-106.
- Complete annual certification training as required.
- Remain certified during term of office.
- Unless unaffiliated, be a member of a registered political party.
- If ever been convicted of a felony:
 - All felony convictions have been expunged or
 - Ten years have passed since the most recent felony conviction and
 - All court-ordered fines and penalties have been paid
 - Probation is completed
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 - Term of incarceration is completed

County Surveyor

Utah Code 17-88-201; 17-73-201; 17-73-201; 20A-2-101.5; 20A-9-201; 20A-9-202

- U. S. Citizen at time of filing.
- A registered voter in the county.
- At least a one-year resident of the county immediately before the date of the election.
- Any person elected exclusively as the county surveyor shall be a registered professional land surveyor in the state of Utah.
- Unless unaffiliated, must be a member of a registered political party.
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Local School Board Member

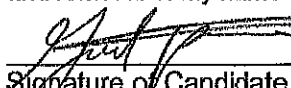
Utah Code 20A-2-101.5; 20A-9-201; 20A-9-202; 20A-14-202; 17-70-304

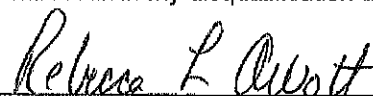
- U. S. Citizen at time of filing.
- Resident in the school representative district from which elected at least one year immediately preceding the date of the election.
- Registered voter of the school representative district.
- Maintain primary residence within district for term of office.
- Non-partisan.
- A member of a local school board may not, during the member's term in office, also serve as an employee of that board.
- An individual who has been convicted of a grievous sexual offense, as defined in Section 76-1-101.5, against a child, may not hold the office of State Board of Education member or local school board member.
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 - All felony convictions have been expunged or
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I, Garret Rushforth, declare my candidacy for the office of **State Senate District 7**, seeking the nomination of the **Democratic Party**. 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 reside at the address provided to the filing officer and the information provided on this form is accurate; I will not knowingly violate any law governing campaigns and elections; I will file all campaign financial disclosure reports as required by law and any applicable ordinance; 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.


Signature of Candidate


Signature of Filing Officer

Subscribed and sworn before me - 01/08/2026



PLEDGE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

(Utah Code §20A-9-206)

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 or 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.

Name: Garret Bush Office: Utah Senate

Signature: [Signature] Date: 1/18/26

*This is a voluntary pledge. Candidates are not required to sign this pledge of fair campaign practices.

*This document is considered a public record and will be retained for public inspection until 30 days following the election.