



2024 Declaration of Candidacy

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Office	State Representative	District (if applicable)	18
Political Party	Democratic Party		
Candidate Name	Mark D Whitaker		
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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:

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

MDW 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.

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

MDW 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.

MDW 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 January 8, 2024. I also realize this form is a public document and may be displayed publicly.

MDW 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

- U.S. Citizen
- At least 25 years of age 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 **\$83.02** (Representative) or **\$116.05** (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.

State Board of Education

Utah Code 20A-14-103(3) & 20A-9-201

- U.S. Citizen
- Reside in the State Board of Education district in which the person is seeking election for at least one year as of the date of the election
- *Qualified voter in the district from where the person is chosen
- **Not convicted of certain crimes
- Pay filing fee of **\$90.61**

General Qualifications for all County Offices

Utah Code 17-16-1; 20A-2-101.5; 20A-9-201; 20A-9-408.5

- 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
- **Not convicted of certain crimes

County Assessor

Utah Code 17-17-2

- Shall be a state-licensed or state certified appraiser prior to filing for office

County Attorney

Utah Code 17-18a-302

- Be an attorney licensed to practice law in Utah who is an active member good standing with the Utah State Bar

County Sheriff

Utah Code 17-22-1.5; Title 53 Chapters 6 and 13

- At the time of filing, has successfully met the requirements of the Peace Officer Training and Certification Act; or has passed a certification examination and be qualified to be certified as defined in Utah Code 53-13-103.
- 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 53-6-10, 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 53-6-304; 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 and remain certified during term of office.

County Surveyor

Utah Code 17-23-11

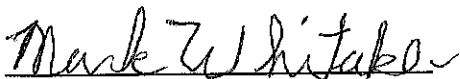
- Shall be a licensed professional land surveyor in the State of Utah.

Local School Board Member

Utah Code 20A-2-101.5; 20A-14-202

- 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 the district for term of office
- Non-partisan.
- May not be an employee of the board during term of office
- **Not convicted of certain crimes
- May not have any conviction of a grievous sexual offense, as defined in Utah Code 76-1-601, against a child

I **Mark D Whitaker** , declare my candidacy for the office of **State Representative**, 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 -01/03/2024



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: Mark Dee Whitaker Office: Representative
Signature: Mark Whitaker Date: Jan 3, 2024

*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.