

2024 PARTISAN  
UTAH STATE LEGISLATURE  
DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

STEVE

First Name

of

Middle Name

MERRILL

Last Name

Print name EXACTLY as it shall appear on the ballot  
THIS IS A **PUBLIC** FORM FOR DISPLAY ON THE STATE WEBSITE

Office to file for: STATE HOUSE District: 71

I am a member of the DEMOCRATIC political party;

Address (Home or Mailing for public display):

CEDAR CITY, UT 84720

Phone: 517-285-3451

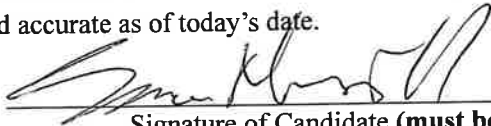
Email: bbsmerrill@proton.me

I am seeking the nomination using:

- The convention process described in Utah Code 20A-9-407;
- The signature-gathering process described in Utah Code 20A-9-408 (Qualified Political Party only);
- Both the convention process and the signature-gathering process.

Please check the following box if it applies to you:

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



Signature of Candidate (must be signed in the presence of the filing officer)

Subscribed and sworn before B. Thak this 01/08/2024  
(filing officer name) (month/day/year)

(Seal)

Lieutenant Governor 2024

(Date Received)

## QUALIFICATIONS

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 Code Section 20A-9-201, 201.5, 202).

### UTAH SENATOR AND REPRESENTATIVE

*Utah Constitution Article VI, Section 5 and 6*

- U.S. Citizen
  - At least 25 years 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.

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

# QUALIFICATIONS FOR CANDIDATE FILING DECLARATION

Please initial:

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

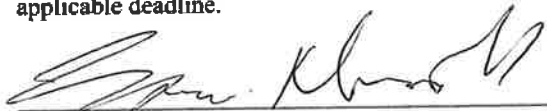
EM I agree to file all campaign financial disclosure reports, and I understand that failure to do so may result in my disqualification as a candidate for this office, possible fines and/or criminal penalties, including removal of my name from the ballot.

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

EM I provided a valid email to the filing officer and I understand this will be used for official communications and updates from election officials.

EM 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 day of the filing period. I also realize this form is a public document and will be displayed publicly. A private contact form is available.

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

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Candidate

1-8-24  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Filing Officer (Or Notary)

01/08/2024  
Date



## 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, 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: STEVEN MERRILL Office: State House District 71

Signature:  Date: 1.8.24

\*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.