

children. Your child may already have a bad credit rating and a criminal record before he ever enters kindergarten.

I want to help others, but I am responsible to protect my own children as well. I do not want my one-year-old grandson to have a wrap sheet and a bad credit report before he even learns to spell his own name.

LIQUOR BY THE DRINK

Liquor by the drink is a financial issue. Governor Huntsman wants Utah to compete with Vegas and LA in attracting high-rollers to our state who will drop big money in resort towns like Park City, instead of attracting families, who will spend less on vacation.

Many of us who have chosen Utah as our home did so because we liked the family values and strong moral and ethical climate of this state in which we can raise our children. The Governor is willing to see increases in DUIs, auto accidents, and other crimes to make a buck.

I, for one, am proud of the fact that Utah is different from other places. I like the fact that I can take my grandchildren into any restaurant, grocery store or convenience store in the state without the presence of hard liquor.

Anyone in this state can get a drink if they want it. But our children do not have to be a witness to it.

ARE YOU THROWING AWAY YOUR VOTE?

Are you throwing away your vote if you vote for a Constitution Party candidate? If the Republican vote is split in District 17, will we not be letting the Democrats in? Frankly, in my opinion, it doesn't matter which of the major parties wins, because both parties have grown close enough ideologically that we will not be able to tell the difference which party is in the majority.

Do the Republicans really reflect your interests? Republicans and Democrats alike take money from the same lobbyists. The Republicans voted to make your name and birth date public record in order for you to register to vote. They have exposed two key elements of identity theft so they can continue to do voter outreach and campaign fund-raising programs to keep themselves in power.

If we continue to vote for the lesser of two evils, we still get evil. By voting for me, you are sending a message to the Republicans that they need to change. We are a one-party state. Having a single party hold all power is not healthy. Even if a Republican loses a seat because you voted for me, it will not change the balance of power in the legislature. But it will create more debate and may force the powers-that-be to stand up for true principles. The more votes the Constitution Party gets, the more conservative and responsible the other parties will have to become.

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WHAT CAN ONE PERSON ACCOMPLISH?

My platform is simple: I will honor the oath of office to uphold the constitution of the state of Utah and the Constitution of the United States.

As your elected representative in the Utah House of Representatives from District 17, I will work to limit the role of state government to what is necessary, proper, and appropriate. The federal government should exercise only those powers granted to it by the Constitution. Likewise, the state government should exercise only its proper constitutional powers. All other powers belong to the people and their communities.

One person with principles can do a lot. I can be a voice for true principles. I want to help the powers-that-be think outside the box. I might not be able to pass bills, but I might help to stop some bills. I will call people to task and expose issues. I will speak out against lobbies because I will not be beholden to them. I will look at the unintended consequences of bills, not just the intended purpose.

I will be your voice and your heart in the legislature. Together, we can make a difference.

TAXES

Has your household budget increased 8% a year for the last four years?

Under Republican Governor Huntsman, the Republican legislature has increased the Utah state budget 33% in four years. That is 8% a year. How can we have government spending grow faster than inflation and expect to sustain this growth rate in an economic downturn?

According to the Utah Taxpayers Association, the average tax burden on Utah citizens is 28.54%. That puts Utah 11th in the nation in the taxes and fees paid by our citizens.

Our state representatives are fiscally irresponsible. As your representative, I will vote against every new and increased tax. I will look for ways to reapportion the money the state is already collecting to ensure that the most critical needs of the state are met. We all know what it means to tighten the belt and make every dollar count in our household budgets.

Why should our state government act like we are in a period of unprecedented prosperity when our personal pocketbooks are shrinking and our hard-earned dollars are losing value right before our eyes? I will use my vote to bring fiscal responsibility back into focus for Utah.

IMMIGRATION

Why should we be concerned about illegal immigration? Is it because we are racist or uncompassionate or uncaring for children?

I deplore the fact that children are abused and mistreated and suffer from circumstances that are not of their making. I also care about the rule of law and fairness. Illegal immigrants must commit two or three felonies to work in Utah:

1. They must first obtain a set of false identification papers, such as a driver's license and a social security number. That is fraud and forgery.
2. If the drivers license number or social security number happen to belong to another person, they have committed identity theft.
3. When they find a job using the stolen identity, they must sign an I-9 form that states that they are legal residents of the U.S. and includes a statement, under penalty of perjury, that their statements on the form are true.

Perhaps they get a couple traffic tickets and forget to pay them. If they have stolen a driver's license, guess who gets arrested later and has to try to clear his record. Maybe they get a couple of credit cards using the stolen social security number and then default on their debts. Good luck to whoever is the real owner of that social security number when he needs a loan. About half of the stolen social security numbers belong to