

## **Ways to Become Involved with the Utah Democratic Party**

- **Talk with your children, family and friends this holiday season about public affairs and politics!**
  - The public is generally apathetic about politics – you only need to look at the election returns for the most recent municipal elections in Utah where less than 10% of the voters participated. Please help us hold government accountable by talking about politics with others.
  
- **Get involved!**
  - Work with your local County Democratic Party, a candidate's campaign committee, the Young/College Democrats, your union's Legislative and Elections Committee, a corporate or trade association's PAC.
  
  - Attend local/state Democratic Party meetings and events. For information on the next meeting in your area, look on the web at [www.utdemocrats.org](http://www.utdemocrats.org). To sign up for the weekly Utah Democratic Party newsletter visit [www.utdemocrats.org](http://www.utdemocrats.org).
  
- **Attend Precinct Caucuses on the evening of March 21, 2006!**
  - Attend precinct caucuses on March 21, 2006 to become a delegate to the state or county party's convention or to become a Precinct Officer.
  
  - Help the Utah Democratic Party organize in every precinct in Utah as a Precinct Officer. The duties include:
    - Build the Precinct Team
    - Support candidates
    - Help get out the vote on election day
    - Commit to recruit additional Election Day Volunteers
    - Download the Utah State Democratic Party's guide to becoming a Precinct Officer or Delegate by visiting [www.utdemocrats.org](http://www.utdemocrats.org). Precinct Officers will be selected at the March 21, 2006 at mass meetings. By letting us know now you are interested in serving this role, we will make sure you are notified of meetings taking place in your area and provide you with information regarding how these positions will be filled.
    - Contact Craig at Utah State Democratic Party headquarters at (801)328-1212 or [caxford@utdemocrats.org](mailto:caxford@utdemocrats.org) to sign up to become a precinct officer.
  
  - Become a party delegate to nominate candidates for the ballot, elect party officers, and adopt the party platform:
    - Delegates will be selected on March 21<sup>st</sup> at the mass meetings.

- Delegates are asked to attend county conventions in April where state delegates are selected (except Salt Lake County) and party nominees are selected in races occurring wholly within your county.
  - With the exception of Salt Lake County, state delegates are selected by county delegates at county conventions in April.
  - For information about becoming a delegate, please contact state headquarters at (801)328-1212 or visit our website at [www.utdemocrats.org](http://www.utdemocrats.org) and download our guide “Becoming a Precinct Officer or Delegate”
  
- **Run for public elected office or recruit a friend!**
  - People choose to run for office for a variety of reasons: deep concern about policy and issues, community involvement, professional advancement, a knowledge that you can do better, or to advance the Democratic Party’s message. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact Marcie at state headquarters if you are interested in running or to find out what races will be taking place in your area at (801)328-1212 or [mswest@utdemocrats.org](mailto:mswest@utdemocrats.org)
  
- **Buy a Democracy Bond!**
  - Support the national party’s 50 State Strategy -- help fund full-time Utah field through the State Partnership Project by becoming a monthly sustaining donor:
  - <http://www.democrats.org/democracypbonds.html>
  
- **Donate to the Utah Democratic Party’s Victory Fund!**
  - Given Utah’s poor culture of political giving, your donation to the Party or a candidate can make a huge impact – far beyond what it might in other states. Help the Utah State Democratic Party restore balance to Utah’s House and Senate in 2006 by donating at [www.utdemocrats.org](http://www.utdemocrats.org). Click on “Victory 2006 Pledge Fund” button. Or support the Party with every purchase you make using a credit card by applying for an affinity card through our website at [www.utdemocrats.org](http://www.utdemocrats.org)
  
- **Write Letters to the Editor or Call Talk Radio!**
  - Help spread the Democratic message to local papers and radio talk shows by joining the Utah State Democratic Writer’s Guild. Contact Jeff at (801)328-1212 or [jbelle@utdemocrats.org](mailto:jbelle@utdemocrats.org)
  
- **Write your elected officials or attend town meetings!**
  - A good place to start is with the State Legislature. You can listen to all of their meetings at their website [www.leg.state.ut.us](http://www.leg.state.ut.us). This service was originated through the hard work of Democrats in the legislature. Thank them by listening to your government at work . . . then let them know how you feel about what is being done in your name at the State Capitol.

## **2006 is an Exciting and Important Year For Utah Democrats:**

### **Chair Message**

Thank you for coming to this **kick-off for the 2006 general election**. For far too long, we Democrats have let the opposition falsely define our position on the issues, attack our morals, and paint us as insignificant. **This coming year, we will fight back on behalf of the American people and citizens of Utah who deserve better.**

We need to **fight for fresh leaders** from Utah in Washington. "Senator-for-life" Orrin Hatch has got to go. We need to **fight the GOP culture of corruption** by defeating Congressman Chris Cannon. We need to **fight for independent voices** instead of ideologues like Congressman Rob Bishop. **We can do better – Congressman Jim Matheson already does.**

We need to **fight for more Democrats in the state legislature** that will support ethics reform, public education, access to health care, a progressive tax system, and an improving economy for all of Utah's citizens. **We can do better.**

We need to **fight for local elected officials** in county government to keep our streets safe; keep our elections honest; keep our civic centers and recreational opportunities vibrant; and, keep our environment healthy. **We can do better.**

**Thank you** for joining Democrats around the country this evening. We are truly the party composed of the best that America has to offer. I look forward fighting the "good fight" in the months ahead, and hope that you do as well. **We can do better.**

**Wayne Holland, Jr.**

#### **Elect/Re-elect Democrats:**

- **Re-elect Jim Matheson to Congress**
- **Replace Orrin Hatch, Rob Bishop and Chris Cannon**
- **Re-elect Democratic incumbents in the House and Senate and pick up new seats across the state**
- **Take control of the Salt Lake County Council and increase representation on county commissions/councils throughout Utah**

#### **Democratic Values:**

- **Economic opportunity for all Utahns**
- **A quality education for every child**
- **Healthcare for every citizen**
- **A living wage for every working Utahn**

**TABLE: Comparing Public Priorities with Republican Priorities**

Expenditure	Public Funding Priority	Republican Funding Priority
Public Education	1	9
Economic Development	2	2
Health Care	4 & 5	7
Public Safety	6	5
Higher Education	7	8
Taxes	8	Sent to Task Force
Transportation	13	4
Buildings (Capital Facilities)	Last	First

**"We did a pretty good job in reflecting the public's priority on economic development and did okay with higher education, but fell short of the mark on what we could have done for public education and health care,"** said Senate Democratic Leader Sen. Mike Dmitrich. **"It's a shame that we couldn't have done something on the drug offenders courts, too."**

**We can elect Utah Democrats up and down the 2006 ticket if we sign-up now, work together, contribute and back our fine Democratic team.**