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The Republican Party of Summit County, Utah, Holds 2024 County Convention, Hears from More than Two Dozen National, State, and Local Candidates

The April 2 event in Park City, Utah, provided a forum for voters to engage directly with candidates.

Park City — April 3, 2024 — The Summit County Republican Party today announced the results of its county convention held the evening of April 2 at Ecker Hill Middle School in Park City. The county convention brought together state and county delegates, precinct officers, family, friends, and neighbors to meet and hear from candidates running for county, state, and federal offices.

Attendance exceeded 200. The official program for the event can be viewed [HERE](#). A video of the candidates' presentations can be viewed [HERE](#).

County delegates are typically required to vote at the convention to choose winners in county Republican primary races. However, at this year's convention, neither Tory Welch, running for Summit County Council Seat A, nor Ari Ioannides running for Seat C, faced primary opposition. Under the state party governing documents, both Welch and Ioannides automatically advance to the general election on November 5.

"The county convention allowed Republican voters in Summit County the opportunity to personally talk to the candidates and learn more about their positions and vision. What better way to encourage involvement from all segments of our party, exchange ideas, and build community," said Melanie Monestere, Chair of the Summit County Republican Party. "We were honored to be joined by many of our elected officials and candidates from across the state of Utah. We're excited about our line-up of candidates, including Tory Welch and Ari Ioannides, who are strong contenders for Summit County Council. We thank all the candidates and convention-goers for participating."

The following candidates or their surrogates addressed the gathering in a series of short speeches that resonated with voters, addressing many important and timely issues impacting us locally, statewide, and internationally.

Governor

Spencer Cox (represented by Lt. Governor
Deidre Henderson)
Carson Jorgensen
Phil Lyman

U.S. Senate

John Curtis
Brent Orrin Hatch
Carolyn Phippen
Trent Staggs
Jason Walton
Brad Wilson (represented by Kera Birkland)

U.S. House District 3

JR Bird
John Dougall
Mike Kennedy
Case Lawrence (represented by his son,
McKay Lawrence)
Zac Wilson

Utah Senate

John Johnson

Utah House

Kera Birkland

Attorney General

Derek Brown
Trent Christensen
Frank Myler
Rachel Terry

National Committee

Kim Coleman
Teena Horlacher

Utah Auditor

Tina Cannon
Ricky Hatch

Summit County Council

Tory Welch
Ari Ioannides

State School Board

Jennie Earl (not up for re-election in 2024)

“Republican and Democratic neighbors alike need to reach out and find areas of consensus to ensure that the values and principles that have made Summit County a great place to live and raise a family remain a guiding force for county leadership,” said County Council candidate Welch. “There are too many examples of communities whose quality of life are eroding due to good intentions and poor results. Diversity of thought and perspective in the county council are absolutely necessary to ensure the entire county is heading in the right direction.”

"I'm honored to advance to the general election as a representative for Summit County Council Seat C," said Ioannides. "My campaign is about bridging divides and ensuring that every voice in our community is heard and valued. From the east side to the Snyderville Basin, I've listened to the concerns of our residents around property rights, affordable living, and careful growth. Together, we can foster a county government that's open, accessible, and prioritizes the well-being of all its residents. I'm committed to bringing a balanced perspective to the council, working closely with state leadership and across party lines for the benefit of all in Summit County."

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