



**NOTICE AND AGENDA  
SANTA CLARA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026  
TIME: 6:00 PM**

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**Public Notice** is hereby given that the Santa Clara City Council will hold a Regular Meeting in the Santa Clara City Council Chambers located at 2603 Santa Clara Drive, Santa Clara Utah on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, commencing at 6:00 PM. The meeting will be broadcasted on our city website at <https://santaclarautah.gov>.

**1. Call to Order:**

**2. Opening Ceremony:**

- Pledge of Allegiance: Councilwoman Hinton
- Opening Comments: Stacie Shurtliff, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

**3. Conflicts and Disclosures:**

**4. Working Agenda:**

A. Public Hearing(s) 6:00 pm:

1. None

B. Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of Minutes and Claims:
  - January 14, 2026, City Council Work and Regular Meeting
  - Claims through January 28, 2026
2. Calendar of Events:
  - February 11, 2026, City Council Work and Regular Meeting
  - February 16, 2026, Presidents Day (Offices Closed)
  - February 25, 2026, City Council Work and Regular Meeting

C. General Business:

1. Discussion and action to conduct Candidate Interviews and appoint a new City Council Member to fill a midterm vacancy and approve Resolution No. 2026-03R.
2. Swearing in of new City Councilmember.
3. Discussion and action to appoint a representative to the Washington County Flood Control Authority and approve Resolution No. 2026-04R. Presented by Brock Jacobsen, City Manager

**5. Reports:**

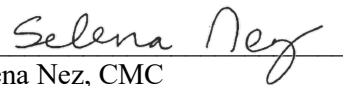
- A. Mayor / Council Reports

**6. Closed Meeting Session:**

**7. Adjournment:**

Note: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodation during this meeting should notify the city no later than 24 hours in advance of the meeting by calling 435-673-6712. In accordance with State Statute and Council Policy, one or more Council Members may be connected via speakerphone or may by two-thirds vote to go into a closed meeting.

The undersigned, duly appointed City Recorder hereby certify that the above notice and agenda was posted within the Santa Clara City limits on this 22nd day of January 2026 at the Santa Clara City Hall, on the City Hall Notice Board, at the Santa Clara Post Office, on the Utah State Public Notice Website, and on the City Website at <http://santaclarautah.gov>.

  
Selena Nez, CMC  
City Recorder

**SANTA CLARA CITY COUNCIL WORK MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2026  
MEETING MINUTES**

THE CITY COUNCIL FOR SANTA CLARA CITY, WASHINGTON, UTAH, met for a Work Meeting on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 2603 Santa Clara Drive, Santa Clara, Utah. The meeting will be broadcasted on our city website at <https://santaclarautah.gov>.

Present: Mayor Waite  
Councilman Janene Burton  
Councilwoman Christa Hinton  
Councilwoman Dave Pond  
Councilman Mark Hendrickson

Staff Present: Brock Jacobsen, City Manager  
Selena Nez, City Recorder  
Matt Ence, City Attorney  
Jim McNulty, Planning Director  
Cody Mitchell, Building Official  
Dan Cazier, Fire Chief  
Dustin Mouritsen, Public Works Director  
Gary Hall, Power Director  
Ryan VonCannon, Parks Director  
Lance Haynie, Government Affairs Director  
Jaron Studly, Police Chief

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Jarett Waite called the Santa Clara City Council Work Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Present from the council were Councilman Mark Hendrickson, Councilman David Pond, Councilwoman Christa Hinton and Councilwoman Burton.

**2. Working Agenda**

**A. General Business:**

**1. Discussion regarding \$1 TDS PEG Channel Charge. Presented by Mayor Waite.**

Mayor Waite presented information regarding the \$1 PEG (Public Education Government) Channel charge that appears on TDS cable bills. He explained that this fee had previously funded the Community Education Channel (CEC), which has now closed. The mayor clarified that contrary to prior understanding, the fee had always been city money forwarded to the CEC, not a contribution from TDS.

With the CEC closure, the city needs to decide what to do with the approximately \$116 monthly revenue generated by this fee from cable subscribers in Santa Clara. Mayor Waite outlined three options: amend the franchise agreement to remove the fee entirely, forward the funds to Utah Tech University (which is creating a new channel operated by the former CEC director), or save the money for a future city-operated PEG channel.

Councilman Pond questioned whether the fee could increase in the future, to which Mayor Waite responded that it would not and then notes that cable subscriptions are declining, so the monthly amount would likely decrease over time.

Councilman Hendrickson initially expressed concern about government involvement in what he viewed as a private sector matter but acknowledged the educational benefit to university students. Most council members expressed support for forwarding the funds to Utah Tech, noting that the

modest amount could help students learn broadcasting skills while showing city support for the university. Mayor Waite indicated this would be brought back for formal action at a regular council meeting.

## **2. Discussion regarding Planned Center Monument Signs. Presented by Jim McNulty, Planning Director.**

Planning Director Jim McNulty presented proposed changes to the city's regulations for monument signs in Planned Development Commercial zones. He explained that Cole West Development had requested flexibility for their project east of the Harmon Center, as the current sign code was limiting for a planned center with multiple retail tenants.

Mr. McNulty showed examples of existing monument signs in Santa Clara and shared photos of monument signs from River Crossing shopping center in St. George as potential models. He outlined draft language for a new "Planned Center Monument Sign" provision that would:

- Allow signs on parcels of 5+ acres with a minimum of 4 businesses
- Set a maximum height of 12 feet including base, with sign area not exceeding 10 feet in vertical height
- Limit width to 12 feet and advertising area to 120 square feet
- Require the base to match building materials and run the entire horizontal length
- Set lighting requirements to minimize impact on adjacent properties

The council discussed whether to have different size requirements based on road speed limits but ultimately agreed that simplifying the code would be preferable. Council members expressed support for the design aesthetic of the examples shown and agreed that additional limitations on the number of signs might be unnecessary as the market would likely self-regulate. The Planning Commission would still review and approve all monument signs.

## **3. Discussion regarding Park Rental Fees and Rules. Presented by Ryan VonCannon, Parks Director.**

Parks Director Ryan VonCannon presented proposed changes to streamline and simplify the city's pavilion rental fees and rules. He noted the current system is complex with separate resident/non-resident rates and a \$25 deposit that has never been retained for damages.

Mr. VonCannon proposed:

- Eliminating the resident/non-resident distinction
- Setting a flat fee of \$40 for most pavilions and \$25 for the smaller Gubler Park pavilions
- Establishing three rental options: 4-hour blocks (8am-12pm, 12pm-4pm, 4pm-8pm), half-day (6 hours for \$60), or full day (\$100)
- Adding explicit prohibitions against water games, pools, water obstacle courses, and slip-and-slides
- Creating a separate \$75 fee for bounce houses (only allowed October-April) or other activities requiring significant space or power outside the pavilion
- Adding language making renters responsible for any damages

The council discussed the booking process, timing options, and damage responsibility. They agreed with removing the deposit system and creating clearer time blocks for rentals, along with strengthening language about renter responsibility for damages. VonCannon concluded by saying he had received the direction he needed and would bring the changes back for formal approval.

## **3. Staff Reports**

Various department heads provided updates:

Planning Director, Jim McNulty reported:

- Reported that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the R-1-4 small lot single-family zone, which will come before the council in February



- Announced the January 22nd Planning Commission meeting will address updates to the city's annexation policy plan to include the Gap Canyon area south of current city limits
- Described the multi-step process required by state code for annexation policy updates

Building Official, Cody Mitchell reported:

- Reported 39 building permits issued this fiscal year with 16 pending payment (townhomes in Coyote Landing)
- Noted the department is fully staffed

Fire Chief, Dan Cazier reported on:

- Reported 1,548 total calls in 2025, a 5.4% increase over the previous year
- Call distribution: 64% in Ivins, 31% in Santa Clara, 5% outside the two cities
- Gold Cross responded 107 times during 2025
- Described development of a training center at Station 31 using shipping containers
- Announced the arrival of a new ambulance ordered 18 months ago, with installation of equipment and gurney loading system to follow

Public Works Director, Dustin Mouritsen reported:

- Updated on UDOT funding for the Western Corridor environmental study, which will be delayed due to cost increases
- Announced fully-funded Pioneer Parkway shared-use path project (\$347,000 from UDOT)
- Explained that Saint George recent arsenic violation in drinking water, which was caused by a backward check valve during Black Desert construction
- Reported on Saint George City's plans for a second irrigation line down Hamlin Parkway
- Announced hiring a company to come out and conduct a satellite imagery project to detect water leaks
- Noted the Swiss Village grade control structure will go to bid soon, fully funded by the Flood Control Authority
- Reported waterline replacement on Riverfront Circle and Riverfront Drive will begin January 26<sup>th</sup>

Power Director, Gary Hall reported:

- Reported on generation testing and operations
- Noted three new hires are off probation, with one apprentice advancing to third step
- Updated on Nebo power plant operations and upcoming UAMPS meetings
- Mentioned continued work on the pool agreement
- Reported progress on the 69kV line project in the South Hills

Parks Director, Ryan VonCannon reported:

- Reported tournament schedules and maintenance work during tournament break
- Noted installation of America 250 poll banners and upcoming 4'x8' banners
- Discussed exploration of in-house replacement of the splash pad
- Provided an update on columbarium plans, including pending soil testing and cost estimates

Government Affairs Director Lance Haynie had nothing to report

- Reported fixing missing email addresses on the city website
- Noted upcoming National League City Congressional Conference with three budgeted spots
- Updated on H.R. 6938 which has passed the House and includes \$1.2 million of the city's \$3 million request for sewer line upgrades

Police Chief, Jaron Studley reported:

- Reported high call volume with approximately 200 calls in the first two weeks of the year
- Noted Officer Peluffo received a lifesaving award
- Reported on investigations division work with the State Bureau of Investigation

- Discussed emergency operations plan development
- Updated on the animal shelter remodel progress
- Announced Tanya Wambold, victims advocate, received the Angel Award from Breathe Care Resource Center
- Shared his selection to attend the FBI National Academy for leadership training from April to June

#### **4. Adjournment**

Mayor Waite adjourned the work meeting at 5:21 p.m., noting they would reconvene at 6:00 p.m. for the regular meeting.

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Selena Nez  
City Recorder

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Jarrett Waite called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m., noting it was his first city council meeting as mayor. He introduced the council members present: Councilman Mark Hendrickson, Councilman Dave Pond, Councilwoman Christa Hinton, and Councilwoman Janene Burton, with one vacant council position.

**2. Opening Ceremony**

Pledge of Allegiance: Councilwoman Burton

Opening Comments: Rabbi Helene Ainbinder, Beit Chaverim Jewish Community of Greater Zion

**3. Conflicts and Disclosures**

No other conflicts were disclosed by council members.

**4. Working Agenda**

**A. Public Hearing(s) 6:00 pm**

1. None

**B. Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of Minutes and Claims:
  - December 10, 2025, City Council Work and Regular Meeting
  - January 5, 2026, City Council Special Meeting
  - Claims through January 14, 2026
2. Calendar of Events:
  - January 19, 2026, Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Offices Closed)
  - January 28, 2026, City Council Work and Regular Meeting
  - February 11, 2026, City Council Work and Regular Meeting

***Motion: Councilman Pond moved to APPROVE the consent agenda as presented. Councilwoman Burton seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Hendrickson - Aye, Pond - Aye, Hinton - Aye and Burton - Aye. Motion passed unanimously.***

## C. General Business

### 1. Fire Department Swearing In and Promotion Recognition. Presented by Dan Cazier, Fire Chief.

Fire Chief Dan Cazier introduced two new firefighters, Hugo Sanchez and Isaac Parthun, along with firefighter Brendan Castillo (who had been with the department for almost two years but had not yet been formally recognized due to his deployment), and Captain Ryan Moore who was recently promoted. The four were sworn in and had their badges pinned by family members. Chief Cazier invited those present to stay for the remainder of the meeting.

Mayor Waite expressed appreciation for the fire department staff and the excellent job they do protecting the community.

### 2. Discussion and action to consider Appointing Rick Rosenberg to the Santa Clara City Hillside Review Board. Presented by Jim McNulty, Planning Director.

Planning Director Jim McNulty presented former Mayor Rick Rosenberg for consideration to serve on the Hillside Review Board. McNulty noted that Rosenberg has been a resident of Santa Clara since 1989 and previously served as mayor for 18 years.

When asked about the duties of the position, Rick Rosenberg explained that the Hillside Review Board reviews proposed development or disturbance within the defined hillside overlay zone of the city. He mentioned the possibility of expanding the board's role to include floodplains and other sensitive land areas. Rosenberg described the board as comprised of professionals with experience in land development, engineering, grading, and real estate, providing resources to the city planner and floodplain administrator for reviewing projects in sensitive areas.

*Motion: Councilwoman Hinton moved to APPROVE Appointing Rick Rosenberg to the Santa Clara City Hillside Review Board. Councilman Hendrickson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Hendrickson - Aye, Pond - Aye, Hinton - Aye and Burton - Aye. Motion passed unanimously.*

### 3. Discussion and action consider approval of adopting Large Water User Policy and approve Ordinance No. 2026-01. Presented by Jim McNulty, Planning Director.

Jim McNulty explained that this ordinance would add language to Chapter 17.92.010 of the city code concerning water efficiency. The Washington County Conservancy District Administrative Advisory Committee recently adopted a large users policy requiring proposed connections to the regional system with estimated demands of 9 million gallons per year or more to receive advance approval from the AAC.

McNulty noted that the Planning Commission held a public hearing on December 11, 2025, and forwarded a recommendation of approval to the City Council. The amendment would add a paragraph stating that applications under this chapter are required to comply with the Washington County Water Conservancy District large users policies.

Mayor Waite added context from a recent training at the Water Conservancy District, explaining that this policy might preclude certain high-water-use facilities like data centers but would still allow important facilities like hospitals, providing more oversight for extremely large water users.

*Motion: Councilwoman Burton moved to APPROVE adopting Large Water User Policy and approve Ordinance No. 2026-01. Councilman Hendrickson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Hendrickson - Aye, Pond - Aye, Hinton - Aye and Burton - Aye. Motion passed unanimously.*

### 4. Discussion and action to consider approval to adopt the 2006 Wildland-Urban Interface Code and approve Ordinance No. 2026-02. Presented by Dan Cazier, Fire Chief.

Fire Chief Dan Cazier presented on the 2006 Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) Code, explaining it identifies areas of the city that interface with natural vegetation. He noted that House Bill 48 went into effect on January 1st, which published a high-risk map for the state of Utah that includes parts of Santa Clara.

Chief Cazier explained that the city must adopt the 2006 WUI Code to stay compliant with state requirements. Without adoption, if a fire occurred in the city, the state would not recognize Santa Clara as a participating entity and would bill the city for state services. The code establishes minimum regulations to protect property from wildland fires by creating buffer zones and protection zones.

The Chief clarified that the code would not be retroactive to existing homes but would apply to new construction and significant additions. Annual inspections will be required for properties with structures in high-risk zones, with scores determining their hazard classification (moderate, high, or extreme). These inspections would cost between \$20-100 per structure, with the fees going toward implementation of the program.

Using a map, Chief Cazier showed the high-risk areas within Santa Clara, which include sections near Tuacahn Wash and Black Desert, noting that these red zones have actually decreased in size recently, which is a positive sign.

***Motion: Councilman Pond moved to APPROVE to adopt the 2006 Wildland-Urban Interface Code and approve Ordinance No. 2026-02. Councilwoman Hinton seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Hendrickson - Aye, Pond - Aye, Hinton - Aye and Burton - Aye. Motion passed unanimously.***

**5. Discussion and action to consider approval of Washington County Flood Control Project and approve Resolution No. 2026-02R. Presented by Dan Cazier, Fire Chief.**

Fire Chief Cazier presented a flood control project in collaboration with the Washington County Water Conservancy District and Washington County. The project involves mitigation work at the bridge where Santa Clara crosses as you enter Gunlock, as well as another bridge just below Shem on the reservation.

The Chief explained that recent rains have caused flooding in Gunlock, and this project aims to remove trees and debris that have washed down the river and become caught at these bridges. He noted that due to the sensitivity and timing of the project, they had consulted with the city attorney and had already begun some work, but needed formal approval from the council.

***Motion: Councilwoman Hinton moved to APPROVE the Washington County Flood Control Project and approve Resolution No. 2026-02R. Councilman Pond seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Hendrickson - Aye, Pond - Aye, Hinton - Aye and Burton - Aye. Motion passed unanimously.***

**5. Reports**

**A. Mayor / Council Reports**

**Councilwoman Janene Burton** reported on her involvement with the 250th anniversary committee for America's birthday celebrations, noting that flags are flying and activities are planned throughout the year, including a lecture scheduled for that evening. She also mentioned working with the Youth Council in preparation for Government Official Day the following week.

**Councilwoman Christa Hinton** reported on attending the League Policy Committee (LPC) meeting where they discussed multiple bills related to property taxes, with a legislative push to reduce or remove cities' ability to increase property taxes. She mentioned five bills targeting this issue. She also noted discussions about local land use bills, including HB 184 which would define "starter homes" as 5,400 square foot lots and require cities to allow IADUs and ADUs on those properties, with 30-day approval timelines. Hinton mentioned that the League is currently opposing this bill as drafted. She added that the city hosted newly elected mayors and council members with the League president and encouraged more staff availability in Southern Utah.

**Councilman Dave Pond** also attended the LPC meeting and added that the tax limitation efforts would affect all taxing entities, not just cities, and were partially motivated by large increases proposed by some school districts.

**Councilman Mark Hendrickson** attended the Utah Alliance for Economic Development, noting that he has participated in this organization for 16-17 years and his company is a platinum sponsor. He mentioned that the breakout sessions discussed development and how cities and developers should work together early in the process rather than later, noting that Santa Clara is ahead of the curve in this regard.

**Mayor Jarett Waite** reported on attending the UAMPS annual meeting where he was recognized as the elected official of the year. He attended the DTEC meeting where projects including widening Santa Clara/Pioneer Parkway were discussed. At the Washington County mayor's meeting, he was appointed to the Habitat Conservation Advisory Committee, replacing Mayor Hart. He mentioned discussions about representation on the UDOT transportation commission, with concerns about Southern Utah losing representation to Utah County. He noted that the east entrance of Zion will be closed to oversized vehicles in June 2026. The Mayor has been attending director meetings on Wednesday mornings to stay informed and participated in a service project cleaning planters on Santa Clara Drive with Terry Rosenberg, who proposed monthly service projects.

The Mayor distributed sheets to council members regarding their current assignments and preferences for future assignments, noting that council assignments would be redistributed after the vacant council position is filled.

#### **6. Closed Meeting Session**

Mayor Rosenberg confirmed there was no need for a closed meeting session.

#### **7. Adjournment**

*Motion: Councilwoman Hinton moved to adjourn. Councilman Pond seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.*

The City Council meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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Selena Nez  
City Recorder

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

**City of Santa Clara**  
**Check Register**  
**Checking 1889 - 01/20/2026 to 01/20/2026**

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CAZIER CUSTOM FABRICATIONS	72531	1431	01/12/2026	01/20/2026	8,500.00	MATERIAL AND LABOR FOR INTERIOR STAIR SE	494230-730 - FIRE IMPROVEMENTS	
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KUSTOM CONTAINER	72536	40965	12/29/2025	01/20/2026	384.80	RE-SPOT CHARGE - MOVE CONTAINERS	494230-730 - FIRE IMPROVEMENTS	
LIFEMED SAFETY, INC.	72537	INV260022	01/19/2026	01/20/2026	16,600.00	STRYKER POWER - LIFEMED SAFETY INSTALLA	104230-740 - CAPITAL EQUIPMENT	
RUCO LEASING INC DBA RUESCH	72538	83875	12/30/2025	01/20/2026	750.00	MOVE 4X CONNEX	494230-730 - FIRE IMPROVEMENTS	
UTAH VALLEY UNIVERSITY/BUS.O	72539	AC1782	12/04/2025	01/20/2026	10.00	CERTIFICATION EXAM ATTEMPT	104230-360 - TRAINING	
WASHINGTON COUNTY SOLID WA	72540	200716	12/31/2025	01/20/2026	42,030.64	3118 UNITS-GARBAGE @ 13.48 & 2389 BLUCAN	104430-311 - SOLID WASTE DISPOS	
WASHINGTON COUNTY SOLID WA	72540	200716	12/31/2025	01/20/2026	14,931.25	3118 UNITS-GARBAGE @ 13.48 & 2389 BLUCAN	104430-312 - RECYCLING CHARGE	
					<u>\$56,961.89</u>			
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CITY OF SANTA CLARA-UTILITIES	ACH	2025-12	12/31/2025	01/20/2026	72.56	CITY BILLS	104230-270 - UTILITIES-SC	
CITY OF SANTA CLARA-UTILITIES	ACH	2025-12	12/31/2025	01/20/2026	2,142.63	CITY BILLS	104240-270 - BUILDING UTILITIES	
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					<u>\$157,419.43</u>			

## **Applicant List**

1. Justin Caplin
2. Melodee Finlinson
3. Wendell Gubler
4. Joshua Jackson
5. Jimi Kestin
6. Leina Mathis
7. Ben Shakespeare
8. Kenneth Sizemore



## City Council Member Appointment Application

The Santa Clara Mayor and Council will be accepting applications to fill a vacancy on the city council as of January 5, 2026. The term of office for the appointment will be approximately 24 months, January 28, 2026, to January 3, 2028. It is anticipated the selected individual will participate in monthly council meetings held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month. Those interested must meet the Requirements for Office outlined below, shall submit **in-person** a completed application, cover letter, and resume to the Santa Clara City Recorder, Selena Nez, not later than **Friday, January 16, 2026, at 12:00pm (noon)**. All material submitted with this application is public information and will be provided to the Mayor and City Council in the packet for the January 28, 2026, meeting.

The applicants will be interviewed by the Mayor and City Council in a public meeting scheduled for Wednesday January 28, 2026, at 6pm at the Santa Clara City Hall, 2603 Santa Clara Drive. The Mayor and Council will select an applicant. The applicant selected will be sworn in at the meeting.

## City Council Member Appointment Application

Name: Justin Daniel Caplin

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

### Requirements of Office:

1. Must be 18 years of age, a United States citizen and a registered voter of Santa Clara.
2. Must have resided in the Santa Clara boundaries for at least twelve (12) consecutive months immediately preceding the date of appointment.
3. Must not be a convicted felon; must not have convicted of a treason or of an election crime; must not have been declared mentally incompetent; and must not have had the right to hold public office restricted pursuant to Article IV, Section 6, of the Utah Constitution and U.C.A. 20A-2-101.5.

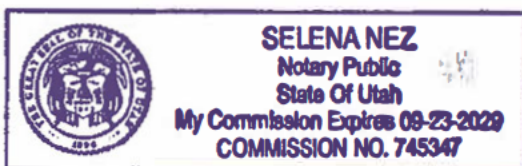
I, Justin D. Caplin, certify that I have read and understand the Requirements for Office listed above to file as a potential City Council member in Santa Clara, Utah, and verify that I meet said requirements and understand the legal qualifications for office.

[Signature]  
Signature

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me by Justin Caplin on this 16 day of January, 2026.

[Signature]

Selena Nez  
Santa Clara City Recorder



**Justin D. Caplin**  
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January 15, 2026

Mayor Jarett Waite  
Santa Clara City Council  
2603 Santa Clara Dr.  
Santa Clara, Utah 84765

Dear Mayor Waite and the Santa Clara City Council,

I am honored to request the opportunity to serve the people of Santa Clara and to help preserve and protect the best community in Southern Utah.

I've loved Santa Clara since I moved here from Texas as a young teenager nearly 27 years ago. I still have vivid memories of my first days and weeks after arriving here in mid-July 1999. My cousin, who moved here two years before me, immediately took me around town, teaching me the local Swiss names, introducing me to our generation of Santa Clara locals, showing me his dad's business next to the *old* Town Hall on Santa Clara Drive, taking me to the Merc to introduce me to their penny candies, and taking me swimming in a shady swimming hole on the Santa Clara River behind the old church orchard. We had no clue at the time that my cousin would go on to open what is now the only medical clinic in Santa Clara, or that I would someday live on a street named after that swimming hole, while seeking to serve on the City Council.

After finishing college and working for a few years up north, I moved with my own family - my wife Haylee and my two (now three) young children - back to Santa Clara in 2017. In 2019 we were fortunate to buy our forever home in The Hills subdivision south of the river, in what we believe is the greatest neighborhood in the greatest town in Utah's Dixie and the entire state. In addition to living in such a perfect neighborhood, I now get to drive every day past some of the last farms of Santa Clara, across the Santa Clara River, and down the Sycamore-lined main street with the historic homes, the Merc, the Valley Chapel and Relief Society House, Frei's Market, and the beautiful Town Hall - where Haylee and I held our wedding reception in 2008, shortly after it opened. I now attend church in the historic Santa Clara First Ward, with many descendants of the Swiss Pioneers, where I get to teach primary children in the old red-brick chapel, now used as the primary room of the Valley Chapel. I participate in the Santa Clara

Kiwanis club, through which we raise funds for local projects, host the annual Santa Clara Easter Egg Hunt, help with the Red Rocks Car Show at Swiss Days, and host an annual golf tournament as a fundraiser for local needs. I serve as Safety Officer on the board of our Santa Clara-based Snow Canyon Little League. I've lived in three different sectors of our city: on Swiss Drive on the Heights, in the Blackhawk Townhomes to the north, and now in the south Hills. My parents live in Bella Sol and I have a brother and his family in the heights, a cousin and her family in the heights, and a brother and sister-in-law in the valley. My children attend school at Lava Ridge Intermediate and Santa Clara Elementary - where I also serve on the board of both schools' Community Councils.

I mention some of my history, geography, and involvement in the town to help convey how important Santa Clara is to me and my family, and why I feel the weight and importance of serving and preserving the community. While I don't descend from local pioneers, I do live, serve, and associate with them and honor the heritage that they have created and the community that has kept so many pioneer descendants living here and has attracted many families like mine to this beautiful city. If selected to serve on City Council, I will be a strong voice for preservation of our community's small-town feel and culture, a welcoming voice to move-ins or newcomers like I was in 1999, and a reasonable voice in encouraging our citizens to serve, volunteer, and give so that we can limit our government spending and keep from overburdening our families with taxes, assessments, and fees. I invite you to consider my video-recorded answers to the candidate questions addressing issues facing Santa Clara, and I would welcome the opportunity to speak with each of you individually, if you would like.

I love our town and I would be honored to serve its people and help preserve its history.

Sincerely,



# Justin D. Caplin

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Child custody and abuse attorney since 2013 with a focus that has narrowed down from a general divorce and family law practice to exclusively handling cases involving minor children. Have represented hundreds of parents, grandparents, and children in courts and mediations around the State of Utah.

## PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Turner Stack & Caplin	St. George, UT	Partner/Attorney	2025 – Present
Southern Utah Child Custody & Abuse Law	St. George, UT	Owner/Attorney	2021 – Present
Turner Law	St. George, UT	Attorney	2018 – 2021
Fisher & Hunter Law	St. George, UT	Attorney	2017 – 2018
Moody Brown Law	Provo, UT	Attorney/Law Clerk	2011 – 2017

## EDUCATION

J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University	December 2012
<i>Juris Doctor</i>	
Utah State University	May 2010
<i>Bachelor of Arts, Summa Cum Laude</i> Major: Sociology Minor: Family and Human Development	
Dixie State College	May 2008
<i>Associate in Arts, Cum Laude</i>	
Snow Canyon High School	May 2004

## PROFESSIONAL, COMMUNITY, AND VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATIONS

Utah State Bar  
Southern Utah Bar Association  
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts  
Santa Clara Kiwanis  
Santa Clara Elementary School Community Council (Parent Member)  
Lava Ridge Intermediate School Community Council (Parent Member, Vice Chair)  
Snow Canyon Little League (Board Member, Safety Officer & Abuse Prevention)  
Washington County Republican Party (Precinct Vice Chair)

## PERSONAL INTERESTS AND HOBBIES

Family Time with Wife and 3 children  
Camping, Hiking, and Sports  
Reading Fiction and Nonfiction  
Religious Worship and Participation  
Spanish Language

*Pursuant to Municipal Officers' and Employees' Ethics Act, Utah Code 10-3-1301 et seq.*

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CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL REPORT

To

Selena Nez  
(City Recorder)

of

City of Santa Clara  
(Municipality)

For

Full name of candidate Justin Daniel Caplin

Street Address



City Santa Clara Utah Zip Code 84765

Name of office City Council {District                     }

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1a. Aggregate total of contributions under \$500.00 .....\$ 0

OR

1b. Itemized total of contributions totaling \$500.00 or more ..... \$ -  
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*Expenditures*

2a. Aggregate total of campaign expenditures under \$500.00.....\$ 0

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3. Balance at the end of the reporting period ..... \$ 0  
(Difference between lines 1 and 2)

Date

1/15/26

Signature

Justin Caplin  
(Candidate)

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*office. You should check with your city recorder for the disclosure requirements which pertain to your municipality.*

## ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTION REPORT (FORM "A")

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## ITEMIZED EXPENDITURE REPORT (Form "B")

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### City Council Member Appointment Application

Name: Melodee Finlinson

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

#### Requirements of Office:

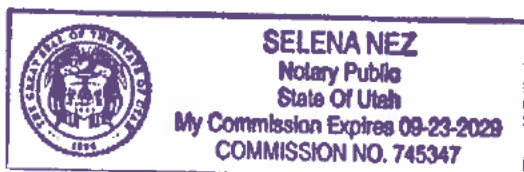
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I, Melodee Finlinson, certify that I have read and understand the Requirements for Office listed above to file as a potential City Council member in Santa Clara, Utah, and verify that I meet said requirements and understand the legal qualifications for office.

Melodee Finlinson  
Signature

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me by Melodee Finlinson on this 15 day of January, 2026.

Selena Nez  
Selena Nez  
Santa Clara City Recorder





January 15, 2026

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

Thank you for considering my application to serve on the Santa Clara City Council, I appreciate the opportunity to share my background, priorities, and vision for our community.

**1. Why I Am Interested in Serving on the City Council**

I have lived in Santa Clara for over a decade and truly love the charm, history, and small town feel of this community. I want to give back to the town I love, and I believe serving on the City Council is a meaningful way to contribute through my leadership, work ethic, and willingness to listen and collaborate.

**2. My Vision for the Next 5-10 Years**

My vision is for Santa Clara to grow thoughtfully and be financially strong, while preserving the character we all love. Over the next decade, I would love to see attainable housing that allows people to stay in the community, a stronger business base that supports city services, and continued investment in parks, trails, safety, and connectivity. Above all, I want Santa Clara to remain welcoming, close-knit, and proud of our history as we plan responsibly for the future.

**3. Most Important Issues Facing Santa Clara**

Two of the biggest issues facing Santa Clara are housing affordability and strengthening our tax base while preserving our small town charm. Housing costs are making it difficult for young families, seniors, and essential workers to stay here, including my own son, who grew up here but moved to find affordable housing. At the same time, supporting locally owned businesses and appropriate commercial development would help fund city services and amenities so we are less reliant on homeowner's taxes.

**4. Synopsis & My Thoughts on the Santa Clara General Plan**

I see the General Plan as a solid guide for Santa Clara as we continue to grow. I appreciate that it focuses on protecting our community's character and history while being thoughtful about housing, infrastructure, water use, transportation, parks, and future growth. I believe the plan should be used as a clear guide when making decisions so the city stays stable and well planned over the long term.

**5. Past Issue I'm Passionate About & How I Can Impact It**

One of the past issues I care about is the townhome development approved near Lava Ridge Intermediate School. This was later purchased by an investment group and converted from affordable housing to rentals. While rentals are important, this transaction changed the original intent of the project. As a Realtor®, I understand how homeownership rules or deed restrictions can be considered during approvals to help prevent future developments from becoming entirely investor owned. If appointed, I would bring that perspective to the Council.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would be honored to serve Santa Clara and represent our residents with integrity, preparation, and care.

Sincerely,

Melodee Finlinson





Melodee Finlinson

## Profile

Community-focused leader with strong communication and collaboration skills. Committed to thoughtful growth, housing stability, and preserving Santa Clara's small town character.

## Experience

### **REALTOR®, KW ASCEND; ST. GEORGE, UT – 2017-PRESENT**

Represent buyers and sellers in residential real estate transactions. Work extensively with contracts, negotiations, and housing related matters. Communicate clearly with clients, lenders, inspectors, and other professionals.

### **TOWNSQUARE MEDIA – 2023-PRESENT**

Serve as on-air talent and guest host for live radio programming. Conduct live remote broadcasts and community events. Operate broadcast board and support live show production. Engage with public, guests, and callers in real time. Annually Emcee St. George's 9/11 Memorial.

## Education

Dixie State University – Bachelor of Science in Communication

Emphasis Organization & Leadership – 2016

## Leadership - Washington County Board of Realtors

Education Committee Member (2018-2019)

Co-Chairman, Board Tour Committee (2020-2021)

Chairman, Board Tour Committee (2022-2024)

Co-Chairman, Real Estate Political Action Committee (2025-2026)

Chairman, Real Estate Political Action Committee (Current)

-Provide leadership and collaboration on education, outreach and fundraising efforts.

## Skills

Clear communication, active listening, collaboration, public speaking, consensus building, decision-making.

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For  
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City Santa Clara, Utah Zip Code 84765

Name of office \_\_\_\_\_ (District \_\_\_\_\_)

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Date 1/15/2025 Signature Melodee Finlinson  
(Candidate)

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Emily Merkley  
to me 

1:45 PM (58 minutes)

Santa Clara City Council  
Santa Clara, Utah

Dear Members of the City Council,

I am writing to offer my strong and enthusiastic recommendation for Melodee Finlinson as a candidate for the Santa Clara City Council vacancy. As a REALTOR® member of the Washington Board of REALTORS®, Melodee has consistently demonstrated the judgment, professionalism, and commitment to community that are essential for effective public service.

Through her work in real estate, Melodee has developed a deep understanding of the issues that directly impact community residents, including housing availability, responsible growth, infrastructure needs, and long-term community planning. She approaches these matters thoughtfully, balancing the needs of current residents with the realities of future development. Her experience working with families, local businesses, and property owners gives her a practical, ground-level perspective that would be a valuable asset to the Council.

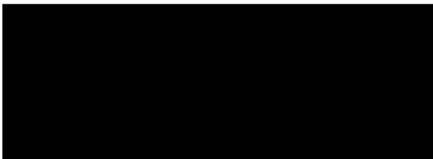
Equally important, Melodee is known for her integrity and collaborative approach, while using humor to break down barriers and build relationships. She listens carefully, communicates clearly, and treats differing viewpoints with respect. These qualities foster trust and constructive dialogue, both of which are critical in local governance. Her professional background requires her to navigate complex decisions, follow established rules and processes, and act in the best interest of those she serves, skills that translate naturally to city leadership.

I offer my highest recommendation for Melodee Finlinson and believe she would serve the City of Santa Clara with distinction. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Emily Merkley  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER





To the Santa Clara City Council Selection Committee,

I am writing to recommend Melodee Finlinson for the open seat on the Santa Clara City Council. I have worked directly with Melodee for the past three years, and I know her both professionally and personally.

Melodee is one of the most dependable employees I have. She works as on-air talent on weekends for Cat Country, part-time on KDXU, and regularly represents our stations at radio remotes. She is flexible, reliable, and always willing to step in when we are short-handed. When help is needed, she is often the first to volunteer.

Because she works in radio, Melodee has strong communication skills, but more importantly, she knows how to listen. I have seen her take live calls on KDXU where she disagreed with a caller's position. Even in those moments, she stays respectful, acknowledges the caller, and works to find common ground to keep the conversation productive. That ability to engage without escalating is rare and valuable in public service.

Melodee also has a strong ethical compass. She is open to discussing differences of opinion, but she is not afraid to hold her ground when backing down would mean compromising her values. That balance of openness and integrity is something I deeply respect.

Based on her work ethic, communication skills, and character, I believe Melodee Finlinson would serve the residents of Santa Clara with fairness and professionalism. I recommend her without hesitation.

Sincerely,

Bart Taylor  
Market President / CMO  
Townsquare Media  
St. George, UT



750 West Ridge View Dr. Suite 204 – St. George, Utah 84770 – 435.673.3579



## Letter of recommendation

1 message

Rebecca Bundy Sycamore Lane Realty Co

Wed, Jan 14, 2026 at 7:45 PM

To: Melodee Finlinson

I have had the pleasure of working with Melodee for approximately a year, and during that time she has consistently demonstrated integrity, compassion, and a genuine commitment to serving others. She approaches every interaction with kindness and respect, taking the time to understand the perspectives, concerns, and priorities of those around her while remaining grounded in her values.

Melodee has a natural ability to navigate complex or sensitive situations with professionalism and composure. I have personally seen her de-escalate conflict by listening thoughtfully, ensuring all parties feel heard, and guiding conversations toward productive, respectful outcomes. Her calm presence and fairness allow people to walk away with clarity and confidence, even when differing viewpoints are involved. These qualities make her exceptionally well-suited for a role in public service and community leadership."

### Rebecca Bundy-Realtor

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All information provided, is obtained from various sources and has not been, and will not be, verified by Broker or MLS. All information should be independently reviewed and verified for accuracy.

#### **WARNING – FRAUDULENT FUNDING INSTRUCTIONS**

Online banking fraud is on the rise. If you receive an email containing WIRE TRANSFER INSTRUCTIONS call your Realtor or the title company who's contact information you know is reliable immediately to verify the information prior to sending funds.



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## City Council Member Appointment Application

Name: Wendell R. Gubler

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

### Requirements of Office:

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2. Must have resided in the Santa Clara boundaries for at least twelve (12) consecutive months immediately preceding the date of appointment.
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I, Wendell R. Gubler, certify that I have read and understand the Requirements for Office listed above to file as a potential City Council member in Santa Clara, Utah, and verify that I meet said requirements and understand the legal qualifications for office.

Wendell R. Gubler  
Signature

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me by Wendall Gubler on this 15 day of January, 2026.



**SELENA NEZ**  
Notary Public  
State Of Utah  
My Commission Expires 09-23-2029  
COMMISSION NO. 745347

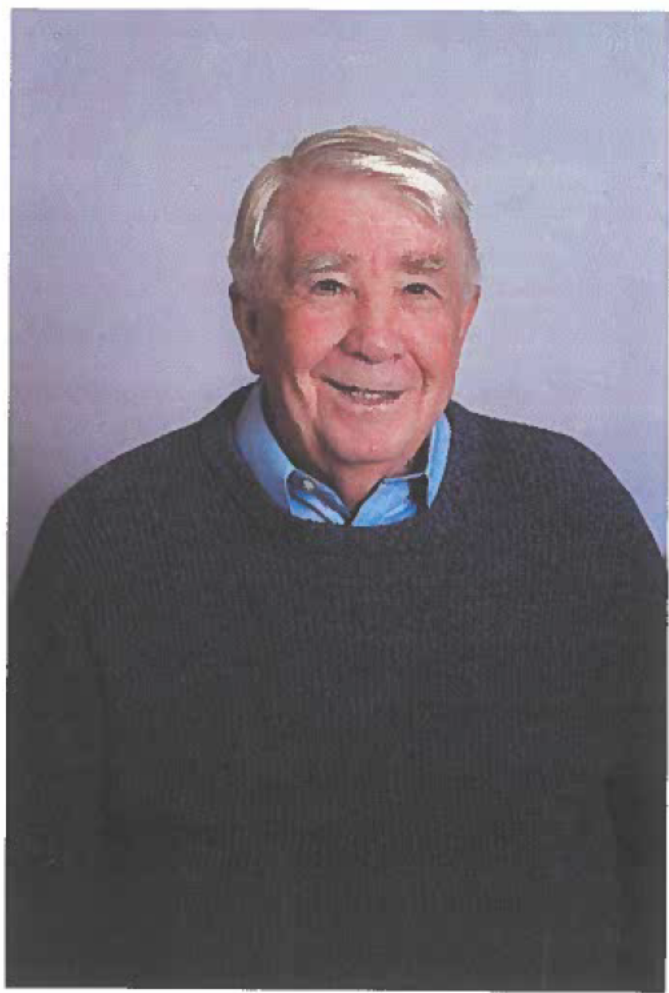
Selena Nez  
Selena Nez  
Santa Clara City Recorder



Those individuals interested shall on or before January 16, 2026, at 12:00pm (noon) and **in-person** meet the Requirements of Office, sign and submit the above application along with a cover letter and resume. In the cover letter the applicant should answer the following questions:

1. Why are you interested in serving on City Council.
2. Briefly describe your vision for Santa Clara for the next 5-10 years.
3. What do you believe are the most important issues currently facing Santa Clara and provide your solutions.
4. Briefly share your thoughts on the new Santa Clara General Plan.
5. Share a current or past issue in Santa Clara you are passionate about and how you feel your appointment to the City Council can impact that issue.

For questions, please contact the Selena Nez, City Recorder at [snez@santaclarautah.gov](mailto:snez@santaclarautah.gov) or 435-673-6712.



Wendell Gubler

# City Council Application

## 1. Why do I want to become a member of the City Council?

I've got roots in Santa Clara. Grew up here until I was 13, came back 25 years later, and raised my kids here. They grew up at Boys Pond, Santa Clara Creek, Big Rocks, and Anasazi Valley—finding arrowheads and petroglyphs like I did. This place matters to me.

I served on the City Council for four years before my wife and I went to Fresno for a mission. During that time, I worked with Jared Waite. He does his homework, makes solid decisions, and we got things done together. That's the kind of council work I believe in.

I want to get back to work. Our Historic District needs protecting, and I want to make sure we honor what our ancestors built here. I'm ready to serve again and help make decisions that keep Santa Clara strong for the people who live here now and those who'll come after us.

I am seeking a position on the city council to continue the work I'm passionate about—shaping the future of our city. During my four years of service, I had the opportunity to work alongside Jared Waite, and I found our collaboration to be highly productive. Jared's diligence, thorough research, and competent leadership complemented my own approach to governance, and I believe we work well together in addressing the challenges and opportunities facing our community. I'm eager to continue serving our residents and contributing to thoughtful, well-informed decision-making that moves our city forward.

## **2. Briefly describe your vision for Santa Clara for the next 5 to 10 years.**

My vision starts with preserving our Historic District—no changes there. I want to see Sycamore trees lining Highway 91 and our community working together at the Orchard/Garden to provide food for those in need.

I'd like to see a small replica of the historic Santa Clara Fort built at the original site, complete with a museum to attract visitors and tell our story. This should be a collaboration with our local churches—both financially and through service hours—so it doesn't burden the city budget.

I also see a small lake just west of the maintenance yard and the beginnings of the Southern Corridor running south toward the Checking Station. We need another outlet to take pressure off Santa Clara Drive and reduce congestion.

These projects honor our past while addressing real needs—preserving what matters, feeding our neighbors, and improving how people move through town.

### **3. What do you believe are the most important issues currently facing Santa Clara?**

#### **High Cost of Power**

The Delta power plant currently sends most of its power to Los Angeles. According to our Representative Neil Walter, we have an agreement we can exit at any time—and I believe it's time we do. Los Angeles needs to secure their power from other sources. The power generated in our region should go to Utah residents first, and Santa Clara deserves to be prioritized.

Second option: Governor Cox has said Utah will start moving toward nuclear power. We need to get involved now and be proactive. I believe this will benefit us long-term, and we should get in front of it early.

#### **Water**

We need to reuse water wherever possible—outdoor watering, recreation, anywhere we can. Potable water should be reserved for drinking. That said, we still need trees and grass in parts of the city. Santa Clara shouldn't be all xeriscape.

#### **4. Briefly share your thoughts on the new Santa Clara Plan.**

Jim McNulty and his team put together a solid general plan. I like that it focuses on working with residents, businesses, developers, and stakeholders to preserve our community's unique character while encouraging responsible development. The goal is to enhance quality of life and economic vitality while making sure growth aligns with our values.

That's the right approach—honor our past while building for the future. We need growth that makes sense for Santa Clara, not growth that changes who we are.

**5. Share a current or past issue in Santa Clara you are passionate about and how you feel your appointment to the City Council can impact that issue.**

I'm passionate about maintaining our Historic District as it is. Our ancestors wanted to establish a city of community and faith in a beautiful valley where they could grow fruits and vegetables and take care of each other. That vision still matters.

As a council member, I can protect that district from development pressure and keep it true to what our ancestors intended. I'll push for projects like the Orchard Garden and the fort replica that honor their legacy instead of erasing it. I'll make sure any decisions affecting the Historic District get measured against one question: would this make our ancestors proud?

We owe it to them—and to ourselves—to keep that part of Santa Clara intact.

# WENDELL R. GUBLER

Santa Clara, Utah  
CPA | Public Service Leader | Community Advocate

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Certified Public Accountant with extensive experience in fiscal management and strategic planning. Proven leader in public service with 16 years on the Washington County School Board, where I helped guide district expansion from 10,000 to 25,000 students. Skilled in collaborative decision-making, community engagement, and long-term organizational planning.

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## EDUCATION

**Master of Accountancy**  
Southern Utah University | 1994

**Bachelor of Science in Accounting**  
Brigham Young University

**Professional Licensure**  
Certified Public Accountant (CPA) | 1994

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Washington County School Board Member** | 1996–2012  
Washington County School District, Utah

- Served 16 years providing fiscal oversight and strategic direction for rapidly growing school district
- Collaborated with district leadership to manage expansion from 10,000 to 25,000 students
- Participated in decision-making that resulted in construction of more than two dozen new schools
- Supported restoration and modernization of Dixie High School
- Championed implementation of innovative academic programs including Success Academy and Dual Immersion programs
- Provided financial expertise in budget planning and resource allocation for district growth

**Planning and Zoning Commissioner** | 1984–1987  
City of Santa Clara, Utah

- Served three years on Planning and Zoning Commission, including one year as Chair
- Reviewed development proposals and provided recommendations on land use planning
- Contributed to community growth management and zoning decisions



## **Lieutenant**

United States Army

- Served as commissioned officer in the United States Army
  - Demonstrated leadership and commitment to public service
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## **COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP & SERVICE**

### **Religious Leadership**

- Bishop, The Church of Jesus Helpers Christ of Latter-day Saints
- Counselor, Santa Clara Stake Presidency

### **Youth Development**

- Scout Master (3 years) - mentored youth in character development and outdoor skills
  - Baseball and Softball Coach, Snow Canyon Little League - developed athletic and teamwork skills in youth athletes
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## **PERSONAL**

Long-time Santa Clara resident and community advocate. Married to Linda Gubler with 9 children and 32 grandchildren, including four children raising families in Santa Clara. Committed to strengthening community through education, fiscal responsibility, and civic engagement.

**SANTA CLARA CITY**  
**SWORN STATEMENT TO DISCLOSE CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

*Pursuant to Municipal Officers' and Employees' Ethics Act, Utah Code 10-3-1301 et seq.*

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please type or print legibly. Complete all relevant blanks, sign and have notarized, then deliver to the Mayor.  
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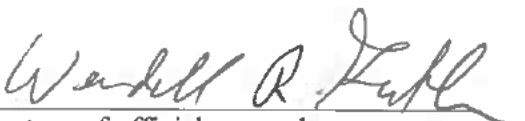
STATE OF UTAH                                 )  
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COUNTY OF WASHINGTON                 )

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, deposes and states:

*N/A*


1. My name is Wendell R. Gubler and my address is [REDACTED]
2. I am an elected or appointed officer or an employee of the City of Santa Clara, and my position is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I am filing this sworn statement for the purpose of disclosing (check one):
  - ☐ Compensation for assisting a person or business entity in a transaction involving the City (§10-3-1305) (complete only paragraphs 4 and 5 below).
  - ☐ An interest in a business entity regulated by the City (§10-3-1306) (complete only paragraph 6 below).
  - ☐ I am a City employee and I have an interest in a business entity which does or anticipates doing business with the City (§10-3-1307) (complete only paragraph 7 below).
4. The person or entity I am assisting is named \_\_\_\_\_ and has the address \_\_\_\_\_.
5. A brief description of the transaction as to which I am rendering service, and the nature of the service I am performing, is as follows: \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The regulated entity is named \_\_\_\_\_, my position with that entity is \_\_\_\_\_, and the nature and value of my interest is \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The entity which does or anticipates doing business with the City is named \_\_\_\_\_, and the nature of my interest in that entity is \_\_\_\_\_.

DATED this 15 day of January, 2026.

  
Signature of official or employee

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of January, 2026.



  
Notary Public

CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL REPORT

To

SELENA NEZ of SANTA CLARA CITY  
(City Recorder) (Municipality)

For

Full name of candidate Wendell R. Gubler

Street Address [REDACTED]

City Santa Clara, Utah Zip Code 84765

Name of office City Councilman {District                     }

*Contributions*

1a. Aggregate total of contributions under \$500.00.....\$                     

OR

1b. Itemized total of contributions totaling \$500.00 or more ..... \$                       
(Form "A" total from other side of this sheet)

*Expenditures*

2a. Aggregate total of campaign expenditures under \$500.00.....\$                     

OR

2b. Itemized total of campaign expenditures ..... \$                       
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3. Balance at the end of the reporting period ..... \$ 0  
(Difference between lines 1 and 2)

Date 1/15/26 Signature Wendell R. Gubler  
(Candidate)

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January 9, 2006

City Of Santa Clara

To Whom it may concern:

Wendell Gubler asked me if I would be willing to write a letter of recommendation in support of his application to serve the remaining City Council term of Mayor Jarrett, and I enthusiastically agreed to do so.

I have known Wendell since he moved back to Santa Clara roughly 40 + years ago. He worked for Milne Truck Lines (a regional Trucking company that served the western United States); he had just been transferred and promoted to be manager of the St. George Milne Truck Lines terminal. I watched him run that operation with professionalism and integrity.

He and his wife, Linda, soon became a part of the community as Santa Clara grew and experienced an influx of new residents. He was always involved in service. He and Linda became known for their willingness to serve in any capacity. They have raised their family here and are devoted to this community.

Wendell and Linda have been faithful members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and have served, when called upon, in any capacity they were called to no matter what the commitment in time and effort. Wendell was serving in the Santa Clara Stake Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (a position that required

a great deal of time and commitment) when Milne Truck Lines experienced some changes and decided to shut down the terminal in St. George. Wendell could have stayed with the company but that would require moving. Santa Clara was now he and Linda's home. They decided to leave the company and remain in Santa Clara even though they did not know what they would do for a work.

Wendell decided to go back to school and obtain a degree in accounting while working in the hot summer sun picking fruit to provide for their day - to - day expenses. I have always admired him for working and not relying on welfare during this difficult time. He would drive up to Cedar City (where he was enrolled at Southern Utah State University) each day. It required dedication and a good deal of time but he was able to obtain a degree in accounting.

At no time during his quest for a degree did he ever shirk any responsibility in his church calling or to any family need. He has lived a frugal and provident life and was prepared for the emergency that came. Upon completing his degree, He was hired by Ence Homes (the largest home builder in southern Utah) where he worked until he retired.

Because of he and Linda's devotion to their faith, they have since been called to serve in many callings including Bishop and have served several full - time missions for his church including two in Africa. Although intimidated by these calls, both he and Linda learned to love the people they served and were very successful.

He has also been elected to and served as a member of the Washington County School Board and has also served on community committees and as a member of the city council in Santa Clara.

He finishes what he starts and is one of the most reliable men that I have ever known. I recommend Wendell as one who could be trusted with any responsibility.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Brent C. Goodwin".

Brent C Goodwin



January 13, 2026

Mayor and City Council  
2603 Santa Clara City  
Santa Clara, UT 84765

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council,

I am pleased to recommend Wendell Gubler for a position on the Santa Clara City Council. My association with Wendell spans 45 years, during which I have observed his exceptional leadership and unwavering commitment to our community. Our enduring connection through the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has provided me with unique insights into his character and capabilities.

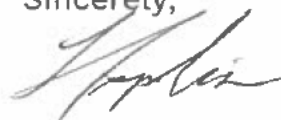
Throughout the years, I have witnessed Wendell's leadership abilities in various capacities. He has effectively supervised large groups, including one instance where he oversaw 400 individuals and another where he served over 3,000. Wendell distinguishes himself with an ability to handle issues to swift and successful completion. Wendell possesses a remarkable capacity to connect with individuals from all walks of life, fostering an environment of open communication and mutual respect.

Wendell is a visionary leader, consistently demonstrating foresight in both his religious service and his dedication to the City of Santa Clara. Rooted deeply in Santa Clara with his Swiss heritage, his love for this community is remarkable. He is genuinely invested in ensuring the best possible future for all its residents. Wendell's long-standing ties to Santa Clara give him a unique understanding of its past, present, and future needs.

His financial background, developed through his previous professional endeavors, positions him as a valuable asset in addressing the City's budgetary and financial matters. I am confident that Wendell will contribute financial leadership and operational excellence to the City Council, ensuring responsible and effective management of our resources.

Wendell Gubler has my strongest recommendation. I am certain that he will serve the City of Santa Clara with integrity, vision, and unwavering dedication.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'L. Esplin', written in a cursive style.

Lee P. Esplin

January 13, 2026

Mayor and City Council  
2603 Santa Clara City  
Santa Clara, UT 84765

Dear Mayor and members of the City Council,

I am pleased to recommend Wendell Gubler to be a member of Santa Clara City Council. I have had the privilege of working closely with Wendell for the past 45 years. We have been in the same ward in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for all that time.

I have seen his leadership in many different callings. One of those where he supervised and presided over 400 people and another one where he presided and served over 3,000 people. One of Wendell's qualities is the ability to get things done quickly. He works well with others. His interpersonal skills make him an exceptional candidate for this leadership position. He has the ability to carry on a conversation with anyone.

He is a man with a vision whether it is in his religious callings or serving the City of Santa Clara. His roots are right here in Santa Clara as he has a Swiss heritage. He loves Santa Clara. He wants what is best for the community.

He has a strong financial background from his previous employment and will be a great asset in helping with the budget and other financial issues. I am confident that Wendell will bring both strategic financial leadership and operational excellence to the City Council. He has my highest recommendation.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss Wendell's qualifications further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Lee P. Esplin', written in a cursive style.

Lee P. Esplin



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## City Council Member Appointment Application

Name: Joshua Jackson

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

### Requirements of Office:

1. Must be 18 years of age, a United States citizen and a registered voter of Santa Clara.
2. Must have resided in the Santa Clara boundaries for at least twelve (12) consecutive months immediately preceding the date of appointment.
3. Must not be a convicted felon; must not have convicted of a treason or of an election crime; must not have been declared mentally incompetent; and must not have had the right to hold public office restricted pursuant to Article IV, Section 6, of the Utah Constitution and U.C.A. 20A-2-101.5.

I, Joshua Jackson, certify that I have read and understand the Requirements for Office listed above to file as a potential City Council member in Santa Clara, Utah, and verify that I meet said requirements and understand the legal qualifications for office.

[Signature]  
Signature

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me by Joshua Jackson on this 14 day of January, 2026.

[Signature]  
Selena Nez

Santa Clara City Recorder



January 13, 2026

Santa Clara City Council and Mayor:

I am excited for this opportunity to apply for the open City Council position.

Santa Clara is spectacular -- and careful shepherding is required to continue to march forward while passionately and carefully grasping onto all that makes it unique and lovely and homey and historic.

My experience and interests combine in ways you may find beneficial to this role. Specific to city government and planning, I have served on Ivins Planning Commission. There I learned that, first and foremost, our job is to understand and apply the relevant codes, plans, and laws. I learned it is important to listen. I learned it is vital to be prepared. I learned that it is also important to be proactive, to see how to improve, not just be guided by inertia.

More generally, my resume shows a lifetime of careers in communication, research, planning, execution, and applied finance. Finally, even when I'm not directly involved in city management I'm a planning "geek" who studies and thinks about these issues. Sitting on my shelf is further preparation: books on -- and, yes, I've read them -- population trends, community planning, aging issues, design principles.

My vision of Santa Clara is finding balance in the growth that must take place (I have seen what happens when cities don't plan and grow), while protecting it from the destruction that comes from unfettered growth, of growth for the sake of growth, of growth through a momentum bowling over all in its path. The General Plan has been designed for this next decade, and beyond, for just such issues.

Regarding this new plan, I appreciate that the process was open to many chances for the public to participate, that research was incorporated implementing best practices for other communities facing similar trajectories, that consultants were brought in, but that ultimate say was made locally. But for a General Plan to be worth the bytes its printed on, it must be more than a project to complete and put on the shelf, but must be guide going forward, referred to often, and followed.

Vital issues -- as addressed in the plan -- include historical districts, budget, use of public funds and spaces, water, traffic, maintaining the character and view that brought us all here, power, quality of life, and less sexy topics such as mosquitos and infrastructure. I know the application directions call for my solutions, but the solutions are complex, can't be lumped into a paragraph, and I don't claim to know all the answers. My contribution to the solution is to study, think, work with others, listen, follow the General Plan, and be proactive to institute improvement.

One issue I am passionate about is planning. And what I bring is the two sides of my own personality, matching the two sides that often engage on this issue. I love freedom and land rights; I love protecting nature and building for the shared good. These two sides are often at war, but what they need is to engage and catalyze something beautiful for us all.

Thanks for your consideration.

Joshua Jackson  
Santa Clara Utah.

# Josh Jackson

## Experience

### **Financial Wellness Coordinator -- Goldenwest Credit Union** 2024-present

- Build relationships** by demonstrating benefit, and extend the relationships through quality service
- Develop curriculum** on vital financial skills such as acct management, credit building, investing
- Present** as a guest of financial literacy teachers to support and reinforce their curriculum

### **Teacher -- Washington County Schools / Utah Tech University** 1994-May 2024

- Positively and effectively lead** students of varying personalities and skills through clear expectations, relationship building, positive reinforcement, and coaching toward improvement
- Develop end-in-mind content** focused on high-level thinking and practical real-world application,
- Team with stakeholders** of various roles to achieve common causes
- Manage projects** for mapping teams, certification committees, and as department chair

### **Marketing -- Media Blitz freelance** 2003-2009, 2017-present

- Process:** early conceptualization to complete marketing plans, from brainstorm to polished product
- Content:** outbound marketing and organizational in-house; web, vid, social media; ad content/layout
- Client scope:** including local startups and national and regional industry leaders

### **Head of Content and User Experience -- Loyal 9** 2013-2017

- Designed** voice, layout, and user experience of grassroots, constitution-based political action group
- Established** partnerships, expanded user base, acquired rights, recruited writers, created content
- Coordinated** improvements and troubleshooting between designers and programmers

### **Real Estate -- Agent** 2009-2013 **Investment and Management** 2010-2023

- Client acquisition**, problem solving, relationship building for short and long-term mutual benefit
- Analysis, purchase, financing, and management** of long term buy and hold investments
- Team formation, management, and client relations** of vacation rental

### **Mortgage Officer -- Preferred Funding** 1995-1997

- Expanded clientele base**, developed systems, and managed progress through the pipelines.
- Served clientele** through responsive customer service and by being solution oriented

## Education

### **Brigham Young University, BA, English**

- Emphasis on writing process and practical writing (resumes, technical, admissions essays)

### **Southern Utah University, M.Ed**

- Curriculum development + Communications including speech, journalism, communications law

## Community Participation and Service

- Planning Commission**, Ivins, UT, instrumental in night sky and view-protecting initiatives
- Condo Owners Association President** long-time manager of owner-managed complex
- Guest Teacher** in inner city and for rural migrant children

*Pursuant to Municipal Officers' and Employees' Ethics Act, Utah Code 10-3-1301 et seq.*

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CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL REPORT

To  
ELENA SANTA NEZ of SANTA CLARA CITY  
(City Recorder) (Municipality)

For  
Full name of candidate Josma Jackson

Street Address [REDACTED]

City Santa Clara, Utah Zip Code 84765

Name of office Council Member {District \_\_\_\_\_}

Contributions

1a. Aggregate total of contributions under \$500.00 ..... \$ 0.00

OR

1b. Itemized total of contributions totaling \$500.00 or more ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Expenditures

2a. Aggregate total of campaign expenditures under \$500.00 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OR

2b. Itemized total of campaign expenditures ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Form "B" total from other side of this sheet)

3. Balance at the end of the reporting period ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Difference between lines 1 and 2)

Date Jan 13, 2026 Signature [Signature]  
(Candidate)

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*office. You should check with your city recorder for the disclosure requirements which pertain to your municipality.*

## ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTION REPORT (FORM "A")

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## ITEMIZED EXPENDITURE REPORT (Form "B")

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# SNOW CANYON HIGH SCHOOL

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SHELIN MILLER • VICE PRINCIPAL

To the City of Santa Clara,

January 14, 2026

I am writing this letter of recommendation on behalf of Mr. Joshua Jackson. I've known Mr. Jackson since the Summer of 2015 when he joined the faculty of Snow Canyon High School where I've worked for 13 years. In all the time I've known Josh, I've found him to be a man of integrity, optimism, intelligence, humor, and good character.

It wasn't too long after Josh joined our faculty that we became friends. We worked together to supervise all the high school students in the lunch room who don't leave to go home or to visit nearby eating establishments. We had many conversations about school, life, politics and religion, sports and nearly everything else. I always left feeling uplifted and edified. He is a "good guy" and is worth getting to know well. Sadly for us but good for him, Josh left our faculty in May of 2024 to pursue other interests after 30 years in the classroom as an English teacher. We wish him well but Josh and I have stayed in touch and continue our friendship to this day.

Additionally, I've socialized with him playing pickleball and enjoying good food and music. Most recently I even attended a "meet the candidates" night in the early fall where men and women of the community were invited to listen to and speak with a few individuals vying for Mayor and City Council. It was a lively evening with difficult questions asked as well as the curious ones from various citizens. I appreciated the opportunity and the proactiveness of Josh and his wife Kristy. Thus, I can attest to the sincerity that Mr. Jackson has for our beautiful city.

Finally, let me say that I've been a home owner and resident of Santa Clara (in the South Hills) for 12 ½ years. Before that, I grew up here from 1981 through 1995 when I left the "nest." Additionally, I also spent a few summers between University school years. Therefore, I can say with confidence that Santa Clara has been my home for the majority of my life. Further, my parents have lived on Vineyard these last 45 years and thus I wouldn't recommend Mr. Joshua Jackson to the City leadership if I didn't feel it was in our best interests. I am happy to answer any questions you may have to this end. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Mr. Steve Lang  
[REDACTED]

High School Advanced Algebra and Statistics Teacher  
[REDACTED]

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*home of the Warriors*

Warren Brooks  
Santa Clara Resident



January 14, 2026

To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleased to offer my recommendation for Josh Jackson as a candidate for the Santa Clara City Council. Josh is a man of integrity who consistently approaches issues with fairness, cooperation, and reliability. He listens carefully, works collaboratively with others, and follows through on his commitments.

Josh's character and steady leadership make him well suited for public service. I am confident he would serve the residents of Santa Clara with honesty, respect, and a genuine dedication to the community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Warren Brooks".

Warren Brooks

Santa Clara Resident



January 14, 2026

To Whom it May Concern,

I am pleased to write a letter of recommendation for Josh Jackson and I do so without reservation. I have known Josh for more than 10 years, first in a personal capacity as his neighbor, and later professionally in the Human Resources Department of the Washington County School District. During that time I have had the opportunity to observe Josh as a husband, father, man of faith, and a professional. While I could recommend Josh for any of the roles I have witnessed, this letter is to recommend him as a well qualified candidate for Santa Clara City Council.

In my role at the Washington County School District I have seen first hand how detrimental it can be for an organization when the wrong person is selected for a position. Not only do staff members and students suffer in the short run, but poor leadership can have effects on organizations for years. Josh is the kind of leader that possesses the rare qualities of being both highly competent and having excellent interpersonal skills when working with people. Couple that with his strong moral character and you have an ideal candidate for City Council.

In addition to his competency and interpersonal skills Josh is a thoughtful and considerate leader. As leaders of the young men in our church, Josh and I worked closely together for a time. I have observed him make important and consequential decisions, and I cannot overstate how impressed I've been with the level of care and attention to detail he exhibits as part of his decision making process. No doubt the citizens of Santa Clara would also be beneficiaries of his calm and collected personal conduct.

As a citizen of this great city, I can say definitively that Josh Jackson is precisely the kind of individual that I would love to see serve as a community leader, and the City of Santa Clara would be lucky to have him. His commitment to his family, his profession and his excellent character make it very easy for me to provide this recommendation. Should there be any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me using the information provided below.

Sincerely yours,



Michael Lee



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## City Council Member Appointment Application

Name: Jimi KESTIN

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

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I, Jimi KESTIN, certify that I have read and understand the Requirements for Office listed above to file as a potential City Council member in Santa Clara, Utah, and verify that I meet said requirements and understand the legal qualifications for office.

[Signature]  
Signature

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me by Jimi Keston on this 13 day of January, 2026.

[Signature]  
Selena Nez  
Santa Clara City Recorder



Cover letter for Jimi Kestin:

I believe we need strong Constitutional Conservatism as the guiding principle behind all decisions we make which is why I am interested in being appointed to this position. I believe the most important issue facing us today is making sure infrastructure stays ahead of growth rather than lagging behind as in so many other cities. Traffic is already strained during morning and evening commute, and we cannot afford to ignore what is on the horizon. As to my thoughts on the General Plan, the biggest concern I have is there is a significant portion of our citizens who do not feel they were heard through the process. Regardless of whether the city feels it has been transparent and open in hearing the concerns of our residents, and there is an impressive list of opportunities for people to do so, the fact that so many people seem to think otherwise is concerning and something we can do better. As to issues that I can have a positive impact on, I believe my resume and experience clearly endorses my value to our community in serving as a member of the City Council. My experience includes:

Chaplain for Dixie Home Health and Hospice

Political commentator for KDXU radio.

Former Asst. Vice President at the State Bank of Southern Utah

Two-term past Chairman of the Washington County Republican Party

Three terms having served on the Executive Committee for the Utah Republican Party

Former Chairman of the Board of the St. George Chamber of Commerce

Emeritus Sunshiner good will ambassador for the St George Chamber of Commerce

Member of the Washington County PIO committee

2020 Electoral College Representative for Utah's 2nd Congressional District

Co-founder of the Interfaith Council of Washington County

Received the 2015 Distinguished Citizen Award from Dixie State University

Received the 2020 Strengthening Community Award from the WC Volunteer Advisory Council

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CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL REPORT

To  
SELENA NEZ of SANTA CLARA CITY  
(City Recorder) (Municipality)

For  
Full name of candidate Timi KESTIN

Street Address [REDACTED]

City SANTA CLARA, Utah Zip Code 84765

Name of office \_\_\_\_\_ {District \_\_\_\_\_}

Contributions

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature [Signature]

(Candidate)

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## City Council

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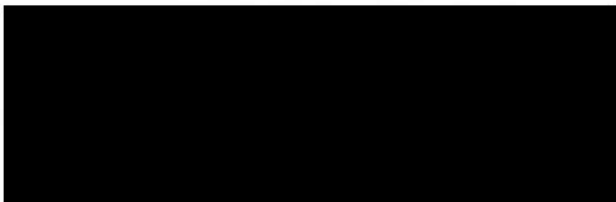
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To whom it concerns.

I have know Jimi Kestin for over 18 years and know him to be a man of integrity and highly recommend him to your city council.

*Thank You,*

*Delila R.*





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**Santa Clara City Council**

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Mon, Jan 12, 2026 at 11:45 AM

Jimi is seriously dedicated to our community....  
He has all our best interests....  
He has a proven record of success.  
He keeps in a budget.  
He has an incredible ability to organize  
and inspire people.  
He is incredibly calm under pressure.  
He would be a HUGE asset to your council.

--  
**Lyle Hindes**



## Letter of Recommendation for Jimi Kestin

Mon, Jan 12, 2026 at 11:39 AM

To the Honorable Members of the Santa Clara City Council,

I am pleased to offer this letter of recommendation in strong support of Jimi Kestin for service on the Santa Clara City Council.

Mr. Kestin is widely known as a fine man of the community and a true pillar of those he serves. In his role as a pastor, he has demonstrated unwavering integrity, compassion, and leadership, consistently placing the needs of others before his own. His work has strengthened families, guided young people, and fostered unity across diverse segments of the community.

Beyond his pastoral service, Mr. Kestin possesses the character and dedication essential for effective public service. He approaches leadership with humility, wisdom, and a deep respect for civic responsibility. I am confident that he will dedicate himself fully to the service of the City of Santa Clara, carrying out his duties with fidelity, diligence, and an unwavering commitment to the public good.

Santa Clara would benefit greatly from Mr. Kestin's steady leadership, moral clarity, and sincere desire to serve. I offer my highest recommendation and trust that he will represent the city with honor and distinction.

Respectfully,

Council Member Karece Thompson

Clearfield City

I was endorsed last municipal cycle by:

Congressman Burgess Owens

Rep. Lisa Shepherd HD 61

Rod Hall Utah State Board of Education

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## City Council Member Appointment Application

Name: Leina Mathis

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

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I, Leina Mathis, certify that I have read and understand the Requirements for Office listed above to file as a potential City Council member in Santa Clara, Utah, and verify that I meet said requirements and understand the legal qualifications for office.

Leina Mathis  
Signature

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me by Leina Mathis on this 16 day of January, 2026.

Selena Nez  
Selena Nez  
Santa Clara City Recorder



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# LEINA MATHIS

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**January 15, 2026**

Mayor and City Council  
City of Santa Clara  
2603 Santa Clara Dr  
Santa Clara, UT 84765

**Dear Mayor and Council:**

I am submitting this cover letter, resume and application for consideration to the appointment of City Council Member for the City of Santa Clara. David and I have lived in Santa Clara for more than 20 years and have deep roots with ancestors who were called to settle the area. For me Santa Clara isn't just where I live, it is home.

I would be delighted to serve on the City Council because I love our community! We are fortunate to have wonderful forebears that have maintained the beauty, history, safety and solvency of our City. I want to continue that legacy and feel my experience, work ethic, inclusiveness and willingness to listen and understand others perspectives will contribute.

In all honesty, my vision for Santa Clara does not involve significant change, but rather identifying opportunities for improvement. These may include tackling regulation for affordable housing, exploring new resources to maintain utility costs, addressing an aging downtown and fostering economic opportunities that balance the vision of residents.

An important issue facing the City is the remaining capacity of the Cemetery, as it is an integral part of a community literally rooted as a place to remember those we love. I realize this issue is not new and other ideas for the existing location have been discussed, but further work is needed, as it is unlikely the existing Cemetery can be expanded due to soil and water issues near the hillside. I would propose a review of all raw land within the City to determine feasible locations, followed by communication with land owners regarding their intention with

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the land. I would also recommend, as a matter of fiscal responsibility, beginning to budget now for any acquisition of land.

Regarding the General Plan, I have read the full document and was pleased to see that almost two thirds of those participating in the process, identified that their quality of life, 4.2/5, was either the same or had improved over the last 10 years. A few key findings for residents included: preservation of historic character, calls for more inclusive events, concern for more affordable housing, support for trail/walkability improvements and preservation of open space. As such, I fully support the guiding principals of preserving our heritage, foster belonging, planning for balanced growth, enhancing connectivity and improving economic opportunity. More specifically, I was encouraged to see policies that promote tree lined streets, supports diversity of housing for the "missing middle", designates special planning areas and expands bike lanes and trails. It was much needed and also gratifying to see the newly adopted Historic District Guidelines formally included in the General Plan along with recognition of the need to revitalize an aging Drive through preservation and/or thoughtful evolution. Lastly, I affirm and whole heartedly support the Vision Statement which states that Santa Clara will remain a welcoming, close-knit community where neighbors know and support one another, where historic charm and agricultural heritage are cherished, and where vibrant community life thrives through traditional events, shared values and community spirit.

Finally, one issue I am passionate about that also aligns with the Vision Statement, is fostering unity within Santa Clara. Much like my interest and desire that created the Samichlaus Abend, I would look to create or expand current events that bring residents together in support of community heritage and inclusiveness. I believe it is opportunities like these that truly add to the quality of life, community spirit and sense of belonging that our residents desire.

Thank you for the time and sacrifice you make and for your consideration!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leina Mathis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Leina" being more prominent and the last name "Mathis" written in a smaller, more compact script.

**Leina Mathis**

# LEINA MATHIS

## EXPERIENCE

- 1996 – Current      **Vice President, Business & Professional Banking, Zions Bank**
- Relationship Manager: Develop, manage and provide tailored financial services for business owners and high net worth clients, including small business and consumer loans and account services
  - Commercial Lender: Assist existing clients expand their commercial relationship by offering of Zions products and services; business development for new commercial relationships
- 2020 - 2024      **Councilwoman, City of Santa Clara**
- Elected to represent citizens in establishing land use legislation, budgets, infrastructure and public safety within the community
- 1988 - 1996      **Various, First Security Bank**
- Teller, new accounts rep, consumer loan officer, operations/assistant manager, Private Banking loan underwriter

## EDUCATION

- 1995 - 1997      **Bachelor Degree Psychology, Utah State University**
- 1993      **Associate Degree, Salt Lake Community College**

## SERVICE / BOARDS

- 2021 - 2024      **Youth Council Advisor, City of Santa Clara**
- 2016 - 2019      **Planning Commissioner, City of Santa Clara Planning Commission**
- 2001 - 2012      **Trustee, Intermountain Healthcare – Dixie Regional Medical Center**
- Chair, Community Relations
  - Chair, Nominating Committee
- 1998 - 2002      **President, President- Elect, Board Member, St. George Exchange Club**
- Chair, St George Marathon Mayors Walk 1999 - 2004

*Pursuant to Municipal Officers' and Employees' Ethics Act, Utah Code 10-3-1301 et seq.*

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CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL REPORT

To Selena Nez of City of Santa Clara  
(City Recorder) (Municipality)

For  
Full name of candidate Leina Michelle Mathis

Street Address [REDACTED]

City Santa Clara, Utah Zip Code 84765

Name of office Council member; District \_\_\_\_\_

*Contributions*

1a. Aggregate total of contributions under \$500.00 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OR

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*Expenditures*

2a. Aggregate total of campaign expenditures under \$500.00 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OR

2b. Itemized total of campaign expenditures ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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at the end of the reporting period ..... \$ 0

(Difference between lines 1 and 2)

Date 11/15/2026 Signature Leina Mathis  
(Candidate)

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SENATOR  
DON L. IPSON  
TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT

## UTAH STATE SENATE

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dipson@le.utah.gov

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to strongly recommend that the Santa Clara City Council give serious consideration to appointing Leina Mathis to fill the open council position. I worked with Leina as my personal banker for many years, and during that time I consistently observed her attentiveness, efficiency and professionalism.

Leina approaches her work with a pleasant, positive attitude and an eagerness to help. She has always demonstrated a sincere commitment to serving others, both in her professional role and through her active involvement in community affairs.

I believe Leina would be a dedicated, thoughtful and service-oriented addition to the City Council, and I am confident she would represent the residents of Santa Clara with integrity and care.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to reach out if you would like to talk more about Leina's qualifications.

Sincerely,

Don L. Ipson  
Utah State Senator  
Senate District 29



R. Neil Walter  
nwalter@le.utah.gov  
Utah House of Representatives  
District 74

January 15, 2026

Santa Clara Mayor and City Council  
2603 Santa Clara Drive  
Santa Clara, UT 84765

RE: Letter of Recommendation for Leina Mathis

I am honored to recommend Leina Mathis for the vacant seat on City Council. Leina has experience as a former council member, as a resident of Santa Clara for more than 20 years, and as an engaged citizen.

I have had personal interactions with Leina for 20 years in our local homeowners association and in her professional role at Zions Bank. She has been engaged with the Santa Clara youth council, Swiss Days, and other aspects of local government. She is honest, accessible, and a good listener.

Leina is comfortable hearing all sides of a potential issues and considers multiple perspectives before making a decision. Her experience will be an asset to the Council. She has a calming demeanor and is good at keeping cool in difficult situations.

I believe Leina would do an excellent addition to fill the vacant seat on the Santa Clara city Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "R. Neil Walter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

R. Neil Walter  
Utah House of Representatives  
District 74



To whom it may concern

It is my privilege to write a letter of recommendation for Leina Mathis. First, she served on Santa Clara City planning commission, later becoming chair of the commission. Second she served on the Santa Clara City Council. Prior to Covid and the meetings being broadcast over Zoom, I would attend both planning commission and city council in person. I was extremely impressed with how professional she was. She was always well prepared on whatever items were being discussed. Often finding and then asking questions that needed to be addressed on discussion items. I felt that she worked hard to listen to all sides of anything that was brought before the meetings. I was very impressed with how she was always willing to take on any task assigned her, and you knew that there would be great follow through. I particularly enjoyed watching her be the council person who implemented the youth council and worked so well with the students from the high school. Showing them how to serve others and work well with the city. On a personal level, whenever I would text her or ask her for some additional information about questions I had, she was always prompt to reply. I feel that she would be a great asset to serve the citizens of Santa Clara as a city council member. It is my pleasure to give her my highest recommendation.

Sincerely,

Cindy Frei

[REDACTED]  
Santa Clara, UT

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## City Council Member Appointment Application

Name: Ben Shakespeare

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

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I, Ben Shakespeare, certify that I have read and understand the Requirements for Office listed above to file as a potential City Council member in Santa Clara, Utah, and verify that I meet said requirements and understand the legal qualifications for office.

[Signature]  
Signature

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me by BEN SHAKESPEARE on this 15 day of JANUARY, 2026.

[Signature]  
Selena Nez  
Santa Clara City Recorder



Those individuals interested shall on or before January 16, 2026, at 12:00pm (noon) and **in-person** meet the Requirements of Office, sign and submit the above application along with a cover letter and resume. In the cover letter the applicant should answer the following questions:

1. Why are you interested in serving on City Council.
2. Briefly describe your vision for Santa Clara for the next 5-10 years.
3. What do you believe are the most important issues currently facing Santa Clara and provide your solutions.
4. Briefly share your thoughts on the new Santa Clara General Plan.
5. Share a current or past issue in Santa Clara you are passionate about and how you feel your appointment to the City Council can impact that issue.

For questions, please contact the Selena Nez, City Recorder at [snez@santaclarautah.gov](mailto:snez@santaclarautah.gov) or 435-673-6712.

**Ben Shakespeare**  
**Santa Clara, UT**

**Professional Summary**

**Experienced construction and plumbing professional with nearly 30 years in commercial and residential construction. Master Plumber and President of a successful mechanical and development company, specializing in project leadership, business ownership, and high-quality construction services. Proven leader with strong community involvement and a background in team management and operations.**

**Professional Experience**

**President / Owner**

**Tom's Mechanical — St. George, UT**  
**2018–Present**

- Purchased and assumed leadership of a family-owned commercial plumbing and mechanical contracting company
- Oversee company operations, project management, estimating, and business development
- Lead teams to complete commercial and mechanical projects on time and within budget
- Manage client relationships and long-term contracts

**Job Foreman / Plumbing Professional**

**Tom's Mechanical — St. George, UT**  
**1995–2018**

- Worked as Job Foreman from 1996–2018 on commercial plumbing and mechanical projects
- Supervised crews, coordinated schedules, and ensured quality control and safety compliance
- Trained apprentices and journeymen plumbers
- Managed job site planning and material coordination

**Founder / Owner**

**Shakespeare Development Company — St. George, UT**  
**2004–Present**

- Founded and operate a construction company specializing in residential and commercial development
- Manage project planning, subcontractors, budgets, and timelines

- Oversee design coordination and construction quality standards
- Maintain strong relationships with clients, suppliers, and local agencies

#### Education & Certifications

- Master Plumber License — 2004
- Journeyman Plumber Certification — 1999
- Plumbing Contractor Qualifier — Licensed in 7 Western States
- General Contractor (B-100) — State of Utah
- Utah Real Estate License
- Plumbing Trade School — Dixie Technical College
- Dixie College
- Dixie High School — Class of 1992

#### Leadership & Community Service

- Southern Utah Home Builders Association — Member and Former Board Member
- Santa Clara City Council — 8 years
- Santa Clara Little League Board Member — 12 years (President — 5 years)
- Missionary Service — The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Caracas, Venezuela (1993–1995)
- Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America

## **Ben Shakespeare**

Ben Shakespeare is a 27-year resident of Santa Clara, Utah. He recently completed his second term on the Santa Clara City Council, representing the community for the past eight years. He attended Dixie High School (Class of '92) and Dixie College, and has built a life and career rooted in service, craftsmanship, and community values.

Ben is a master plumber and co-owner of Tom's Mechanical, a family-founded business he operates with his brother, Connor. Tom's Mechanical celebrated 40 years in business last year with over 60 team members strong. He is also a partner in Shakespeare Development, a local construction and development company that reflects his passion for building lasting infrastructure and improving the community. Ben is an active member of the Southern Utah Home Builders Association (SUHBA), where he stays engaged in conversations shaping the region's future.

Ben's commitment to Santa Clara extends beyond business. He dedicated 12 years to the local Little League board—five as president—and served on the board of the Dixie Escalante Kite Festival, helping promote family-friendly events and youth engagement. An Eagle Scout and former missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Ben served in Caracas, Venezuela (1993–1995), experiences that strengthened his dedication to faith, service, and community.

Ben has been married to Tawni Tuttle Shakespeare for 30 years. Together, they have four children and 2 grandchildren. As the third of nine children, Ben understands the importance of faith, family, and working together for a common good.

Ben brings real-world experience, common sense, and a deep commitment to Santa Clara's future.

## **Ben Shakespeare**

### **1. Why are you interested in serving on the City Council?**

I am interested in continuing to serve on the City Council because I have already served for eight years and believe that experience is especially important as Santa Clara continues to grow and face increasing challenges. My background in construction, owning and managing a large business, and my working relationships with the current mayor and council—as well as with mayors and councils throughout the county—allow me to contribute immediately and effectively. As cities face pressures related to budgets, debt, infrastructure, and growth, I believe my experience can help Santa Clara navigate these issues responsibly and collaboratively.

### **2. Vision for Santa Clara (5–10 Years)**

The next 5–10 years are critical for Santa Clara. My vision is one where residents are engaged and involved in shaping our future. Key priorities include addressing the long-term future of Santa Clara Drive—balancing traffic, noise, residential living, and business needs—while strengthening our commercial base to improve sales tax revenue. I would also like to see thoughtful solutions for aging housing stock that allow young families and workforce residents to live in Santa Clara, helping support our schools and community. In addition, I believe it is vital that Santa Clara remains actively involved in planning for Graveyard Wash and the Western Corridor, and that we continue strong partnerships with Ivins for shared police, fire, and EMS services.

### **3. Most Important Issues and Solutions**

Housing remains one of Santa Clara's most pressing issues. We must ensure that we provide housing options that are affordable for young families and the workforce, which strengthens our community and schools. This can be addressed through thoughtful work with aging homes and careful land-use planning in areas such as the South Hills. Public safety is another critical issue, and our continued partnership with Ivins for police and fire services is essential. By working through the Public Safety Work Group and with the county, we can maintain excellent service at the best possible cost and ensure fair reimbursements for coverage areas outside our city boundary. Finally, growing our commercial and sales tax base is vital to Santa Clara's long-term financial stability.

### **4. Thoughts on the Santa Clara General Plan**

I believe the new General Plan is excellent. I was directly involved in its development and feel that it reflects a great deal of thought, planning, and public input. The plan addresses Santa Clara's current and future needs while preserving what makes our city special and why people choose to live here. I appreciate the work of Jim and everyone who contributed to creating a strong, forward-looking document.

## **5. Issue I Am Passionate About**

I am very passionate about keeping Santa Clara out of debt whenever possible, ensuring that city dollars go toward projects rather than interest payments. I am also deeply invested in the future of our downtown and Santa Clara Drive. A long-term, collaborative plan—looking 5, 10, and even 20 years ahead—is necessary for parking, residential uses, commercial development, and historic preservation, and it will require broad community support. Additionally, I am passionate about the opportunities presented by Graveyard Wash and the Western Corridor, which—if done right—can be tremendous assets for the city. Finally, I strongly support our continued partnership with Ivins for shared police and fire services, which provides exceptional service that neither city could achieve alone.



**SANTA CLARA CITY**  
**SWORN STATEMENT TO DISCLOSE CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

*Pursuant to Municipal Officers' and Employees' Ethics Act, Utah Code 10-3-1301 et seq.*

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please type or print legibly. Complete all relevant blanks, sign and have notarized, then deliver to the Mayor.  
Additional public disclosure may be required in an open meeting as set forth in the Act.

STATE OF UTAH )  
 )  
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON )

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, deposes and states:

1. My name is Ben Shakespeare and my address is [REDACTED].
  2. I am an elected or appointed officer or an employee of the City of Santa Clara, and my position is City Council.
  3. I am filing this sworn statement for the purpose of disclosing (check one):
    - ☐ Compensation for assisting a person or business entity in a transaction involving the City (§10-3-1305) (complete only paragraphs 4 and 5 below).
    - ☒ An interest in a business entity regulated by the City (§10-3-1306) (complete only paragraph 6 below).
    - ☐ I am a City employee and I have an interest in a business entity which does or anticipates doing business with the City (§10-3-1307) (complete only paragraph 7 below).
  4. The person or entity I am assisting is named \_\_\_\_\_ and has the address \_\_\_\_\_.
  5. A brief description of the transaction as to which I am rendering service, and the nature of the service I am performing, is as follows: \_\_\_\_\_.
  6. The regulated entity is named Shakespeare Development, my position with that entity is Manager, and the nature and value of my interest is 20% owner, Construction and Land Development.
  7. The entity which does or anticipates doing business with the City is named \_\_\_\_\_ and the nature of my interest in that entity is \_\_\_\_\_.
- DATED this 15 day of January, 20 26.

[Signature]  
Signature of official or employee

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of January, 20 26.



[Signature]  
Notary Public

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CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL REPORT

To

SELENA NEZ of SANTA CLARA  
(City Recorder) (Municipality)

For

Full name of candidate Ben Shakespeare

Street Address [REDACTED]

City Santa Clara, Utah Zip Code 84765

Name of office City Council {District \_\_\_\_\_}

*Contributions*

1a. Aggregate total of contributions under \$500.00 .....\$ 0

OR

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*Expenditures*

2a. Aggregate total of campaign expenditures under \$500.00 .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

OR

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3. Balance at the end of the reporting period .....\$ 0

(Difference between lines 1 and 2)

Date 1-15-2026 Signature [Signature]  
(Candidate)

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## ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTION REPORT (FORM "A")

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## ITEMIZED EXPENDITURE REPORT (Form "B")

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Dear Santa Clara Residents,

I have served in local government for two decades now. In that time I have observed some very effective elected leaders across Washington County and have taken note of what made them so. I see many of those qualities of leadership in Ben Shakespeare. Most important is his genuine connection to your community that is evident in his sincere love for Santa Clara and you its residents, his depth of knowledge and sincere appreciation of your history and traditions, his realistic understanding of your present problems and other issues you will soon face, and last, but certainly not least, is his clear vision for your future.

My interactions with Ben Shakespeare as we have met to discuss our shared Public Safety services and other issues facing both our communities have left me feeling confident in his good judgment, creativity, practicality, fair mindedness and problem solving abilities. You have seen those important qualities of leadership in him too and probably recognize others I haven't mentioned.

Chris Hart

Former Ivins City Mayor

To the Residents of Santa Clara City,

I have had the privilege of knowing Ben both personally and professionally for many years, and I can say with confidence that he embodies the kind of thoughtful, community-driven leadership our city deserves. Ben's proven dedication to public service, integrity, and collaborative spirit set him apart as a leader who listens first, acts with fairness, and always places the interests of Santa Clara residents above all else.

Ben has consistently demonstrated his commitment to responsible growth, fiscal accountability, and preserving the quality of life that makes Santa Clara such a special place to call home. He understands the importance of balancing progress with preservation — ensuring that as our city grows, it remains a place where families, businesses, and future generations can thrive.

What I admire most about Ben is his ability to bring people together. Whether it's working across different viewpoints to solve complex issues or engaging with residents to better understand their concerns, Ben leads with respect, transparency, and a genuine desire to serve. His vision for Santa Clara is one built on unity, sustainability, and opportunity for all.

Warren Brooks

To Whom it may concern,

It is my privilege to write this letter of support for Ben Shakespeare. I have had the opportunity to work with Ben over the years and have witnessed firsthand the qualities that make him well suited for this role.

First and foremost, Ben is a person of unwavering dependability, and capable of making critical decisions. Ben consistently follows through with integrity, accountability and dedication. In addition, Ben brings experience and knowledge to the table. He understands the challenges facing our community and the opportunities available to us.

I wholeheartedly support Ben Shakespeare and encourage you to consider the many ways he will contribute to the stability and well-being of Santa Clara.

Tode (Mary Jo) Hafen

Former council member of Santa Clara



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### City Council Member Appointment Application

Name: Kenneth L. Sizemore

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

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I, Kenneth L. Sizemore, certify that I have read and understand the Requirements for Office listed above to file as a potential City Council member in Santa Clara, Utah, and verify that I meet said requirements and understand the legal qualifications for office.

K. Sizemore  
Signature

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me by Kenneth Sizemore on this 16 day of January, 2026.

Selena Nez  
Selena Nez  
Santa Clara City Recorder



**Kenneth L. Sizemore**

**[REDACTED]**  
**Santa Clara, UT 84765**  
**[REDACTED]**

January 16, 2026

Honorable Mayor and City Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to present my qualifications as one who demonstrates the abilities, skills, knowledge and experience necessary to fill the mid-term city council vacancy under consideration. My wife and I have been serving an LDS Military Relations mission at the Presidio of Monterey, CA and were not scheduled to return until August 2026. Sadly, our adult daughter contracted cancer while we were away. Medical complications have reached a point where we need to be here to help care for her, necessitating our unexpected return. Our early return just this week presents this opportunity to join the city council once again as one who knows the ropes. This sudden return has not allowed me to solicit letters of support yet. They are forthcoming.

Most of you know I served as a city council member from 2014 to 2017. When I filed for office, I was not expecting to receive any type of recompense. I ran for the position because I firmly believe that government service is most impactful at the community level where results are seen on the ground and involve community residents. My self-imposed term limit was two terms. I did not succeed in winning a second term, likely due to my low key campaign strategy. This opportunity allows me to contribute once again to the community I have called home for almost 40 years.

Santa Clara is not the same community my family and I moved to in 1986. Across four decades, community leaders have fostered prudent development priorities that have preserved a delightful community core that is renown across the state. Community parks and trail systems have added to the quality of life for residents. Thoughtful commercial development contributes convenient services within city borders. Well-designed neighborhoods provide a wide array of housing options. In the coming decade, as the community approaches build out, city leaders must foster efforts to accommodate housing options that are accessible to young families and a workforce struggling to afford homes in southern Utah. Santa Clara must retain the charm for which it is treasured by



continuing to achieve the policies of the historic district, completing conservation easements now underway and evaluating what other easements are viable. The city must be a key stakeholder as the Graveyard Wash reservoir comes about, with the ability to approve the design, scale and types of amenities around the water, especially because of fluctuating water levels. The "Orchard" park must be completed with a conscious salute to veterans in amenities provided. In short, Santa Clara must retain its well known charm as a delightful family-centered community in Washington County.

Important issues facing Santa Clara key on the fact that the community is facing buildout in the not too distant future. Community policies must create the viable, long term ability to generate adequate financial resources needed to accomplish prudent delivery of municipal services to a fixed population base. The community must continue to retain its existing water rights and resources independent from the Washington County Water Conservancy District while also recognizing the necessity of cooperative efforts to ensure adequate water supplies. The city should continue efforts to connect its trails system with regional trails networks. A missing link in future transportation alternatives for residents is the connection to the SunTran transit system. The community should not remain an island without transit service. The city cemetery is also facing imminent buildout. Another cemetery location is necessary in the coming decade.

The recently developed General Plan incorporates all of the elements required by state statute. It is professionally crafted and reflects a robust community outreach effort. The policies reflect the efforts of the planning commission, city council and residents. However, the document is not reader friendly. A welcome addition would be a summary, no longer than two pages, which outlines key provisions and can be posted online.

Some particular issues I would champion as a city council member include the transit connection mentioned above, installation of a rest room at the city cemetery, acquiring the downtown LDS chapel property in order to facilitate future uses reflect community charm and provide much needed parking, and completing the south hills recreation area, including an amphitheater overlooking the spectacular community we call home.

I offer a professional background in local government administration across four decades, grit and determination fostered by two decades of military service, and four years as a Santa Clara City Council member. I am delighted to discuss my qualifications in the coming days.

Kenneth L. Sizemore

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*Strategic leader with decades of experience in operational planning, financial management, and project oversight, driving organizational effectiveness and efficiency. Skilled in collaborating with stakeholders to align initiatives with mission-driven planning and objectives by fostering transparent communication across teams. Ready to leverage expertise in strategic planning and municipal leadership as a seasoned city council member.*

## SKILLS

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- Budgeting and financial management
- Crisis management
- Financial management
- Project management
- Strategic planning
- Operational planning

## EXPERIENCE

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### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dixie Arizona Strip Interpretive Association

**St. George, UT**

*August 2013 - June 2020*

- Created a culture of transparency through open communication with staff members and public lands partners to accomplish objectives described in cooperative agreements.
- Developed an extensive community outreach program including lectures, field trips, and interpretive materials benefitting hundreds of local residents and thousands of visitors.
- Collaborated with Board of Directors to ensure alignment between organizational mission and vision, core values, and operations.

### CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

Santa Clara City

**Santa Clara, UT**

*January 2014 - December 2017*

- Participated in developing and implementing innovative community outreach initiatives to engage citizens in local government decision-making.
- Advocated for the design and construction of Santa Clara City's Veterans Memorial at the city cemetery.
- Worked with external partners to maximize resources available to the City.

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Five County Association of Governments

**St. George, UT**

*April 2006 - June 2013*

- Provided executive leadership in setting long-term goals and objectives, creating policies, and developing procedures for the organization.
- Successfully Implemented dozens of contracts with federal and state agencies as evidenced by seven years of "clean" audit opinions with no findings by independent auditors and contract managers.

## **DEPUTY DIRECTOR**

Five County Association of Governments

**St. George, UT**

*February 1986 - April 2006*

- Led the team that developed the Corridor Management Plan for Utah's Highway 12, the state's first All American Road.
- Led cross-functional teams in the development of dozens of community General Plans and refinements to community planning and zoning ordinances.
- Applied strong problem-solving skills to resolve complex issues quickly and efficiently.

## **COUNTY PLANNER**

Cache County Utah

**Logan, UT**

*July 1977 - January 1986*

- Managed communications between team members ensuring that everyone was informed about their roles within the project and event timeline.
- Utilized strong communication skills to effectively interact with colleagues, applicants, clients and county officials.

## **MILITARY SERVICE**

### **FIRST SERGEANT**

D Company, 142 Military Intelligence Battalion  
Utah Army National Guard

**Utah Army National Guard**

**US Army Reserve**

*October 1984 - November 2005*

### **SENIOR INSTRUCTOR**

640 Reserve Forces Intelligence School  
US Army Reserve

- Led dozens of military intelligence missions, security operations and combat deployments spanning more than two decades.
- Received numerous commendations for exceptional meritorious service and achievement while leading training exercises and engaging in combat deployments.
- Demonstrated Army Values of Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage in all assigned missions.

## **EDUCATION**

### **MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

Southern Utah University, Cedar City, UT, US

*May 2013*

### **BACHELOR OF ARTS (B.A.) IN POLITICAL SCIENCE**

Utah State University, Logan, UT, US

*May 1977*

**SANTA CLARA CITY**  
**SWORN STATEMENT TO DISCLOSE CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

*Pursuant to Municipal Officers' and Employees' Ethics Act, Utah Code 10-3-1301 et seq.*

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please type or print legibly. Complete all relevant blanks, sign and have notarized, then deliver to the Mayor.  
Additional public disclosure may be required in an open meeting as set forth in the Act.

STATE OF UTAH                                 )  
  :SS  
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON                 )

*Not Applicable*

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, deposes and states:

1. My name is Kenneth Sizemore and my address is [REDACTED].
2. I am an elected or appointed officer or an employee of the City of Santa Clara, and my position is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I am filing this sworn statement for the purpose of disclosing (**check one**):
  - ☐ Compensation for assisting a person or business entity in a transaction involving the City (§10-3-1305) (**complete only paragraphs 4 and 5 below**).
  - ☐ An interest in a business entity regulated by the City (§10-3-1306) (**complete only paragraph 6 below**).
  - ☐ I am a City employee and I have an interest in a business entity which does or anticipates doing business with the City (§10-3-1307) (**complete only paragraph 7 below**).
4. The person or entity I am assisting is named \_\_\_\_\_ and has the address \_\_\_\_\_.
5. A brief description of the transaction as to which I am rendering service, and the nature of the service I am performing, is as follows: \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The regulated entity is named \_\_\_\_\_, my position with that entity is \_\_\_\_\_, and the nature and value of my interest is \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The entity which does or anticipates doing business with the City is named \_\_\_\_\_, and the nature of my interest in that entity is \_\_\_\_\_.

DATED this 16 day of January, 2026.

  
Signature of official or employee

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of January, 2026.

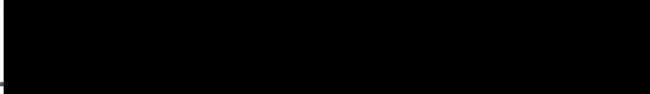


  
Notary Public

CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL REPORT

To  
Selena Nez of Santa Clara City  
(City Recorder) (Municipality)

For  
Full name of candidate Kenneth L. Sizemore

Street Address 

City Santa Clara, Utah Zip Code 84765

Name of office City Council (District \_\_\_\_\_)

Contributions

1a. Aggregate total of contributions under \$500.00 .....\$ 0

OR

1b. Itemized total of contributions totaling \$500.00 or more ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Form "A" total from other side of this sheet)

Expenditures

2a. Aggregate total of campaign expenditures under \$500.00 .....\$ 0

OR

2b. Itemized total of campaign expenditures..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Form "B" total from other side of this sheet)

3. Balance at the end of the reporting period ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Difference between lines 1 and 2)

Date 16 Jan 2026 Signature K. Sizemore  
(Candidate)

NOTE: If a candidate receives \$500 or less and spends \$500 or less, he or she can report the total amount of all contributions and expenditures.

NOTE: Utah election code 10-3-208 states that all municipalities shall adopt an ordinance establishing campaign finance disclosure requirements for candidates running for city or town

**CITY OF SANTA CLARA  
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-04R**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, UTAH APPOINTING A  
REPRESENTATIVE TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL  
AUTHORITY AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of Santa Clara City, Utah, wishes to designate a person to serve as the City's representative on the Flood Control Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, all legal requirements pertaining to the designation of said representative have been met; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of Santa Clara, Utah, that \_\_\_\_\_, a resident of Santa Clara, Utah, shall be and is hereby designated to serve as the Santa Clara representative on the Washington County Flood Control Authority.

**Effective Date:** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the City Council, recording and posting in the manner prescribed by law.

ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Santa Clara City Council this 28th day of January 2026.

**SANTA CLARA CITY**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jarett Waite, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Selena Nez, City Recorder