

## PLEDGE FOR ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNMENT & TRUTHFUL COMMUNICATION IN HEBER VALLEY

**Whereas**, we are elected officials in Wasatch County, the Wasatch County School Board, Charleston Town, Daniel Town, Heber City, Hideout Town, Independence Town, Interlaken Town, Midway City, and Wallsburg Town; and

**Whereas**, we are accountable and committed to the highest standards of public service, the public trust, truthful communication and accountability to the voters; and are committed to preserving our neighborliness and respect to all, as well as the wonderful quality of life and environment within our Valley;

**Whereas**, with the pressures of continuing growth, and the importance of our responsibilities for public safety, property rights, taxes, and other local government functions as well as our collective accountability for millions of taxpayer dollars and public assets in our budgets, we believe that all local governments within Heber Valley should meet these standards; and

**Whereas**, we are not full-time and can make mistakes as we sincerely try to do our best; and

**Whereas**, the Wasatch County Interlocal Meetings and our other public meetings are set up to facilitate our commitment to public service, the public's trust, truthful communication, and accountability to each other and to the voters on county-wide issues;

Therefore, as elected officials we make this PLEDGE FOR ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNMENT AND TRUTHFUL COMMUNICATION IN HEBER VALLEY:

*-We pledge to speak civilly, truthfully, and respectfully to each other and to the citizens of Wasatch County--even if there are differences of opinion because we are all neighbors;*

*-We pledge to model the highest standards of ethics and admit our mistakes in order to build trust with each other and with the citizens as we sincerely & honestly try to fulfill our public duties;*

*-We pledge to follow the majority public opinion as shown in elections, referenda, & initiatives; and to not spend further government time and taxpayer money on what the voters rejected;*

*-We pledge to communicate openly, honestly, and as timely as possible with each other, our staffs, and the voters on short and long-term decisions that affect taxes, spending, safety, growth, our environment, traffic, schools, etc.;*

*-We pledge to study and analyze the issues, funding, etc., and to collaborate as much as possible for the benefit of all citizens, especially on county-wide issues and needs.*

*-We pledge that Countywide local governments will not shift their costs onto other individual local governments without fair compensation.*

*-We pledge to respond to formal citizen requests for government information and documents according to Utah State Law and will not use taxpayer money to appeal or prevent the dissemination of government information ordered by the State Records Committee.*

**Signed this day:** September 30, 2020

**By:**

Heidi H. Franco – Heber City Council