

**Davis Education Association
2010 Utah State House of Representatives
Candidate Questionnaire**

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1. Please tell us about yourself and why you have decided to run for the Utah House of Representatives.

This past year I watched as family and friends struggled to cope with economic set backs related to the continuing recession. I think we all know people who have lost their jobs recently. These challenges are significant and scary for all of us. The two most significant issues we face today are the economic recession and the continuing intrusion of the government into our lives. As voters we must elect people not only willing, but able to tackle these problems. As the owner of a corporation located in Layton, and having just served as the Chairman of the Davis Chamber of Commerce, and the Davis County Economic Advisory Council, I have been in a unique position to view the financial challenges facing Davis County from many different angles. I have the experience, perspective and proven abilities required to lead our district through these turbulent times.

2. Do you believe that public schools are adequately funded? If you do not believe they are adequately funded, what changes should be made to provide appropriate financial support for quality public schools?

I have three children in public schools in Davis County and I am amazed at how well the schools educate our children with such thin resources. – especially given the excessive class sizes. If elected I will do my part to ensure that our public schools have adequate resources to continue to serve our communities and be the great learning institutions they are currently.

3. If another voucher or tuition tax credit bill is introduced in the legislature would you support another such effort, or would you oppose it?

While my children attend public schools, I'm also a proponent of the charter schools in our area and the work they are doing. I would prefer to see all of our schools strengthened. In the case of vouchers I believe the voters of Davis County have spoken clearly on the issue and I support the decision.

4. What would you do to retain quality educators in Utah?

I believe educators need to have:

- i. Adequate compensation
- ii. The respect of parents, lawmakers and administrators
- iii. The resources necessary to do their work.

I will support community efforts, rules and legislation that endeavor to provide these three things I have outlined.

5. What would you do to attract new teachers in Utah, considering the fact that the legislature this year significantly reduced the retirement benefit for future teachers?

With any discussion regarding teacher compensation the key is to make sure that what is done is done "with" the teachers and not "to" them. In the future in order to remain competitive we will have to look closely at the effects of this past session's decisions. It is imperative that Utah remain competitive regionally with all forms of teacher compensation and I will support legislative efforts to make sure that happens.

6. Did the legislature go far enough in enacting ethical reforms this session? If not, what is left to be done?

In many ways you can never be too focused on moral and ethical leadership. If elected I will work to ensure our state is above reproach in how we lead and manage our state. Ethics goes well beyond legislators – it should be something all of state and local government should embrace. In terms of the reforms enacted this session I think that it would have been appropriate to address the amount of campaign contributions that are allowed.

7. How would you evaluate the Utah State legislature's overall performance and leadership this year?

I know many legislators from my work as a business person and through community involvement. I believe to a person that each has the very best of intentions and want Utah to remain the great state it is. Given the budget challenges that our state faced these past two years I feel this legislature did an admirable job balancing the competing interests that exist. With that said, I believe if elected I could make a very constructive difference representing the needs of Davis County.