

## CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES



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In 1990, my family relocated to Orem for a job. What attracted us to Orem were the schools, the sense of community, and the value of services for our tax dollars. Over the past 26 years my husband and I have raised our 5 children in this community. Our children attended the schools and played on Orem Sports and Recreational teams. During this time I was serving in our community and volunteering at the schools. I helped dig holes, and plant trees and flowers while serving on the Orem Beautification Committee. I contacted, negotiated, and confirmed details leading up to Orem Summerfest, serving on that committee for 8 years. I have also worked on the Miss Orem Executive Board and the Orem Care Tax Advisory Commission. I am hard working, business minded, and honest. As a hospital pharmacist of 30 years, I understand policies, procedures, and working with others. Given my background, I understand budgets. As an empty nester, I can use these skills and tools to represent you. I am asking for your support as I campaign to be elected as an Orem City Councilwoman. I want to represent you and continue serving this community I call home.



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My family has lived in Orem for 33 years, we love Orem and its family friendly community.

5 years ago I started going to city council meetings as I was involved in Orem Youth Baseball. My concern then was the baseball fields, debt, Midtown Village, and UTOPIA.

Since I've been on the council we have had successes, our city debt is down 27%, we have over 60 new businesses (Including Trader Joes), Midtown Village is being completed and the baseball fields are intact. Our current challenges are keeping the integrity of our neighborhoods to single family dwellings and UTOPIA is a big issue that we are working on solving as we speak. I am 100% against any new bonding, utility fee or tax increases for UTOPIA - Government should not be in Private Enterprise.

We have made a lot of progress but we still have our challenges to solve and I believe that my track record of listening, applying conservative principles and building consensus will help us overcome these challenges. If you believe like I do that Orem is moving in the Right Direction, I'm David Spencer and I ask for your vote. Thank you! [www.Spencer4Orem.com](http://www.Spencer4Orem.com)



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My wife, Becky Littlefield, and I are lifelong residents of Orem and are deeply committed to it. I know our community and love it.

I graduated from BYU with a BA in Communications and was the publisher/owner of Orem-Geneva Times for more than 30 years. During that time, I was involved in the Provo/Orem Chamber of Commerce and received businessman of the year and business of the year. I also served in several civic clubs and on Orem City commissions.

After the sale of my newspaper, I worked at UVU as Student Media Coordinator for 11 years. I taught journalism at UVU and Mountain View High School.

As a member of City Council, I have always tried to listen, gather facts, and be totally transparent before voting. My priorities are to maintain our quality of life and promote Orem as the best place to raise a family.

As a business owner, I was fiscally disciplined. That experience has and will continue to help me know how to resolve the challenges Orem faces.

I have the energy, knowledge, and time to represent our citizens. I would appreciate your vote so that I can continue to serve on the Orem City Council.



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I love living in Orem! I love the neighborhood feel, the beautiful homes, the well-kept parks, the good schools, and available recreation. Word has gotten out that Orem is a great place to live and work which has made it one of the fastest growing cities in the state.

This growth is great for our city. We need to continue to attract great families and businesses. This progress, however, does not mean we need to take away the safety and beauty of our neighborhoods. We don't have to choose between progress and the feel of our city. We don't need to endanger our children by widening roads and raising speed limits in residential areas to accommodate this growth. There are better solutions!

If elected I promise to:

- Protect the residential zones of Orem
- Find the best win-win solution based on research not assumptions
- Work with UTA to make public transportation more appealing in Orem
- Work with neighboring cities and businesses to improve transportation

Lets protect our neighborhoods and preserver the beauty of Orem!



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Orem offers great services including, police, fire, water, streets, and parks; but big government projects are changing our city.

The incumbents voted for the UTA/BRT bus system costing \$190 million. Citizens voted this down but were ignored by the Council. UTA has already requested 22 new police officers for Utah County to handle the criminal element and transient population of the bus system. Beautiful trees are being destroyed. Traffic problems will increase. Our existing bus system is more than sufficient. UTOPIA debt is over \$119 million. Independent studies show it will never pay for itself or its operating expenses. I will not vote more money for UTOPIA. The city council voted a \$58 million tax rebate to the Mall; this is unfair to other businesses. The council has discussed tearing down our state-of-the-art city center and building a new one. These are just a few of the big spending projects of our council.

A little tax here and a little more there over time adds up to a great amount. I am running for City Council. My husband, Hans Andersen, is running for mayor. We will never vote to increase taxes. We will be your watchdogs on the council.



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I have lived in Orem for 43 years and have seen it grow from a small farming community to the 5th largest city in the state. I love living in Orem with a lot of variety of opportunities. We have a great arts, recreation, dining, shopping and career opportunities. The people of Orem are some of the best people in the world, we all look out for one another and take care of each other. I am running for city council because I want to give back to the city and people that have given me so much. I want to be a fresh set of eyes, listen to the citizens, and make Orem a better place. I have worked in the Information Technology industry for 23 years, and know how to identify and solve problems. I know how to see the big picture and think ahead for the future. I have managed large and small teams in my career over the years. When you vote for me I will listen to you and your ideas, and make sure Orem continues to be a place to provide opportunities for families and to maintain all the great things Orem currently offers.



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I am Drew Clark, a Journalist, Lawyer and Leader. I'm running for City Council because Orem needs to finish the job of getting better broadband internet service to all.

I moved my family to Orem to use our city's fiber-optic network. Yet only one-third of citizens have access, even though everyone now pays about \$9 a month in taxes to support it. This is not acceptable.

Orem has three options. (1) Do nothing. This means everyone pays, but only one-third benefits. (2) Ask the current infrastructure provider to build all of Orem, for a fee. (3) Put out a Request for Proposal, seeking a private company to finish our open access network. I support either option two or three. As a member of the Public Works Advisory Commission, I've been seeking consensus on the best approach.

We can do this! We can do it with fiscal conservatism. Before moving here, I ran Illinois' statewide broadband initiative. Our job was to bring economic development to rural and urban areas of the state.

Of all the candidates for City Council, I'm the only one with the proven experience to fix our fiber-optic network. Join [DrewClark.com](http://DrewClark.com), and let's make Orem's "smart growth" better.



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Fiscally Conservative: With a background as a CPA, and having served as a CEO and CFO in the business world, I have fully participated in guiding the City of Orem to decrease its debt by 27% over the last four years, reduce expenditures on UTOPIA, solve the concerns about Mid-Town, and live within our means.

Strong Leadership: My commitment to cooperative leadership, in business and non-profit, has been a great strength to the Orem City Council. The Mayor and all members of the council are endorsing me in this election -- they view my leadership as an asset, even when our opinions on issues differ.

Family: Orem has been my home since 1969. Kaye and I have been married for over 39 years. Except for three years in Oregon, we have lived in Orem our entire married lives. We raised our four (now married) children here and have 13 grandchildren. We care deeply about this city -- past, present and future.

Proactive: I believe in: Working not whining; contributing not condemning; and delivering results instead of rhetoric.

Thank you for electing me in 2013. We have made significant improvements these last four years, but there is more to achieve!



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I have been a resident of Orem my entire life and have been an active member of the community for years. You may recognize me from my third place finish in the 1994 Orem Summerfest Baby Contest. I have also worked for the State of Utah, Provo City, Orem City, and Lindon City. I have participated in several community events that range from the city baseball league to walking in the Summerfest Parade. I am a graduate of Mountain View High School and attended Utah Valley University. My family means the world to me, my brother and I were raised by a hard-working single mother who always made sure we were taken care of. I pride myself on the work ethic I have gained from her example.

As a young man with high hopes and big dreams, I have a vision of how great Orem can be. With my fresh view and a voice that represents the next generation, I can contribute to the decisions that will impact Orem in a positive way. I love calling Orem my home and want to provide my children with that same sense of community that I have been privileged to experience.



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My wife Nadine and I have lived in Orem for 9 years and have raised four children here. I am running for City Council because I see unchecked growth and movement away from Orem's core identity as Family City USA. Developers and outside interests are taking advantage of uncertainty about Orem's future. While I am not against developers, I am firmly against unchecked growth. Traffic and safety concerns are within our control, but only if we as the City Council provide firm and clear direction.

I am concerned developments will threaten the safety and nature of family neighborhoods. I am involved with SWONA (the SouthWest Orem Neighborhood Association), an organization dedicated to helping Orem thrive as a beautiful place for raising families.

I will work with the Mayor and City Council to proactively keep growth focused. Together we will create and put into action the vision of Family City USA 2030 for Orem.

For over 20 years, I've been a global consultant in conflict resolution, helping to get everyone on the same page, and finding solutions that benefit all parties. I hope to use those skills at home to help maintain and enhance Orem's reputation as Family City USA.



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Orem has been my home for most of my life. I graduated from Mountain View High school and went to UVU.

Orem needs to get back to the days we were "Family City" today Orem's becoming the "Apartment City" cramming in as many apartments as they can. Even when the people living in Orem say NO. Orem is a Great place to live. I don't want to see Orem becom just another "Salt Lake City"

I believe we need someone that represents the people of Orem. Not another politician out for themselves.

Am I a politician NO. That's why I'm running. I plan on standing up for the people who live in Orem.



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I was born to parents living in Orem and moved back with my wife a year ago. I come from a line of teachers and farmers who have shown me the importance of service and community. I earned my bachelor's degree in history from Brigham Young University, served an LDS mission in India, and currently work as a technical support specialist. One of the biggest challenges I see facing Orem is maintaining a sense of community and excellent quality of life amidst significant growth, expansion, and economic change. One of my main platforms is finding creative ways to fund public services that increase quality of life, such as the fitness center, the library, and trail systems. While I may not have the years of life and career experience that other candidates do, I believe I can bring a fresh perspective to municipal issues. I am driven by my desire to engage all residents of Orem in local politics, helping them to both understand the issues and feel like they have a voice. My energy, passion for community, and eagerness to listen to and fairly represent the people of Orem will help me to be a strong leader for Orem.

## MAYORAL CANDIDATES



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Results matter to our city. When I became Mayor four years ago the University Mall had two of the three anchor stores empty. Midtown Village was basically empty and a city eyesore. Our city government was looking at raising taxes to meet expenses. Today, we have a \$500 Million expansion going on at the mall. Midtown Village has been redeveloped and is adding two new buildings. Our city's bond debt is down \$22 Million dollars, our sales tax revenue is up over \$3.9 Million dollars per year, and we have invested over \$18 million dollars in new city infrastructure. The city has not taken on any additional city bond debt nor raised any new taxes. Orem has purchased over 40 new police vehicles and a new ladder fire engine. We have built 3 new city parks and put in a new pool at the recreation center. Our city has over 60 new businesses and restaurants that have come in over the last four years. Even Trader Joes is coming to Orem. I have worked to protect our city neighborhoods and will continue to do so. I have worked hard, together with the council, to bring creative solutions to the issues facing the city. I am running again to work for the future of Orem.



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Orem's future is at a cross roads. Orem Council views on development and high density housing affect our infrastructure, roads, travel time and our neighborhoods.

Orem's neighborhoods makes Orem a great place to live. To keep it that way I voted against the incumbents planned 9,411 new apartments. I voted against the 1,500 University mall apartments under construction. Growth for growth sake is not good for Orem.

I oppose subsidies. I voted against the incumbents \$58 million subsidy for the University Mall. I voted against the \$190 million UTA/BRT bus subsidy now under construction on University Parkway. All four incumbents opposed my referendums which allow you to vote on these as well as other issues.

That is not fair to you citizens.

My favorite city councilman was Harold B. Lee. He said, "I warn you that government subsidies are not the Lord's way." My wife and I will follow his suggestion for a better Orem.

Your vote matters. Orem's future will be determined by the four candidates you elect this election. Vote Hans Andersen for Mayor. Vote Melodee Andersen for City Council. Visit our website, [vote4hans.com](http://vote4hans.com) or give us a call at 801-225-0396.



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\*Orem City Family Values.  
 \*100% Pro-Life.

- \*I Support the 2nd Amendment.
- \*I Support Traditional Marriage.
- \*I Support Religious Freedom.

My name is Archie. I am a native from Utah. Born in Provo and raised in Orem

Orem roads are overcrowded with the rezoning of land so we they can cram more apartments.

I love Orem. I'm proud to call Orem my home. I will stand and fight for all those who call Orem there home.

### WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR VBM BALLOT

1. After researching the candidates, you can choose ONE candidate for mayor and UP TO three candidates to vote for city council
2. Fold your ballot and put it in the affidavit envelope provided. YOU MUST SIGN THE ENVELOPE WHERE INDICATED!
3. If you're a first time voter who didn't provide ID when you registered, you'll also have to photocopy your ID and include it in the envelope. If you don't have access to a copier, you can bring your ID to the Recorder's Office to be copied—but you will need to put it in the envelope, so don't seal it before.
4. Fold the envelope flap along the dotted line to cover your signature.
5. Notice the two shiny adhesive strips. Moisten both of them and fold the flap at the second dotted line. These adhesive strips will seal your ballot safely in the envelope and keep people from being able to see your signature when it's in the mail.
6. **Please clearly print your return address and name—in case your signature is a work of art.**
7. Return the envelope to the City Recorder's Office at 56 N. State
  - o You may it put in the mail (City will pay the postage)—**MUST be postmarked BEFORE the election OR**

You may drop it off in person at the Utah County Clerk's Office (100 East Center, Suite 3100-Provo) or the Recorder's Office (56 North State, Room 101)—including on Election Day

### DISCLAIMER

The candidates for municipal office have been given the opportunity to prepare these statements. **The City of Orem does not endorse these statements and does not guarantee their truth or accuracy.** The statements reflect the views and opinions of the candidates and do not reflect the position of the City of Orem. Responsibility for the information, views, and opinions expressed in the statements lies entirely with the candidates.

You can find out more about the candidates—including video interviews—by visiting <http://orem.org/elections/>

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## OREM RESIDENT

City of Orem  
 2017  
**Municipal Election**  
**Primary ~ August 15, 2017**  
**General ~ November 7, 2017**

### Voter Information Pamphlet



**Mayor's Seat**  
**3 City Council Seats**

Hosted by  
**The Utah Valley Chamber of Commerce**  
 SCERA Center for the Arts  
 745 S State Street.

**Primary Meet the Candidate Night**  
 Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 p.m.

**General Election Debate**  
 Both Mayor and City Council Candidates  
 Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

Please check the City's election webpage at [orem.org/elections](http://orem.org/elections)

### ALL VOTE BY MAIL (VBM) ELECTION

- Only registered voters will receive ballots.
  - o Are you registered to vote? Not sure? Check [vote.utah.gov](http://vote.utah.gov)
    - Have you moved but haven't updated your information for the DMV and voter registration? See <https://secure.utah.gov/voterreg/index.html>
  - o If you have voter registration questions, you can call the Utah County Clerk's office at 801.851.8128

**NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE?** Forms can be obtained from the:

- Orem City Recorder's office at 56 N. State, Room 101
- Utah County clerk's office (100 East Center Street, Suite 3100--Provo)
- County webpage at <http://www.utahcounty.gov/Dept/ClerkAud/Elections/documents/2015VoterRegistrationForm.pdf> (Mail or deliver a paper copy to County.)
- City webpage [http://orem.org/PDF/RO/Voter\\_Registration\\_Form.pdf](http://orem.org/PDF/RO/Voter_Registration_Form.pdf) (Mail or deliver a paper copy to County.)

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Orem City Recorder's Office at 801.229.7298 or 801.229.7421.

"The right to vote . . . is the primary right by which other rights are protected."  
 ~ Thomas Paine

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