

Statement on 10/26/26 from Uintah County Republican Party Chairman Kason Goodrich Responding To Treasurer Wendi Long's Letter:

The Uintah County Republican Party Committee appreciates Treasurer Wendi Long's decades of service to the citizens of Uintah County. Her perspective is valued. However, several assumptions in her letter do not accurately reflect the process the committee has followed.

The Committee has conducted this appointment process in accordance with Utah law, Party bylaws, and established procedure — not political motivations or personal disputes. The committee has not engaged in political maneuvering, nor has it used this appointment to advance unrelated political issues. Its sole focus has been fulfilling its statutory responsibility to recommend one qualified Republican to serve as County Treasurer, as required by U.C.A. §20A-1-508.

What the Committee Has Actually Done

- The committee sought direct guidance from the Utah State Treasurer's Office, including clarification of statutory duties, operational responsibilities, and the professional competencies required to manage public funds.
- The committee reviewed state law governing the Treasurer's authority, including fiduciary obligations, investment responsibilities, and statutory limits.
- The committee evaluated candidates on professional experience, financial judgment, integrity, and ability to maintain public confidence — the core qualifications necessary for safeguarding county funds.
- The committee asked candidates about the Utah Republican Party Platform, which is standard practice.

A Republican candidate's values should reasonably align with the Party's principles. While the Treasurer does not set policy, the office does influence policy discussions through its financial expertise, reporting, and stewardship of public funds.

What the Committee Has Not Done

- The committee has not made decisions based on political disputes, personalities, or past disagreements within county government.
- The committee has not used platform questions to impose political litmus tests unrelated to the Treasurer's duties.
- The committee has not predetermined an outcome or dismissed any qualified candidate.

What the Committee Is Looking For

The Committee remains focused on selecting a nominee who demonstrates:

- Financial stewardship and sound judgment
- Clear understanding of statutory authority and fiduciary responsibility
- Integrity and accountability
- Ability to maintain stability and public trust in the Treasurer's Office
- Respect for constitutional principles and the Party platform
- Commitment to transparency and lawful administration of public funds

These criteria reflect both the legal responsibilities of the office and the expectations of Republican voters who entrust their Party to recommend qualified individuals.

Moving Forward

The committee will continue its process with diligence, transparency, and respect for all candidates. It will meet its statutory obligation to submit one name to the County Commission within the required timeframe. The committee's decision will be based solely on qualifications, statutory responsibilities, and the long-term financial interests of Uintah County.

We appreciate Treasurer Long's service and her concern for the office she has faithfully led. The committee remains committed to a fair, lawful, and responsible selection process that protects the integrity of the Treasurer's Office and the citizens it serves.