

RESOLUTION #23-__C

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE STATE OF UTAH & SANDY CITY PLEDGE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES AND DIRECTING THE CITY RECORDER TO PUBLISH ALL SIGNED PLEDGES TO THE CITY WEBSITE BEGINNING IN 2023

WHEREAS, Utah Code §20A-9-206 requires that all candidates for elective office in Utah be afforded the opportunity to pledge that they will run a fair campaign; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the fair campaign practices endorsed by the State of Utah, The City Council believes that every candidate for elective municipal office in Sandy City (Candidate) should adhere to all local laws related to their candidacy; and

WHEREAS, The Sandy City Council also encourages all Candidates to strive to keep Sandy beautiful and free of clutter while campaigning; and

WHEREAS, The State of Utah & Sandy City Pledge of Fair Campaign Practices (Exhibit “A”) is a voluntary pledge that Candidates may choose to sign; and

WHEREAS, The State of Utah & Sandy City Pledge of Fair Campaign Practices in Exhibit “A” remains in the form required by Utah Code §20A-9-206 and includes additions to the required language specific to Sandy City; and

WHEREAS, The Sandy City Council believes that it is important for the Sandy electorate to have easy and convenient access to campaign related information and documents, including the Pledge of Fair Campaign Practices, for every Candidate; and

WHEREAS, Utah Code §20A-9-206 dictates that this voluntary pledge is a public record.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF SANDY CITY AS FOLLOWS:

1. Beginning in 2023 the amended “State of Utah & Sandy City Pledge of Fair Campaign Practices” (Exhibit “A”) shall replace any previous version of said pledge, and shall be provided to each person seeking to become a Candidate.
2. To comply with Utah Code §20A-9-206, the City Council hereby directs the City Recorder to take all necessary steps to ensure that each person seeking to become a Candidate is provided with a copy of the pledge, as drafted in Exhibit “A.”
3. To ensure transparency with the Sandy electorate, the City Council hereby directs the City Recorder to publish, in an obvious location on the Sandy City Elections Website, a list that

includes the name of each person who has filed to become a Candidate and whether they chose to sign the voluntary pledge, as drafted in Exhibit “A.” For Candidates who chose to sign the voluntary pledge, a digital version should be made publicly available as a hyperlink adjacent to their name. For Candidates who chose not to sign the voluntary pledge a note adjacent to their name should say the following: “Chose not to sign.”

4. This resolution shall become effective immediately.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Sandy City Council this ____ day of _____, 2023.

_____, Chair
Sandy City Council

ATTEST:

City Recorder

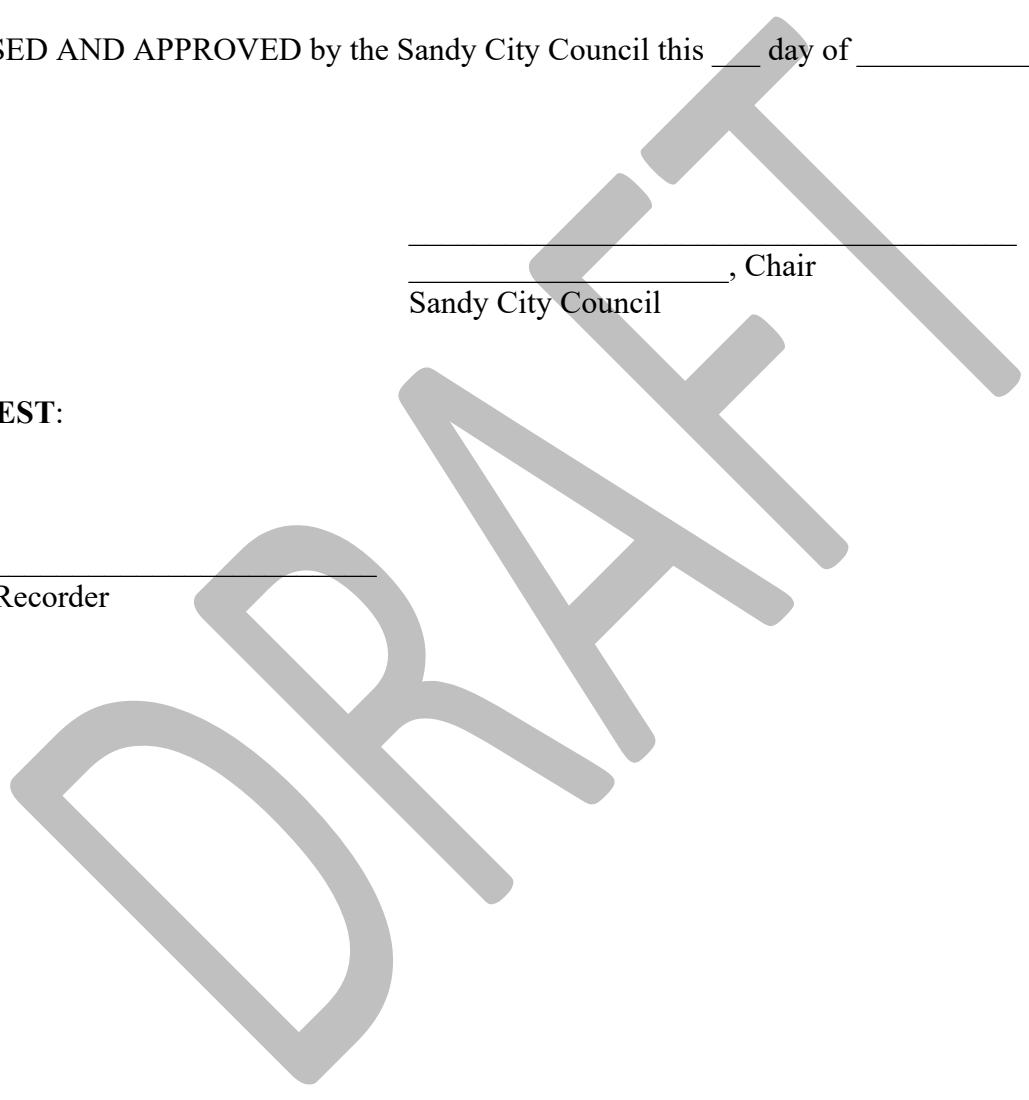


Exhibit "A"

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STATE OF UTAH & SANDY CITY PLEDGE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

WHEREAS, Utah Code §20A-9-206 contemplates that each person seeking to become a candidate for any elective office that is to be filled at the next election shall be provided with a copy of the pledge of fair campaign practices; and

WHEREAS, There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play which every candidate for public office in the State of Utah has a moral obligation to observe and uphold, in order that, after vigorously contested but fairly conducted campaigns, our citizens may exercise their right to a free election, and that the will of the people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues; and

WHEREAS, Sandy City believes that each candidate for office should play by the rules, exercise civility, adhere to all state and local laws, and strive to keep Sandy beautiful.

NOW THEREFORE:

I SHALL conduct my campaign openly and publicly, discussing the issues as I see them, presenting my record and policies with sincerity and frankness, and criticizing, without fear or favor, the record and policies of my opponents that I believe merit criticism.

I SHALL NOT use, nor shall I permit the use of, scurrilous attacks on any candidate or the candidate's immediate family. I shall not participate in, nor shall I permit the use of, defamation, libel, or slander against any candidate or the candidate's immediate family. I shall not participate in, nor shall I permit the use of, any other criticism of any candidate or the candidate's immediate family that I do not believe to be truthful, provable, and relevant to my campaign.

I SHALL NOT use, nor shall I permit the use of, any practice that tends to corrupt or undermine our American system of free elections, or that hinders or prevents the free expression of the will of the voters, including practices intended to hinder or prevent any eligible person from registering to vote or voting.

I SHALL NOT coerce election help or campaign contributions for myself or for any other candidate from my employees or volunteers.

I SHALL immediately and publicly repudiate support deriving from any individual or group which resorts, on behalf of my candidacy or in opposition to that of an opponent, to methods in violation of the letter or spirit of this pledge. I shall accept responsibility to take firm action against any subordinate who violates any provision of this pledge or the laws governing elections.

I SHALL defend and uphold the right of every qualified American voter to full and equal participation in the electoral process.

I SHALL follow all state and local laws related to my candidacy for office in Sandy City including, but not limited to, campaign finance disclosure requirements, and the proper and lawful placement and installation of campaign signage.

I SHALL strive to keep Sandy beautiful and free of clutter while campaigning. When placing campaign signage, I will adhere to all germane regulations found in Chapter §21-26 "Signage and Outdoor Advertising" of the Sandy Land Development Code, including all regulations for temporary signs. By my own choice, I will not begin placing campaign signage until after I have formally filed as a candidate for office with the Sandy City Recorder. I will remove and collect all my campaign signs immediately upon the conclusion of the election.

I SHALL seek to ensure that those who work or otherwise volunteer on my campaign shall also adopt the aspirations declared in this pledge.

I, the undersigned, candidate for election to public office in the State of Utah, hereby voluntarily endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly pledge myself to conduct my campaign in accordance with the above principles and practices."

Name: _____ Office: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

***This is a voluntary pledge. Candidates are not required to sign this pledge of fair campaign practices.**

***This document is considered a public record and will be retained for public inspection until 30 days following the election.**

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