



## News Release

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## **Utah Takes Bold Step Forward; Becomes Pragmatic Trailblazer Among Conservative States in Addressing Climate and Clean Air Solutions**

*Prominent Utah Business, Political, Health & Educational Leaders Sign Groundbreaking New Compact*

**SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Oct. 7, 2020** – In an unprecedented move in the conservative state of Utah, more than 100 of the state’s most prominent leaders came together virtually today to sign the inaugural [Utah Climate and Clean Air Compact](#) – a compassionate, pragmatic, first-of-its kind directive encouraging broad support and productive conversations and action on climate and clean air solutions.

“We gathered some of Utah’s most influential leaders of varied political stripes and from different industries and affiliations. It’s truly an impressive collection of talent and influence,” said Christian Gardner, President and CEO of The Gardner Company and one of the leaders of the Climate Compact Steering Committee. “COVID-19 taught us the hard way how fast our world can change. We can still make a difference when it comes to climate change – but the next 10 years are critical.”

The inaugural signers of the Utah Climate and Clean Air Compact commit their support to climate and clean air solutions and the milestones laid out in [The Utah Roadmap: Positive Solutions on Climate and Air Quality](#). Among the signatories are iconic Utah leaders representing government, faith, business, healthcare interests and bipartisan representation from Utah’s congressional delegation (see below for a full list of signatories).

“I’m so proud that we here in Utah are moving beyond partisanship to lead the way for climate and clean air solutions,” said Sarah Wright, Founder and Executive Director of Utah Clean Energy. “We have the tools at our fingertips to be at the forefront of the clean energy economy. It is only a matter of choosing to seize these opportunities and then leading the way for other states to join us.”

Indeed, the first-of-its-kind Compact encourages pioneering leadership on climate and clean air solutions, consistent with “The Utah Way” of collaboration and pragmatism. The Compact emphasizes a non-partisan approach to address a wide range of climate and clean air challenges ranging from our health to the economy to re-energizing rural communities.

“Climate change and air quality represent both urgent challenges and opportunities for our health, families and the economy,” said Scott Anderson, President and CEO of Zions Bank and one of the leaders of the Climate Compact Steering Committee. “We’re coming together to make climate and air quality leadership another Utah success story.”



The launch of the Utah Climate and Clean Air Compact kicked-off today with a presentation by Pulitzer-prize winning New York Times columnist, Thomas Friedman, on the intersections between climate, COVID and climate solutions as “the next great global industry.” The finale of the event was a video montage featuring signatories of the Utah Climate and Clean Air Compact, now found at [www.climateandcleanaircompact.org](http://www.climateandcleanaircompact.org).

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#### **About the Utah Climate & Clean Air Compact**

Established today at a virtual signing based in Salt Lake City, Utah, the Utah Climate & Clean Air Compact represents leaders from business, government, faith and civic institutions. Together, they pledge to serve as responsible stewards – forging pragmatic, collaborative solutions – and encouraging broad support and productive dialogue on climate and clean air solutions. The Climate and Clean Air Compact is headed up by a Steering Committee comprised of Scott Anderson (Zions Bank), Christian Gardner (Gardner Co.), Pat Jones (Utah Women’s Leadership Institute), Greg Miller (Larry H. Miller Group), Tom Love (Love Communications) and Sarah Wright (Utah Clean Energy). For more information, visit [www.climateandcleanaircompact.org](http://www.climateandcleanaircompact.org)

#### **About the Utah Roadmap**

At the request of the Utah Legislature, the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute – with the assistance of a 37-person Technical Advisory Committee – prepared this Utah Roadmap to assist with legislative policy making to improve air quality and address causes and impacts of a changing climate. The Utah Roadmap identifies areas of opportunity to further reduce air emissions and ensure a healthy, productive and prosperous future for all Utahns. For more information, visit <https://gardner.utah.edu/wp-content/uploads/TheUtahRoadmap-Feb2020.pdf>



### List of Inaugural Signatories

<b>Tom Adams, COO, Petzl</b>	<b>Imam Yasir Butt, Masjid Al-Noor Mosque</b>
<b>Don Albrecht, Executive Director Western Rural Development Center</b>	<b>Jim Byrne, Former Commissioner, Utah Public Service Commission</b>
<b>Scott Anderson, President and CEO, Zions Bank</b>	<b>David Bywater, CEO, Vivint Solar</b>
<b>Representative Patrice Arent, Utah State Legislature, District 36</b>	<b>Bryan Campbell, President, Wheeler Machinery Co.</b>
<b>Pamela Atkinson, Community Advocate</b>	<b>Rob Campbell, President, Campbell Scientific</b>
<b>Ralph Becker, 34<sup>th</sup> Mayor of Salt Lake City and Executive Director, Central Wasatch Commission</b>	<b>Bryn Carey, CEO, Ski Butlers</b>
<b>Mayor Andy Beerman, Park City Municipal Corporation</b>	<b>Thom Carter, Executive Director, UCAIR</b>
<b>Vicki Bennett, Director, Salt Lake City Sustainability</b>	<b>Silvia Castro, Executive Director, Suazo Business Center</b>
<b>Jackie Biskupski, 35<sup>th</sup> Mayor of Salt Lake City</b>	<b>Carlton Christensen, Trustee and Chair, UTA</b>
<b>Consul Jose Borjon, Head Consul of Mexico, Utah</b>	<b>Lew Cramer, CEO, Colliers International Intermountain</b>
<b>Jake Boyer, CEO, The Boyer Company</b>	<b>Bill Crim, President and CEO, United Way of Salt Lake</b>
<b>Ted Boyer, Former Chair, Utah Public Service Commission</b>	<b>Congressman John Curtis, District 3</b>
<b>Representative Joel Briscoe, Utah Legislature, District 25</b>	<b>Mayor Holly Daines, Logan City</b>
<b>Ari Bruening, Executive Director, Envision Utah</b>	<b>Professor Rob Davies, Utah State University</b>
<b>Fraser Bullock, Managing Director, Sorenson Capital</b>	<b>Reverend France Davis, Pastor Emeritus, Calvary Baptist Church</b>
<b>Pastor Rusty Butler, Christ United Methodist Church</b>	<b>Tim Dee, Director and Co-Chair, Lawrence T. and Janet T. Dee Family Foundation</b>
	<b>Dr. Royal DeLegge, Director, Salt Lake County Environmental Health</b>
	<b>Sophia DiCaro, former state representative</b>



**Brad Dickson, Board Chair, Community Foundation of Utah**

**President Beth Dobkin, Westminster College**

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**Lisa Eccles, President and COO, George S. and Dolores Doré Eccles Foundation**

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**Theresa Foxley, President and CEO, EDCUtah**

**Jonathan Francom, Vice President for Employee and Workforce Solutions, Adobe**

**Christian Gardner, President and CEO, Gardner Company**

**Kem Gardner, Chairman, Gardner Company**

**Professor Erika George, Director of the Tanner Humanities Center, University of Utah**

**Margaret Georgiadis, President and CEO, Ancestry**

**Professor Katharina Gerstenberger, Interim Director of the Environmental Humanities Program, University of Utah**

**Shireen Ghorbani, Council Member, Salt Lake County Council**

**Caroline Gleich, Adventure Athlete**

**Natalie Gochnour, University of Utah**

**Troy Gregory, President, Hunt Electric, Inc.**

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**George Handley, Council Member, Provo City Council**

**Representative Steve Handy, District 16**

**Miles Hansen, President and CEO, World Trade Center Utah**

**Dr. Marc Harrison, President and CEO, Intermountain Health Care**

**Dennis Haslam, DH Investments, past President of the Utah Jazz**

**Bishop Scott Hayashi, Episcopal Diocese of Utah**

**Jack Hedge, Executive Director, Utah Inland Port Authority**

**Andrea Himoff, Executive Director, Action Utah**

**President Deneece Huftalin, Salt Lake Community College**

**Hon. Jon Huntsman, former Governor of Utah and former U.S. Ambassador to China and Russia**

**Clark Ivory, CEO, Ivory Homes**

**James Jackson III, Founder and Executive Director, Utah Black Chamber**

**Don Jarvis, Provo Sustainability Advisor**

**Pat Jones, CEO, Women's Leadership Institute**

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**Steve Snow, Emeritus General Authority of the Seventy, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**

**Bishop Oscar Solis, Catholic Diocese of Salt Lake City**

**Rabbi Sam Spector, Congregational Kol Ami**

**Representative Robert Spendlove, Utah Legislature, District 49**

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**Professor Lisa Sun, BYU Law School**

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**Jay Vestal, Former Vice President of Development, Association of Zoos and Aquariums**

**Craig Wagstaff, Senior Vice President and General Manager-Western Division, Dominion Energy**

**Claire Wang, 2019 Rhodes Scholar From Utah**

**Representative Ray Ward, Utah State Legislature, District 19**

**Greg Warnock, Founder and Managing Director, Mercato Partners**

**President Ruth Watkins, University of Utah**

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**Sarah Wright, Executive Director, Utah Clean Energy**

**Doug Wright, retired journalist and Chair of the Board of Envision Utah**

