

Dear Salt Lake County GOP member of Precinct SLC028,

I was not expecting to write to you again so soon after my April newsletter.

As you are probably aware, our second US Congressional District Congressman, Chris Stewart, is resigning due to urgent health matters in his family. The state GOP called a special convention to nominate a replacement candidate for a primary election that, to the best of my knowledge, will take place on September 5, and a general election that will take place on November 21. The convention was held on Saturday, June 24 in Delta.

13 GOP candidates initially put their names forth. Two dropped out, leaving us 11. As your state delegate, between June 12 and June 23, I attended 13 candidate events, nine of which I attended in-person. I tried to talk to as many candidates as I could. Even so, there were four candidates I did not meet.

There was a note of urgency in the voices of not only the delegates but the candidates as we raised our concerns at these events. Among the concerns raised:

- The weaponization and overreach of government agencies against the citizenry. These include BLM (Bureau of Land Management), FBI, DOJ, CDC, ATF, and IRS. Congress not exercising the power of the purse.**
- The Department of Education tying the hands of good teachers who have to check boxes off to satisfy a bureaucracy rather than adjust their teaching to the needs of their students.**
- The ideology being instilled into the minds of children at school, and the harmful elements of the popular culture to which impressionable children and teenagers are exposed.**
- The endless promises of newly elected officials to fight bloated federal budgets, but the promises amount to nothing once they land in the halls of Congress.**
- Our loss of energy independence. The throttling of energy production. Rampant inflation and the cost of living.**
- The failure of Congress to follow the US Constitution, in which there are only 18 enumerated powers of Congress. Our lack of checks and balances between government branches.**
- Cyber breaches of our federal government computers.**
- Our porous and broken southern border.**
- The influence of China on the Biden administration. The loss of manufacturing independence to China.**

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Celeste Maloy emerged with the most convention votes and is the official GOP nominee for the September primary. Celeste studied agriculture and soil science in college and started off her career in soil conservation. She then went to law school. She started her legal career in southern Utah working on land and water policies and dealing with BLM. At his request, she went to work for Congressman Stewart as legal counsel on the very same land and water issues.

Some candidates decided to go around convention results and gather signatures for the primary ballot. Becky Edwards and Bruce Hough will also be on the primary ballot. One of these candidates voiced support for Joe Biden in 2020 and voted for him. The other candidate, one minute, talks about how all the money spent on the Ukraine war is well worth it because it will wipe out the Russian military, so he is fine with escalating a war. Then, in his later remarks he says that we should all love each other more. 🙄

Please vote in the primary and general elections this year. We are losing the powerful influence of Chris Stewart. And YES, there will be ANOTHER convention and ANOTHER primary and ANOTHER general election to pick our Congressional representative in 2024.

If you would like more details that I managed to gather about the individual candidates, and what happened at the convention, feel free to contact me.

One minor correction to my April letter – Salt Lake County GOP has 30 elected State Central Committee members. Not 60.

Yours in peace, liberty and freedom,

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