

2021 MUNICIPAL DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

of

Mike Benson

(print name exactly as it is to be printed on the official ballot – no amendments or modifications after 5:00 p.m. on ~~June 7, 2021~~ Aug. 17)

for the office of Mayor for the 4 (two or four-year) term

for the city/town of Newton.

State of Utah }
County of Cache } ss.

I, Mike Benson, being first sworn, say that I reside at 27 S 200 W Street, City of Newton, County of Cache, state of Utah, Zip Code 84327, Telephone Number (if any) (435) 770-2188; that I am a registered voter; and that I am a candidate for the office of Mayor (stating the term). I will meet the legal qualifications required of candidates for this office. If filing via a designated agent, I attest that I will be out of the state of Utah during the entire candidate filing period. I will file all campaign financial disclosure reports as required by law and I understand that failure to do so will result in my disqualification as a candidate for this office and removal of my name from the ballot. I request that my name be printed upon the applicable official ballots.

(Optional) I wish to classify my addresses listed above as a protected record. By doing so, you must provide an alternative address or phone number.

Alternative Address OR Phone Number: PO Box 184

mike.benson13@gmail.com _____
Email Address Website

Mike Benson
Signature of Candidate
(Must be notarized or be signed in the presence of the filing officer. A designated agent may not sign on behalf of the candidate.)

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me by Karla R. Ferguson on this 8/17/2021
(month/day/year)

Karla R. Ferguson
Notary Public (Clerk or other officer qualified to administer oath)



(Seal)

Newton
(City or town)

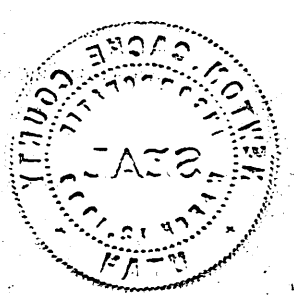
8/17/2021
(Date Received)

DECLARATION OF THE PRESIDENT

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears in the files of the Department of State.

Witness my hand and seal at the City of Washington, this _____ day of _____, 19____.

[Signature]



QUALIFICATIONS FOR CANDIDATE FILING DECLARATION

Please initial:

- MB The filing officer read the constitutional and statutory qualifications as listed below to me, and I meet those qualifications.
- MB I understand that an individual who holds a municipal elected office may not, at the same time, hold a county elected office.
- MB I agree to file all campaign financial disclosure reports, and I understand that failure to do so may result in my disqualification as a candidate for this office, possible fines and/or criminal penalties, including removal of my name from the ballot.
- MB I received a copy of the pledge of fair campaign practices, and I understand that signing this pledge is voluntary.
- MB I provided a valid email, or physical address if no email is available, and I understand this will be used for official communications and updates from election officials.
- MB I understand I will receive all financial disclosure notices by email.
_____ I prefer to also receive financial disclosure notices by mail at the following address:

- MB I understand my name will appear on the ballot as it is printed on this declaration of candidacy, and that I may not make any amendments or modifications after 5:00 p.m. on June 7, 2021.
- MB I have received a copy of Section 20A-7-801 regarding the Statewide Electronic Voter Information Website Program and its applicable deadline.

Mph Jensen

Signature of Candidate

8/17/2021

Date

Kalen R. Ferguson

Signature of Filing Officer

8/17/2021

Date

QUALIFICATIONS

Before the filing officer accepts any declaration of candidacy, the filing officer shall read to the candidate the constitutional and statutory requirements for candidacy, and the candidate shall state whether he/she fulfills the requirements. If the candidate indicates that he/she does not qualify, the filing officer may not accept his/her declaration of candidacy (Utah Code Section 20A-9-203).

MUNICIPAL CANDIDATE

Utah Code §10-3-301

Utah Code §20A-9-203

- Registered voter in the municipality in which the individual is elected*
- Must have resided within the municipality for which the candidate is seeking office for the 12 consecutive months immediately before the date of the election.
- Maintain a principal place of residence within the municipality, and within the district that the elected officer represents, during the officer's term of office
- If the individual resides in a territory which was annexed into the municipality: must have resided within the annexed territory or the municipality the 12 consecutive months immediately before the date of the election.
- Pay filing fee, if one is required by municipal ordinance
- Not convicted of a felony**



PLEDGE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

(Utah Code §20A-9-206)

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.

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, 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: Mike Benson Office: Mayor

Signature: Mike Benson Date: 8/16/2021

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

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