

Midway City Council
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Regular Meeting

Utah Climate & Clean Air Compact
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UTAH CLIMATE & CLEAN AIR COMPACT

We, as leaders from business, government, faith, and civic institutions, care deeply about Utah's future and the future of children here and around the globe. We join this Compact as responsible stewards. Climate change and air quality represent urgent challenges for our health, families, and economy. We call upon state and community leaders, members of Congress, businesses, and all Utahns to adopt the mileposts of the *Utah Roadmap: Positive Solutions to Climate and Air Quality* and these six principles:

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING: Poor air quality has an immediate impact on the health of Utah families, especially our most vulnerable communities. Climate change poses a large and growing threat to the health and prosperity of Utah communities and beyond. We ask Utahns to take urgent action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and criteria pollutants in a manner that lifts all communities. The next ten years are critical.

CLIMATE AND AIR QUALITY: Many strategies – such as improving energy efficiency, reducing auto emissions, developing transit and active transportation systems, and advancing innovative energy solutions – benefit both air quality and our climate. This clean air-climate connection provides common ground for action. We affirm we can make progress by addressing both.

ECONOMY: Important industries such as agriculture, tourism/winter recreation, technology, and energy will benefit from Utah's climate and clean air leadership. Salt Lake City's selection as the U.S. bid city for a future Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games provides an opportunity to demonstrate our commitment by taking decisive action to reduce emissions.

RE-ENERGIZE UTAH: Efforts to address climate change and air quality are leading to rapid advancements in technology and a global economic and energy revolution. This revolution will touch every aspect of our lives and economy and create new opportunities for innovation as we achieve a resilient, clean, and affordable energy future. Utah is in a unique position to seize these opportunities through our robust solar energy industry and our abundant clean energy resources.

RURAL UTAH: The energy transition poses challenges for rural Utah communities. We urge the state to prioritize economic development and investment in rural areas impacted by changing energy markets.

LEADERSHIP AND THE UTAH WAY: Utahns have a proud history of leading on and investing in challenging issues with collaborative solutions. Whether it is refugee resettlement, immigration reform, anti-discrimination, quality growth, fiscal responsibility, or religious freedom, Utah leads. We enthusiastically support applying "The Utah Way" to make our climate and air quality leadership another Utah success story.