

Leadership Candidates

2025 Organizing Convention


Summit County First

At the heart of our efforts must be a simple truth: if we want to win, we must stand together with a common voice. We need to focus on what unites us—our shared conservative principles and vision for Summit County—rather than let internal divisions weaken our ability to take on the real challenge: **beating the Democrats**. Our strength comes from our unity!

Our Team's Goals

Improve Management, Planning, and Communication Among Delegates: Our delegates are our ground force, but we need a more structured approach to keeping our team informed, engaged, and prepared to act. We'll develop clear communication channels and provide better planning resources so everyone is on the same page.

Cultivate and Support Candidates for Local Office: Winning starts with recruiting strong candidates, especially for county council, where we must be more competitive. We need to actively identify, mentor, and support Republicans who are willing to run and ensure they have



the tools they need to succeed. There will be no free rides for Democrats, every seat will be contested.


Strengthen Relationships with GOP Elected Officials in our Cities and Towns: Republicans already hold positions in city councils and mayoral offices across Summit County, but we need to foster stronger ties with them. Their perspectives and leadership are vital to our overall strategy, and we should be working together, not operating in silos.

Make It Easier for Precinct Chairs to Engage During Election Cycles: Precinct chairs play a crucial role in grassroots efforts, but they often lack the support they need. We'll develop easy-to-use resources and a structured systems so they can be more effective in organizing their precincts.

Develop a GOP Playbook for Election Season: Every cycle, we need to start strong and organized. We'll build a comprehensive, reusable playbook for county races that outlines exactly how we run elections, covering outreach, messaging, fundraising, and volunteer mobilization—so we're not reinventing the wheel each time.

Engage the Public and the Press to Advance GOP Values: Currently, we are letting our opponents define us. We have got to do a better job telling our story and making the case for conservative leadership in Summit County. That means strategic media engagement, op-eds, community events, and direct outreach to voters to clearly articulate our priorities.

Dramatically Improve Fundraising: To compete, we need the resources to support candidates, expand outreach, and strengthen our organization. We will develop a targeted fundraising strategy that engages both grassroots donors and major supporters to ensure we have the financial backing to succeed.



Our Team

Chair - Ari Ioannides


Ari Ioannides is a longtime resident of Wanship and a committed member of the Summit County community. He currently serves as President of the Park City Performing Arts Foundation and has been active in civic, political, and nonprofit leadership for over a decade. Ari brings a strong background in technology, entrepreneurship, and strategic planning, and is passionate about uniting local Republicans around shared values and practical goals. He and his wife, Dr. Ember Conley, have four children and are deeply rooted in Utah's mountain traditions and future.

Vice Chair - Tory Welch

Tory Welch is a U.S. Army veteran, journeyman lineman, and small business owner with deep roots in Summit and Wasatch Counties. After serving two tours in Iraq as a heavy equipment operator with the 3rd Infantry Division, Tory returned to Utah to raise a family and begin a decade-long career with Rocky Mountain Power, where he helped keep the lights on across the state—including in Park City. Today, he runs a construction company specializing in underground utilities and power line installation, giving him firsthand experience with the region's regulatory and land use challenges. A 2024 candidate for Summit County Council, Tory is driven by a profound sense of gratitude, faith, and belief in the founding principles that make America exceptional. He lives in Francis with his wife and four children.

Secretary - Pat O'Connell

Pat O'Connell is a retired investment banker and financial advisor who relocated full-time to Park City in 2023 after three decades of skiing in the area. A Princeton- and UVA-educated economist, Pat has advised governments around the world—from Wall Street to the Mongolian Ministry of Finance—and most recently served as CFO for New Jersey's farmland preservation program. He currently serves as a county delegate for the Deer Valley South precinct, an alternate delegate to



the 2024 Republican National Convention, and a board member for KPCW Radio. Pat and his wife Charlotte, a U.S. Air Force veteran and retired pilot, are proud to call Park City home.

Treasurer - Patty Brewer


I recently retired from a 40+ year career in business management. The first half of my career was in marketing and the later half was in product management and development in fintech companies. I have served in executive leadership roles including my most recent role as Chief Operating Officer for Linqto, an online platform for private equity investing. My husband and I have lived in Park City since 2016, moving from the Bay Area in California. We currently live in Silver Springs with out two rescue pups. In our free time, we love to ski, golf and play pickleball.

Snyderville Regional Chair - Jay Deuser

Jay Deuser has proudly served the Summit County Republican Party for the past three years as Ranch Place Precinct Chair and Snyderville Region Chair, supporting 22 precincts and engaging with voters across a diverse and dynamic region. His hands-on involvement with local candidates has deepened his appreciation for the dedication required to seek public office and strengthened his commitment to fostering community connections. Jay values curiosity, persistence, and service, and he remains optimistic about the opportunities ahead to help shape a better future for Summit County and the nation.

Park City Regional Chair - Marjorie Manning

Marjorie Manning is a fourth-generation Los Angeles native who relocated to Utah in 2020, drawn by her love for the outdoors and a desire to escape the taxes and congestion of California. With over 30 years of experience in the meetings and events industry, she owns and operates Corporate Global Events, managing multimillion-dollar budgets and logistics for corporate and nonprofit clients. A lifelong fiscal conservative, Marjorie previously served as Treasurer for the Summit County GOP and remains a strong advocate for responsible governance and community engagement. She lives in Park City and enjoys skiing, hiking, pickleball, and spending time outdoors with friends.



South Summit Regional Chair - Philip D'Agostini


Philip D'Agostini was born in Newark, New Jersey to immigrant parents of Italian and French descent and spent most of his childhood in California after losing his father at a young age. He and his wife raised their four children in San Diego before relocating to Woodland, Utah as permanent residents in 2012. In 2022, Philip became a state and county delegate for the Woodland precinct, and in 2024, he was elected precinct chair while continuing to serve in both delegate roles. An America First conservative, Philip is committed to keeping his community informed and engaged on the issues that will help Summit County and the state of Utah thrive.

North Summit Regional Chair - Louise Willoughby

Louise Willoughby recently retired after a remarkable 44-year career in education, where she had the privilege of teaching, leading, and forming lasting relationships with people of all ages. Her deep love and respect for children and families continue to guide her commitment to making the world a place where they can thrive. Louise chose the Republican platform because its values closely align with her lifelong goals of service and community strength. Her political experience includes serving as a county and state delegate, Eastern Summit County Planning Commissioner, Coalville City Council member, and North Summit Fire Board member.

State Central Committee Representative - Tal Adair

Tal Adair is a seasoned businessman and former Summit County Council member, recognized for his public service and commitment to community development. During his tenure on the Council, he served as a vital voice for the East Side of the county, contributing to significant initiatives, including addressing growth and development challenges. In honor of his impactful service, the Summit County Council proclaimed December 1, 2016, as "Council Member Tal Adair Day." Beyond his public service, Tal has an extensive background in business and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Park City Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau.



Data and Analytics - Jimmy May

Jimmy May was born in the Midwest and raised as a Democrat, but during college, while surrounded by protests against Ronald Reagan's candidacy, he realized Reagan was right and has been a committed conservative ever since. After relocating from the "northleft" coast, Jimmy was surprised to encounter many of the same ideological challenges in Utah that he thought he had left behind. A former database architect, he has spent the past four years serving the Summit County GOP by applying his technical expertise to enhance the organization's effectiveness. His contributions include building a disciplined cloud infrastructure, maintaining accurate and timely voter data, generating walk and delegate lists, managing communications systems, and providing training and disaster recovery support.

