

2023 MUNICIPAL DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

Melvin J. Bennett

(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, 2023)

for the office of Town Board for the Four (two or four-year) term

for the city/town of Holden.

State of Utah

County of Millard } ss.

I, Melvin J. Bennett, being first sworn and under penalty of perjury, say that I reside at 160 North Main Street Street, City of Holden, County of Millard, state of Utah, Zip Code 84636, Telephone Number (if any) 435-632-0820; that I am a registered voter; and that I am a candidate for the office of Town Board (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: _____

mlon-bennett@yahoo.com
Email Address

Website

Melvin J. Bennett
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 Roseanne Frost on this 6/1/23
(month/day/year)

Roseanne Frost
Filing officer or subject to 20A-9-203(3)(b)



(Seal)

Holden Town

6/1/23
(Date Received)

QUALIFICATIONS FOR CANDIDATE FILING DECLARATION

Please initial:

- The filing officer read the constitutional and statutory qualifications as listed below to me, and I meet those qualifications.
- I understand that an individual who holds a municipal elected office may not, at the same time, hold a county elected office.
- 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.
- I received a copy of the pledge of fair campaign practices, and I understand that signing this pledge is voluntary.
- 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.
- 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:


- 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, 2023.
- I have received a copy of Section 20A-7-801 regarding the Statewide Electronic Voter Information Website Program and its applicable deadline.



Signature of Candidate

6/1/23

Date



Signature of Filing Officer

6/1/23

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, treason, or crime relating to elections**
- Cannot have been declared mentally incompetent

* Utah Code §20A-2-101 states: A registered voter (1) is a citizen of the United States; (2) is a resident of Utah; (3) will, on the date of that election, be at least 18 years old, (4) has been a resident of Utah for 30 days immediately before that election; (5) and is registered to vote.

** Utah Code §20A-2-101.5 states: A person convicted of a felony loses the right to hold office until (1) all felony convictions have been expunged, OR (2) ten years have passed since the most recent felony conviction AND the person has paid all court-ordered restitution and fines AND the person has completed probation, been granted parole, or completed the term of incarceration associated with the 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: Melvin J. Bennett Office: Town Board

Signature:  Date: 6/1/20

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

*This document is considered a public record and will be retained for public inspection until 30 days following the election.