

1 **Joint Resolution Recognizing the Utah Land Use Task Force**

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STATE OF UTAH

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2 **LONG TITLE**3 **General Description:**4 This resolution recognizes the Utah Land Use Task Force for contributions to land use  
5 policy.7 **Highlighted Provisions:**

8 This resolution:

9 ▶ acknowledges that land use decisions directly affect housing affordability, economic  
10 opportunity, property rights, infrastructure planning, and the quality of life in  
11 communities throughout the state;12 ▶ recognizes the efforts of the Utah Land Use Task Force to identify areas of consensus and  
13 develop land use policy solutions; and14 ▶ recognizes the Utah Land Use Task Force's longstanding commitment to making  
15 contributions in land use policy at the local and state levels.16 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

17 None

18 **Other Special Clauses:**

19 None

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21 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*22 WHEREAS, land use decisions directly affect housing affordability, economic opportunity,  
23 property rights, infrastructure planning, and the quality of life in communities throughout the s  
24 tate of Utah;25 WHEREAS, effective land use policy benefits from sustained dialogue among stakeholders  
26 with diverse perspectives and interests;27 WHEREAS, for more than 20 years, the Utah Land Use Task Force has operated as a  
28 voluntary working group composed of stakeholders representing a broad range of viewpoints  
29 related to land use, development, housing, and local governance;

30 WHEREAS, participants in the Utah Land Use Task Force include representatives of the

31 Utah Property Rights Coalition, the Utah Homebuilders Association, the Utah Association of  
32 Realtors, the Utah League of Cities and Towns, the Utah Association of Counties, Utah special  
33 service districts, and other interested stakeholders;

34 WHEREAS, the Utah Land Use Task Force meets on an ongoing basis in working meetings  
35 to discuss, negotiate, and evaluate proposed changes to land use laws, policies, and practices;

36 WHEREAS, through these collaborative efforts, the Utah Land Use Task Force has served  
37 as a forum for identifying areas of consensus, resolving differences, and developing practical  
38 policy solutions related to land use regulation;

39 WHEREAS, the work of the Utah Land Use Task Force has contributed to improvements in  
40 the fairness, predictability, and efficiency of local land use decision-making processes;

41 WHEREAS, participants in the Utah Land Use Task Force contribute their time and  
42 expertise voluntarily, motivated by a shared interest in improving the land use process for  
43 property owners, applicants, and communities throughout the state;

44 WHEREAS, the Utah Land Use Task Force has consistently approached its work with  
45 respect for the traditional role of local governments in land use planning and decision-making;  
46 and

47 WHEREAS, the collaborative and consensus-oriented model of the Utah Land Use Task  
48 Force has helped foster trust, transparency, and constructive engagement among stakeholders  
49 who may otherwise hold differing viewpoints:

50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah  
51 recognizes and commends the Utah Land Use Task Force for 20 years of voluntary,  
52 collaborative service in advancing land use policy.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature acknowledges and appreciates the  
54 contributions of the stakeholders who participate in the Utah Land Use Task Force, including  
55 representatives of property owners, the building and real estate industries, local governments,  
56 special service districts, and other interested parties.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature recognizes the Utah Land Use Task  
58 Force's role in promoting land use policies and practices that are more fair, predictable, and  
59 efficient while respecting the traditional role of local governments.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Utah Land  
61 Use Task Force as an expression of the Legislature's recognition and appreciation.