

Joint Resolution Recognizing the Utah Land Use Task Force

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STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This resolution recognizes the Utah Land Use Task Force for contributions to land use policy.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- acknowledges that land use decisions directly affect housing affordability, economic opportunity, property rights, infrastructure planning, and the quality of life in communities throughout the state;
- recognizes the efforts of the Utah Land Use Task Force to identify areas of consensus and develop land use policy solutions; and
- recognizes the Utah Land Use Task Force's longstanding commitment to making contributions in land use policy at the local and state levels.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

WHEREAS, land use decisions directly affect housing affordability, economic opportunity, property rights, infrastructure planning, and the quality of life in communities throughout the state of Utah;

WHEREAS, effective land use policy benefits from sustained dialogue among stakeholders with diverse perspectives and interests;

WHEREAS, for more than 20 years, the Utah Land Use Task Force has operated as a voluntary working group composed of stakeholders representing a broad range of viewpoints related to land use, development, housing, and local governance;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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