

2012  
UTAH STATE LEGISLATURE  
DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

of

Merrill Nelson

(Print name exactly as it is to be printed on the official ballot. No amendments or modifications after March 15, 2012)

for the office of Utah House for the 68<sup>th</sup> district

STATE OF UTAH

County of Tooele } ss.

I, Merrill Nelson, declare my intention of becoming a candidate for the office of State Representative for the 68<sup>th</sup> district as a candidate for the Republican party. I do solemnly swear that: I will meet the qualifications to

hold the office, both legally and constitutionally, if selected; I reside at

164 S. 800 E. in the City of or

Town of, Grantsville, Utah, Zip Code 84029, Phone

No. 801-971-2172; I will not knowingly violate any law governing campaigns

and elections; 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. The mailing address that I designate for receiving official election notices is

164 S. 800 E.

Grantsville, Ut. 84029

mnelson@kmcclaw.com

E-mail address

Website

Merrill Nelson

Signature of Candidate (Must be signed in the presence of the filing officer)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3/9/2012

(month/day/year)

Abraham Smart  
(Officer qualified to administer oaths)

(Seal)

Lieutenant Governor Mar 2012

(Date Received)

2012  
CANDIDATE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE OR  
CONFLICT OF INTEREST

for

Merrill Nelson  
(Print name)

for the office of State House District 68

Primary employer name

Kirton McConkie

Primary employer address

60 E. South Temple, #1800, Salt Lake City, Ut. 84111

Brief description of employment

Lawyer - litigation, risk management

Occupation and job title, if applicable

Lawyer

Name of entity owned

Brief description of the type of business or activity conducted by the entity owned

Filer's position in the entity

Name of each entity that has paid \$5,000 or more in income to the filer within the one-year period ending immediately before the date of the disclosure form

Kirton McConkie

Brief description of the type of business or activity conducted by the entity described in the previous section

Law firm

Name of entity in which the filer holds any stocks or bonds having a fair market value of \$5,000 or more as of the date of this form, but excluding funds that are managed by a third party, including blind trusts, managed investment accounts, and mutual funds

\*"Entity" means a corporation, a partnership, a limited liability company, a limited partnership, a sole proprietorship, an association, a cooperative, a trust, an organization, a joint venture, a governmental entity, an unincorporated organization, or any other legal entity, whether established primarily for the purpose of gain or economic profit or not.

Brief description of the type of business or activity conducted by the entity described in the previous section
Name of organization or entity for which the filer serves on the board of directors or in any other type of formal advisory capacity
Brief description of the type of business or activity conducted by the entity described in the previous section
Type of position held by the filer within the organization or entity described in the two previous sections
(Optional) Real property in which the filer holds an ownership or other financial interest that the filer believes may constitute a conflict of interest
Description of the real property named in the previous section
Description of the type of interest held by the filer in the property described in the two previous sections
Name of filer's spouse and any other adult residing in the filer's household that is not related by blood or marriage, as applicable <i>Karen Nelson</i>
Brief description of employment of the filer's spouse and any other adult residing in the filer's household that is not related by blood or marriage, as applicable <i>Tooele County School Board</i>
Occupation of filer's spouse and any other adult residing in the filer's household that is not related by blood or marriage, as applicable
(Optional) Description of any other matter or interest that the filer believes may constitute a conflict of interest

I believe this form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

*Michael Nelson*  
(Signature of filer)

*3/9/12*  
(Date)

# QUALIFICATION FOR CANDIDATE FILING DECLARATION

(Utah Code Section 20A-9-201)

Please initial:

MSJ The filing officer read the constitutional and statutory requirements as listed below to me, and I meet those qualifications.

MSJ I understand that 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 March 15, 2012.

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

MSJ I have received a copy of the pledge of fair campaign practices, and I understand that signing this pledge is voluntary.

MSJ 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, removal of my name from the ballot, possible fines and/or criminal penalties.

<u>Shayla Nelson</u> Signature of Candidate	<u>3/9/12</u> Date
<u>H. Brock Smart</u> Signature of Filing Officer	<u>3/9/12</u> 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 shall decline his/her declaration of candidacy. (Utah Code Section 20A-9-201, 202)

### UTAH SENATE AND REPRESENTATIVE

*Utah Constitution Article VI, Section 5 and 6*

- U.S. Citizen
- At least 25 years old at the filing deadline
- Three-year consecutive resident of Utah at the filing deadline
- Six-month consecutive resident of the district from which elected at the filing deadline
- Qualified voter in the district from which the person is chosen\*
- Never convicted of a felony\*\*
- Pay filing fee of \$29.20 (Senator) or \$14.60 (Representative).
- No person holding any public office of profit or trust under authority of the United States, or of this State, shall be a member of the Legislature; provided, that appointments in the State Militia, and the offices of notary public, justice of the peace, United States commissioner, and postmaster of the fourth class, shall not, within the meaning of this section, be considered offices of profit or trust.

\* A qualified 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, and have been a resident of Utah for 30 days immediately before that election; 4) and has registered to vote.

\*\*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.



2012  
STATE OF UTAH  
PLEDGE OF  
FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES  
(UCA § 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 or 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: Merrill Nelson Office: State House Dist. 68

Signature: Merrill Nelson Date: 3/9/12

\*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.