

**Ott Mayoral Announcement Speech**  
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I want to welcome each of you here today. I stand before you today to formally declare my candidacy for Salt Lake County Mayor in 2012.

I have resided in Salt Lake County since 1980 and owned and operated my own business prior to being elected your County Recorder in 2001. As County Recorder I have made the Recorder's Office more efficient through innovation and the use of technology while right sizing the staff and administration. The changes I brought to the office have made it one of the most efficient in the nation, enabling the office to handle an increased volume of work with more accuracy and in a more timely manner while allowing me to reduce staff, through attrition, by approximately 50%. I have also reduced my budget by \$ 2.4 million - a 37% reduction. What I have done in regards to my current office I know I can do county wide as your mayor.

The mission of county government is to provide the services necessary to assure our citizens quality of life and make this a vibrant place in which to live and do business. These services need to be maintained and provided in the most innovative and efficient means possible while right sizing Salt Lake County Government.

Salt Lake County is the most populous county in the state with just over a million people residing here. Salt Lake County Government is the third largest employer in the state. In essence Salt Lake County is a billion dollar a year enterprise and needs to be run in a like manner.

The citizens of Salt Lake County deserve a mayor who understands the necessary services, mission and scope of county government. The citizens deserve a mayor who will devote his entire attention to the operation of this enterprise not use the office as a stepping-stone to a larger political career. Our citizens deserve a mayor who is dedicated to enhancing business and quality of life in Salt Lake County while right sizing government. I have the track record to prove I can do this and I am a candidate for Salt Lake County Mayor.