

**City of Taylorsville  
Declaration of Candidacy**

I, BRADLEY W. CHRISTOPHERSON, being first sworn, say that I reside at  
2264 Ben fox Circle, City of Taylorsville,  
(street)  
County of Salt Lake, State of Utah, Zip Code 84129, Telephone Number (801) 763 3038 ;  
Email address bradchris@gmail.com ;

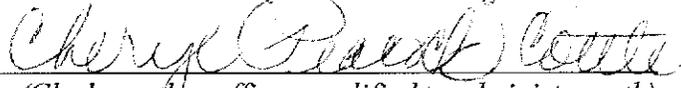
that I am a registered voter; that I currently reside in Taylorsville City Council District 3; and that I wish to submit my name for consideration in filling the interim vacancy in the office of Council Member representing District 3 in the City of Taylorsville. I understand that the Council Member appointment made will be effective beginning January 31, 2013 through December, 2013.

I further understand that I will be subject to an interview before the Taylorsville City Council in a public meeting on Wednesday, January 30, 2013, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Taylorsville City Council Chambers, 2600 West Taylorsville Blvd., Taylorsville, Utah.

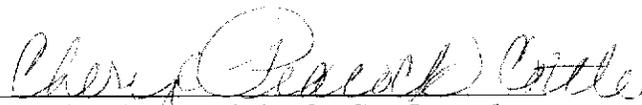
I will meet the legal qualifications required of candidates for this office.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Candidate*

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN before me this 18 day of January, 2013.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Clerk or other officer qualified to administer oath)

Original received and filed in my office this 18 day of January, 2013.

By:   
\_\_\_\_\_  
*Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder*

**20A-9-203. Declarations of candidacy -- Municipal general elections.**

(1) (a) A person may become a candidate for any municipal office if:

(A) the person is a registered voter and:

(B) (I) the person has resided within the municipality in which that person seeks to hold elective office for the 12 consecutive months immediately before the date of the election; or

(II) if the territory in which the person resides was annexed into the municipality, the person has resided within the annexed territory or the municipality for 12 months.

(b) In addition to the requirements of Subsection (1)(a), each candidate for a municipal council position shall, if elected from a district, be a resident of the council district from which elected.

In accordance with Utah Constitution Article IV, Section 6, any mentally incompetent person, any person convicted of a felony, or any person convicted of treason or a crime against the elective franchise may not hold office in this state until the right to hold elective office is restored under Section 20A-2-101.5.

January 18, 2013

Taylorsville City Council  
2600 W Taylorsville Boulevard  
Taylorsville, UT 84129

Dear Council Members,

Thank you for your service to our City. Just as you do, I love my community and have a desire to be of greater service. I respectfully ask that you consider me for appointment to the vacancy in District 3. I appreciate the fine job our new Mayor did on the City Council and congratulate him on his appointment and wish him well.

I love my country; I love our form of government. We have the freest country in the world where citizens can participate in the governing. During my undergraduate studies at the University of Utah I was involved with the Hinckley Institute of Politics. Its founder, Robert Hinckley, desired "to teach students respect for practical politics and the principle of citizen involvement in government." I have gained that respect and as a desire to be more involved. Throughout my career I have been involved in service. As a practicing attorney I have been able to provide pro-bono legal representation to those in need. Many are from Taylorsville – my neighbors and my friends.

I grew up in Taylorsville and am raising my children here too.

Enclosed:

- Statement of Qualifications
- My Vision for the City
- Resume – Brad Christopherson
- Endorsement Letters
  - Captain Don Hutson – Unified Police Department
  - Representative Earl Tanner, Jr. House District 43
  - Leo Florence, Jr. Civil Engineer – Involved in the Redwood Rd beautification project – Phase 1.
  - Mark Parker – Taylorsville Resident & Web Developer
  - David Johnson – Legal Compliance at IHC and former Special Assistant to the Attorney General.
  - Robert & Marion Bailey – Taylorsville Business Owners

I thank you for your time in reviewing my application. I look forward to seeing you on January 30<sup>th</sup> at the Special City Council Meeting.

Sincerely,



Brad Christopherson

# Statement of Qualifications

## Brad Christopherson

- I have a love of our Nation, State, and City.
- I have the ability to communicate and understand the art of compromise.
- I take the time to look at an issue from differing viewpoints.
- I have a desire to serve.
- I can take criticism without taking it personally.
- I understand Government and Politics.
- I am self-employed; I know what challenges small business owners face.
- I enjoy complex problems and take pride in reaching resolutions.
- I have a legal background and can quickly understand new and relevant areas of the law.
- I have lived in District 3 for more than 30 years in three different homes.
- I have the support of business owners, lawmakers, friends, engineers, and others.
- I have served and continue to serve in my community – Scouting, Church, Pro-Bono Legal Representation, and the School Community Council.
- I work well in groups to achieve common goals.
- I bring energy and enthusiasm.
- I am trustworthy, have and value integrity.
- I believe involvement in government and the political process is noble.
- It would be an honor and privilege to represent District 3.

Honorable Taylorsville City Council  
2600 Taylorsville Boulevard  
Taylorsville, UT 84129

**Vision for Taylorsville City  
Brad Christopherson**

As I reflect on the state of the City and look at where we are headed and where we need to go, I see some progress and I also see areas that need additional focus. We need a Taylorsville where residents want to live and raise families. We have a many advantages. The city of Taylorsville is in a prime location in the Salt Lake Valley, we are close to downtown and have great access to the freeway system and are able to get nearly anywhere in the valley in a very short time. We not are the only ones with those qualities. We need to do more to compete with other cities in the Valley. I believe the City's focus should be on the following:

- Public Safety – The number one role of government is the safety and security of its citizens. I support the City Council's recent decision in joining the Unified Police Department. I believe the City has benefited already. We have more investigative resources at our disposal, the integrity and thoroughness of investigations has increased (due to increased resources), and police service has increased -- all while reducing the cost to the residents of Taylorsville. I support adding an additional fire station to the city. The benefits to the city are in quicker response times to 911 calls which results in savings lives.
- Economic Development – Recruit new businesses – retail and commercial – increasing sales tax and property tax revenues and ensuring the City's ability to invest in and compete with other suburban cities.

- The council in its RDA role can authorize TIF incentives and continue to work with the GOED to lure jobs and grow Taylorsville City's economy.
- Investment in beautification projects. The most successful project the City has had was the burying of utility lines, the landscaping and improved walkability of the retail heart of our city on Redwood Road. Those improvements upgraded the look and feel of our City.
  - A down economy means two things: decreased tax revenue and cheaper costs for bonding. Construction costs are low compared to just a few short years ago. We need to seriously consider bonding for additional resources to move the City's master plan forward. Maintaining those beautification projects that have already been completed must be a high priority.
- Preserve open space. Taylorsville city has very limited open space and we need to ensure a vibrant park network for our residents.
- Financially Responsible Government – balanced budget where only on-going funding sources are consumed in the delivery of services.

In conclusion, I believe if we can focus on these core issues, our City Government will have fulfilled many of their responsibilities in governing and competing with other suburb cities in the Salt Lake Valley. I look forward to working with you in the future.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brad Christopherson

# Bradley W. Christopherson

2264 Benfox Circle  
Taylorsville, UT 84129

phone: (801) 963-3038

## Education

### University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio

*Juris Doctorate May 2008, Utah Bar # 12060*

- College of Law Scholarship Recipient
- Gutmacher Scholarship Recipient

### University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah

*Bachelors of Arts Political Science, 2004 Business Minor*

- Hinckley Institute of Politics Intern – Utah Attorney General's Office

## Prof. Experience

### Solo Practice Salt Lake City, Utah

*Attorney, Oct 2008 - Present*

- Commercial Collections, Real Estate Law, Estate Planning, Trusts, Divorce, Divorce Modification, Tax Preparation, Litigation – Securities Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Construction Liens, Landlord Tenant Law, Contracts, Business Formation, Debtor Defense, and Employer/Employee Administrative Disputes.
- Project Management: Manage multiple clients, deadline driven projects – litigation, negotiation preparation, legal research, training new hires.
- Manage client communications, legal research, settlement negotiations, & dispute resolution.

### LDS Business College, Salt Lake City, Utah

*Instructor January 2013 – Present*

- Introduction to Law – Paralegal Studies Program

### The Garretson Law Firm, Montgomery, Ohio

*Associate, September 2006 – Feb 2008*

- Project Management: Settlement Fund Manager
- Legal Research; complex legal problem solving; & legal writing.

### Utah Attorney General's Office, Salt Lake City, Utah

*Hinckley Institute of Politics Intern, Legislative Session 2004*

- Project Management: Involved in lobbying efforts to re-enact forfeiture laws, child welfare legislation, and criminal punishment legislation.

### Linux Networkx, Inc., Bluffdale, Utah

*Sales Operations/Technical Support III, September 2002 – July 2005*

- Customer Service/Relationships: Saved John Deere account.
- Sales Negotiations/First level of System Support.

**Salt Lake Community College**, Salt Lake City, Utah  
*Adjunct Instructor*, January – May 2001

**Alorica, Inc.** Magna, Utah  
*Team Lead/Support Tech III* 1999 - 2002

- Developed new hire training program that reduced.
- Project Management: Charged with all French Speaking clients.

**The Church of Jesus-Christ of Latter Day Saints**, Paris, France  
1997-1999 *Missionary*

- Trained Missionaries in the French Language.
- Instructor – English Language Courses.

## **Skills**

Proficient Computer user: including Ms Office, QuickBooks, Internet based applications, legal research software: Westlaw & Lexis-Nexis.

Familiar with Government workings, Utah Politics, and the Political Process.

Fluent in French: reading, writing, translating and speaking.

## **Activities**

Community Council - Calvin Smith Elementary

Pro-Bono Tuesday Night Bar Volunteer 2008-2012 – Provided Free legal advice to individuals.

Active in Politics – elected as State Delegate to 2004 and 2012 State Republican Convention.

Boy Scouts of America Assistant Scout Master – 2009-2011.

**January 14, 2013**

RE: Endorsement Letter on behalf of Brad Christopherson

I am writing this letter to recommend Brad Christopherson as a qualified candidate to fill the recently vacated Taylorsville City Council seat. I have known Brad for many years and have worked with him both professionally and personally and have always been very impressed with Brad's ability to analyze complex situations and make appropriate decisions.

He is a thoughtful and pragmatic person committed to solving problems and resolving issues. I believe his temperament and experience would allow him to thrive as a representative of the citizens of Taylorsville City.

I know Brad has been a long-time resident of Taylorsville and he cares deeply about the future of his hometown. Additionally, Brad's experience as an attorney would allow him to make decisions based on sound legal precedent to minimize potential civil claims.

I believe Brad is not only highly qualified to be a member of the Taylorsville City Council, but I know he has a strong desire to represent his community to affect positive change to secure the future of Taylorsville.

Sincerely,

Don Hutson  
Captain  
Unified Police Department

TANNER & TANNER, P.C.

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OF COUNSEL  
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January 16, 2013

Taylorsville City Council  
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd.  
Taylorsville, Utah, 84129

Re: Endorsement of Brad Christopherson

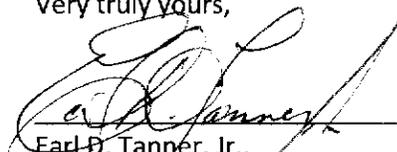
Dear Taylorsville City Council,

I am happy to have the opportunity to write this letter recommending Brad Christopherson as the next Taylorsville City Council Member. I've known Brad for the past 3 years as an attorney. He and I both have offices downtown in the same office building. On a professional level, I believe Brad's talents and abilities make him a highly qualified candidate for City Council. I have enjoyed working with Brad and enjoyed discussing issues facing our communities. In the last election cycle, I ran for and was elected to the Utah State Legislature. During the campaign process, Brad was a valuable sounding board and I found his feedback and opinions to be very useful and appreciated.

I know Brad to be a conservative and through our many conversations and discussions, know that he has strong moral values and cares about the direction we are headed. I have had many discussions with many people about the troubles and problems facing our communities and nation. Very few of those people have a desire and willingness to get involved. Brad is one that wants to be involved and I believe will be able to make a positive impact. I highly recommend and endorse his candidacy for City Council.

I've been impressed with Taylorsville over the years and wish you the very best.

Very truly yours,



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Earl D. Tanner, Jr.,  
Representative House District 43  
Utah State Legislature

January 15, 2013

City of Taylorsville  
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd.  
Taylorsville, Utah, 84129  
Attn: City Council

**RE: Brad Christopherson Letter of Endorsement & Recommendation**

Dear City Council Members,

I take this opportunity to write and recommend Brad Christopherson to serve on the Taylorsville City Council. I have known Brad for over 20 years. We grew up together in the City of Taylorsville even before it incorporated. We attended Eisenhower Junior High School and Taylorsville High School together. I went to scout camp with Brad, helped him with his Eagle Scout Project, and was there when he received the award. I've watched Brad embrace public service his entire life, and have seen him enjoy the blessings and happiness that come with serving other people and his community. He is a lifelong resident of the City of Taylorsville and he and his wife have also chosen the City of Taylorsville as the place to raise their family.

Brad is a man of integrity and cares about his community. He is a very intelligent, competent, capable individual and will be an asset to you and to the residents of District #3. His conservative values, admiration for our country, and belief that public service is a duty and privilege will only benefit the city and the residents of Taylorsville.

I've spent my career as a civil engineer conducting public works within Utah and the intermountain west. My firm and I have worked for Taylorsville City in the past on large scale roadway and transportation projects and we have continued to perform engineering services and represent private commercial clients located within the City of Taylorsville. Considering public works and the City's interest, and as previous Taylorsville City resident, I give my full support and endorsement to Brad Christopherson for this position.

Please call me at 801-634-5754 if you have any questions or would like to discuss this recommendation and endorsement further.

Respectfully,  
**Project Engineering Consultants, Ltd.**



Leo James Florence, Jr., SE  
Vice President

Dear Taylorsville City Council,

I would like to take this opportunity to recommend and endorse Brad Christopherson's candidacy for the Taylorsville City Council vacancy. I have known Brad as long as I can remember; we attended Plymouth Elementary, Eisenhower Junior High, and Taylorsville High School together. He and his wife have chosen to raise their children in Taylorsville, just as my wife and I have.

I have known Brad on a professional level as well. We worked together during and after high school in the IT industry. I know Brad to be a man of integrity and honesty, and for this reason, I have also chosen Brad as my attorney.

Brad has always been able to relate well to people, and he will bring enthusiasm, energy, and a passion for the political process every day. His legal education further enhances his value to the City and the City Council. He has a desire to serve the public and will maintain a long-term perspective when making decisions that will impact our City. I highly recommend Brad Christopherson to serve on the City Council from District 3. He is the right man for the job.

Sincerely,



Mark Parker

January 18, 2013

Taylorsville City Council  
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd.  
Taylorsville, Utah 84129

Dear Taylorsville City Council:

It is my privilege to recommend Brad Christopherson for the open seat on the Taylorsville City Council. I believe Brad's track record of professional achievement and leadership make him an excellent candidate for this position. I also believe that his ability to bring together a variety of constituencies and interests further equip him to be worthy of your sincere consideration.

I first met Brad when he was my intern during the 2004 State Legislative Session within the State Attorneys General's office. Brad was an instrumental part of helping legislators and other elected officials understand the viewpoint of the Attorney General. Brad exhibited clear and precise communication skills and was a strong leader in bringing together varied opinions around complex issues and arriving at a compromised resolution.

Over the time that I have known Brad, I have grown to respect his opinions and his belief that public service is a duty and obligation. Brad has become a great friend and someone I can talk with about life issues and he has come to my aid when I have needed professional, personal, and legal advice. Brad has a deep commitment to supporting our form of government and desires that everyone is treated fairly. Brad would make a great city councilmember and would be an asset to the deliberations in decision-making of Taylorsville City. He is the kind of person your citizens can be proud of and trust.

Perhaps most importantly, I know Brad is fearless and capable of hard work. I believe you will find these qualities make him an outstanding applicant to be a member of the City Council. Please feel free to contact me via phone or email regarding Brad if I can provide additional assistance.

Best Regards,



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Taylorsville, Utah 84129  
801/966-7308

City Of Taylorsville  
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd.  
Taylorsville, Utah 84129

January 17, 2013

To whom it may concern,

It is my great pleasure to recommend to you Bradley Walker Christopherson to serve as a member of the Taylorsville City Council. I have known Brad since he was a young man in high school. He was a level headed young man in his youth, not one to cause or get into trouble. Since that time he has graduated from law school, married a beautiful and talented young woman, Wendy, and together they are raising three lovely children, two sons and a daughter.

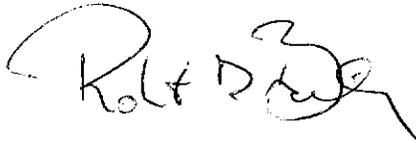
Brad is a respected member of the neighborhood community. He served as a state delegate from our precinct. In fact he and I were both nominated to become delegates from our precinct and I respectfully deferred my vote to Brad knowing that he would represent the community better than I. That is how much confidence I have in him. Brad serves well in his church callings, sustaining his leaders by fulfilling all that he is asked to do.

Brad would be an excellent choice to represent his district, as well as the city council before county and state government. With his knowledge of law, I can only see that as being a plus for the City of Taylorsville. My son, Jacob, served on the City Youth Council for two years, getting to know many of the council members. He came away from that experience with a respect for the city council and the individuals who serve there. I am thankful for the time that the council members gave to him, and for the respect they showed to him during his time of service. I believe that Brad would also be a man to put his arm around the members of the City Youth Council, nurturing them in their volunteer service.

I believe Brad has leadership quality and ability required for this position. He is organized with his time. He is not one to blow wind up your skirt, but is a straight shooter. He is compassionate but strong. He is fiscally responsible. He leads a clean life style. He is patient to hear all sides of an issue before forming an opinion. He is concerned for our city, for our county, state and nation. He is concerned for the citizens

and businesses of our city. I believe Brad Christopherson would be an excellent choice to serve Taylorsville City as a member of the City Council.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert D Bailey". The signature is stylized with a large initial "R" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Robert D Bailey

Bailey Brothers, Inc. President, Taylorsville, Utah

Bailey Drywall and Supply, Inc. President, Salt Lake City, Utah