

STATE OF UTAH

Independent Election Advisor During an
Election Year



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Controlling Conflicts

★ Lieutenant Governor Duties

- Chief Election Officer (UCA 67-1a-2)
 - Oversee all elections and functions relating to elections
 - Render all interpretations and decide election law controversies

★ Cannot abdicate statutory authority

★ Established independent advisor

- For controversies or questions arising in gubernatorial race
- Provides formal advice, which lieutenant governor can accept or reject



Director of Elections

- ★ Simple matter where law is clear
- ★ Standard review of statute
- ★ Make decisions and implement normal processes

Independent Advisor

- ★ Needs further review
- ★ Director consults legal counsel & independent advisor
- ★ Independent advisor writes recommendation

Lieutenant Governor accepts or rejects recommendation



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