

Bill Wright, Mayor, Payson City: Questionnaire for ULCT Board Nomination

1. Why do you want to serve as a Board member or Officer (2nd VP)?

I have been the Mayor of Payson for almost eight years. I am running for a third term and I'm currently running unopposed unless a write-in candidate files today. During my time as Mayor I have become aware of the need to protect our cities from unnecessary state control. I would like to be involved in that process. I am a retired Law Enforcement officer with 37 years of service and as mentioned 8 years of service as a mayor. I believe that I have the skills necessary to help the League protect our cities.

2. What do you see as the biggest challenges (legislatively and generally) facing cities and the League and how do you want to be part of the solution?

I believe that a major challenge we face is the growth that our state is experiencing.

There is a shortage of homes in our state. There are many reasons for that but a major challenge is the lack of infrastructure. The cities need financial help to solve that problem not just pressure to build more homes. I would like to work towards some type of state assistance with the funding of infrastructure.

3. What goals for the League would you like to initiate or support during your time on the Board?

As mentioned above, help with infrastructure and work towards convincing legislators that a one size fits all solution is not the solution. It might work for some of our cities, but each city has different wants and needs. Those wants and needs must be recognized or at least explored and hopefully accommodated.

4. What specific skillsets or interests do you have that you feel you can contribute to the League? (Note: ULCT appoints more than 70 city leaders to state boards and commissions as well)

As mentioned above, I am a retired Law Enforcement Officer with 37 years of experience. I have been the Mayor of Payson City for 8 years and believe that I have a good understanding of the challenges that we face and some ideas of how to address the challenges that we face.

As we continue to grow, we must protect our quality of life which is the reason people want to make Utah their home. I am a team player and willing to work together to make good decisions for our state and cities future.

5. There are designated seats on the board for the 8 geographic regions of the state as well as cities of the first and second class and towns. The remaining seats are at-large. How would you engage with your region (including with state and federal leaders) and/or city leaders around the state?

Over the eight years I have been Payson's Mayor I have developed good relationships with our state and local leaders including our federal Representatives and Senators. I am willing to work with and develop good relationships with all of our federal, state, and local leaders.

6. Please describe you and/or your city's past and/or current participation within the League.

We are currently an active member of the League and have been an active member for many years. As far as I know Payson has never had a position on the board.

7. When does your term of office expire? Do you intend to seek re-election?

My current term expires in January 2026. I am running for a third term and am currently running unopposed.

8. What else do you want the Nominations Committee to know about you and your city?

During my career as a Law Enforcement Officer, I had the opportunity to go to the FBI Command College in West Yellowstone. I am a graduate of the FBI National Academy class #229. As a result of the training, I have received and the responsibilities that I have had during my career, I believe that I have developed the leadership skills needed to be of service as a member of the ULTC Board.