

2013 Utah Taxes Now Conference

AGENDA

35th Annual Conference on Taxes & Spending

Keeping Utah # 1. Yet Again.

Sponsored by: Utah Taxpayers Association,
Chevron and Workers Compensation Fund

Thursday May 23, 2013 – 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Little America Hotel, 500 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, Utah

Moderated by Association President Howard Stephenson
and Association Vice-President Royce Van Tassell



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| 7:30 | Registration/Continental breakfast |  | President Wayne Niederhauser |
| 8:00 | Welcome
Jim Hewlett, Chairman, Utah Taxpayers Association
Greg Hardy, Chevron | | Speaker Becky Lockhart |
| 8:10 | When are sales tax exemptions or income tax credits a good idea, and when are they just welfare? (SB 31, SB 33, SB 84, SB 171, HB 274)
Rep. Brian King
Chris Conabee, GOED | | 10:15 Governor Gary R. Herbert |
| 8:25 | Updating Utah's sales and income taxes for a 21st century economy
How Utah avoided its own "Gillette" disaster (SB 247)
Steve Young, Holland & Hart
Commissioner Bruce Johnson
Applying sales taxes in a digital world (SB124, Idaho's HB 243)
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What should states and Congress do to create sales tax equity for remote and brick and mortar retailers? (HJR 4, SB 226, SB 58, HB 300)
Rep. Steve Eliason
Dave Davis, Utah Retail Merchants Assn.
Mark Griffin, Overstock.com | | 10:30 Taking sales tax out of road funding, lowering the income tax, and making Utah more competitive economically
Sen. Stuart Adams
Ken Bullock, Utah League of Cities and Towns
Carlos Bracerias, UDOT |
| 9:00 | How should Utah correct the billion dollar RDA property tax problem? (SB 211)
Dave Spatafore, Capstone Strategies LLC
David Stringfellow, Utah State Auditor | | 10:45 Taxes or user fees: How will Utah pay for water development? (SB 154, SB 276)
Sen. Scott Jenkins
Sen. John Valentine |
| 9:15 | Solving gross inequities in local education's property taxes (HB 49, SB 81)
Rep. Steve Handy
Sen. Aaron Osmond | | 10:55 Should Utah expand Medicaid funding and coverage?
Rep. Jake Anderegg (HB 391)
Judi Hillman, Utah Health Policy Project
David Patton, Utah Department of Health |
| 9:25 | How Utah's STEM action center will prepare Utah's children to compete in the 21st century economy (HB 139, SCR 5, SB 169)
Stan Lockhart, IMFlash
Sophia DiCaro, GOED | | 11:15 Should Utah taxpayers subsidize a 1000-room convention center hotel? (SB 267)
Rep. Dan McCay
Clint Ensign, Grand and Little America Hotels
Jason Mathis, Downtown Alliance |
| 9:45 | Refreshment Break |  | 11:30 Taking stock of the Google-iProvo deal
Sterling Beck, Provo City Council |
| 10:00 | Release of ALEC's 6th annual "Rich States, Poor States" report
Jonathan Williams, ALEC
Governor Gary Herbert | | 11:45 Are tax hikes or tax cuts in Utah's future?
Speaker Becky Lockhart
President Wayne Niederhauser |

