2019 Utah Taxes Now Conference
Protecting Utah’s Economic Outlook While
Modernizing the Tax System
41st Annual Conference on Taxes & Spending

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Tuesday, May 21, 2019 – 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Grand America Hotel, 555 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, Utah

Moderated by Association President Howard Stephenson
and Association Vice President Rusty Cannon

7:30 Registration/Continental Breakfast
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8:00 Welcome & Opening Remarks
Morris Jackson, Chairman,
Utah Taxpayers Association

8:15 Protecting Property Taxpayers from the Burdensome Appeals Process (HB 11)
Representative Tim Hawkes

8:30 Saving Small Business from Unnecessary Personal Property Tax Audits (HB231)
Senator Dan McCay

8:45 Senate Perspective on Tax Reform
Senate Majority Whip Dan Hemmert

9:00 Defending the Property Tax Exemption for Education Institutions (SB263)
Senator Todd Weiler

9:10 Expanding the Sales Tax Base Through Online Purchases (SB168)
Senator Curt Bramble

9:25 Priorities for the Utah State Tax Commission
Tax Commission Chair John Valentine

9:40 Extending the Sales Tax Exemption to Oil, Gas, and Electrical Generation
Travis Holland, Senior Tax Accountant,
Anadarko Petroleum

9:55 BREAK
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10:05 House Perspective on Tax Reform
Speaker Brad Wilson

10:20 Does the State Have a Revenue Problem?
Natalie Gochnour, Director, Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute;
Jonathan Ball, Director, Legislative Fiscal Analyst;
John Dougall, Utah State Auditor

10:55 What Should State Tax Reform Look Like?
Senator Lincoln Fillmore; Phil Dean, Chief Economist, Governor’s Office of Management and Budget;
Representative Robert Spendlove; Senator Dan Hemmert

11:30 The Dangers of Tax Pyramiding
Steve Young, Partner, Holland and Hart

11:45 How Can Utah Remain Ahead of the Pack? – National Comparisons
Jared Walczak, Tax Foundation

12:00 Luncheon/Awards: Imperial Ballroom B
Sponsored by Zions Bank

Recognition of 2019 Friend of the Taxpayer award winners

Presentation of the Lifetime Achievement Award

Luncheon Speaker: States Nipping at Utah’s Economic Heels
Brandt Hershman, former Indiana State Senate Majority Leader and Tax and Fiscal Policy Chair

Join the conversation! Use #tnc19 to ask questions of our presenters.