

Growth and Prosperity

Compact of

Utah Valley

Utah Valley is experiencing unprecedented growth as it continues to evolve into a more diverse business- and family-friendly environment with high job growth and low unemployment. Our existing economic prosperity provides a higher income base for many and will provide even more opportunities in the future. In 2017, economists predicted that Utah Valley's population would double in 25 years and triple in 45 years. We are trending well ahead of that projection.

Our united commitment to plan for and manage growth — guiding our future economic prosperity, ensuring environmental sustainability, and preserving our quality of life — is critical to enriching the distinctive nature of Utah Valley where current and future generations will thrive.

We must collaborate on a common valley vision and coordinate our community planning efforts. We call upon residents, businesses, city leaders, county leaders, state leaders, and our federal delegation to adopt and endorse the following principles of this Growth and Prosperity Compact of Utah Valley. Together, we will engage in building and implementing innovative solutions.

Now is the time to act! A multidisciplinary task force will also be established to develop meaningful metrics to assess and evaluate our collaborative, principles-based efforts to affect desired outcomes in each of the focus areas:

- **Business environment:** Prioritize and promote policies that benefit employers, employees, and families. Encourage innovation and adaptation by improving or eliminating regulations that hinder business growth.
- **Education and workforce development:** Adjust and adapt K-12 curriculum regularly to better prepare our children to seek higher or technical education to meet workforce needs and instill value in lifelong learning in the workplace.
- **Healthcare:** Promote healthy physical and mental wellness while simultaneously reforming healthcare systems to improve affordability, transparency, and access to quality care by all in our growing communities.
- **Natural resources:** Advocate policies and programs that support responsible use, preservation, and protection of public lands, rivers, lakes, reservoirs, clean air, open spaces, and renewable energy in conjunction with continued sensible support of fossil fuels.
- **Attainable housing:** Provide a diversified supply of affordable and accessible housing that meets the needs and dignity of all people in our vibrant, growing communities.
- **Transportation and infrastructure:** Support a variety of affordable, convenient, and efficient transportation and technological options that allow all people, regardless of social or economic circumstances, to easily access the places where they live, learn, work, and play.

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