

## UTAH

Voters in Utah this year will elect a governor, It. governor, attorney general, and treasurer. All 75 Utah House of Representatives seats are up for reelection as well, along with 14 out of 29 senate seats. Republicans are expected to maintain control of the executive offices and retain their supermajorities in both chambers of the legislature. The state has been under Republican trifecta control for over 30 years.

## **Attorney General**

## **Republican Nominee**

## **Derek Brown**

Derek Brown (R) defeated two primary contenders to secure his party's nomination for attorney general after incumbent Attorney General Sean Reyes (R) announced he would not seek reelection.

Brown was a member of the Utah House of Representatives from 2011-2014. During that time, he served on the Judiciary Committee and the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Committee, and as Vice Chair of the Rules Committee. He left the legislature to become Deputy Chief of Staff for U.S. Senator Mike Lee (R-UT).

Brown earned his law degree from Pepperdine Law School before serving as a law clerk with the United States Court of Appeals. He has since worked as an attorney in private practice with two of the largest law firms in the nation.

If elected to the attorney general's office, Brown <u>pledges</u> to resist **federal overreach** and help create tools for parents to protect their children's social media use. He also plans to hold **Big Tech** accountable for what he calls their "collusion with big government" to censor conservatives. He would also investigate the role he believes **pharmaceutical companies** and the federal government played in restricting access to information around COVID-19.

Brown has been <u>endorsed</u> by Governor Spencer Cox (R), Senate President Stuart Adams (R), House Speaker Mike Schultz (R), and others.

Trivia: Brown and his wife are both accomplished musicians and became acquainted through this shared endeavor.