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Voters in Utah this year will elect a governor, Lt. 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.

Governor

Republican Nominee

Governor Spencer Cox

Governor Spencer Cox (R) is seeking his second term as Utah's head of state after defeating his opponent in the 2020 general election by nearly 33 percentage points. He served as Utah's lieutenant governor from 2013-2021 as an appointee of former Governor Gary Herbert (R). Prior to this he served a brief stint in the state house.

A sixth-generation Utahn, Cox was raised in Fairview. He attended the Washington and Lee University School of Law before working as a district judge clerk and at a law firm in Salt Lake City. Cox is frequently characterized as a moderate Republican.

In 2023 he signed the first, and most restrictive, law aimed to limit teen use of social media. Cox also signed a bevy of bills aimed to manage Utah's rapid growth, targeting **housing** affordability, **land development**, and **transportation**.

Other priorities for his administration have included **tax relief** through the largest tax cut in state history, advocating for greater **parental choice** in their children's education options, and investment in for **water conservation, development and infrastructure**.

In 2021 Cox signed onto a letter opposing the Biden Administration's ban on new **oil** and gas development on federal lands. He has also signed onto multiple letters calling on the federal government to reshape its **border** policy.

Trivia: Cox plays bass guitar in a garage band.