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Top Skills

Election Administration
Elections
Election Law

Languages

Basic Spanish
English
Pig Latin
Portuguese

Certifications

CERA

Ryan Cowley

Master of Public Administration, CERA
Ogden

Summary

I am currently employed as the Elections Director for Weber County Utah. I have been with Weber County since 2015 and been involved with and running elections since 2005. In 2011, I earned the Certified Elections & Registration Administrator (CERA) Certification through Auburn University.

Utah has a very robust and innovative election system and I'd like to think I've played a part in putting it together. Since 2015 I have helped champion and lead the transition to vote by mail, purchased new digital scanning voting equipment, implemented electronic poll books, transitioned to printing ballots for voters on demand at a polling place, upgraded our online voter registration site, and have successfully implemented a program to register or update the registration for every person that obtains or renews a driver's license. I am currently chairing a committee that purchased and is in the process of implementing a new voter registration system for the State of Utah. I am also leading a group that is working with Weber State University to create a professional certification for election officials in Utah.

In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my family, coaching youth baseball and basketball, and currently serve as the chair of the Roy City Planning Commission. I am a diehard Utah State Aggies fan and love spending fall afternoons, or snowy nights, in Maverik Stadium. I have also recently got back into flying RC airplanes.

Experience

Weber County
Elections Director
May 2015 - Present (6 years 8 months)
Ogden, UT

Responsible for running elections in Weber County.

Summit County Utah

11 years 7 months

Chief Deputy County Clerk

November 2007 - April 2015 (7 years 6 months)

Coalville, UT

Oversaw all aspects of elections including machine and ballot programming, polling place operations, and tabulation.

I was also a U.S. Passport Acceptance Agent and oversaw marriage and business licensing.

IT Technician/Webmaster

October 2003 - November 2007 (4 years 2 months)

Coalville, UT

I was the county webmaster. During my time there I built new websites for the Sheriff's Office, Animal Control, and an employee Intranet.

I was responsible for general PC repair, troubleshooting, and developing technology plans.

Education

Brigham Young University Marriott School of Business

Master of Public Administration (MPA) · (2015 - 2018)

Utah State University - Jon M. Huntsman School of Business

Bachelor's degree, Business Information Systems, Portuguese

Minor · (1999 - 2003)