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Voters in Utah will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General this cycle. All 75 seats in the House will be on the ballot as well as half (15) of the Senate. Republicans are expected to maintain control of the Governor's Office, Lt. Governor's Office, Office of Attorney General, and the Legislature.

Governor

[Lt. Governor Spencer Cox \(R\)](#)

Lt. Governor Spencer Cox (R) is running to succeed his mentor Governor Gary Herbert (R). He emerged victorious from a tight three-way Republican primary in July. He had the full-throated endorsement of Governor Herbert during that race. Earlier this year, Lt. Governor Cox was placed in charge of leading the state's coronavirus task force by the Governor.

Lt. Governor Cox is running on [rebuilding the state's economy](#). He favors new workforce development focused on upskill and re-skill opportunities. He pledges to prioritize in-state manufacturing and commerce. He wants to take proactive steps to improve air quality during the economic recovery.

The Cox campaign has released [a plan](#) for education reform. He has pledged to push to repeal all high-stakes testing; to pay good teachers more and give more tools to local administrators to reduce the number of poor performing teachers; to invest more in technical education; and to spend less state money on school buildings to allow local stakeholders to select which best meet their needs.

He wants to continue reducing the size of the state government work force highlighting the steady decline over the last decade. He has hinted at the desire to address tax reform as well.

According to the [most recent](#) campaign finance filings, Lt. Governor Cox had raised over \$2.4 million. The Lt. Governor debated his opponent twice in September. As of this publication no additional debates had been scheduled.

Trivia: Lt. Governor Cox commuted from his home in Fairview to the capitol every day during his tenure as second-in-command. The four hour round trip was a mandate of his family's for taking the job.