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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

[Chris Peterson \(D\)](#)

Chris Peterson is a Democratic law professor running for governor of Utah. He previously worked as a Special Advisor in the U.S. Department of Defense where he helped lead the Pentagon's efforts to protect military servicemembers from predatory lending.

Peterson supports teacher pay raises and lowering the student to teacher ratio in the state. He also wants to see more investment in special needs programs, counselors, and career training.

Peterson pledges [to develop](#) a clean energy economy and find ways to fight climate change citing that The Wasatch Front has some of the poorest air quality in the nation. He supports tax incentives for electric vehicle use and wants to see the state transition to Tier-3 gasoline.

He has [vowed](#) to work with the legislature to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment and to issue a state audit for gender pay disparity.

He [has hit](#) the Herbert/Cox administration on its decision to purportedly triple the food tax. He has also been [critical](#) of the administration's limited-government response to the pandemic.

According to the [most recent](#) campaign finance filings, Peterson has raised just north of \$57,000. The law professor debated his opponent twice in September. As of this publication no additional debates had been scheduled.

***Trivia:** Peterson has published several books including a university textbook on consumer law and an award-winning book on predatory lending.*