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3/26/2025 16:35	Bernie HART	Is the problem the real problem .. or is the real problem something else	<p>Hi All, Good Morning. It was an informative Council Meeting. The Mayor and Council talked about a new mental health facility. The facility will try to help the mentally ill and addicted homeless in our community. That sounds great. But the interaction between Mayor Mendenhall and Councilperson Dugan worried me. I thought one of them might suffer a severe shoulder injury from reaching out to pat each other on the back.. or pat themselves on the back. I almost started smiling as I stood there. And I might have if the situation was not so troubling and sad. Not knowing if our mental health and addiction programs are or are not working is OK, but not OK. Not knowing is simple ignorance, and ignorance is just a natural result of not knowing something. Pretending we know and are sure something is helping people when we know it may not help, and we know we are pretending it helps, is something else. That form of ignorance is self-serving and intentional... and that is not OK... ever. Justice may be blind and our political leaders blindfolded, but when there is an institutional problem or societal need and we refuse to remove the blindfold... we have a real really real problem. And that is not acceptable. Our small non-profit is exploring new ways of helping people whom other programs have failed to help. How do we know other programs failed? We gather data. The folks outside City Hall three mornings a week have all been in a number of mental health and addiction programs over a number of years. We are measuring outcomes. We are gathering data. And the addicts and people sleeping on our streets are supporting our effort. How will we know something positive is happening? We are developing new ways of measuring the impact what we do has on an individual. And the data is being gathered by someone who is not us. The real problem may be that the leadership in City Hall can't see what is happening right in front of them because they come to work with their blindfolds firmly in place. With the blindfolds in place, we can't see anything but what we pretend we see or want to see. Leaders who are blindfolded are compelled to keep taking the same path and walking the same walk because being blindfolded makes changing direction almost impossible. If this form of intentional institutional ignorance causes someone to trip and fall as they walk by in the morning ... we'll pause and help them up. But we may start measuring how many times a person has to trip and fall before they take their blindfold off. We are also wondering when a City Councilperson will stop by and spend some time with us. There is a known and proven cure for ignorance. Bernie</p>
3/26/2025 18:18	Lori Dalton	Woods Cross Quiet Zone	<p>We are still hearing trains blowing their horns very consistently. When does the reinstatement outlined below go into effect? We are so tired of the noise. The Federal Railroad Administration (F.R.A.) reinstated the Woods Cross Quiet Zone on March 18, and train horns will stop sounding within one week.</p>
3/27/2025 8:37	Jessica Christiansen	Zoning Decision at 273 E 800 S D4	<p>Hello! Just writing to say that I support the zoning change proposed at 273 E 800 S to allow high-density service based housing. This sounds fantastic. I'm a person doing essential work full time but I still make nowhere near enough money to even rent a place anywhere close to my work location, let alone own. Having more affordable housing, not just here, but many places, would be fantastic. Thanks for you consideration! -Jess</p>

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3/27/2025 15:46	Mauro Romualdo	Thank you for your support of SLC arts education for kids!	Mestre Jamaika (Mauro Romualdo) received an Artist in the Classroom grant from the Salt Lake City Arts Council which enabled 40 3rd-graders to experience 6 sessions of capoeira over 2 months culminating with a school-wide assembly where the students showcased what they learned for their peers and their family members. Since capoeira is a multidisciplinary art form that encompasses history, culture, language, music, movement, martial arts, and more, each session exposed students to multiple arts learning opportunities that augmented the core curriculum students were studying in other areas. The lead 3rd grade teacher, Cara Cerise, shared: "The residency added a unique and enriching element to our students' school experience. It supported not only physical education but also social-emotional learning, cultural awareness, and community building. Many students talked about how much fun they had, and teachers noticed that students who sometimes struggle to engage in other activities were fully participating in capoeira. It really brought out the best in so many kids. One of the biggest strengths was this high level of student engagement — our 3rd-grade students looked forward to capoeira class every week. Families and staff also expressed how much they enjoyed the final performance, which brought everyone together to celebrate what the students had learned. If there was any weakness, it would simply be that students were really sad when it ended! They would have loved to continue." Attached, you can also see words shared by Cara during the assembly. Check out a brief video with highlights from the assembly here. We are grateful to offer capoeira throughout all of the districts of SLC through our base programming located at the Salt Lake Arts Hub and through state and city grant opportunities like this impactful one from the Salt Lake City Arts Council. Thanks again for your support!
3/28/2025 11:49	Nia Sherar	Community Councils have no more indemnity ins from the city	Hi Dan, I'm a Vice Chair on Watch Hollow CC (WHCC). I was at the dog meeting on Monday. Thank you for your time. The park has become such a mess. What was your vote regarding Community Councils (CCs) losing indemnity ins from the city? Several CCs met with Tim and other City officials, sorry I did not take notes, our Sec did. Since this was voted bye bye by the City Council - should we, CC Board members, just all quit? Would you be on a CC without protection? I'm thinking we really have no value to the City Council if they want to rid us of our indemnity ins so why bother to put in more hours? Thank you for your time to respond. Nia
3/31/2025 15:39	Bill Stoye	Clean up	Hello, My girlfriend and I enjoy bicycling along the Jordan River. We usually start at the international peace Gardens, but the last few times she has felt unsafe going north because of the homeless camps and drug use. Please look into focusing more funding toward this matter, and the otherwise nice neighborhoods of the Rose Park area. We both live east of 700 E., but think that funding should be distributed more fairly into neighborhoods that could thrive better than they do. Thanks, Bill Stoye
4/1/2025 9:57	Greyson Rynders	Call for Housing Availability **Attachement 1 - 4 Pages	Constituent, Greyson Rynders, has attached a letter from Clark Ivory requesting more housing affordability and what Mayor Mendenhall and City Council of Salt Lake City can do to help at the city level.

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4/1/2025 11:36	Bernie HART	Oh... Canada	Hi All, Another suggestion. Arrest the homeless, put them on a bus and deport them to Canada. This could work for a number of obvious reasons. Bernie
4/1/2025 13:59	Vivian Samuels	Duck Crossing Signs	Hello! I hope you've had a wonderful week so far. I have noticed several areas near my residence in Sugar House that could benefit from duck crossing signs. I wanted to reach out to determine the appropriate point of contact for this matter. If there is someone else I should contact, please let me know. Thank you for your time and assistance. Vivian Sajjad



March 31, 2025

Utah's Median Home Price will be \$1,100,000 by 2033 if we continue on the same path.

Dear Local Government Official:

Local government plays a pivotal role in Utah's economic prosperity. The attached flyer explains just how unaffordable housing has become in our state, which is the greatest threat to Utah's economic future. In the next 10 years, 27,000 units need to be constructed per year just to keep up with household formation. Currently we are only adding 22,000 units per year. If we are going to increase the supply of housing in Utah, we need to work together.

Specifically, we are asking all local officials to work with staff in your building and engineering departments to look for operational and policy efficiencies. As you are no doubt aware, the Legislature has recently passed several bills with the express intent of requiring local governments to expedite housing related applications. For instance, state code requires local building departments to issue single family building permits within 15 days of receiving a completed application. Many cities miss these deadlines and even require resubmittals for minor adjustments when the state code specifically prohibits that practice. The same is true for preliminary and final engineering plat applications.

Please consider what you can do to help increase housing supply in your city. It would be impactful if you could expedite housing-related applications, as we have seen with commercial, retail and industrial projects. You can also make a difference through innovative zoning reform, design standards, and incentives.

We are ready and willing to partner with you in this effort. Ivory Homes is fully committed to doing whatever it takes to ensure that our children and grandchildren can afford to live here and that our economy can continue to be fueled by employees who can find a great home and life in Utah.

We are local and uniquely invested in preserving what makes Utah great. In 2020, we started a non-profit foundation that is building 850 deeply affordable homes for Utahans.

<https://www.sltrib.com/news/2023/09/19/hundreds-new-affordable-homes-be/>

We are working on innovations in housing and have become a leader in the discussions that are happening nationally. We invite you to see what we are doing and engage with us to see what we can do together to benefit your local community. <https://ivoryinnovations.org/>

We want to work with you to create opportunities for city employees to be able to live in the city where they work. We have worked with Draper and South Jordan, and we are happy to discuss additional opportunities for you as well. <https://kutv.com/news/utahs-growing-pains/city-of-draper-aims-to-help-employees-become-homeowners-as-housing-prices-soar>

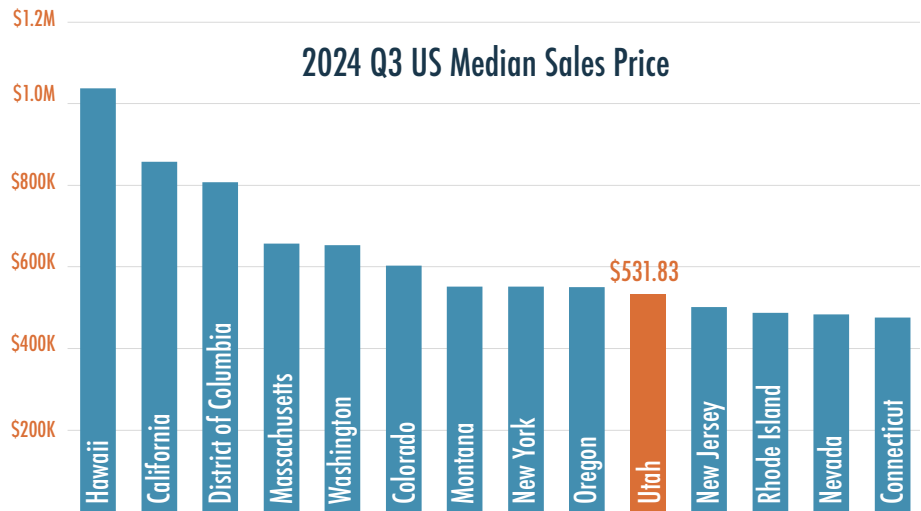
Sincerely,

Clark D. Ivory



The Push to Housing Affordability

Geography	2014 Q3	2024 Q3	10 Year % Change
Hawaii	617.29	1,037.66	168
California	456.28	857.68	188
District of Columbia	481.26	807.76	168
Massachusetts	354.40	656.82	185
Washington	297.08	653.31	220
Colorado	313.79	603.69	192
Montana	213.86	552.06	258
New York	286.01	551.99	193
Oregon	273.44	550.65	201
Utah	236.82	531.83	225
New Jersey	307.90	501.01	163
Rhode Island	236.52	487.18	206
Nevada	214.64	483.93	225
Connecticut	280.41	475.89	170
New Hampshire	238.75	465.47	195
Florida	206.08	462.38	224
Maryland	271.75	448.07	165
Alaska	302.77	443.00	146
Virginia	265.81	438.61	165
Arizona	193.54	438.49	227
Wyoming	222.29	437.22	197
Idaho	177.08	435.66	246
Delaware	235.08	423.72	180
Vermont	217.47	404.35	186
Maine	181.37	392.39	216
North Carolina	177.10	359.35	203
Minnesota	187.24	344.83	184
New Mexico	182.76	340.71	186
South Carolina	175.27	338.42	193
Georgia	148.64	333.00	224
Wisconsin	173.54	331.11	191
Tennessee	152.23	323.59	213
Texas	181.16	319.39	176
Illinois	187.56	317.86	169
Kansas	152.50	292.93	192
Pennsylvania	169.01	287.44	170
South Dakota	147.55	277.97	188
Alabama	145.66	273.39	188
Missouri	141.52	261.44	185
North Dakota	202.43	258.56	128
Michigan	136.36	257.35	189
Indiana	126.88	254.95	201
Nebraska	136.81	249.22	182
Ohio	123.15	239.20	194
Louisiana	153.02	235.34	154
Kentucky	128.31	232.94	182
Oklahoma	136.36	223.64	164
Arkansas	120.48	221.76	184
Mississippi	126.06	220.93	175
Iowa	136.81	213.02	156
West Virginia	120.17	194.46	162



Source: NAR

The Million Dollar House by 2033

"Experts predict that the average Utah home could cost around \$1.1 million by 2033 if prices continue to grow at their current rate." --NAR Smart Survey

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Dejan Eskic, Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute

Growth in Utah By Household 2023-2050

- 1 Salt Lake & Tooele Counties**
Population Growth ~ 406k
Household Growth ~ 233k
- 2 Utah & Juab Counties**
Population Growth ~ 466k
Household Growth ~ 199k
- 3 Davis, Weber, & Morgan Counties**
Population Growth ~ 256k
Household Growth ~ 135k
- 4 Washington & Iron Counties**
Population Growth ~ 228k
Household Growth ~ 107k
- 5 Cache & Box Elder Counties**
Population Growth ~ 87k
Household Growth ~ 41k
- 6 Summit & Wasatch Counties**
Population Growth ~ 45k
Household Growth ~ 24k

2024 U-Haul Growth States



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|------------------|-------------|
| 1 South Carolina | 9 Utah |
| 2 Texas | 10 Idaho |
| 3 North Carolina | 11 Oklahoma |
| 4 Florida | 12 Arkansas |
| 5 Tennessee | 13 Maine |
| 6 Arizona | 14 Ohio |
| 7 Washington | 15 Georgia |
| 8 Indiana | |

U-Haul's annual report is based on over 2.5 million one-way truck, trailer and moving container transactions throughout the year.

"We need Utah's leaders to act now. The solutions for housing affordability don't need to cost a lot of money, we just need to reduce bureaucracy, streamline approval processes and be open to innovative approaches."

– Clark D. Ivory, CEO of Ivory Homes

Top 5 Things That Need to Happen

Housing affordability matters at every level. When one family moves up it opens the door for another family to move in.



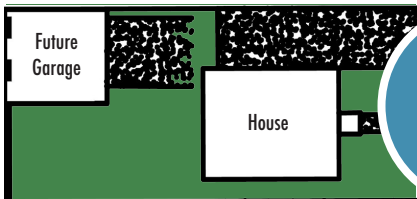
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Accelerate and streamline residential entitlements and construction approvals at cities.



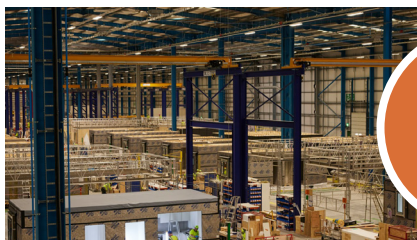
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Allow for increased density where it makes sense.



3

Limit costly exterior design regulations and unreasonable garage and excessive parking requirements.



4

We created one of the best modular codes in the U.S., let's put it to good use at scale

- Accelerating building times
- Expanding our workforce



5

Now allowing for internal apartments, we need to do the same for external accessory dwelling units.



"Our mission is to catalyze innovation in housing affordability by supporting entrepreneurs, convening experts, inspiring the next generation and putting the best ideas into practice."

–Abby Ivory, President

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