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Air quality is a top public concern



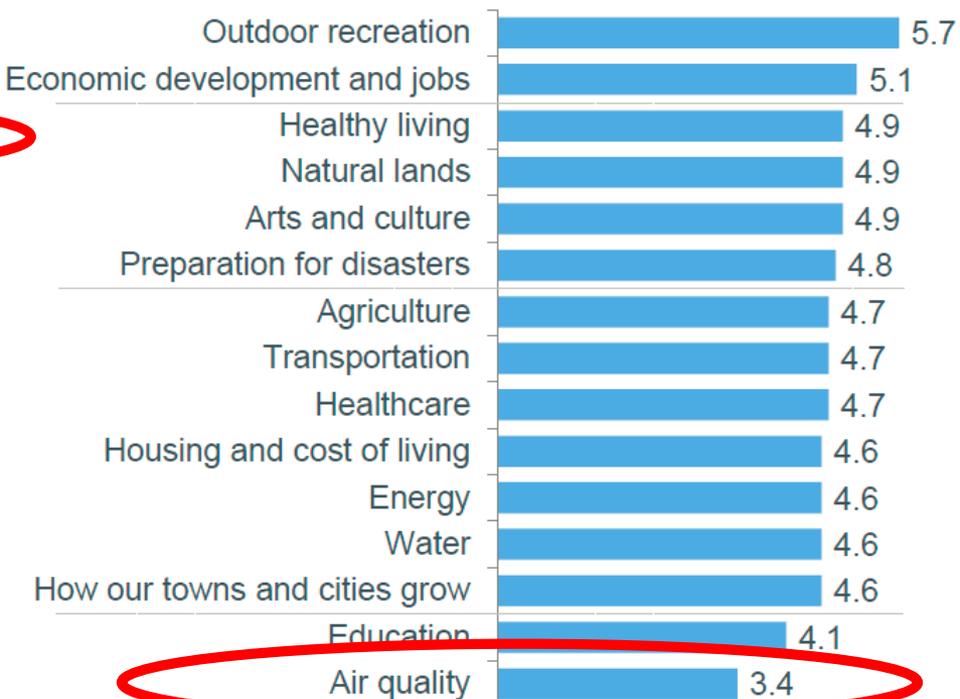
2014 Values Study Results

October 16, 2014

Priorities for Utah



Performance on priorities



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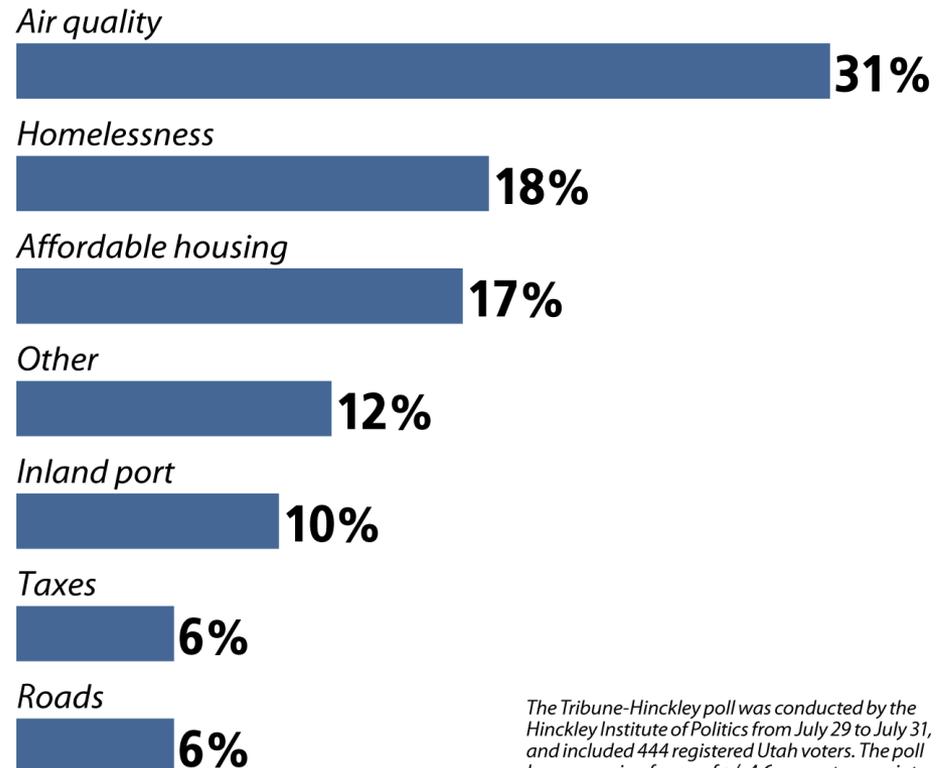
Report Number 739, March 2016

The Top 10 Issues for 2016

1. Healthcare
2. Air Quality
3. K-12 Education
4. State Taxes & Government Spending
5. Jobs & The Economy
6. Water Supply & Quality
7. Crime
8. Partisan Politics
9. Homelessness & Poverty
10. The Environment

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Q: What do you think is the most important issue facing Salt Lake City?



The Tribune-Hinckley poll was conducted by the Hinckley Institute of Politics from July 29 to July 31, and included 444 registered Utah voters. The poll has a margin of error of +/- 4.6 percentage points.

GRAPHIC BY CHRISTOPHER CHERRINGTON | The Salt Lake Tribune

Salt Lake City voters say air quality is their most pressing issue, but mayoral candidates making it a top priority lag in new poll



(Francisco Kjolseth | Tribune file photo) In this June 28, file photo, Stan Penfield, left, and David Garbett speak prior to a debate for Salt Lake City mayor as they gather with the other candidates at the Salt Lake City Library.

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By Taylor Stevens

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Utah Legislature HCR 007

- Passed with overwhelming bipartisan majorities in the Utah House & Senate.

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H.C.R. 7 Concurrent Resolution on Environmental and Economic Stewardship

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<p>Enrolled</p> <p>Printer Friendly</p> <p>1 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND</p> <p>2 ECONOMIC STEWARDSHIP</p> <p>3 2018 GENERAL SESSION</p> <p>4 STATE OF UTAH</p> <p>5 Chief Sponsor: Rebecca P. Edwards</p> <p>6 Senate Sponsor: Todd Weiler</p> <p>7 Cosponsors: 8 Cheryl K. Acton 9 Patrice M. Arent 10 Joel K. Briscoe 11 Walt Brooks 12 Rebecca Chavez-Houck 13 LaVar Christensen 14 Susan Duckworth 15 Gage Froerer 16 Stephen G. Handy 17 Timothy D. Hawkes Sandra Hollins Eric K. Hutchings Brian S. King Karen Kwan Carol Snackman Moss</p>	<p>H.C.R. 7</p>	<p>Bill Sponsor:  Rep. Edwards, Rebecca P.</p> <p>Floor Sponsor:  Sen. Weiler, Todd</p> <p>Substitute Sponsor: Rep. Edwards, Rebecca P.</p> <p>CoSponsor(s):</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>Acton, C.K.</td><td>Arent, P.</td></tr> <tr><td>Briscoe, J.</td><td>Brooks, W.</td></tr> <tr><td>Chavez-Houck, R.</td><td>Christensen, L.</td></tr> <tr><td>Duckworth, S.</td><td>Froerer, G.</td></tr> <tr><td>Handy, S.</td><td>Hawkes, T.</td></tr> <tr><td>Hollins, S.</td><td>Hutchings, E.</td></tr> <tr><td>King, Brian S.</td><td>Kwan, K.</td></tr> <tr><td>Moss, C.</td><td>Perry, L.</td></tr> <tr><td>Pitcher, D.</td><td>Potter, V.</td></tr> <tr><td>Poulson, M.</td><td>Pulsipher, S.</td></tr> <tr><td>Ray, P.</td><td>Redd, E.</td></tr> <tr><td>Romero, A.</td><td>Sagers, D.</td></tr> <tr><td>Snow, V. L.</td><td>Spendlove, R.</td></tr> <tr><td>Ward, R.</td><td>Weight, E.</td></tr> <tr><td>Westwood, J.</td><td>Wheatley, M.</td></tr> <tr><td>Winder, M.</td><td></td></tr> </table>	Acton, C.K.	Arent, P.	Briscoe, J.	Brooks, W.	Chavez-Houck, R.	Christensen, L.	Duckworth, S.	Froerer, G.	Handy, S.	Hawkes, T.	Hollins, S.	Hutchings, E.	King, Brian S.	Kwan, K.	Moss, C.	Perry, L.	Pitcher, D.	Potter, V.	Poulson, M.	Pulsipher, S.	Ray, P.	Redd, E.	Romero, A.	Sagers, D.	Snow, V. L.	Spendlove, R.	Ward, R.	Weight, E.	Westwood, J.	Wheatley, M.	Winder, M.	
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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC STEWARDSHIP
2018 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH

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WHEREAS, Utah has a tradition of supporting good stewardship of our land, air, and water;

WHEREAS, Utah is a leader in technological innovation, ingenuity in problem-solving, and working together to create solutions;
WHEREAS, preservation of Utah's economic longevity and role as a leader in fiscal responsibility depends on prudent management of natural resources;
WHEREAS, protection, conservation, and reasonable management of the natural environment are essential principles of responsible stewardship;
WHEREAS, Utah recognizes the inherent worth of our natural resources, in addition to their economic value, in their contribution to our identity and their role in inspiring creativity, strengthening

WHEREAS, the impacts of a changing climate may affect Utah citizens and impair productivity in key economic areas;

key economic areas;
WHEREAS, any efforts to mitigate the risks of, prepare for, or otherwise address our changing climate and its effects should not constrain the economy nor its global competitiveness; and
WHEREAS, Utah recognizes that stewardship includes fostering and maintaining resilient ecosystems that have the capacity to adapt to our changing environment;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we should prioritize our understanding and use of sound science to address causes of a changing climate and support innovation and environmental stewardship in order to realize positive solutions.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor encourage individuals, corporations, and state agencies to reduce emissions through incentives and support of the growth in technologies and services that will enlarge our economy in a way that is both energy efficient and cost effective.

Air Quality / Changing Climate Technical Advisory Team

Data-driven

We will recommend potential intervention strategies that are data-driven and grounded in science.

Positive Solutions

We recognize potential intervention strategies to reduce air emissions can help address both poor air quality and the causes of our changing climate. We encourage taking immediate actions to address both of these critical issues and we specifically highlight air quality improvements because they inspire public consensus and urgency.



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What needs to happen to clean Utah's air?

By Amy Joi O'Donoghue | @Amyjoi16 | Aug 12, 2019, 5:49pm MDT

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FILE - Bikers make their way to the shoreline trail in Salt Lake City on Thursday, August 23, 2018. | Laura Seitz, Deseret News

SALT LAKE CITY — A technical team of nearly 40 members is probing the best science-based solutions for cutting Utah's air pollution so those recommendations can be delivered to Utah lawmakers in mid-December.

The Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute at the University of Utah was tasked by the Utah Legislature to look at the problem for a roadmap of possible legislative solutions for the next several years.

Natalie Gochnour, institute director and associate dean in the university's David Eccles School of Business, met Monday with the Deseret News editorial board to explain the process and the timeline in play for coming up with ways to address pollution problems and the challenge of a