



Luz Escamilla for Mayor Environmental Policy Goals & Objectives

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100% Clean Energy by 2023

Salt Lake City's franchise agreement with Rocky Mountain Power is up for renewal in 2021, which presents the best opportunity to exert leverage in those negotiations.

- Push to have the city's power supply offset by 100% clean energy by the end of mayor's first term.
- It costs less for Rocky Mountain Power to produce clean energy than with fossil fuels.
- The city must also push against any false premiums for clean energy.

2 Fronts on Air Quality: Transit & Buildings

To make real progress on improving our Air Quality, we must work on several aspects of the issue. However, our primary focus should be on the two greatest areas that will have a meaningful impact: transit and buildings.

Reducing Tailpipe Emissions

- Reducing tailpipe emissions by 25% will be the goal of the Escamilla administration.
- Focus will be placed on improving our transit system to increase ridership.
- These improvements will include making mass transit options more affordable, convenient and accessible by working with the Utah Transit Authority (UTA).
- We will also work with UTA to upgrade their busses and trains to run 100% on electricity.

Reducing Building Emissions

- New construction should be net zero, which will require incentives to ensure builders move away from natural gas for heating water and air.
- I will seek to fast-track net zero construction by exploring an alternative permitting process, which may also require working with the Utah State Legislature.
- The city will also introduce point-of-sale ordinances that require upgrades and offer financing programs to help homeowners make emission improvements to existing buildings.

Cut Property Taxes for Water

- The current system of charging property owners and renters for their water usage through property taxes is unfair as many of the largest water users do not pay property taxes.
- Appoint Metropolitan Water District board members who support ending property tax assessment for water delivery.

Fight Against the Inland Port

- The Inland Port presents a number of potential risks for our city's environment and its residents so I will continue the lawsuit against the Inland Port. The outcome of that lawsuit will largely define the strategy and options for the next mayor.
- As a State Senator, I have ensured that air quality and water quality monitoring was setup at sites for the Inland Port and the Utah State Prison so we have a baseline of data from which to work.
- As mayor, I will push for a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) for the Inland Port area. An HIA is a data-driven process that has been used to evaluate the outcomes of proposed projects before they are undertaken.