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**Desert Greens Green Party of Utah Announces Slate of  
Candidates for 2006**

**03.21.2006 SALT LAKE CITY** – Nationally Affiliated Desert Greens Green Party of Utah (GPUT) Officials have announced its 2006 slate of candidates.

These candidates have filed for office:

**Julian Hatch**, U.S. Senate

**Tom King**, State House District #43

**Chuck Tripp**, Salt Lake County Council at Large

**Deanna L. Taylor**, Salt Lake County Council District #5

**Kathy Dopp**, Summit County Clerk

**Kathy Dopp** is nationally known for her work on the Investigation of the Accuracy of Elections and actively fought against the adoption of flawed Diebold touch screen voting machines.

"I am running because I want voters to have no doubt that their votes will count. Election results must not be pre-determined by manipulating electronic voting machines. The two Democratic candidates believe that elections are nothing but a job to be made convenient for election officials who would rather not want bother with paper ballots that provide the means to independently audit vote counts for accuracy. They believe in secret vote counting with proprietary secret software. I believe in conducting public independent counts of randomly selected vote counts and the public release of the detailed vote count data that would permit the public to detect any suspicious vote counts."

**Julian Hatch** announced his candidacy for U.S. Senate in November, 2005. "It is time that all Utah citizens, regardless of gender, race, and sexual preference, political or religious persuasion, be represented in Washington D.C. by a common person instead of a millionaire Senator who is more beholden to corporate interests than average citizens," says Hatch. "I am determined to help citizens take back control of our government and restore the constitutional freedoms that so many of us have sacrificed to gain and keep."

**Tom King**, who is running for the third time against Republican incumbent Wayne Harper, states, "I support a complete removal of sales tax on food in addition to protection of the environment."

**Chuck Tripp** is a political science professor running for his first time for office. "I'm running for Salt Lake County's at-large County Council position during this 2006 election cycle because I think we need to use government to grab the Salt Lake valley "development tiger" by the tail before it gobbles us up. We need people in county government offices who have new ideas about how development should proceed; who are familiar with and have solutions for all of our various types of pollution; and who have new ideas about how to deal with transportation, cost of living, crime, health, housing, environmental, business and education issues. I'm one of those people."

**Deanna L. Taylor** is first time candidate. "I am running for County Council as a Desert Greens Green Party member because I believe that the Green Party can lead the way in addressing the inequities of our political system."

The Desert Greens is the registered political party of the Nationally Affiliated Green Party of Utah, the state affiliate of the Green Party of the United States.

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