

This year the ACLU of Utah launched its Campaign for Smart Justice. The Campaign for Smart Justice is working to educate Utah voters about the role of elected county prosecutors and how their policy positions influence criminal justice reform in their jurisdiction. As a non-partisan organization, the ACLU of Utah will not endorse any prosecutor candidates. Our Campaign for Smart Justice was recently profiled on the front page of the Salt Lake Tribune's Utah section:

[ACLU hopes to educate Utah voters about the powerful role of a prosecutor ahead of the 2018 election](#)

Salt Lake Tribune

April 4, 2018

Please take about ten minutes to complete this three topic survey. The results will help Utah voters make informed decisions at either the upcoming primary election on June 26 or the general election on November 6. Your responses will not be editorialized or given an independent "grading." We will publish survey results on our Smart Justice website: www.smartjusticeutah.org, which you may link to from your social media account or website. The results will also be sent to media outlets throughout Utah, including your local newspaper.

For each topic we have provided a prompt for you to consider. We then ask two types of questions for each topic: one question invites an open-ended response for you to provide policy specifics, while the other asks for a simple 'yes' or 'no' answer. One topic asks a multiple choice question.

We respectfully request that you send us your responses to these questions by May 15, 2018.

1. Please provide constituents your campaign contact information.

Name	<input type="text"/>
Email Address	<input type="text"/>
Phone Number	<input type="text"/>

2. Please include any campaign website or campaign social media information below.

Website	<input type="text"/>
Facebook	<input type="text"/>
Twitter	<input type="text"/>
Instagram	<input type="text"/>
Other	<input type="text"/>

*** 3. Topic 1: Reducing Utah Incarceration Rates**

Utah has made efforts to reduce incarceration through legislation passed in 2015 known as the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI). The legislation aimed to reverse Utah’s trend of prison population growth at six times faster than the national average. Now law, the JRI changed sentencing and parole guidelines and created program oversight to reduce incarceration and recidivism.

As County Attorney, you will have the power to change office policy on many aspects of criminal prosecutions. For example, recently elected Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner issued a memorandum to his staff outlining when to decline certain charges, when to offer diversions, and guidelines for plea offers and sentencing arguments. The policy changes are an acknowledgment of and an effort to end mass incarceration.

How will you incorporate the JRI’s goals of reducing incarceration and recidivism into your local County Attorney policies?

*** 4. Do you support alternatives to incarceration?**

Yes

No

* 5. If yes, what alternatives to incarceration do you support?

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| <input type="radio"/> Community Service | <input type="radio"/> Mental Health Court |
| <input type="radio"/> Drug Court | <input type="radio"/> Restorative Justice |
| <input type="radio"/> Electronic Home Monitoring/GPS Monitoring | <input type="radio"/> Personal Recognizance Bonds |
| <input type="radio"/> Work Release | <input type="radio"/> I do not support alternatives to incarceration |
| <input type="radio"/> Other (please specify) | |

* 6. **Topic 2: Racial Disparities in the Criminal Justice System**

The Justice Reinvestment Initiative's 2017 Annual Report found that the percentage of minorities newly committed to prison has increased from 34% to 43% since 2015, the year the JRI became Utah law. Before that time, the percentage of newly committed minorities had been stable at 34%. (Note that 2016 census estimates show that minorities only account for approximately 21% of Utah's population).

What will you do as the County Attorney to prevent the racial disparities noted in the JRI's Annual Report from happening in your county?

* 7. Do you believe that racial disparities currently exist in your county's criminal justice system?

- Yes
- No

* **8. Topic 3: Prosecutorial Misconduct**

Prosecutorial misconduct has been a concern nationally, which has led to the formation of Conviction Integrity Units in many prosecutor offices to review allegations of misconduct. Prosecutorial misconduct has also been a concern in Utah where the Board of Utah County Commissioners has considered forming a prosecutorial oversight committee.

As County Attorney, what will you do to ensure that your office is transparent and accountable to accusations of prosecutorial misconduct?

* 9. Do you believe that claims of prosecutorial misconduct should be handled by an internal review board, such as a [Conviction Integrity Unity?](#)

Yes

No

* 10. Do you believe that claims of prosecutorial misconduct should be handled by an external review board, [like the one proposed in Utah County?](#)

Yes

No