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## **Council Report**

### **Utah League of Cities and Towns Conference**

I attended the ULCT conference in Salt Lake City. It was a great learning and networking event. My biggest takeaway was that the Utah State Legislature will continue to undermine decisions made by municipalities.

### **Washington County Mayors Meeting**

The monthly Mayors meeting was held in person. We heard a presentation from Switchpoint about the growing number of homeless people in Washington County. Homelessness among people over 65 years old rose 53 percent last year, and they are looking for creative solutions to solve this crisis. Carol Hollowell, the CEO of Switchpoint, asked our municipalities to consider donating land or money to the cause.

### **Legislative Interim Sessions**

The State Legislature held their interim committee sessions in St. George for the first time in history. Rick and I attended the Transportation Interim Committee. There was discussion of the paved trail system throughout Utah, the canal trail system, and electric vehicles (road taxes, charging stations, etc.).