

Biography, Paul Zimmerman

As an infant my mother carried me about Zion's Grotto campground. I swam in Zion Lodge's pool as a boy, and for my entire life have continued to recreate in Zion.

Springdale has always been my spiritual "home" and five years ago it became my forever home.

In the business world, I spent fifteen years interfacing with the senior most business leaders in mortgage lending bringing automation to that industry. I owned and operated a retail establishment serving the recreational industry, gaining unique insights experienced only by a small business owner. I worked at the highest levels of our federal government and personally drafted the charter for the US Naval Ordnance Center. Working in the Pentagon for the Secretary of Defense, I drafted Presidential Decision Memoranda, analyzed the impacts of multi-billion dollar defense industry merger transactions, and managed a team of senior scientists and engineers tasked with ensuring the continuing viability of the entire US defense industrial base.

I've been a Board Member of several Community organizations including my role now as President, Kinesava Homeowner's Association. I hold an MBA and a BS in Computer Science.

I raised my daughter to appreciate and enjoy the natural scenic beauty of this wonderful place and am now pleased to continue this tradition with my grandchildren, teaching them the traditions and beauty of this lovely place.

They love to visit, and do so quite often, challenging me as together we ford the mighty Virgin River, master the Narrows, summit Angels Landing, explore the extensive back country of Zion and the surrounding areas, or simply enjoying a tranquil, relaxing stroll or bike ride along Zion's scenic drive. These things are sacred to my heart.

I have been witness to the growth and expansion of Springdale over the decades as well as the beauty, openness and approachability of its residents. I recognize we share a responsibility to be attentive to the Town's current and future expansion while maintaining and promoting the beauty of this special place. We need to retain and proliferate Springdale's village atmosphere whilst enabling its vibrant community spirit to flourish into the future.



Springdale is a special place! Challenged as it is by the vast number of tourists we host, I want to protect its history and “specialness” while sharing it with folks interested in taking in a quick bit of the grandeur we are privileged to live within.

I am honored to have been appointed a Planning Commissioner for the Town of Springdale and for a year and a half have been a highly contributing member. I believe this responsibility is an important part of navigating the future path to maintaining our unique and special character amid the challenges of growth, tourism and development that we face.

I have engaged this responsibility with enthusiasm, spending countless hours investigating the legislation enshrined by my predecessors in order to comprehend the complexities of the issues we are presented. If you have been watching our progress, you will have seen my predilection to dive into the precedent and the data relevant to each topic and try to understand the cultural and historic precedent we need to protect while balancing the desires and needs of the community as we move into the future.

I have also demonstrated my willingness to share, delegate or redirect matters of importance to other responsible Town organizations who may be more knowledgeable or qualified to comment on matters. I demonstrated this when I suggested that the responsibility of the Art Review Board could be expanded regarding the artistic aspect of the Murals in our regulations

Most recently, having been approached by various merchants within Springdale with concerns regarding the increasing activity of Street Performers and the impact on their businesses I conducted considerable research on the State of Utah’s requirements and limitations on regulating this type of activity. Finding that the performances can be construed as a “free speech” activity I then proceeded to research other municipalities’ approach to supporting this type of activity while maintaining the safety and domestic tranquility of their communities.

I successfully promoted adding this to the Planning Commission Work Priorities for 2025 and after further research I presented the Town Staff with a detailed packet of the legislation and a guidebook developed by Salt Lake City that might be used as a model to develop Springdale’s way forward.

In closing, I would very much appreciate your support and your vote! Please vote for me!

Paul Zimmerman