

# GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON STRENGTHENING UTAH'S DEMOCRACY

## RECOMMENDATION FOR MANDATORY ELECTRONIC FILING

*SPONSORED BY ACTING CHAIR KIRK JOWERS*

Whereas, 24 states currently operate electronic filing programs that are mandatory for both statewide and legislative candidates;

Whereas, an additional 6 states require electronic disclosure for all statewide-office candidates;

Whereas, Utah is one of twelve states that have a voluntary electronic filing program for all candidates;

Whereas, states that require electronic filing are better able to make campaign-finance reports immediately accessible to the public in formats that are easily readable, searchable, sortable, and downloadable;

The Commission hereby recommends that all committees registered with the State of Utah, including all candidates for state office, be required to electronically file campaign finance reports.

**APPROVED 17-1 (1 ABSENT)  
JUNE 18, 2009**

### VOTING TO APPROVE

Acting Chair Kirk Jowers, Representative Rebecca Chavez-Houck, Randy Dryer, Yvette D. Donosso, Dave Hansen, Meghan Holbrook, Bruce Hough, Senator Scott Jenkins, Dan Jones, Tom Love, Frank Pignanelli, Dick Richards, Dee Rowland, Steve Starks, Ken Verdoia, LaVarr Webb, Doug Wright

### VOTING AGAINST APPROVAL

Representative Craig Frank