

OGDEN CITY COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION NEWSLETTER

Statement on the Renaming of the Commission and Reaffirmation of the Charter

Community members of Ogden City, We, the commissioners of the Community Engagement and Opportunity Commission of Ogden City

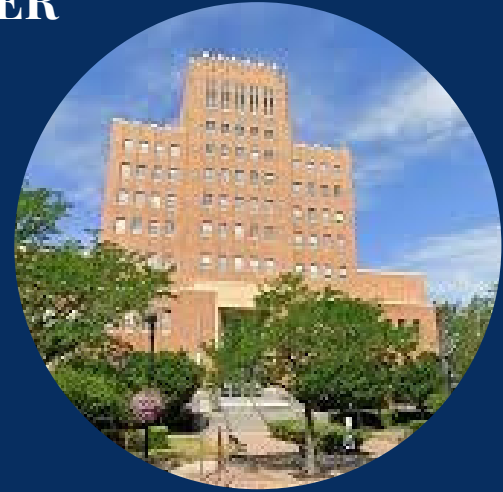
(formerly Ogden’s Diversity Commission) reaffirm our unwavering commitment to the principles and values outlined in our charter. It declares that we “envision an Ogden where everyone experiences belonging, fairness, fundamental freedoms, and human rights. Through this effort, we hope to increase civic engagement and economic mobility among our residents, which will foster cultural and economic vibrancy.”

Ogden has always been a home to many cultures, ethnicities, faiths, and experiences, serving as a beacon of harmonious unity and a true crossroads of our nation. It has welcomed innumerable people to a place where everyone is accepted and embraced. Our diversity is our strength, and we are committed to representing and advocating for everyone ensuring equal opportunities for all city residents, continuing this proud legacy.

While we recognize that the recent enactment of House Bill 261, passed by the Utah State Legislature in January 2024, has led our commission to undergo a name change, this new name, the Community Engagement and Opportunity Commission, reflects our community’s commitment to fostering a culture of opportunity and unity through active engagement of the diverse communities in our city. It inspires us to work even more dedicatedly to help every citizen in our community thrive and experience a genuine sense of belonging.

We want to reiterate that this change does not diminish our dedication to the core values of our mission. We remain steadfast in our commitment to work on behalf of our diverse community to “identify and resolve issues, promote opportunity, cultivate positive cultural awareness, promote cultural traditions, and enhance the well-being and quality-of-life of those living in or visiting Ogden, Utah.”

We stand united with the Ogden City Council and our Mayor in declaring that Ogden will continue to uphold the principles and values reaffirming that we all belong together.



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“Strength lies in differences, not in similarities.”

– Stephen Covey

Upcoming Events:

Sidewalk Chalk Art Camp (Beginner)

The Local Artisan Collective LLC 2371

Kiesel Ave, Ogden

Mon, Sep 16, 5:30pm – Fri, Sep 20, 6:30pm

Bites and Brews Tour

Downtown Ogden

Tue, Sep 17, 5:30 – 7:30pm

Taste of Ogden Walking Food Tour

Downtown Ogden

Wed, Sep 18, 3:30 – 6:15pm

For a full list of events happening across Ogden City, visit www.ogdencity.com/2385/Full-Calendar-of-Ogden-Community-Events



Commissioner Amir Jackson

Amir Jackson, a USAF veteran and Weber State Alum, is the Founder and Director of Nurture the Creative Mind. Since 2007, through his work with Nurture the Creative Mind, Amir has positively impacted more than 25,000 young people. Amir is now a community and business culture consultant and local business owner. Amir has received numerous awards including two Ogden Mayor's Awards. Amir is a TEDx fellow, former Ogden Arts Director, Founder of Dia De Los Muertos Ogden, Co-Founder of the NAACP WSU Chapter, former Board Member of Visit Ogden, former Board Member of WESTAF, Board member of WSU Alumni Board, and Board Member of ACLU Utah.



Commissioner Aracely Warner

Aracely Warner graduated from California State University San Bernardino with a Bachelors in Public Health. Shortly after graduating, she moved to Weber County to start a new beginning with her husband, David Warner. For the past 10 years she has been working with community members in the county on programs and events to enrich the lives of families in the community. One of her proudest achievements is being a mother to five children, and learning to be patient, understanding, respectful, and dedicated to her work. She looks forward to continuing to serve the Ogden community.





YCC Family Crisis Center

YCC Family Crisis Center is a non-profit organization incorporated to enhancing the safety of women, children and men by providing crisis intervention and advocacy services to reduce and prevent the occurrence of family violence and sexual assault through education and community awareness. Their programs support and enhance the quality of life for all individuals and families by providing advocacy and education to find hope on the road to self-sufficiency. They provide services such as low cost childcare, legal help, support groups, and crisis shelters. YCC serves individuals of all ages and their assistance centers provide service 24/7 to victims and their children.

TODAY IN 1969

On September 9th, 1969, the Spanish-Speaking Organization of Community Integrity and Opportunity (SOCIO) was organized and looking for candidates to run for office in the organization. Alex Hurtado headed the temporary committee. The organization was open to all members of the Spanish-speaking community that focused on the education of children and the rehabilitation of those who suffered from academic or economic handicaps. Seen here are Patricia Oliver and Mary Hernandez preparing ballots.



Meet Your Neighbor - Gage Bell

Gage Bell has lived in and around Ogden his whole life. He works setting up concerts and loves music and basketball. His favorite aspect about living in Ogden is how peaceful it is over other places in the north. As a student at Weber State University, the city's improved transportation and extra routes have helped him significantly, making him feel supported and belonging in Ogden. He is most excited to see more tech and sports in Ogden as the city grows in the coming years.

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