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Jonathan Johnson, Chairman of the Board at Overstock.com, Announces 2016 Run for Governor

Today at the Utah Republican Party State Organizing Convention, Utah businessman Jonathan Johnson officially announced his 2016 run for Governor of Utah.

Johnson is the current chairman of the board and the former president and acting CEO of the Utah-grown company Overstock.com.

Throughout Johnson's 13 years with Overstock, his leadership has helped grow the business from approximately 50 employees and \$50 million in annual sales to over 1,800 Utah employees and \$1.5 billion in annual sales.

During Johnson's speech he called for a series of debates to be held "often and throughout our state" beginning in October to help voters evaluate the candidates. Mentioned topics for debate were: improving education, preserving states' rights, becoming fiscally self-reliant, and preparing for Utah's continued growth. Johnson asked convention attendees to text a number voicing their support or opposition to the debates.

Johnson also expressed his belief that the quality of leaders voters hire determines the quality of Utah's government.

"I ask that you spend the next many months getting to know me. Put me through a rigorous interview process. I am confident you will see that my candidacy represents the difference between having someone who leads and someone who merely manages," Johnson said.

Johnson's closing statement included an assurance: "I am ready to lead Utah. Hire me as your next governor. [I am the] leader who has a bigger vision of a brighter future for the State of Utah."

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