

## The Director's Chair



*Brittney Nystrom, Executive Director*

The ACLU of Utah celebrates 60 years of defending liberty this year, and 2018 finds us busier- and bigger- than ever. Entering our seventh decade, we continue to proudly fight for Utahns' rights and liberties in courtrooms, on Capitol Hill, and in the community. The recent addition of two excellent new staff members allows us to take our criminal justice and communications work in exciting new directions, as you can read for yourself on pages 5 and 14.

Our cover story describes a lawsuit we filed on February 27th challenging two SWAT-style immigration raids of a Heber City family's home that we strongly believe

violated the Fourth Amendment's protections against unlawful search, seizure and excessive use of force. You can read more about important settlements in our lawsuit to eliminate barriers to voting for the Navajo Nation on page 4, and in our litigation challenging Ogden's gang injunction on page 5.

During the first few months of 2018, multiple ACLU of Utah staff swarmed Utah's statehouse to address proposed legislation through public testimony and more private education of legislators. You can read all about what we cheered and what we jeered in this year's legislative session on pages 8-9.

Finally, the voices and energy of Utah's youth have already made an indelible mark on our 60th Anniversary Year. The ACLU of Utah continues to offer many kinds of support to students engaging in expressive activity, (*see page 6*) including awarding four scholarships to high-school seniors who are leading efforts to advance civil rights in their communities (*page 7*). I am immensely proud of all the work the ACLU of Utah has done, and is doing, to protect and defend rights and liberties in Utah, and all of us are extremely grateful to our members and supporters for the incredible encouragement and commitment over the past 60 years.

Thank you!

## The President's Corner



*Danielle Hawkes, Board President*

I am ecstatic to serve as the ACLU of Utah's board president this year. When I landed an internship at the ACLU during law school in 2007, I knew that I had hit the jackpot. I knew then, and I still appreciate now, how volunteering for this organization is one of the most important service positions available in Utah.

From lobbying on the Hill, to litigation in the courts, to marching in the streets, the ACLU of Utah does an unbelievable amount of work on behalf of our community. I am proud to serve as the president of an organization that lifts mountains to protect the rights and liberties of all Utahns!

## THE ACLU OF UTAH

The ACLU of Utah, chartered in 1958, operates through public education, legal advocacy, litigation, and lobbying at both the state and local levels to ensure the constitutional rights and freedoms of everyone living in or visiting Utah. Our work is based on those principals outlined in the Bill of Rights and our priorities include: Participatory Democracy; Racial Justice; Criminal Justice Reform; Immigration Reform; LGBTQ Equality; Gender Equality; Digital Security & Privacy; and Religious Liberty & Freedom of Belief. In addition, we continue our commitment to protect the First Amendment. For more about the ACLU of Utah and our priorities please visit [www.acluutah.org](http://www.acluutah.org)

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