



Ex-Utah mayor to launch new political party

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Former Salt Lake City Mayor Rocky Anderson says he'll launch a new national political party and plans to announce his candidacy for president.

Anderson announced his plans on his Facebook page Tuesday. The post says the new party will work for greater economic equality, an end to wars of aggression, climate protection and an end to corporate control of government.

Anderson is a former Democrat and a civil rights attorney who was mayor of Salt Lake City from 2000 to 2008. He led a protest of the Iraq War during President George W. Bush's 2007 visit to Salt Lake City and called for Bush's impeachment.

University of Utah political science professor Thad Hall tells The Salt Lake Tribune that Anderson's dream of launching a new political party is far-fetched.