

### **Wyoming Business Council**

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# Wyoming Business Council Hosts Statewide Watch Parties to Mobilize "Team of Thousands" Around Economic Vision

Public Invited to Observe Legislative Budget Process and Discuss Wyoming's Future

**CHEYENNE**, **WYO.** (For Immediate Release) - The **Wyoming Business Council** (WBC) is hosting a series of statewide watch parties designed to increase public engagement and awareness around the legislative budget process and the future of Wyoming's economy. Citizens are invited to attend in person on **Thursday**, **December 4th**, to observe the WBC's presentation to the Joint Appropriations Committee (JAC).

The event is framed around the core message that "Change is a team sport!" Join a JAC Watch Party and be part of Shaping Wyoming's Future.

The WBC's presentation will outline its **Vision for a More Resilient Wyoming Future** and detail the necessity of strategic investments and "big bets" required to reverse negative economic trends, such as youth outmigration, and ensure long-term prosperity.

"This is a critical moment for understanding Wyoming's economic planning," said Business Council CEO Josh Dorrell. "It will take a Team of Thousands – informed citizens and engaged community leaders – to ensure our state moves forward. Change doesn't happen in a vacuum. It requires informed, collective action. These watch parties are the starting line for that mobilization, providing the tools and knowledge needed to engage with the legislative process effectively."

### Why Join a Watch Party?

The WBC encourages Wyomingites to attend and bring a friend, neighbor, or coworker to maximize statewide participation. Attendees will gain the following:

- See Democracy in Action: Observe the JAC process firsthand and learn how state budget decisions are formed and what impact they have on local jobs, innovation, and economic growth in your community.
- Connect & Organize: Join fellow community members who share a passion for Wyoming's future. The event is an opportunity to connect with people organizing for awareness around the WBC's vision.
- Learn Your Role: Attendees will learn how to engage with the legislative process and share their own vision with decision-makers.

### **Event Details & Locations**

The WBC's JAC presentation is scheduled for 2:30 PM. Watch parties will run from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM on Thursday, December 4th.

### **Watch Party Locations:**

- Casper: Casper College Walter H. Nolte Gateway Center, Room 225
- Cheyenne: Wyoming Business Council office
- Gillette: Gillette College Presentation Hall
- Laramie: University of Wyoming College of Business Green Johnson Student Success Center Commons
- Powell: Northwest College Student Center
- Riverton: Central Wyoming College Intertribal Education and Community Center
- Rock Springs: Rock Springs High School Auditorium (\*Note: A valid ID is required for admittance.)

**Virtual Participation**: Unable to join in person? You can watch the full JAC hearing on the Wyoming Legislature's YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/live/4jOJGnjN0Rg.

**Registration**: Watch party attendance is free, but registration is encouraged to manage logistics. RSVP at wbc.pub/JAC\_WatchParty.

**Bonus**: In-person attendees will receive light refreshments, **Team of Thousands swag**, and a chance to win Wyoming-made door prizes.

**RSVP FOR A WATCH PARTY NEAR YOU!** 

# **About the Wyoming Business Council**

The Wyoming Business Council (WBC) is Wyoming's state economic development agency. Our mission is to reverse economic decline and build a prosperous, resilient, and sustainable economic landscape. We achieve this by empowering local leaders and businesses through strategic investments, data-driven planning, and the collaborative "Team of Thousands" approach to create opportunities for all generations in the Cowboy State.

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