

On February 27, 2018, Ricky Hatch, representing the County Clerks Association made the following statement in Legislative committee:

"We appreciate working with Representative Roberts. He actually contacted us probably five years ago to begin addressing this and we appreciate that he has kept that line of communication open with us. The Clerks generally do not like RCV. It was mentioned earlier that the most careful people were bond attorneys and I would put election officials right behind there. We have a lot of concerns which I will not go into detail here--the reason why I won't is because this bill is an opt-in bill. It's fully up to the choice of the municipality and it's fully up to the choice of whoever is running the municipality's election. So although the clerks don't like RCV, we realize this bill is pretty innocuous and so that's where we are as far as clerks go. It's a resounding support."

Keep in mind that the Clerks had worked with Representative Roberts for five years before giving this bill resounding support. While they clearly weren't enthusiastic about administering ranked choice voting elections, they didn't oppose the bill and frankly never indicated they wouldn't administer ranked choice voting elections. We left the session optimistic that the pilot would be successful.

While cities have the statutory authority to conduct their own elections, in practice most cities contract with their county clerks and don't have the equipment or expertise to administer their own elections. Over two decades ago, counties asked cities to let them administer their municipal elections. Cities don't have election equipment or direct access to the voter registration database. Concern about voter data privacy makes counties the logical choice to maintain the database and administer all elections. In addition, counties have recently upgraded voting equipment, supported with funding from the State Legislature, and ranked choice voting is now an option in every county's election equipment.

After the pilot passed supporters of ranked choice voting eagerly began contacting cities around the State of Utah. We traveled to Logan to the north and to St. George to the south and many many cities in between. Almost immediately, County Clerks refused to administer ranked choice voting elections when interested city officials approached them. In fact, multiple times while we were presenting to a city council the County Clerk would show up and present why they shouldn't opt in.

We have had many conversations with County Clerks throughout Utah and the dialogue has ranged from curiosity and interest to open hostility towards ranked choice voting. None of the responses we received from County Clerks were in the spirit of "resounding support". Not one County Clerk was willing to buck the Association leadership and administer a ranked choice voting election. That is, until Amelia Powers, Utah County Clerk was elected. She was the one County Clerk that not only agreed to administer ranked choice voting, but she also let all cities in Utah County know she would administer ranked choice voting if they chose to use it. In 2019 both Payson City and Vineyard City opted in. The elections ran smoothly. A post-election survey from the Utah County Clerk's office shows that both voters and candidates in the two cities were overwhelmingly supportive. Well over 80% of voters and candidates wanted to continue using ranked choice voting. We discovered that once a voter uses ranked choice voting it is highly likely they will prefer it to the traditional plurality system.

Amelia Powers gave us our Utah Ranked Choice tagline when she said after the city elections, Ranked Choice Voting - better, faster, cheaper. She said that there is little difference in administering a plurality election and ranked choice voting election. Her staff invested less than an hour of additional time to administer ranked choice voting in two cities at the same time the rest of the cities in Utah County used plurality voting.

Clearly the concern is not about the clerk's ability to administer a ranked choice voting election. After expressing support for the pilot project with the legislature, they have intentionally sought to undermine the pilot. Administering an election is an administrative function, not a policy function. Clerks have sought to impose their policy preference at the expense of many cities who have been interested in using ranked choice voting.



# JOINT STATEMENT OF COUNTY CLERK AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

January 11, 1971

The undersigned, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the report of the Board of Supervisors as presented to the Board of Supervisors on January 11, 1971.

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We will work with UAC to provide the Op-ed (a separate document) to Utah Policy. Please provide it to your local newspapers as well. No need to pay for an ad, just provide it as you would a press release. We'll share the one-page infographic as soon as it's available.

Thank you!  
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I hope to earn your support and work with you to make Utah better than ever.

God Bless the great state of Utah,

*Jon R. Huntsman*





**Mail-in ballots showing up this week, experts expect big turnout**



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Please send your ballot back to your county clerk as soon as you can. You must be a registered Republican in order to vote in the Republican Primary. The deadline for registering as a Republican is Friday, June 19. Please call us at 801.688.2020 or visit [www.huntsman2020.com](http://www.huntsman2020.com) for additional information. Thank you for your support!



Sherrie Swensen. She's also sent emails to people who recently switched party status to explain the situation.

She explains that to have ballots mailed by the legal June 9 deadline, she had to send vendors lists of how people were registered as of May 15 — as did most other counties.

"But there have been a lot of changes since then," she notes.

For example, former Democratic state senator Jim Dabakis urged Democrats to switch affiliation just for the primary to have a voice in the heavily Republican state for the many races here that are essentially decided in the GOP primary. Democratic leader Kem Gardner also wrote a Tribune op-ed urging the same saying the real Utah governor's race is in June, not November, given that a Democrat hasn't been elected to the office in 40 years.

So, people who re-registered since May 15 initially received a ballot for their former party. If they were unaffiliated, they may have received a ballot for nonpartisan primaries for local school boards.

"Most Democrats who re-affiliated understand that they received a Democratic ballot" and another may come because of the timing, Swensen said. "But many former unaffiliated voters that receive a nonpartisan school board ballot are like, 'Oh, I registered with the Republican Party, but I only got a ballot with the school board.'"

Swensen said all counties have the same practice to automatically void the earlier ballot sent



ballot lists "Jon Huntsman" and "Michelle Kaufusi." If you are a registered Republican and receive a ballot that doesn't have mine and Michelle's name listed, please contact your county clerk right away by visiting [www.huntsman2020.com/countyclerks](http://www.huntsman2020.com/countyclerks)

**Contact your county clerk**



If you recently switched from Unaffiliated to Republican, you may have been sent a nonpartisan ballot. **If you happened to have already completed and sent in the nonpartisan ballot before receiving your Republican ballot, do not worry. You still have the option to complete and send in your Republican ballot as soon as it arrives in your mailbox.** Your county clerk will then ensure that the nonpartisan ballot you may have sent in will not count. Instead, they will count your Republican ballot.

The same process applies to Democrats who may have switched to Republican. If you happen to have already completed and sent in your Democratic ballot, you can still send in your Republican ballot once it arrives in your mailbox. Your county clerk will not count your Democratic ballot, and will instead count your Republican ballot.

For additional information on some of the ballot confusion that has occurred, Lee Davidson from the Salt Lake Tribune penned a helpful article today providing further explanation.

Please see below or [click here](#) for the full article.

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**From:** Hatch,Ricky <rhatch@co.weber.ut.us>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 13, 2020 12:22 AM  
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**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]RE: minor misinformation from Huntsman campaign

Thanks Sherrie. Yes, I think the other counties do the same thing. Maybe I over analyzed their comments, but if a voter votes their unaffiliated ballot, and we scan it in and verify their signature, it's too late at that point for them to switch balance. The way I read the Huntsman flyer is that it didn't matter when they cast their 1st ballot, that we would be able to pull it out and have them vote the R ballot.

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Please forgive any typos. My phone's speech to text feature is either imperfect or mischievous.

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Hi Ricky,

When we order a different ballot for a voter whether it is because they changed their party, lost their ballot or damaged it (yes, we have already had some of those), we spoil the ballot in VISTA that they had been sent. If the voter returns the **spoiled** ballot, it would be kicked out or rejected by AGILIS. That is what I explained to Lee Davidson today and Robert Gehrke. However, I didn't speak for other counties. I told Lee that I don't know if any of the other counties are in the same situation with the non-partisan primaries taking place simultaneously with the partisan primaries.

The most confusing part of this for voters has been that we had to order the unaffiliated voters non-partisan ballots for the 4 local school board contests. Our vendor required our 281,000 ballot orders to be placed on May 15<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime, thousands of voters have been affiliating, but all the non-partisan ballots were delivered the week of June 9<sup>th</sup>. So, the voters who had changed their affiliation but received the non-partisan ballot with only the school board race on it, are calling and emailing and wondering if their affiliation change didn't get made.



We all have a vested interest in having clear, trusted outcomes from the state and county conventions, so I encourage everyone to be as helpful as possible to the parties who may reach out to you. It is also a good chance to strengthen your relationship with the local parties, which is better for everyone.

And a big thank you to Amelia, Rozan, Curtis, Brian, and Ryan for their help!

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Duchesne County received the following GRAMA request, and I'm curious if any other counties have received similar requests recently or in the past, and if so how you responded.

"On February 3rd we received a GRAMA request regarding 2020 Presidential Election ballots. We've been asked to provide: " All ballots submitted by voters for the 2020 election in the Duchesne County , Utah to include Federal, State County, Judicial and amendments, with signatures." At this time we are not sure how to fulfill this request. Should we make copies of the approximate 10,000 ballots we received ( are they public record? ) Also is the envelope with the signature a private record? We could not find any reference under Utah GRAMA Law not the Utah Election Code."

Thanks,

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The bad news? Rep. Roberts snuck in an amendment on the floor that would require the new equipment to handle ranked-choice voting. The amendment passed, with only one dissenting vote.

We can discuss our strategy on Thursday, but this bill might go to Committee before then. Any suggestions on how to handle this? I think our best argument is that only one system out there that is EAC certified can handle ranked choice voting, so this amendment would dramatically limit our options.

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**Cc:** Eryn Hurley; Jack Peterson  
**Subject:** FYI - U.S. to remain in UPU

Great news!

In a last-ditch effort yesterday, the U.S. and U.N. agreed to continue the Universal Postal Union agreement (UPU).

The reason this is a big deal for election officials in Utah is that if the UPU had ended, our military and overseas ballots probably would not have been able to be sent or returned via regular postal service (i.e., we would have had to send via DHL, FedEx, etc.). Fortunately Utah, like 21 other states, allows for electronic transmission of ballots, but 29 states do not yet have that option, so it was a bigger deal for them.

NACo has been lobbying for this, and while election mail was only a small part of the entire issue, it's nice to know we have NACo going to bat for us back in DC.

Additional details and links to a couple of articles below.

Oh, also, FYI – Hawaii has made the decision to be a vote by mail state in 2020.

Thanks,  
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Carpe Diem  
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Also, if there is something else you'd like me to push please let me know.

If we don't speak before, please have a great weekend.

Thanks,

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- Lost, replacement ballots are a problem on election day. Many counties did not offer an option. This was unique to the June primary, because of HB3006 passed in the special session. That bill prohibited in-person assistance, unless a county opted in to be a mobile voting county, and it specified that counties that opted in had to accept liability for doing so. That is a main reason why so many counties chose not to do this. November will likely not be like this.
- Postmarked before/on election day – problems if do not. In Weber County's June primary, we had 148 ballots returned with a postmark that was after the deadline. That's 0.3% of ballots cast and is equivalent to us having to turn someone away who isn't in line at a polling place when the polls close. Regardless of whether the deadline is the day before, or election day, many voters will wait until the last minute. Clerks don't really care when the postmark deadline is, but we want it to be consistent for the voters.
- Wrong ballots sent out in some cases through the years. This actually is not a VBM problem, it is an election programming problem that would have happened either way. The benefit with VBM is that these types of errors are usually detected right after ballots are mailed, early enough that they can be corrected, ballots spoiled, and replacement ballots sent. Waiting until early voting or election day to identify these types of problems would be a disaster, because it would be very hard to fix that late in the election.
- Secrecy, an audit complained votes could be seen through envelope. Solved now? Yes, the printers use hashing and other techniques to make the envelope opaque enough to block viewing.
- Postage costs. Does it block some from voting? Which counties are postage-paid. Justin Lee has info here, but for the June Primary, 2020, 12 counties provided return postage (if they haven't provided it before, they would get reimbursed with COVID funds). Here are the counties: Daggett, Davis, Emery, Garfield, Grand, Juab, Kane, Morgan, Salt Lake, San Juan, Utah, Wayne. Some people have compared postage to a poll tax. However, most people have to drive to get to a polling place - is the cost of gas or a bus ticket also considered a poll tax? A U.S. district judge in Florida says a stamp isn't a poll tax: <https://www.law.com/dailybusinessreview/2020/06/29/federal-court-judge-chips-away-at-mail-in-ballots-case/?slreturn=20200622021738>. One in Georgia isn't sure (<https://www.ajc.com/news/state--regional-govt--politics/judge-questions-whether-georgia-ballot-postage-illegal-poll-tax/XB4ywhUnw6JW5W6xwL79uO/>). The easy answer is to have drop boxes throughout the county. Conveniently located where people already travel, no postage required, no USPS involved in sending the ballot.

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**From:** Frank Pignanelli <frank@fputah.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, September 24, 2020 3:43:06 PM

**To:** Hinckley Institute of Politics Staff Calendar; Hatch,Ricky; AmeliaP@utahcounty.gov; Justin Lee; Sherrie Swensen

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Hinckley Forum: Election Security & Voting Rights. Potential Topics

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envelope. Ballots are always handled with at least two election judges present, and reconciliations are performed throughout the processing life of the ballot. There are more controls, but these are the basic, key controls.

## Advantages

- Improves turnout. How much? Since moving to Vote by Mail (VBM), voter turnout in Weber County has consistently broken records. In fact, more people voted in our 2020 June primary than in the 2014 November GENERAL election. A 2018 Pantheon Analytics study of turnout in Utah says that VBM increases turnout by 5-7 points ([https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/ef45f5\\_fcc651c4d4f1456b8340bb4c2cc0ca12.pdf](https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/ef45f5_fcc651c4d4f1456b8340bb4c2cc0ca12.pdf)). This study is interesting, because it also looks at a neighborhood in Draper (called Suncrest), which in 2016 was half VBM and half "in person" because it has portions in SL County (VBM in '16) and Utah County (not VBM in '16). They concluded that the turnout increase in the VBM portion of this neighborhood was 12.5 points. Of course, the biggest factor in turnout is what races are on the ballot, but VBM is the next biggest factor. And its effect on increasing turnout is more dramatic for normally low-turnout elections, such as primaries or special elections. One other interesting study in 2016 found that for every millimeter of rain on election day, turnout decreases .05-.07 points. (<https://www.aeaweb.org/articles?id=10.1257/app.20140533>) Weather doesn't influence turnout when voting by mail, and neither does a pandemic. In 2018, Utah had the highest percentage increase in the nation in voter turnout over 2014. In 2018, 98% of all voters received a ballot in the mail. Utah's rank in voter turnout improved to 23<sup>rd</sup> highest in the country. In 2014, Utah was ranked 44<sup>th</sup>. (America Goes to the Polls - <https://www.voteathome.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/america-goes-polls-2018.pdf>)
- Improves education about candidates with ballot in hand. In my opinion, more informed voting is by far the biggest benefit of VBM. How many times have we shown up at the polling place, walked to the voting machine, only to see races and ballot questions/amendments/initiatives that we didn't know about? Now you're stuck in the voting booth with little ability (or time) to adequately research what's on the ballot, so you either don't vote, or you cast a less-informed vote. Also, people often will research a certain race or question, only to realize at the voting booth that it is not on their ballot, so they wasted their time. VBM proactively places the voter's specific ballot in their hands at least three weeks before the election. This affords them the chance to research to their heart's content, with no time pressure. A 2016 Weber State survey of 1,600 voters found that 79% of voters felt that receiving their ballot in the mail made them more informed voters. Vote by mail increases informed voting.
- Safe during pandemic. Absolutely. Compare the tale of three primary days: Wisconsin on April 7, Georgia on June 9, and Utah/Colorado on June 30. Wisconsin had long lines, voter disenfranchisement, infection of poll workers, and a lot of negative press across the country. Georgia also had long lines, disenfranchisement, and negative press. Utah & Colorado's primary elections had no lines, record turnout, and barely made a blip in the national news, because nothing happened - it was just a regular election.
- Cuts down election day lines and waits or can. In Weber County's June primary, 99.1 percent of all ballots cast were either mailed or placed in drop boxes. The average time for in-person votes, from start to finish, including driving through the large parking lot, was 3 1/2 minutes. Presidential elections always produce long lines, and Utah is no exception. The goal nationwide is to have the wait be 30 minutes or less. I gave a presentation in Maryland in 2017. Right before me, my friend Charles Stewart from MIT showed how in 2016 Utah had the longest average wait times in the nation. What he didn't account for, though, was that 85% of all Utah voters in 2016 didn't wait in line for a single minute, because they voted by mail. Only the 15% who showed up in person had to wait.
- Reduce need for election day staffing and costs by reducing polling places? This is a great benefit from an election administration and cost standpoint. First, election day staffing. Election officials across the country have struggled for years to properly staff their polling places - it's one of their top recurring challenges. Weber County used to recruit, hire, and train, and pay 650 poll workers. These great workers (average age over 60 years) had a couple hours of training, worked 15-hour days handling all sorts of complex situations, and were expected to do everything perfectly, as the voters' franchise was at stake. Now Weber County hires, trains, and pays 30-90 poll workers, most of whom return every election, so recruitment is dramatically easier. Before VBM, we spent 4-6 days with a rental truck and three full-time workers simply delivering and picking up voting equipment. Now that is accomplished in about 3 hours by our elections staff. Weber county had 62 polling places in 2012, and only one polling place for both



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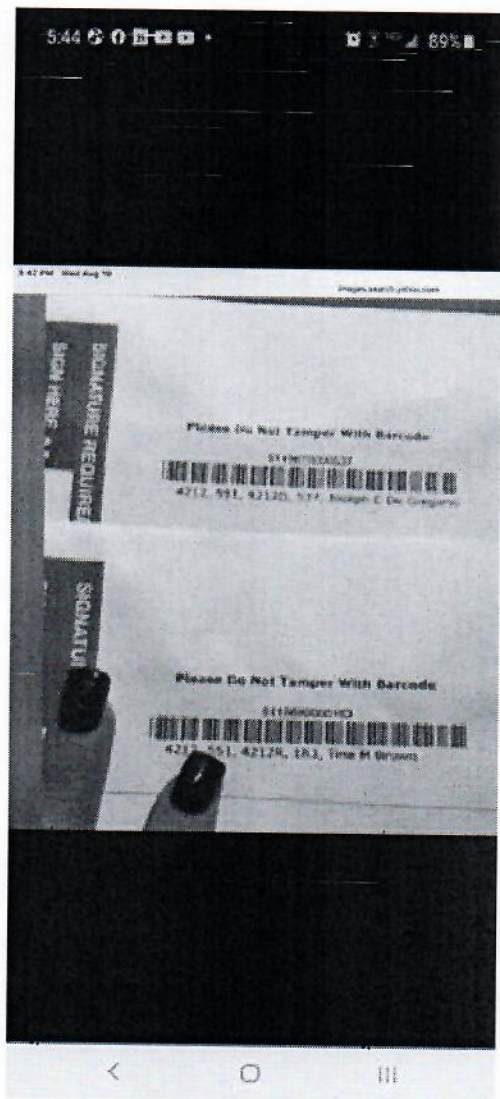
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Feel free to discuss this with your staff and then share your thoughts in the next day or two.

Thank you,  
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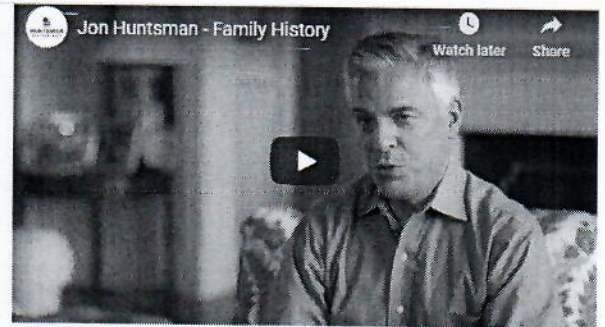
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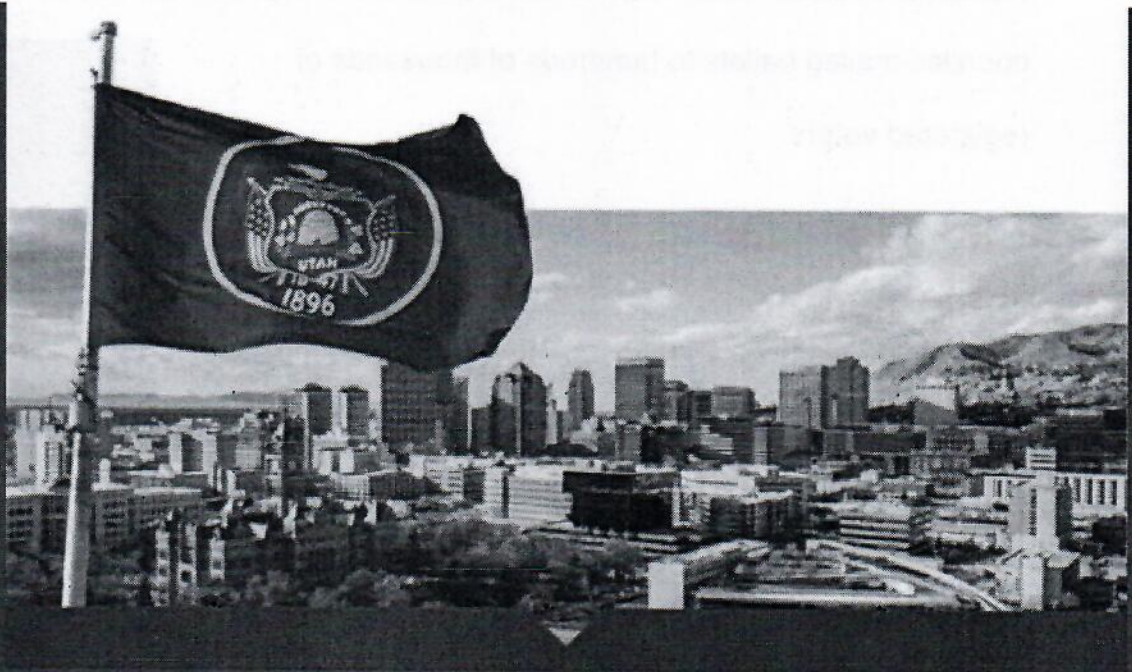
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So, people who re-registered since May 15 initially received a ballot for their former party. If they were unaffiliated, they may have received a ballot for nonpartisan primaries for local school boards.

"Most Democrats who re-affiliated understand that they received a Democratic ballot" and another may come because of the timing, Swensen said. "But many former unaffiliated voters that receive a nonpartisan school board ballot are like, 'Oh, I registered with the Republican Party, but I only got a ballot with the school board.'"

Swensen said all counties have the same practice to automatically void the earlier ballot sent to such people, "so it won't count if they send it in." And clerks send out a new one.

She said people have a deadline of June 19 to register or switch party affiliation and still receive a new by-mail ballot. Unaffiliated voters (but not Democrats) may also register as Republican at in-person election day voting centers or at early voting sites.

[Read the full story here.](#)



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your Republican ballot once it arrives in your mailbox. Your county clerk will not count your Democratic ballot, and will instead count your Republican ballot.

For additional information on some of the ballot confusion that has occurred, Lee Davidson from the Salt Lake Tribune penned a helpful article today providing further explanation.

Please see below or [click here](#) for the full article.

**If you recently registered as Republican but didn't get a GOP ballot, Utah election officials say you'll get a new one**



## **If you recently registered as Republican but didn't get a GOP ballot, Utah election officials say you'll get a new one**

By Lee Davidson

**The Salt Lake Tribune**

If you are one of the thousands of Utah voters who have recently switched party registration from unaffiliated or Democrat to Republican and received a by-mail ballot this week that contained no Republican races, no need to worry, election officials say.



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From: **Jon Huntsman** <[jon@huntsman2020.com](mailto:jon@huntsman2020.com)>

Date: Fri, Jun 12, 2020 at 6:44 PM

Subject: Did you receive the correct primary ballot?

To: Ricky Hatch <[ricky.hatch@gmail.com](mailto:ricky.hatch@gmail.com)>

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Yes, I agree that it is very broadly stated. We certainly don't want the public to think that vote-by-mail allows people to return two ballots. That is not good.

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**From:** Hatch,Ricky <[rhatch@co.weber.ut.us](mailto:rhatch@co.weber.ut.us)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 13, 2020 12:22 AM  
**To:** Sherrie Swensen <[SSwensen@slco.org](mailto:SSwensen@slco.org)>  
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**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]RE: minor misinformation from Huntsman campaign

Thanks Sherrie. Yes, I think the other counties do the same thing. Maybe I over analyzed their comments, but if a voter votes their unaffiliated ballot, and we scan it in and verify their signature, it's too late at that point for them to switch balance. The way I read the Huntsman flyer is that it didn't matter when they cast their 1st ballot, that we would be able to pull it out and have them vote the R ballot.

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Voters should never be encouraged to submit two ballots. The wording should immediately be changed and could easily say something like, "if you recently joined the Republican Party but already received a non-partisan ballot do not send it in. Wait for your Republican ballot to arrive so you can cast your vote for me"

I'm hitting hard, because this is unacceptable behavior from a campaign and perpetuates the perception that people can vote multiple times in vote by mail. We know that isn't true, but to the public is somewhat unsure and to have candidates promoting that is problematic and a violation of the law.

Counties that use the absentee ID can pull spoiled ballots out and then count the active ballot that comes in. Some counties use the voter ID, and they count the first ballot that comes in.

Brian and Sherrie make excellent points about the Affiliation deadline and the extracts. 11 days versus 30 days makes little difference because some counties send their extract as early as 50-55 days before an election. We've been dealing with this for years. We usually have to send our extracts between 35-45 days before because of the national volume and the fact that we truck them to Salt Lake. To capture all affiliation changes it would have to be 60 days and would disenfranchise thousands of voters. That would however make some campaigns very happy.

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On Jun 13, 2020, at 12:32 AM, Sherrie Swensen <[SSwensen@slco.org](mailto:SSwensen@slco.org)> wrote:

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**From:** Derek Brenchley <[dbrenchley@utah.gov](mailto:dbrenchley@utah.gov)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 3:31 PM

**To:** Marla Young <[MYoung@boxeldercounty.org](mailto:MYoung@boxeldercounty.org)>

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Thanks for filling out the Doodle. It looks like tomorrow, June 4th, at 10:00 am is the best time for most people. Here are the the call in details again:

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On Wed, Jun 3, 2020 at 1:02 PM Derek Brenchley <[dbrenchley@utah.gov](mailto:dbrenchley@utah.gov)> wrote:

Looks like 1:00 pm tomorrow won't work for everyone. To simplify things, will you please fill out this Doodle Poll and indicate which time(s) work best for you? We'll choose the time and day that works for the most people.

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On Wed, Jun 3, 2020 at 12:35 PM Marla Young <[MYoung@boxeldercounty.org](mailto:MYoung@boxeldercounty.org)> wrote:

I am pretty open tomorrow. Morning or afternoon.

*Marla R. Young*

Box Elder County Clerk

01 South Main



Curtis and Lincoln, after we meet with representatives Stenquist, we could meet with him to talk a little more. I don't think it will change anything, but he would appreciate a meeting. Lincoln, I know you're super busy, so if that doesn't work for you, that's fine.

After talking with him a bit, I can see him as an ally for us in the future. He is leaning against ranked choice voting.

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