

From: [Justin Lee](#) on behalf of [Justin Lee <justinlee@utah.gov>](#)
To: [Sherrie Swensen](#)
Cc: [Lannie Chapman](#); [Jenn Fowler](#); [Hatch,Ricky](#)
Subject: Re: TRACK YOUR BALLOT
Date: Sunday, November 8, 2020 5:33:31 PM

You'd think the phrase track my mail or provisional ballot would clue them in. We can make an adjustment there.

Justin

On Nov 8, 2020, at 5:17 PM, Sherrie Swensen <SSwensen@slco.org> wrote:

Hi Justin,

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Thank you,

<image007.png> **Sherrie Swensen**
Salt Lake County Clerk
sswensen@slco.org
385-468-7370
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From: [Justin Lee](#) on behalf of [Justin Lee <justinlee@utah.gov>](#)
To: [Sherrie Swensen](#)
Subject: Re: TRACK YOUR BALLOT
Date: Monday, November 9, 2020 2:50:05 PM
Attachments: [image007.png](#)
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[image009.jpg](#)

I've reached out to DTS to make some wording changes. Hopefully they can make the switch soon.

Justin

Justin Lee
Director of Elections
Office of the Lieutenant Governor
State of Utah
justinlee@utah.gov

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From: [Justin Lee](#) on behalf of [Justin Lee <justinlee@utah.gov>](#)
To: [Pam Tueller](#)
Cc: [Sherrie Swensen](#); [Lannie Chapman](#)
Subject: Re: UOCAVA Ballots
Date: Friday, May 1, 2020 3:24:06 PM

Very helpful. Thanks.

Justin Lee
Director of Elections
Office of the Lieutenant Governor
State of Utah
801.538.1129
justinlee@utah.gov

On Fri, May 1, 2020 at 3:22 PM Pam Tueller <PTueller@slco.org> wrote:

Sorry Justin I have been in meetings all day and just got to your email.

We send out approximately 649 mail vs. 966 email.

Thank you,

Pam Tueller

From: Justin Lee <justinlee@utah.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 10:57 AM
To: Pam Tueller <PTueller@slco.org>
Subject: UOCAVA Ballots

Hello Pam,

Quick question - how many UOCAVA ballots do you mail to voters versus sending them electronically?

Thanks,

From: Justin Lee <justinlee@utah.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 6:46 PM
To: Clint Yingling
Cc: VSUsersGroup Voting-Systems-Users-Group
Subject: Re: UOCAVA Ballots

Good evening,

As you know the DOJ takes the transmission of UOCAVA ballots very seriously, as do we, and the closer ballots can be sent out to the 15th the better it will be. I encourage you to do whatever you can to send them as close to the 15th as possible.

Thanks,
Justin

On May 4, 2020, at 3:11 PM, Clint Yingling <cyingling@utah.gov> wrote:

Hello,

In a normal election year, UOCAVA ballots would be going out no later than May 15th. However, it is not a normal election year and things are always changing so I appreciate you all being flexible.

As you all know, Judge Shelby pushed the UOCAVA deadline back to May 22nd. So, now that the primary ballot has been completely certified, I wanted to get a sense as to when each of you was planning on sending out your UOCAVA ballots. If you could send me an email with your estimated transmission date, that would be great.

If I don't hear from you over the next few days, I will check in later this week to get a status update.

Thank you!

--
Clint Yingling

Election Specialist
Office of the Lieutenant Governor
801-538-1054

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Thank you,

Jason Rose

Legal Counsel

Salt Lake County Council

385-468-7464

From: Sherrie Swensen

Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2015 4:37 PM

To: Justin Lee (justinlee@utah.gov)

Cc: Jason Rose; Stephen M. Barnes; Gavin Anderson; Dahnelle Burton-Lee

Subject: Voter Information Pamphlets

Hi Justin,

Attached are the voter information pamphlets for Community Preservation and the County Option Sales and Use Tax. Please post these as we discussed. Thank you for your assistance.

Best wishes,

Sherrie Swensen



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AGENDA

TO: Members of the Senate Government Operations and Political Subdivisions Standing Committee

FROM: Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher, Chair

RE: Committee Meeting

DATE: Monday, February 24, 2020
TIME: 4:00 PM
PLACE: 220 Senate Building

- Call to order and approval of minutes
- The following bills are scheduled for consideration:

1. SB0083 Voter Registration Information Amendments (*J. Anderegg*)
(trv/jh2)
2. SB0146 Boards and Commissions Modifications (*W. Harper*)
(rs2/nwb)
3. HB0198 Eminent Domain Limitations (*S. Pulsipher*)
(gh/sb4)
4. HB0221 Municipal Office and Local Elections (*J. Hawkins*)
(trv/jh2)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher, Chair

Sen. J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Jani Iwamoto

Sen. David G. Buxton
Sen. Kathleen Riebe

Sen. Don L. Ipson
Sen. Todd Weiler

Committee Analyst: Samantha D. Brucker, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel
Committee Secretary: Paula Morgan

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing auxiliary communicative aids and services for this meeting should call the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel at 801-538-1032 or use Relay Utah (toll-free in-state 7-1-1 or Spanish language 888-346-3162), giving at least 48 hours notice or the best notice practicable. Every effort will be made to accommodate requests for aids and services for effective communication during the annual General Session. However, given the unpredictable and fast-paced nature of the legislative process, it is essential that you notify us as soon as possible. Failure to do so may, in some circumstances, result in our inability to accommodate your request.

Please be aware that the public portions of this meeting will be broadcast on the Internet and that an audio recording of the public meeting, along with any materials presented or distributed to the committee, will be posted on the Legislature's website.

From: [Lannie Chapman](#) on behalf of [Lannie Chapman](#) <LKChapman@slco.org>
To: [Justin Lee](#)
Cc: [Sherrie Swensen](#); [Jenn Fowler](#)
Subject: Fwd: Salt Lake City Initiative
Date: Thursday, April 1, 2021 11:11:00 AM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
[image009.jpg](#)
[image002.png](#)

Hi Justin,

Salt Lake City has an initiative and we need a little help interpreting the statute regarding where the signatures need to come from. 20A-7-501(2)(b) looks like as of 2020 it requires no less than 7.75% Of active voter Signatures from 6 of the 7 voter participation areas. Can you confirm this?

Thank you,

Lannie
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jason Rose <JSRose@slco.org>
Date: April 1, 2021 at 9:43:15 AM MDT
To: Lannie Chapman <LKChapman@slco.org>
Cc: Jenn Fowler <JLFowler@slco.org>, Sherrie Swensen <SSwensen@slco.org>
Subject: Re: Salt Lake City Initiative

Hi Lannie,

I read it as they need to obtain signatures from (1) 7.75% of the total active voters in the city; and (2) 7.75% of the active voters in at least 6 of the 7 voter participation areas. So under my reading, they need to create voter participation areas and they need to calculate the signatures by voter participation area and city wide.

But it's the city attorney's call that matters in this instance.

Jason

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 1, 2021, at 9:21 AM, Lannie Chapman <LKChapman@slco.org> wrote:

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To: [Justin Lee](#)
Cc: [Sherrie Swensen](#); [Jenn Fowler](#)
Subject: Re: Salt Lake City Initiative
Date: Thursday, April 1, 2021 1:47:34 PM

Thank you, Justin.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 1, 2021, at 1:13 PM, Justin Lee <justinlee@utah.gov> wrote:

Correct.

On Apr 1, 2021, at 12:52 PM, Lannie Chapman
<LKChapman@slco.org> wrote:

Hi Justin,

Sorry I missed the call with you and Sherrie. Just to confirm, the initiative will require a minimum of 7.5% of active voters (for the city as a whole) and 7.5% of active voters in no less than 6 of the 7 voter participation areas.

Thank you,

Lannie

From: Justin Lee <justinlee@utah.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 1, 2021 11:26 AM
To: Lannie Chapman <LKChapman@slco.org>
Cc: Sherrie Swensen <SSwensen@slco.org>; Jenn Fowler <JLFowler@slco.org>
Subject: Re: Salt Lake City Initiative

Hi Lannie,

If I'm reading it correctly 2(b) says 7.5% not 7.75% for a city of the first class. A county of the first class has the 7.75% requirement, but for a city it is 7.5%.

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Jason

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 1, 2021, at 9:21 AM, Lannie Chapman <LKChapman@slco.org> wrote:

Hi Jason,

Can you help us interpret 20A-7-501(2)(b) which requires a city of the first class to get 7.5% of the number of active voters in the city and as of 2020, 7.5% of the number of active voters in at least 75% of the city's voter participation areas— Does this mean they need to get 7.5% signatures from no less than 75% of the participation areas OR does it mean that the 7.5% of signatures (citywide) needs to come from no less than 75% of the city's participation areas?

Give me a call if you have any questions. We need to get back to Lauren S. with SLC today, if possible.

Thanks,

Lannie

From: Jenn Fowler <JLFowler@slco.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 1, 2021 8:17 AM
To: Sherrie Swensen <SSwensen@slco.org>
Cc: Lannie Chapman <LKChapman@slco.org>
Subject: Salt Lake City Initiative

"And just to confirm, the sponsor will be required to obtain 8,049 signatures overall, with 7.5% of a 75% total from each district. "

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Cc: [Sherrie Swensen](#); [Jenn Fowler](#)
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Date: Thursday, April 1, 2021 12:52:01 PM

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(1) They need no less than 7.5% of active voters in the city, and (2) 7.5% of active voters in at least 75% of the voter participation areas. If there are 7 areas I agree that they would need 6 of the 7 areas.

Best,

Justin Lee
Director of Elections
Office of the Lieutenant Governor
State of Utah
justinlee@utah.gov

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From: Sherrie Swensen
To: [Shelly Jackson](#)
Cc: [Justin Lee - State Election Division \(justinlee@utah.gov\)](#); [Lannie Chapman](#); [Michelle Blue \(mblue@slco.org\)](#)
Subject: Approval for Vote Centers
Date: Thursday, May 27, 2021 2:21:28 PM
Attachments: [Voting Center v. Polling Place.pdf](#)
[image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

Hi Shelly,

We have received questions from city recorders regarding the information you sent out about them having their polling places approved by their city council. We have not had vote centers approved by the municipal legislative bodies or local district governing boards because voters in the county can vote at any one of the county-wide vote centers, and we do not use polling places as specific precincts are not assigned to a vote center by city or local district. (Utah Code Section 20A-3a-703) We asked our legal counsel again to review this and the response is:

"We have looked at whether a city or county legislative body needs to approve a voting center in the same way they do a polling place.

We approached this question by first seeing if the law makes a distinction between the two. We concluded that the law does distinguish between the two. They are also distinguished in common election parlance.

We then analyzed Utah Statutes to see what the requirements are for both. We have concluded that a voting center does not need to be approved by the local legislative body unless the voting center is also to be designated as a polling place, and then only for its status as a "polling place," but not as a "voting center." The designation of a "voting center" does not require legislative approval.

Please see the attached memorandum for our analysis. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Thanks,

Jason Rose
Senior Attorney
Civil Division"

Because we do not denote polling places, but rather use vote centers, we do not need to seek approval by local legislative bodies pursuant to 20A-3A-703. I am unaware how other counties facilitate / work with their municipalities during odd-year elections, but it may be helpful if you clarify the necessity for approval under section 20A-3A-703. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

To: Sherrie Swensen, Salt Lake County Clerk; Lannie Chapman, Chief Deputy Clerk

From: Jason Rose, Senior Attorney; Jack Darrington, Law Clerk

Re: Polling place v. Voting Center

Date: 5/27/2021

MEMORANDUM

Question 1: Whether there is a legal distinction between a “polling place” and a “voting center”?

Short Answer: There is not a clear and obvious answer in Utah law to this question, but there is a difference in the way the terms are commonly used in secondary sources. Utah statute seems to generally use the terms in a way that is consistent with secondary sources’ definitions, which means that there is a strong argument that there is a legal distinction between the two terms.

Analysis: The basic distinction between polling places and voting centers in common usage seems to be the specific audience each is intended to serve. Polling places typically serve one precinct at a single location on election day, and only voters whose residential address is inside the precinct may vote at the polling place.¹ Voting centers are locations where any voter within the voting jurisdiction can vote, regardless of their residential address.² In other words, anyone who is eligible to vote in a given election, regardless of address, may vote at a voting center. The terms are also commonly used when distinguishing between early mail in voting and election day voting. Voting centers are used during the early voting period for a host of things, including registering to vote and submitting mail in ballots, while polling places are usually open only on election day.³ While these definitions are not clear in the statute, the language in the statute is consistent with these definitions and therefore supports this general distinction between the two terms.

¹ See National Conference of State Legislatures, *Polling Places*, [Polling Places \(ncsl.org\)](https://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-politics/polling-places.aspx), Oct. 20, 2020 (“As more voters choose to vote early or by mail, some states are moving away from traditional precinct polling places, which require many separate locations, and instead opting for consolidated polling places or vote centers. A consolidated polling place serves more than one precinct at a single location, and vote centers are locations where any voter within the jurisdiction can vote, regardless of their residential address.”).

² See National Conference of State Legislatures, *Voting Centers*, [Vote Centers \(ncsl.org\)](https://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-politics/voting-centers.aspx) (“Vote centers are an alternative to traditional, neighborhood-based precincts. When a jurisdiction opts to use vote centers, voters may cast their ballots on Election Day at any vote center in the jurisdiction, regardless of their residential address.”). See also Annie Barouh, *A New Old Solution: Why the United States Should Vote by Mail-in Ballot*, 18 SEATTLE J. FOR SOC. JUST. 243, 251 (2020) (“The more voters that have to use a single voting center, rather than a neighborhood polling place, the longer the wait time is to get to the voting booth.”); Nathaniel Persily, *The Virus and the Vote: How to Prevent the Infection of Our Election*, 16 OHIO ST. TECH. L.J. 473, 480 (2020) (“Local election officials need to know now that they will have access to a dependable work force to staff polling places on Election Day and at early voting centers and to assist in the logistics for mail balloting.”).

³ See, e.g., *Nat'l Fed'n of the Blind, Inc. v. Lamone*, 438 F. Supp. 3d 510, 531 (D. Md. 2020) (“There were 67 early voting centers and 1,789 election day polling places operating for the 2016 primary election.”).

Question 2: Does the legislative body of a jurisdiction have to approve the selection of a “voting center” the same way they do a “polling place”? Do the requirements differ between the two?

Short Answer: Assuming there is a legal distinction between the two terms (based on analysis from Question 1), and because Utah statute only requires polling places to be approved, the legislative body of a jurisdiction probably does not have to approve the selection of a voting center in the same way it must a polling place.

Analysis: The controlling statute, § 20A-5-403 reads:

- (1) Except as provided in Section 20A-7-609.5, each election officer shall:
 - (a) designate polling places for each voting precinct in the jurisdiction; and
 - (b) obtain the approval of the county or municipal legislative body or local district governing board for those polling places.

Importantly, the statute only requires legislative bodies to approve polling places, not voting centers.

The exception to this general rule, that legislative bodies do not need to approve voting centers like they do polling places, is that Utah statute does allow voting centers to be designated as polling places, pursuant to § 20A-3a-703(1)(a). In these circumstances, however, the polling place needs to meet the requirements for a polling place outlined in Chapter 5, Election Administration, and the polling place needs to be in a government office or building unless one isn’t available. But if a voting center is not going to be designated as a polling place, I see no basis in statute or any other law that would require it to be legislatively approved.

From: Sherrie Swensen
To: [Justin Lee - State Election Division \(justinlee@utah.gov\)](mailto:Justin Lee - State Election Division (justinlee@utah.gov))
Cc: Lannie Chapman
Subject: FW: Absentee and provisional ballots cast
Date: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 5:05:35 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.jpg](#)
[image004.png](#)

Hi Justin,
Lannie emailed it today at 3:29 pm to elections@utah.gov.

Thanks,



Sherrie Swensen
Salt Lake County Clerk
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385-468-7370
 [SLCO Clerk Website](#)

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From: Lannie Chapman <LKChapman@slco.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 3:29 PM
To: Elections GV <elections@utah.gov>
Cc: Sherrie Swensen <SSwensen@slco.org>; Mark Pemberton <MPemberton@slco.org>
Subject: Absentee and provisional ballots cast

- **November 4, 2020** - election officers must determine and publish the number of absentee and provisional ballots cast. The Lt. Governor's Office publishes these numbers for the county, so please provide this data to elections@utah.gov. Refer to [20A-3a-402\(4\)\(a\)](#) and [20A-4-202\(2\)\(a\)](#).

By Mail Ballots outstanding today at 3 pm: 188,839

Provisional Ballots Cast: 11,270

Canvassing on November 17, 2020

Best wishes,

Lannie Chapman

From: Sherrie Swensen
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 12:31 PM
To: Justin Lee - State Election Division (justinlee@utah.gov)
Cc: Mark Pemberton; Charlotte Kuhn
Subject: FW: Audit Reminder

Hi Justin,
Mark said Lauren has sent him a list of 20 decks to audit. That would be about 2,800 ballots to audit and it should be 1,000.
He is trying to reach her to clarify this. He hasn't been able to contact her.



Sherrie Swensen
Salt Lake County Clerk
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Auditing Mail Ballots

VBM counties will be required to audit 1% or 1,000 mail ballots, whichever is less.

Counties must provide the Lt. Governor's office with a list of batches, the number of batches, and the number of mail ballots received. This information may be submitted any time between and the Friday after election day. The Lt. Governor's office will then randomly select batches.

If a county would prefer to use another method to randomly select ballots or selecting too burdensome (e.g., a county only has 1 or 2 batches), they may propose another random method and submit it to the Lt. Governor's office for approval.

From: Lauren Shafer <lshafer@utah.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 9:04 AM
To: vsug@utah.gov
Subject: Audit Reminder

Hello all,

We are officially a day late to the auditing game! If you have not already, please send me the following information so that I can get you your audit information:

From: Sherrie Swensen
To: [Justin Lee - State Election Division \(justinlee@utah.gov\)](mailto:Justin Lee - State Election Division (justinlee@utah.gov))
Subject: FW: Ballot Count 11.10.2020
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 5:08:36 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.jpg](#)
[image004.png](#)
[image005.jpg](#)

Hi Justin,

After today's drop, this is the gross number of ballots we have left. Some of the regular ballots have not been cured, and none of the provisional ballots have been included nor the electronic UOCAVA or FWAP.

Thank you,



Sherrie Swensen
Salt Lake County Clerk
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From: Michelle Blue <MBlue@slco.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 4:56 PM
To: Sherrie Swensen <SSwensen@slco.org>; Lannie Chapman <LKChapman@slco.org>
Subject: Ballot Count 11.10.2020

Information current as of 5:00 PM on November 10, 2020

188,839	Number of mail-in ballots received on Election Day
1,302	Postmarked ballots & ballots delivered from other Counties
11,278	Provisional ballots cast on Election Day (may or may not be eligible)
1,897	Electronic ballots received from military/overseas
64	FWAP emergency ballots received from military/overseas

From: Sherrie Swensen
To: [Justin Lee \(justinlee@utah.gov\)](mailto:Justin_Lee@utah.gov)
Cc: Jason Rose; Stephen M. Barnes
Bcc: Alicia Fairbourne; Dahnelle Burton-Lee; Rozan Mitchell; Pam Tueller
Subject: FW: Sales Tax Pamphlet for Web Site
Date: Friday, October 2, 2015 9:57:42 AM
Attachments: [County Option Sales and Use Tax WEB.pdf](#)

Hi Justin,

Since this was a tri-fold and some of the information didn't appear right side up or in the correct order, will you repost this version? Sorry for any inconvenience this might have caused.

Sherrie Swensen

Salt Lake County Clerk

COUNTY PROPOSITION #1

Question: AN OPINION QUESTION TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS SUCH AS ROADS, SIDEWALKS, TRAILS, MAINTENANCE, BUS AND RAIL SERVICE, AND SAFETY FEATURES

Shall Salt Lake County, Utah, be authorized to impose a quarter-of-one-percent (0.25% or the equivalent of 1 cent for every \$4 spent) sales and use tax for the specific purpose of transportation improvements such as roads, trails, sidewalks, maintenance, bus and rail service, and traffic and pedestrian safety features, with the revenues divided among the county, cities and towns, and the public transit provider within the County?

FOR THE TAX

AGAINST THE TAX

Argument for the tax:

We all want our children and grandchildren to enjoy a wonderful quality of life now and in the future. Utah's cities and counties face a growing population, deteriorating roads, and local budgets that fail to keep up with mounting maintenance costs. The need is visible on our streets and sidewalks. Our transportation choices are limited by gaps in transit service and incomplete bike paths and trails. The result: longer commutes, more wear and tear on our cars, hampered economic prosperity, and a diminished quality of life.

With new funding through Proposition 1 (a sales tax for local transportation), local elected leaders can prepare for population growth, take better care of our roadways and sidewalks, and promote economic prosperity in our community.

Prop 1 will provide a substantial piece of the local transportation puzzle. For just one cent of every four dollars spent—excluding food purchases—we can maintain our local roads, keep our economy moving, improve our air quality, and reduce our traffic so that we spend more time with our families and less time in our cars.

The cost of doing nothing is far higher for the average Utah family than the local option sales tax. Prop 1 would cost the average person \$40 a year, but our current road disrepair costs the average driver over \$600 more a year in added fuel use, tire wear, and extra car maintenance. In addition, for every dollar we invest now in infrastructure, we save \$6 in repair and \$10 in reconstruction work. We know that roads cost more taxpayer dollars when they are not maintained. Things like slurry seals, chip seals and overlays, that help keep roads in good shape cost money, but are far less expensive than going without maintenance and having to rebuild a road years later. Choosing to maintain our roads today is the financially responsible and fiscally conservative approach for families.

Prop 1 is dedicated exclusively to *local* transportation. Prop 1 is not for the construction of major highways and rail lines, nor will it fund the overhead of large agencies. Prop 1 will fund things that are close to home—the transportation options you use and need the most. It will fill a nasty pothole on your local street, finish a sidewalk between your house and your children's school, or add to bus service, trails, and bike paths so you have more transportation choices.

More than 110 cities and towns across Utah passed resolutions supporting Prop 1. The business community solidly supports the measure because business leaders know that investing in transportation today will save taxpayer dollars tomorrow. This is a historic moment to join our local government officials and the business community in support of Prop 1. Voting YES will save Utah families money, protect the local businesses, improve our air quality, and preserve our quality of life.

Jenny Wilson, Salt Lake County, Council Member at Large
Representative Johnny Anderson, District 34
Mayor Tom Dolan, Sandy City
Lane Beattie, President and CEO Salt Lake Chamber
Ron Jibson, President and CEO of Questar Corp.

Rebuttal against the tax:

Proposition 1 proponents argue that raising our sales taxes would improve our daily lives. The best way for our lives to be improved is to keep the majority of the proceeds of our own labors, not to be taxed.

According to the Utah Taxpayers Association, we currently pay on average \$3304 a year in taxes in exchange for the services that we are told this tax increase will pay for, roads, local budgets and maintenance. Before we should even consider a tax increase, we must verify that our government has done a thorough audit and has cut back on all waste and unaccountable spending. Waste is intrinsic in any budget of this size and must be constantly checked and corrected.

The proponents of Proposition 1 make mention that the money will go towards bus service but fail to mention that 40% of this sales tax increase is slated to go to the Utah Transit Authority. The Utah Transit Authority has a history of fraud, waste and abuse with our tax dollars. From lavish trips and bonuses for top executives to \$10 million parking lots that are never built, the Utah Transit Authority has not earned the public trust and should not be given more funding.

Government doesn't need more money—it needs to better prioritize where it spends the taxes we already pay. Please vote no on Proposition 1.

Evelyn Everton
Sandy Resident - State Director Americans for Prosperity - UT

Argument against the tax:

Say NO to Proposition 1

If approved, the combined state and local sales tax in Salt Lake County will increase from 6.85% to 7.1%—a change that will increase taxes, on average, by \$50 per person or \$200 for an average family of four. This could mean the difference between a week or more worth of groceries for most families.

Utah families have had enough new taxes this year as it is. The local option sales tax would be the third tax increase Utah residents have faced this year. In March, the legislature voted to approve a 5-cent-per-gallon increase in the gas tax, which now means that Utah drivers will pay over 48-cents-per-gallon just in taxes every time they fill up the tank. The state legislature also raised homeowner's property taxes in the valley an average of \$50 per home.

Considered separately, these tax increases may not sound like much, but for lower-income and middle-class families, every dollar counts and higher local sales taxes would only make their financial struggles worse.

Supporters say that the proposed tax increase is, in part, for road and infrastructure improvement. But 40% of the tax increase—almost \$20 million dollars worth—will actually be diverted to help fund the Utah Transit Authority. The Utah Transit Authority already receives \$139.2 million in Salt Lake County alone.

UTA executives receive six figure salaries and tens of thousands of dollars in bonuses and perks. The agency's CEO traveled out of state on agency-funded trips 42 times in 28 months, traveling internationally nearly as often as the President of the United States.

It's about stewardship. If the UTA can afford to pay such high salaries and award such benefits, then they probably can also afford to better shepherd the resources taxpayers have given them.

The Utah Transit Authority doesn't need another \$20 million in extra revenue. Instead, the agency should be looking toward reducing executive pay, cutting down on travel costs, and reducing inefficiencies wherever they find them.

Finally, this sales tax will fall hardest on those who have little or nothing left at the end of the month. According to the Utah Taxpayers Association, the average Utahn already pays \$720 in sales taxes every year, and \$3,304 in combined state and local taxes. The local option tax would add a few cents to most purchases, which quickly adds up.

If the sales tax increase is passed, Utahns would pay a quarter of a cent more for all purchases. In Salt Lake County, this increased sales tax would scrape \$50 million out of our checkbooks, according to the state's own analysis.

Government doesn't need more money—it needs to better prioritize where it spends the taxes we already pay. Please vote NO on Proposition 1.

Evelyn Everton
Sandy Resident - State Director Americans for Prosperity - UT

Rebuttal for the tax:

Salt Lake County is a trusted steward of public funds. Investment in our community is prioritized so that funds are used wisely and efficiently. This fiscally conservative approach has paid significant dividends to residents. Our economy is thriving and employment is strong.

But the population of Salt Lake County—and the State of Utah—is projected to double in the next few decades. The current mechanisms for meeting growing transportation needs are insufficient. We can't let traffic keep building and air pollution worsen. We need to invest in transportation to keep people moving, keep the economy strong and strengthen our quality of life.

At the same time, we have to prudently take care of our current roads rather than let them fall into disrepair. When that happens, the cost to taxpayers of deferred maintenance is much higher: \$1 invested to preserve our roads saves residents \$10-\$25 in costly repair or replacement later.

For the transit portion of Proposition 1, UTA has committed to utilize the new funds to improve and enhance transit service, with complete accountability and clear reporting of how funds are spent. There will be more bus service, more places, more often. This is a significant benefit to Utah's families who rely on affordable transportation choices.

Proposition 1 is funding for your local communities and nothing is more local than the condition of local roads, sidewalks and trails. We encourage you, the voter, to make an informed decision regarding Proposition 1.

Jenny Wilson, Salt Lake County, Council Member at Large
Representative Johnny Anderson, District 34
Mayor Tom Dolan, Sandy City
Lane Beattie, President and CEO Salt Lake Chamber
Ron Jibson, President and CEO of Questar Corp.

The arguments for or against a ballot proposition are the opinions of the authors.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Salt Lake County Council will conduct a public meeting to receive input from the public with respect to the imposition of the "County Option Sales and Use Tax For Highways and Public Transit." The public meeting will be held at **6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2015** at the County Government Center, Room N1-110, 2001 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah. All members of the public are invited to attend and participate in the public meeting. Prior to the public meeting, members of the public may submit written comments to the attention of the County Council Clerk's Office, 2001 South State Street, Room N2-700A, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114.

From: Sherrie Swensen
To: Justin Lee - State Election Division (justinlee@utah.gov)
Cc: Lannie Chapman; Michelle Blue (mblue@slco.org); Loretta Garcia
Subject: FW: FW: questions about election administration
Date: Wednesday, July 14, 2021 6:37:55 PM
Attachments: Records Request G. Maragani Poll Worker Contracts.pdf
GRAMA Request - Mr. Maragani Various Questions.pdf
GRAMA Request - Mr. Maragani - Chain of Custody Drop Boxes, Logs, etc..pdf
GRAMA Request - Mr. Maragani - Copy of 2020 Duplicated Ballots..pdf
GRAMA Request - Mr. Maragani - Copies of All Versions of Envelopes of Mailed to Voters in 2020 General Election.pdf
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Hi Justin,

Below are a questions that I answered for Goud Maragani that were submitted to the got-vote email address. My answers are in red. He responded with the additional questions in blue where he asked if we would set a schedule ahead of time to let the public know when we will be collecting ballots from drop boxes. He also mentioned that in a voice mail he sent to Lannie. Attached, as an FYI, are GRAMA requests Mr. Maragani has submitted.

Thank you,


Sherrie Swensen
Salt Lake County Clerk
sswensen@slco.org
385-468-7370
 [SLCO Clerk Website](#)

From: Goud Maragani [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 7:58 AM
To: Got-Vote <Got-Vote@slco.org>
Cc: Lannie Chapman <LKChapman@slco.org>
Subject: Re: FW: questions about election administration

Sherri,

I look forward to your responses and appreciate your help. If you think it would be easier to talk over the phone or Zoom, I am happy to set that up as well. Thanks.

Goud Maragani
[REDACTED]

Hi Goud,

In response to your questions, the answers are as follows:

1. Do you track how long the vehicles are out when they are picking up ballots from drop boxes? Or how long it takes vehicles to drop off ballots after they are picked up from a ballot drop box? No, we do not track exactly how long it takes the teams to pick up drop boxes. However, we know when the teams start and have a good estimate of the time it will take for the team to finish their assignment.
2. When the ballots from a drop box are put into a bag, are they sealed at the pick up site? For example, with a zip tie? Yes, they are sealed.
3. In the field, are the ballots from a drop box kept in a bag only with ballots from that drop box? Or are they mixed with ballots from other drop boxes? Yes, we hire reliable teams to pick up ballots. The ballots are not mixed with ballots from other drop boxes. Pick-up bags are sealed, and then transported directly to the County Government Center.
4. Do you track who is picking up ballots and which drop boxes they will pick them up from? Yes. The teams have assigned locations.

5. Do you allow watchers when you empty and transport ballots from ballot drop boxes?

Yes. Are there chain of custody logs or spreadsheets where data about the ballot drop boxes is tracked? Yes



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Chain of custody documents for all ballot drop boxes used in

Due 7/6/2021

Open Records Portal Request

Submitted 6/18/2021, 16:15

Received 6/19/2021, 7:50

Requestor
Goud Maragani
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Agency
Salt Lake Co.
2001 South State Street
Salt Lake City, UT 84190
Maren Slaugh
Megan Hillyard

Main Request

Hi,

I would like all documents showing chain of custody for ballot drop boxes used in the 2020 general election. Salt Lake County allowed voters to drop their ballots into drop boxes at specific locations in Salt Lake County. I would like any logs or documents showing the following information: (1) what dates and times the boxes were emptied; (2) who emptied them; (3) any policies that the Salt Lake County Clerk's Office has for handling ballots that are dropped into ballot drop boxes; (4) the weight and/or number of ballots picked up from each drop box; (5) the amount of time the ballots were in transit from pick up at ballot boxes to drop off at the vault or counting location. Thank you.

Date range of requested records: 10/1/2020 - 11/8/2020

copies of the ballots and envelopes mailed to voters for the 2020 general election

Due 7/6/2021

Submitted 6/20/2021, 12:06

Received 6/21/2021, 8:28

Open Records Portal Request

Requestor
Goud Maragani
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Agency
Salt Lake Co.

2001 South State Street
Salt Lake City, UT 84190
Maren Slaugh
Megan Hillyard

Main Request

I would like copies of all versions of the general election ballot and envelope mailed to voters in Salt Lake County for the 2020 general election.

Date range of requested records: 1/9/2020 - 12/31/2020

Additional Request: Please Waive Fee

Releasing the record primarily benefits the public.
Status: Outside Portal

Additional Details

Statistics from the 2020 election

Due 7/6/2021

Submitted 6/18/2021, 16:31

Received 6/19/2021, 7:52

Open Records Portal Request

Requestor

Goud Maragani

Agency

Salt Lake Co.

2001 South State Street

Salt Lake City, UT 84190

Maren Slaugh

Megan Hillyard

Main Request

I would like all documents that answer the following questions from the Salt Lake County Clerk's Office:

How many ballots did your office adjudicate in the 2020 election?

Why were they adjudicated? (e.g., are there logs giving the reason why ballots were adjudicated?)

Who adjudicated ballots?

When were they adjudicated?

How many Republican ballots were adjudicated?

How many Democratic ballots were adjudicated?

How many ballots from each precinct were adjudicated?

How many ballots did your office duplicate in the 2020 election?

Why were they duplicated? (e.g., are there logs giving the reason why ballots were duplicated?)

Who duplicated ballots?

When were they duplicated?

How many Republican ballots were duplicated?

How many Democratic ballots were duplicated?

How many ballots from each precinct were duplicated?

Date range of requested records: 10/1/2020 - 3/30/2021

any contracts for paid poll watchers or workers for the 2020 general election

Due 7/6/2021
Submitted 6/19/2021, 13:31
Received 6/19/2021, 15:21

Open Records Portal Request

Requestor	Agency
Goud Maragani	Salt Lake Co.
[REDACTED]	2001 South State Street
[REDACTED]	Salt Lake City, UT 84190
[REDACTED]	Maren Slaugh
[REDACTED]	Megan Hillyard

Main Request

I would like copies of any contracts the County Clerk or County signed with private entities (for-profit corporations or non-profits) to provide poll workers for the 2020 general election (Nov. 3, 2020) to work in polling places, to transport physical ballots or any electronic device with ballot images, to conduct signature verification of ballots, to tabulate ballots, to duplicate ballots, or to adjudicate ballots.

Date range of requested records: 1/1/2020 - 12/31/2020

Additional Request: Please Waive Fee

Releasing the record primarily benefits the public.
Status: Open

Additional Details

From: Sherrie Swensen
To: [Justin Lee](#)
Cc: [Lannie Chapman](#); [Pam Tueller](#); [Mark Pemberton](#); [Loretta Garcia](#); [Stephen Moore](#); [Charlotte Kuhn](#); [Jenn Fowler](#)
Subject: RE: Write-in candidate letter
Date: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 6:54:23 PM

FYI

From: Justin Lee <justinlee@utah.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 6:33 PM
To: Sherrie Swensen <SSwensen@slco.org>
Cc: Lannie Chapman <LKChapman@slco.org>; Pam Tueller <PTueller@slco.org>; Mark Pemberton <MPemberton@slco.org>; Stephen Moore <SMoore@slco.org>; Derek Brenchley <dbrenchley@utah.gov> (dbrenchley@utah.gov) <dbrenchley@utah.gov>
Subject: Re: Write-in candidate letter

Thanks, Sherrie. That is very helpful.

On Aug 25, 2020, at 6:04 PM, Sherrie Swensen <SSwensen@slco.org> wrote:

Hi Justin,

We estimate that we will be ordering about 600,000 ballot packets for this election, especially considering spoilage.

Runbeck will charge us **\$0.02 each** to insert the extra piece = \$12,000 insert charge.
The cost of the piece will be - 8.5 x 11 1/0 black ink , 60 lb. offset delivered to Arizona
\$22.00 per m.

8.5 x 5.5 1/0 black ink 80 lb. offset delivered to Arizona
\$15.00 per m.

Therefore the cost for the printing and the insert charge would be - Total **\$25,200** for a full sheet,

half sheet **\$21,000** for a

In response to these suggestions listed in the letter:
Our cure letter process already accomplishes this.

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Ballots cannot be run through our scanners with labels attached.

<image008.png>

Thank you,

Best,

Justin Lee
Director of Elections
Office of the Lieutenant Governor
State of Utah
justinlee@utah.gov

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From: [Lannie Chapman](#) on behalf of [Lannie Chapman <LKChapman@slco.org>](#)
To: [Justin Lee](#)
Cc: [Sherrie Swensen](#)
Subject: RE: Quick chat regarding GRAMA request
Date: Tuesday, July 13, 2021 12:28:16 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.jpg](#)

Thank you!

From: Justin Lee <justinlee@utah.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 13, 2021 12:27 PM
To: Lannie Chapman <LKChapman@slco.org>
Cc: Sherrie Swensen <SSwensen@slco.org>
Subject: Re: Quick chat regarding GRAMA request

Let's plan on 4:00. Feel free to call my cell - [REDACTED]

Thanks,

Justin Lee
Director of Elections
Office of the Lieutenant Governor
State of Utah
justinlee@utah.gov

On Tue, Jul 13, 2021 at 12:25 PM Lannie Chapman <[LKChapman@slco.org](#)> wrote:

Hi Justin,

We could give you a call at 4 pm. Let us know if you would like us to call your office or cell.

Thank you,

Lannie

From: Justin Lee <justinlee@utah.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 13, 2021 12:23 PM
To: Lannie Chapman <[LKChapman@slco.org](#)>
Subject: Re: Quick chat regarding GRAMA request

Hi Lannie,

I'm open after 3:00 p.m. and would be happy to chat. Let me know what works best for you.