



**Sherrie Swensen**

*Salt Lake County Clerk*

**Lannie K. Chapman**

*Chief Deputy Clerk*



August 9, 2021

Re: Records Request

Dear 

Your request sought:

- 1) Number of Vote-By-Mail / Absentee ballots mailed and number of Vote-By-Mail/ Absentee ballots returned;
- 2) Images of Absentee/Vote-By-Mail envelopes that were mailed for signatures;
- 3) Location of all ballot drop boxes and chain of custody of all ballot drop boxes;
- 4) Election summary report for General Election including tabulator tapes and all counting groups; and
- 5) Full back-up copy of 2020 General Election County Voter Rolls.

During the 2020 General Election, we mailed a ballot to all 610,218 eligible voters in Salt Lake County and received 501,231 vote-by-mail ballots back. We were able to count 498,471 of the received vote-by-mail ballots. We were not able to count 2,760 vote-by-mail ballots because they were returned unsigned (505) and not cured within the time permitted, the signature on the ballot envelope affidavit did not match the voter record (1,438) and not cured within the time permitted, the voter returned an empty envelope without a ballot inside (5), the ballot was mailed back on behalf of a deceased voter who deceased prior to the election (7), and ballots were received too late, postmarked after the statutory deadline (805). Salt Lake County attempts to work with its voters to cure any deficiency to the returned ballots. There is a two-week period after the election before the election is certified by the Board of Canvassers. During this time Salt Lake County Election Office calls, emails, texts, and sends letters to voters whose ballots are curable (for example, ballots where the envelope affidavit was returned unsigned, or if the signature did not match the signature we have on file for the voter)

Please provide more clarification for your request for images of vote-by-mail envelopes that were mailed for signatures. Are you looking for a copy of the envelope we mailed to voters?

A list of the drop boxes is available on our website at <https://slco.org/clerk/elections/vote-by-mail/ballot-drop-box-locations/>.

You can review all of the election results which will include a summary report on our website, at <https://slco.org/clerk/elections/election-results/>. In order to fully respond to your request could you please provide me with more clarification as to your request related to tabulator tapes and counting groups?

We have a copy of the Voter Rolls, available for purchase for **\$350. We require upfront payment for this list.**

You may appeal Salt Lake County Council Clerk's denial of the records pursuant to GRAMA §63G-2-204 & Salt Lake County Ordinance §2.82.040C by filing a written appeal within 30 calendar days of receipt of this letter to the following address:

Sherrie Swensen  
Salt Lake County Clerk  
2001 South State Street, S2-200  
P.O. Box 144575  
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Salt Lake Countywide Policy and Procedure 2040, GRAMA Appeals Procedure, can be accessed at the following web address: <https://slco.org/policies/county-wide>.

Very Truly Yours,

/s/ Lannie K. Chapman

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Chief Deputy Salt Lake County Clerk