

Thanks,

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On Tue, Jul 13, 2021 at 11:56 AM Lannie Chapman <LKChapman@slco.org> wrote:

Hi Justin,

I hope your summer is going well. Would you have any availability to chat with Sherrie and I tomorrow afternoon? We received a GRAMA request from a person who represents that he is the [REDACTED] representative for the election integrity subcommittee. His request had to do with drop boxes.

Thank you,

Lannie



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From: Justin Lee <justinlee@utah.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 9:32 AM
To: VSUsersGroup Voting-Systems-Users-Group <vsug@utah.gov>
Subject: Write-in candidate letter

Good morning,

Some of you may have seen a news story about some write-in candidates who are making some extraordinary requests regarding their candidacy. I have attached the letter to this email.

As our office works on a response to the letter I would appreciate input from the counties on a couple of items. You can see their requests at the bottom of page two. As I look at the requests here are my initial thoughts.

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If you can provide me with information on the cost for #1 that would be most helpful.

Additional Request: Please Waive Fee

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Additional Details

copies of the original ballots that were duplicated in the 2020

Due 7/20/2021

Open Records Portal Request

Submitted 7/3/2021, 15:33

Received 7/6/2021, 9:37

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 a copy of every 2020 general election ballot that was duplicated between October 1, 2020 and March 30, 2021. To be clear, I want the original ballots that were the subject of duplication.

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

Additional Request: Please Waive Fee

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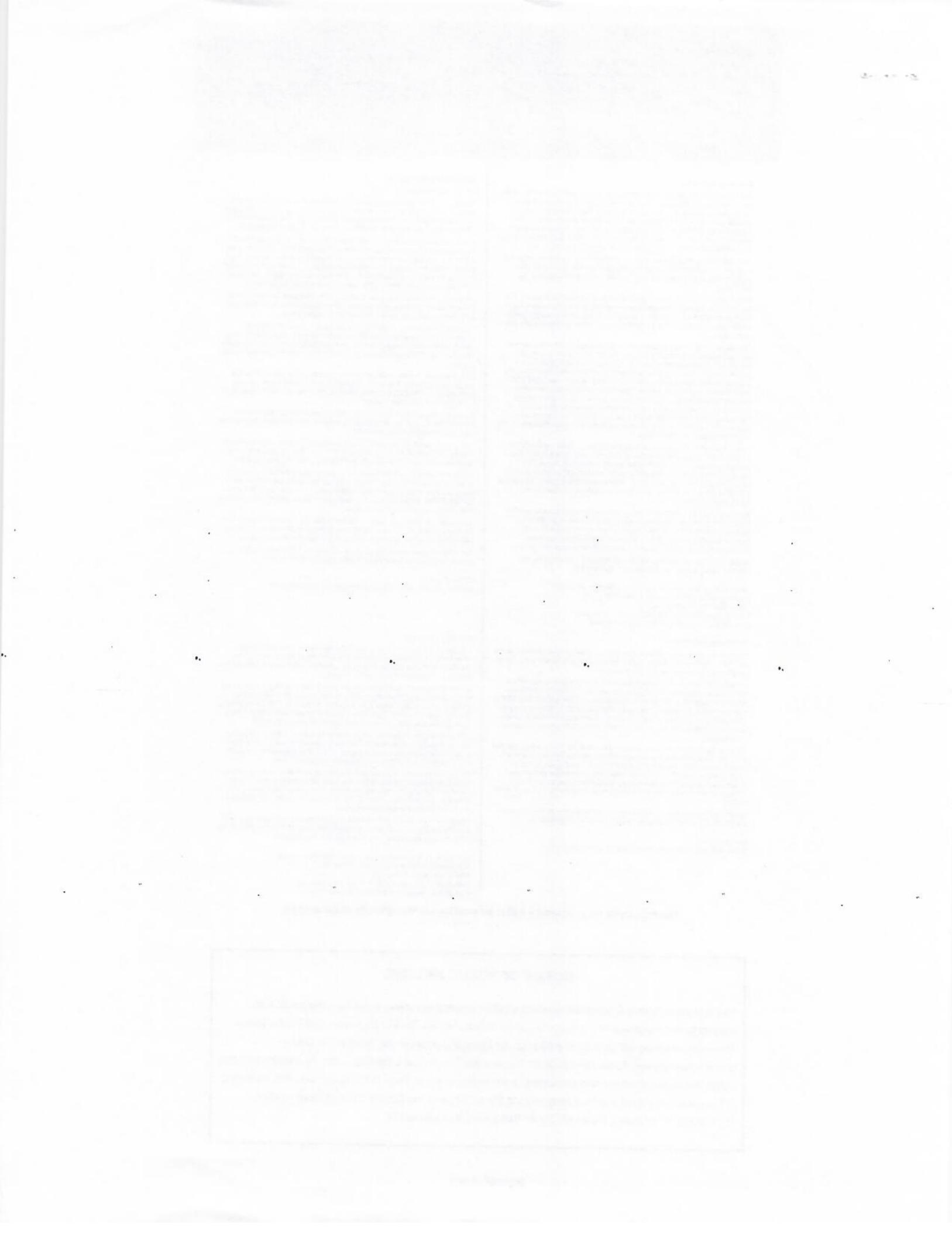
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Additional Details

Thank you. A few follow up questions below and an additional question about statistics in blue below.

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.** What method is used to seal the bags? Is there an identification on the bag that tells you from which ballot drop box the bag originated? Are the bags weighed before they are put into the vehicles? Or do you only weigh them when they arrive at the County Government Center?
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. Do you hire the individuals on the team individually or through a contract? How are the ballots stored once they are brought 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.** Do you set a schedule ahead of time to let the public know when the clerk's office will be doing things like collecting ballots from ballot drop boxes, conducting signature verification, duplicating ballots, adjudicating ballots, etc.? I know a lot of people who are very interested in watching every part of the election process for the 2021 municipal elections and the 2022 elections, so it would be great if there is a schedule ahead of time so that people can coordinate and be at the appropriate locations at the right time.
6. Are there chain of custody logs or spreadsheets where data about the ballot drop boxes is tracked? **Yes. Great. I submitted a GRAMA request for this information within the past week. I look forward to seeing what is in the logs.**
7. Do you track how many ballots your office duplicated and adjudicated in each election? If yes, I would like this data for both the 2018 and 2020 General Elections.



VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET

Proposition #1 - County Option Sales and Use Tax for Highways and Public Transit



Special Election - November 3, 2015

From: Sherrie Swensen
To: [Justin Lee \(justinlee@utah.gov\)](mailto:Justin_Lee@utah.gov)
Cc: [Dahnelle Burton-Lee](mailto:Dahnelle_Burton-Lee@utah.gov); [Rozan Mitchell](mailto:Rozan_Mitchell@utah.gov); [Pam Tueller](mailto:Pam_Tueller@utah.gov)
Subject: FW: Here you go
Date: Wednesday, September 9, 2015 3:57:04 PM

Hi Justin,

We were just in a meeting discussing the requirements for a voter information pamphlet for Proposition #1 and they came across this statute. Had you considered this?

Thanks,

Sherrie

Effective 5/13/2014

59-1-1602 Definitions.

As used in this part:

- (1) (a) "Ballot proposition" means:
 - (i) an opinion question or other question concerning a tax increase submitted to voters for their approval or rejection; or
 - (ii) a question submitted to voters concerning the issuance of bonds under Section 11-14-103.
- (b) "Ballot proposition" does not include an initiative or referendum authorized under Title 20A, Chapter 7, Issues Submitted to the Voters.
- (2) "Determination date" means the date of an election at which a ballot proposition is considered by voters.
- (3) "Election officer" is as defined in Section 20A-1-102.
- (4) "Eligible voter" means a person who:
 - (a) has registered to vote in accordance with Title 20A, Chapter 2, Voter Registration; and
 - (b) is a resident of a voting district or precinct within the taxing entity that is holding an election to consider a ballot proposition.
- (5) "Governing body" is as defined in Section 59-2-102.
- (6) "Tax increase" means:
 - (a) for a property tax, the imposition of a property tax rate or increase in a property tax rate if the imposition or increase is required to be submitted to voters for their approval or rejection; or
 - (b) for a sales and use tax imposed under Chapter 12, Sales and Use Tax Act, a sales and use tax rate that:
 - (i) is not currently imposed; or
 - (ii) exceeds the sales and use tax rate that is currently imposed.
- (7) "Taxing entity" means:
 - (a) a taxing entity as defined in Section 59-2-102; or
 - (b) a county, city, or town authorized to impose a sales and use tax under Chapter 12, Sales and Use Tax Act.

Enacted by Chapter 356, 2014 General Session

(16,353)	Tabulated 11/4/2020
(34,568)	Tabulated 11/5/2020
(31,778)	Tabulated 11/6/2020
(24,943)	Tabulated 11/7/2020
(29,569)	Tabulated 11/9/2020
(36,316)	Tabulated 11/10/2020
29,853	Total outstanding ballots



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- The number of ballot envelope batches;
- The number of ballot envelopes within each batch.

I will then randomly select envelopes and ballot batches for auditing and get the information back to you within one business-day. **Counties have to complete the audit before the canvass period ends.**

Please send me the information as soon as possible, and let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks!

Lauren

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The definitions provided in § 20A-3a-701(1) are as follows:

(1) "Election day voting center" means a polling place designated by an election officer to provide for voting on election day for an individual who:

- (a) is eligible to vote; and
- (b) resides within the political subdivision holding the election.

This definition leads to the conclusion that a voting center encompasses a polling place, while a polling place may not necessarily be a voting center. That understanding is in harmony with the way the terms are commonly used: that a voting center provides a wider range of services than simply election day voting like a polling place.

Another Utah statute, § 20A-5-303(6) and (7), also supports this distinction. The relevant portion follows:

- (6)(a) For the purpose of voting in an election, the county legislative body may establish a common polling place for two or more whole voting precincts.
- (b) At least 90 days before the election, the county legislative body shall designate:
 - (i) the voting precincts that will vote at the common polling place; and
 - (ii) the location of the common polling place.
- (7) Each county shall have at least two polling places open for voting on the date of the election.

This statute supports the understanding that polling places are tied to precincts by establishing that counties may create "a common polling place" that would allow two or more voting precincts in the same place. Additionally, (7) illustrates that polling places are generally understood to be used on election day.

Altogether, the analysis points to the conclusion that there is some slight difference in Utah law between polling places and voting centers.



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Of active voter Signatures from 6 of the 7 voter participation areas. Can you confirm this?

Thank you,

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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:

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.

Sherrie, I think there is some misunderstanding with this. The sponsors need to get the 8,049 signatures in at least 75% of their city council districts, not from each one. So there is no reason that she would be utilizing the number of active voters from each district.

Thank you,

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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,

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On Thu, Apr 1, 2021 at 11:11 AM Lannie Chapman
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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?

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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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From: Justin Lee on behalf of Justin Lee <justinlee@utah.gov>
To: Ricky Hatch; VSUG Leg
Cc: Bryan Rodgers
Subject: SB83 in Committee on Monday at 4:00
Date: Friday, February 21, 2020 3:31:11 PM
Attachments: SGOP0224.ag.pdf

Good Afternoon,

SB83 - Sen. Anderegg's voter privacy bill, will be up in committee Monday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. (see attached agenda). We have not yet seen a new sub, or any amendments, but I would assume we will before Monday.

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To: [Jason Rose](#)
Cc: [Stephen M. Barnes](#); [Gavin Anderson](#); [Dahnelle Burton-Lee](#); [Sherrie Swensen](#); mjthomas@utah.gov; [Derek Brenchley](#)
Subject: Re: Voter Information Pamphlets
Date: Thursday, October 1, 2015 12:03:22 PM

Jason,

If you provide us with that information it will not be a problem for us to post that online.

Justin

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On Thu, Oct 1, 2015 at 11:58 AM, Jason Rose <JSRose@slco.org> wrote:

Justin:

Thank you for posting Salt Lake County's Voter Information Pamphlets on the Lieutenant Governor's website. Utah Code also requires that the public meeting date be posted immediately after the arguments for Proposition One related to the Transportation Tax. I didn't see that notice included on the LG's website.

Section 59-1-1604(6) provides in pertinent part that:

"For purposes of posting an argument and rebuttal argument under Subsection (5) [which relates in part to the argument postings for Prop One on the LG's website], the governing body of a taxing entity shall ensure that: ... (c) information regarding the public meeting required by Section 59-1-1605 follows immediately after the posted arguments, including the date, time and place of the public meeting."

Would it be possible for you to add the public meeting notice we included immediately after the arguments that the County submitted to you? This notice only relates to the arguments for and against Proposition One, which is the Transportation Tax. If you have any concerns, please let me know.

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