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Royal Wedding Scams Likely Pose Risks to SLTT Government Networks

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TLP: WHITE Malicious actors leverage public interest during high-profile events, such as the May 19, 2018, U.K. royal wedding between Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, in order to conduct financial fraud and disseminate malware. The associated scams, spam, and malware pose a risk to state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) government networks when employees view content or open emails pertaining to the royal wedding while on an SLTT government system.

TLP: WHITE It is likely that malicious actors will leverage public interest to conduct scams and disseminate malware leading up to and immediately following the wedding so Internet users need to exercise caution before opening emails, clicking links, or visiting websites related to the royal wedding. Previously, malicious actors took advantage of heightened public interest surrounding the 2011 royal wedding of Prince William, the birth of Princes George and Louis and Princess Charlotte, as well as other high profile events such as Hurricane Harvey and the Boston Marathon bombing, to establish fake websites, distribute spam, and disseminate malware.

- It is likely that malicious actors will capitalize on the public interest surrounding the royal wedding to send phishing emails that contain malicious attachments or links that advertise relevant information, pictures, and videos of the royal wedding, but are designed to steal credentials or infect users with malware. Victims who open malicious attachments or navigate to embedded links risk compromising their computer to malicious actors. After the birth of Prince George, malicious actors sent phishing emails and posted links on social media purporting to contain detailed information about the new Prince. Some emails contained links to an exploit kit.
- The Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) observed the registration of malicious domains in the lead up to and immediately after previous high profile events. These domains frequently include the year of the event in the domain name, words like "live" and/or "stream," and are registered under various top level domains (TLDs) such as ".com," ".info," and ".net." It is likely that a similar trend of domain name registrations will occur as the date of the wedding draws nearer. Domains containing keywords that are relevant to the royal wedding should be viewed with extreme caution.
- With the increasing popularity of cryptocurrency mining, it is likely that some websites will advertise information related to the royal wedding to hijack the processing power of visitor's machines to mine for cryptocurrency. While this activity is not necessarily malicious, cryptocurrency mining causes users' machines to perform slower and consume more resources than usual, which is likely to have a detrimental effect on SLTT government operations.
- The potential of misinformation during such events is high and users should verify information before reacting to posts seen on social media, blogs, or other sites. Malicious actors use social engineering techniques such as posting interesting, yet misleading information, in hopes of generating enough interest or creating a strong emotional response such that users abandon caution and open the malicious links.

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Friday, December 21, 2018 9:48 AM
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Subject:

Christy McCormick; Thomas Hicks
2019 Association Meetings

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Cc: Christy McCormick; Robin Sargent; Ashley Williams; Cliff Tatum
Subject: EAC Standards Board Meeting and Survey

Standards Board Members,

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Cc:
Subject: October 3 EAC Election Readiness Event
Attachments: October 3 Invite.pdf

On behalf of EAC Vice-Chair Christy McCormick, the Designated Federal Officer for the EAC's Standards Board, I am attaching a flier with details of an EAC event on Capitol Hill next week. Those who can attend in person—particularly

Michelle Blue

From: Cowley,Ryan <rcowley@co.weber.ut.us>
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2020 10:09 AM
To: Justin Lee; Pam Tueller
Cc: Melanie Abplanalp; vsug@utah.gov; Derek Brenchley; Sherrie Swensen; Lannie Chapman
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL]Re: Mike Bloomberg GRAMA Request

If there is a way to generate this report statewide which automatically excludes the private voters then I think it makes sense to give them one file instead of all of us going through and creating a report trying to pick out the private voters.

Ryan Cowley
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From: Justin Lee <justinlee@utah.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2020 10:00 AM
To: Pam Tueller <PTueller@slco.org>
Cc: Cowley,Ryan <rcowley@co.weber.ut.us>; Melanie Abplanalp <Melanie.Abplanalp@washco.utah.gov>; vsug@utah.gov; Derek Brenchley <dbrenchley@utah.gov>; Sherrie Swensen <SSwensen@slco.org>; Lannie Chapman <LKChapman@slco.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Re: Mike Bloomberg GRAMA Request

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That makes sense. It seems like this is still something we could run statewide if that's what they are really looking for, but if each county can provide that's also an option.

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On Thu, Jan 30, 2020 at 9:58 AM Pam Tueller <PTueller@slco.org> wrote:

sjl.global.sonicwall.com/click?PV=1&MSGID=202001301701040160238&URLID=5&ESV=10.0.4.2749&IV=D73324BFF81A192503F8ED2AA9363746&TT=1580403665749&ESN=D1twkH3gjLVKmb50fpLqyzuq0iCS3EYtNHgVK5X%2BE40%3D&KV=1536961729279&ENCODED_URL=https%3A%2F%2Fgroups.google.com%2Fa%2Futah.gov%2Fd%2Fmsgid%2Fvsug%2F8682e9cdb2b9448586702484bf7e1173%2540co.wber.ut.us&HK=90094943AE8774B909A52EE7D153F4FB007717314298A44DA820247ED96C8261.

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justinlee@utah.gov

On Thu, Jan 30, 2020 at 8:50 AM Cowley,Ryan <rcowley@co.weber.ut.us> wrote:

Derek, since so many counties have received this same request is this something that could be done on a statewide level and be given to them in one file (minus the private voters)?

Ryan Cowley

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From: Melanie Abplanalp <Melanie.Abplanalp@washco.utah.gov>

Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2020 8:48 AM

To: vsug@utah.gov

Cc: Derek Brenchley <dbrenchley@utah.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Mike Bloomberg GRAMA Request

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Good Morning

Washington County has received a GRAMA request from the Mike Bloomberg campaign, requesting a list of all Unaffiliated voters that have requested the Democratic ballot (not affiliating). Name of voter, address of voter. Date the application was received, current status of each qualified absentee ballot application including

(ii) destroy the ballots and election returns remaining in the election officer's custody without opening or examining them if the time for preserving them under this section has run.

Ryan Cowley

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From: Hatch,Ricky <rhatch@co.weber.ut.us>

Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 12:35 PM

To: Justin Lee <justinlee@utah.gov>; VSUsersGroup Voting-Systems-Users-Group <vsug@utah.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL]RE: [EXTERNAL]GRAMA Request for Ballots

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I thought federal law required us to "seal" ballots for 22 months?

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Carpe Diem

Ricky Hatch, CPA, CPO

Clerk/Auditor

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#WinninginWeber

From: Justin Lee <justinlee@utah.gov>

Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 12:30 PM

To: VSUsersGroup Voting-Systems-Users-Group <vsug@utah.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL]GRAMA Request for Ballots

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Good afternoon,

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 10,000ballots 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,

Justin Lee
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Michelle Blue

From: Cowley,Ryan <rcowley@co.weber.ut.us>
Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2020 5:41 AM
To: Sherrie Swensen
Cc: Hatch,Ricky; Justin Lee - State Election Division; Derek Brenchley <dbrenchley@utah.gov> (dbrenchley@utah.gov); Curtis Koch
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL]RE: [EXTERNAL]RE: minor misinformation from Huntsman campaign
Attachments: image001.png; image002.png; image003.jpg

The way that is worded they are committing a Class A misdemeanor and asking viewers to commit a third degree felony.

20A-3a-505. False impersonation -- Double voting.

- (1)
- (a) An individual may not:
 - (i) apply for a ballot in the name of another individual, regardless of whether the other individual is living or dead, or is a fictitious person;
 - (ii) **after having voted once at an election, apply again at the same election for a ballot in the individual's own name or any other name; or**
 - (iii) sign the affidavit on a return envelope for another individual.
 - (b) **An individual who violates Subsection (1)(a) is guilty of a third degree felony.**
- (2)
- (a) **An individual may not aid, assist, counsel, or procure another individual to commit the felony described in Subsection (1)(a).**
 - (b) An individual who violates Subsection (2)(a) is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

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.

Subject: [EXTERNAL]RE: minor misinformation from Huntsman campaign

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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 15th. In the meantime, thousands of voters have been affiliating, but all the non-partisan ballots were delivered the week of June 9th. 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.

<image001.png> **Sherrie Swensen**
Salt Lake County Clerk
sswensen@slco.org
385-468-7370

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<image003.jpg>

[SLCO Clerk Website](#)

From: Hatch,Ricky <rhatch@co.weber.ut.us>

Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 11:18 PM

To: justinlee@utah.gov; Derek Brenchley (dbrenchley@utah.gov) <dbrenchley@utah.gov>

Cc: Cowley,Ryan <rcowley@co.weber.ut.us>; Sherrie Swensen <sswensen@slco.org>; Curtis Koch <ckoch@co.davis.ut.us>; bmckenzie@daviscountyutah.gov

Subject: minor misinformation from Huntsman campaign

Not sure if we need to do something about this or not, but Huntsman's campaign has an error, I believe. I doubt it was intentional, the probably misunderstood the nuanced timing that was well explained by Sherrie. Here's the part that I think is misleading.



Dear Ricky,

As ballots continue to drop in mailboxes throughout the state, please make sure that your 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

Contact your county clerk

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.

It's just a timing issue.

Ballots were mailed by the June 9 deadline, and reflect registration status when mailings were prepared. But people who recently switched party registration to Republican, will indeed get the GOP ballots they want and the initial ballots without Republican races have been automatically voided.

"We've had lots of phone calls and emails because you know that this happens every primary. It happened in the presidential primary" in March, said Salt Lake County Clerk 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.

[Read the full story here.](#)



The biggest mistake we can make right now is to think small. My economic plan will double Utah's economy over the next ten years, creating thousands of new jobs and unprecedented prosperity in every corner of our incredible state. I am running for governor to lead Utah to greater heights than ever before and I ask for your vote.

You should have received your ballot in the mail this week and I encourage you to vote for the Huntsman/Kaufusi ticket. Due to the impact of the coronavirus, county clerks in all 29 counties mailed ballots to hundreds of thousands of registered voters.



As a result, experts are expecting that voter turnout will be higher than usual. Make sure you don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to make your voice heard! For more coverage on this election cycle's likely historic voter turnout, please [click here](#) to read the KSL article.

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



You have the opportunity to make your voice heard in who leads our state through the challenges we face not just today, but for years into the future.

There are two things that you need to do in order to help us make history:

- 1.) Confirm your voter registration by visiting www.huntsman2020.com. You must be a registered Republican to vote in the June 30 primary election or you will not receive a ballot and will not be able to vote.
- 2.) Complete and submit your mail ballot as soon as you receive it. Mail ballots will be sent out from your county clerk on June 9th.

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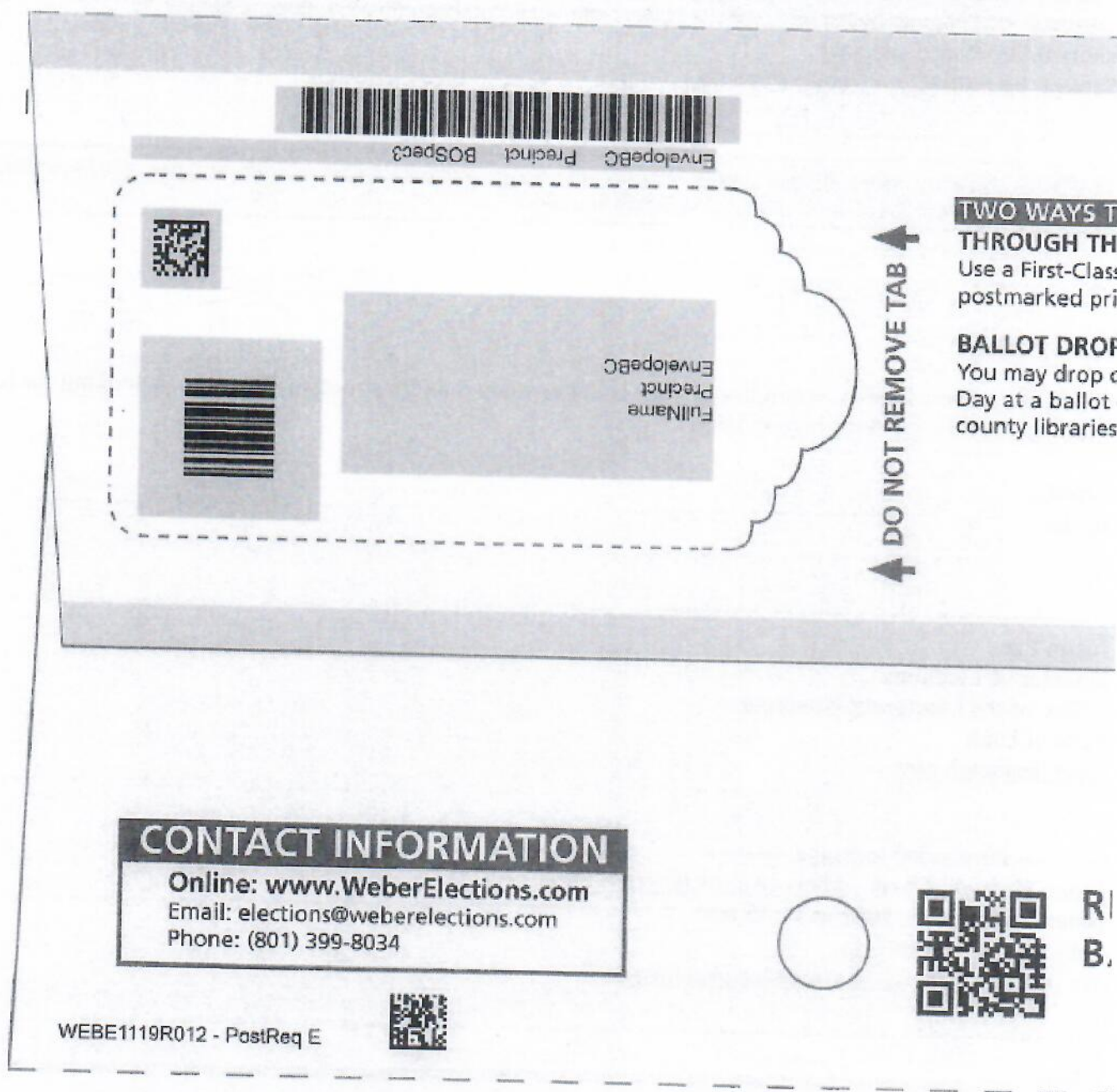
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Carpe Diem

Michelle Blue

From: Cowley,Ryan <rcowley@co.weber.ut.us>
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 9:22 AM
To: Justin Lee; Hatch,Ricky; Curtis Koch; Brian McKenzie; Sherrie Swensen; Lannie Chapman; Amelia Powers; Rozan Mitchell
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL]Fwd: mail ballot help
Attachments: 259290_01_WEBE1119R012 - PostReq E.pdf; 259290_02_WEBE1119C008 - NoInd E.pdf; G20_Insert.docx; PP20_Sticker_half_sheet.docx

Here are copies of our envelopes. The .pdf files can be printed and cut out, they will be slightly smaller than the actual envelopes. The images show what data we include on the envelopes. The word documents are our inserts. The PP20 insert is pre-COVID.



Ryan Cowley
Elections Director - MPA, CERA
801-399-8036

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 Ogden, UT 84401
www.weberelections.com

From: Justin Lee <justinlee@utah.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 9:13 AM
To: Hatch,Ricky <rhatch@co.weber.ut.us>; Cowley,Ryan <rcowley@co.weber.ut.us>; Curtis Koch

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OFFICIAL VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT



Now includes an
I Voted sticker!



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If someone you know did not receive a ballot, they can register, or update their voter registration at www.vote.utah.gov

In person voting will be held from 7 a. - 8 pm on Election Day at Union Station

Early voting will start during the week before election day. Visit www.weberelections.com for location and hours

WHAT'S INSIDE

I Voted Sticker
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Instructions

TWO WAYS TO RETURN YOUR BALLOT

THROUGH THE MAIL

Your ballot must be postmarked prior to Election Day.



24-HOUR BALLOT DROP BOXES

Ballot drop boxes are open 24 hours a day at every city office or library from now until 8:00 pm on Election Day.



CONTACT INFORMATION

Online: www.weberelections.com

Email: elections@weberelections.com

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Use a First-Class or Forever stamp and have your ballot postmarked prior to Election Day.
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SIGN HERE



Please provide your email or phone number
(optional, in case there is an issue with your signature)

VOTER AFFIDAVIT
I solemnly swear that I am the qualified resident voter of Weber County, Utah to whom this ballot was sent. I am entitled to vote in this voting precinct. I am not a convicted felon currently incarcerated for commission of a felony.

Signature of voter to whom this ballot was sent (required)
Signature must match the signature on the with the elections office in order for this ballot to be counted.

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STAY HOME – STAY SAFE – VOTE BY MAIL

Due to COVID-19 we are asking all voters to VOTE FROM HOME

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Drop Box: Open now through 8 pm on Election Day Nov 3
Located at every city hall and county library – Open 24 hours



By mail: Postmarked no later than Nov 2
Use a First Class or Forever Stamp and place it in the mail.



Voters that need assistance voting or other accommodations should call 801-399-8034



In Person Voting: Election Day, Nov 3 at the Weber County Fairgrounds from 7 am - 8 pm
If you received this ballot, there is no additional benefit to coming in person. Voters will receive a replacement paper ballot that can be filled out in their car and returned to a drop box.

Please reserve in person voting for those who did not get a ballot in the mail.

Weber County Elections: 801-399-8034 www.weberelections.com

List of current candidates and bios: www.vote.utah.gov

Michelle Blue

From: Cowley,Ryan <rcowley@co.weber.ut.us>
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 6:17 PM
To: Justin Lee; VSUsersGroup Voting-Systems-Users-Group
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL]Fwd: Electioneering/protesting near drop boxes?

We have not received an email like this; however, the code does designate the ballot drop boxes as polling places which protects them from electioneering regardless of where they are placed.

Effective 8/31/2020

20A-3a-501. Prohibited conduct at polling place -- Other prohibited activities.

- (1) As used in this section:
- (a) "electioneering" includes any oral, printed, or written attempt to persuade persons to refrain from voting or to vote for or vote against any candidate or issue; and
- (b) "polling place" means the physical place where ballots are cast and includes the physical place where a ballot drop box is located.

Ryan Cowley
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From: Justin Lee <justinlee@utah.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 5:32 PM
To: VSUsersGroup Voting-Systems-Users-Group <vsug@utah.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Fwd: Electioneering/protesting near drop boxes?

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Good evening,

I wonder if any county has received a similar question to the one below and how you're responding?

Thanks,

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

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To view this discussion on the web visit https://urlprotection-sjl.global.sonicwall.com/click?PV=1&MSGID=202010222332150017740&URLID=1&ESV=10.0.6.3447&IV=B0AA13762117D8889639F2A2B7ECBB9D&TT=1603409536978&ESN=4dZbztZ7v89J3rxd3YTqOIKLSukgukam5uoazdLj4%3D&KV=1536961729279&ENCODED_URL=https%3A%2F%2Fgroups.google.com%2Fa%2Futah.gov%2Fd%2Fmsgid%2Fvsug%2FCAM_AU5xbeadM2bH%2BTsDFx2EPyXrGRwuGNJZYnWPo0sOtzFkyPg%2540mail.gmail.com&HK=54ED9B4B44C840155E225E4ABF336F9301AD4A301424856ADD8AE29018E54E54.

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To view this discussion on the web visit <https://groups.google.com/a/utah.gov/d/msgid/vsug/64570a50172b4216b50d3c916a53cb56%40co.weber.ut.us>.

From: Got-Vote
To: [Justin Lee - State Election Division \(JustinLee@utah.gov\)](mailto:JustinLee@utah.gov); [Derek Brenchley <dbrenchley@utah.gov>](mailto:dbrenchley@utah.gov)
Cc: [Pam Tueller](mailto:PamTueller@utah.gov); [Lannie Chapman](mailto:LannieChapman@utah.gov); [Jenn Fowler](mailto:JennFowler@utah.gov); [Loretta Garcia](mailto:LorettaGarcia@utah.gov)
Subject: FW: Mail Ballot Question
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 4:31:42 PM
Attachments: [track-ballot-screenshot.png](#)
[image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.jpg](#)

Hi Justin & Derek,

Will you please clarify what your **Track My Ballot** option is for? I cannot tell you how many times we are answering questions about this. We are inundated as it is with phone calls and emails from voters wanting their ballots and worried that they won't receive their ballot in time. People think this tells them if they are going to be receiving or have been sent a ballot. If you can't provide an explanation of what it is for, it would be best to take it down until we actually start receiving ballots back.

Thank you,



Sherrie Swensen

Salt Lake County Clerk
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385-468-7370



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 4:15 PM
To: Got-Vote <Got-Vote@slco.org>
Subject: Mail Ballot Question

Hello - I had a question regarding my mail in ballot. This year I requested to receive it by mail due to COVID19. With all the uncertainty about the U.S. Post Office and their operational capacity during the 2020 elections, I want to ensure my father and I get our mail ballots in time.

So, I'm writing now, hoping to get our ballots as soon as possible. Or maybe you can **instruct me on how we can get them sooner**. I checked the tracking of my ballot and this is what I'm seeing at the moment (screenshot attachment), my guess is that this tracking system is for when I already mail the ballot, and not its current status.

Thank you for your help.



LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SPENCER J. COX WELCOMES YOU TO

Vote.Utah.gov

✓ TRACK MY BALLOT

Name: [REDACTED]

Type of Ballot: No Ballot Found

Ballot Status: No Ballot Found

Questions about your ballot? Contact your county clerk:

Phone: (385)468-7400

Email: got-vote@slco.org

FYI along those lines – The elections director of Montgomery Co. Maryland has a business card at her front counter with general contact info for the state legislature for situations when voters are upset at the elections office for rules that are set up by the legislature.

I've asked her to send a copy – sounds like a good idea.

R.

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Carpe Diem

Ricky Hatch, CPA, CPO

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#WinninginWeber

From: Mike Wilkins <mwilkins@uintah.utah.gov>

Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 7:58 AM

To: Hatch, Ricky <rhatch@co.weber.ut.us>

Cc:

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Re: HB197-Voter affiliation - please take survey before Friday 10 AM

Be sure to ask for his personal phone number so when voters come in to complain that they are not allowed to affiliate or change party after that date we have a phone number to give to them to complain to. because you know that we are the ones on the front line that is going to get all the complaints.

Michael W. Wilkins

Uintah County Clerk-Auditor

147 East Main

Vernal, UT 84078

Necessary Steps

Proofs are images of each ballot style, they need to be reviewed by clerk staff to ensure accuracy
After clerks review the proofs, approval is provided to printer.
Printer prints a set of test ballots for the County they will be used to make sure the counting equipment counts the ballots accurately.
This is the list of registered voters with their mailing address.
The test deck includes a series of ballot styles and a variety of votes to test accuracy of the count.
The electronic ballot is also tested in the voting machines for accuracy of the count/functions.
Certification of the county election results
Printer will send proofs of the actual printing of the envelopes (inkjets) with the variable data (voters name, address, precinct, etc.)
Printer starts printing process of ballots and envelopes and begins preparing the ballot packets.
Certification of the state election results.
Printer ships ballots by truck to SLC to be processed at the USPS bulk mailing facility
Ballots are mailed from central post office in SLC.
Voters begin to receive ballots in mail (21 days before the runoff election)

July-18

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Printer to send Proofs to County County approves Proofs and returns to Printer	Printer begins ballot production for Test Decks					
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
County sends Voter file to printer County sends Voter file to Test Decks arrive to county County conducts L & A ballots for test	Test Decks arrive to county County conducts L & A ballots for test L&A of testing for voting machines. COUNTY CANVASS	County receives and approves ink jet layout samples	Printer begins ballot insert and inkjet printing STATE CANVASS			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
				Ballots shipped to SLC for mail processing		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Ballots enter mail system in SLC	Ballots Mailed					
29	30	31				

Additional concerns or impacts that should be considered with this legislation that are of serious concern to the Clerks, are as follows:

1. A runoff election creates an extreme burden on the staff level employees that are tasked with implementing and managing the election process. Keep in mind these tasks include counting the ballots, but in addition these staff also process voter registration, recruit and train poll workers, prepare equipment and supplies, as well as provide a number of other statutory clerk duties. Additional permanent staff would be required to provide for the potential of a runoff election to ensure continuity in the election processes.
2. Current draft does not take into account the time that would be needed to conduct a recount of all ballots in an election. Worst case scenario would be a state wide recount.
3. Current draft does not take into account the time that would be needed if an election contest were to take place.

only designated, not deputized. The process of designating would likely be providing a preprinted designation form with the officiant's name. It does not require personal action by the Clerk. Couples could bring their own officiant, who can be designated by the Clerk. This allows couples to have Grandma/best friend/boss/etc. solemnize, which would likely make the ceremony more personal and meaningful than if a stranger were to solemnize.

3. If the bill's sponsor insists that an officiant be "on call," and that ceremonies be performed on site, we may wish to point out that many counties do not perform "walk-in" ceremonies, but rather **require appointments**. Weddings are often disruptive to the Clerk's office (and often other office) functions. The Post Office and some counties require appointments for passports (often because of staffing considerations). It seems reasonable to require appointments for weddings, or to designate certain days/times when ceremonies can be solemnized on site.
4. Another option would make the wedding ceremony optional, but that idea seems not to have much traction right now.

One of the sponsor's arguments is that "government has a monopoly on marriage." This isn't completely accurate. Yes, government has a monopoly on the marriage licensing process, but definitely NOT on the marriage ceremony business. This bill, as currently written, forces Clerks into the marriage ceremony business.

It is important to keep our terminology consistent. I recommend that we refer to heterosexual marriages as "traditional marriages" and same-sex marriages as "same-sex marriages." This is widely accepted terminology.

FYI – this bill seems to be on a fast track, and is viewed as a companion bill to SB296, another anti-discrimination / religious rights bill. The Eagle Forum and Sutherland Institute fully support it. Equality Utah, Alliance for a Better Utah, and the ACLU want it amended more before moving forward, but seem hopeful that it can also become acceptable to them. Here's the link to the bill: <http://le.utah.gov/~2015/bills/static/SB0297.html>

Please share your thoughts. If you'd prefer to call, please do so.

I apologize to those Clerks who have not yet received any emails on this bill. It appears that the countyclerks Listserve that I used earlier Friday isn't current.

Sorry for the loooong email!

Thanks,

R.

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Ricky D. Hatch, CPA
Weber County Clerk/Auditor
Office – 801.399.8613
Mobile – 801.668.0909

Michelle Blue

From: Curtis Koch <ckoch@co.davis.ut.us>
Sent: Friday, February 2, 2018 8:40 AM
To: Hatch,Ricky
Cc: Bryan Rodgers; Lincoln Shurtz (lincoln@uacnet.org); justinlee@utah.gov; vsugleg@utah.gov
Subject: Re: Westwood's HB141-need your feedback Friday AM

Davis is ok with the change as long as it doesn't require us to have early vote. In our mind, vote by mail with drop boxes throughout the County is early vote.

Thanks,

On Thu, Feb 1, 2018 at 7:24 PM Hatch,Ricky <rhatch@co.weber.ut.us> wrote:

Thanks for a good meeting today! We worked through some challenging stuff, and it was impressive to see the collective, creative thought process to attack a particularly challenging problem. We really do have an outstanding group!

Now, I need your feedback Friday before noon!

We agreed that for Westwood's HB141 (which would allow a county/city to reduce the early voting period from 10 days to as few as 2 days) we would have him change the bill so that it would apply only to municipalities and elections that did not cross jurisdictional lines. A second option that the group seemed OK with was to have this bill apply only to elections that are 100% vote by mail.

Salt Lake County would like to have the ability to reduce their early voting period, and would like us to consider asking Westwood for the 2nd option. A small group met with Westwood after our meeting, and he is willing to do whatever we want. However, some legislators expressed concern about equal protection type scenarios where one county would have early voting for, say, 2 days, and a neighboring county would have it for 10 days. Not sure if this would be a deal-breaker or not, but it is a concern. The ACLU might not like this option.

So here's the question: Are you OK changing the bill to apply only to elections that are all vote by mail?

Thanks,

R.

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1. Name of the person who prepared this report: _____

2. Date of the report: _____

3. Title of the report: _____

4. Summary of the report: _____

5. Conclusion: _____

6. Recommendations: _____

7. References: _____

8. Appendix: _____

9. Notes: _____

10. Other: _____

Michelle Blue

From: Curtis Koch <ckoch@co.davis.ut.us>
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2020 9:01 AM
To: Sherrie Swensen
Cc: Cowley,Ryan; Hatch,Ricky; Zeke Lee; ckoch@daviscountyutah.gov; justinlee@utah.gov; lincoln@uacnet.org
Subject: Re: Utah Policy: Elections and RCV prompt

Ricky,

I think this looks good. Thanks for your work on this.

Thanks again,

On Wed, Sep 9, 2020 at 11:22 PM Sherrie Swensen <SSwensen@slco.org> wrote:

Hi Ricky,

I think your responses are excellent. I had just one comment as a clarification, and it in the attachment. I had written this about our ballot ordering process and the controls

ballot ID numbers provide. You mentioned the ballot ID number and my version is lengthy, so you may want to keep your shorter version.

385-468-7370



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From: Hatch,Ricky <rhatch@co.weber.ut.us>

Sent: Wednesday, September 9, 2020 6:11 PM

To: Lincoln Shurtz (lincoln@uacnet.org) <lincoln@uacnet.org>; Zeke Lee <zeke@uacnet.org>

Cc: Sherrie Swensen <sswensen@slco.org>; ckoch@daviscountyutah.gov; justinlee@utah.gov; Cowley,Ryan <rcowley@co.weber.ut.us>

Subject: Utah Policy: Elections and RCV prompt

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From: Zeke Lee <zeke@uacnet.org>

Sent: Friday, September 4, 2020 1:01 PM

To: Hatch, Ricky <rhatch@co.weber.ut.us>

Cc: Sherrie Swensen <sswensen@slco.org>;

ckoch@daviscountyutah.gov;

Lincoln mentioned a featured spot in Utah Policy earlier this week to this group. Here is the prompt we'd like you to write a response to. Let's try to keep it to a paragraph for each part of the question from each of you. Respond when you can. I hope you all have a great weekend.

There has been significant national attention given to the election process during COVID where in-person voting may be restricted. What efforts are being made to ensure maximum voter participation while reducing the risk of election fraud with an "all-mail" election? Additionally, the Republican Caucus used Ranked Choice Voting as a new method to select candidates, do you see this as a potential new voting method for mass-elections? What are the pros and cons of this approach?

Thanks,

Zeke

5397 S Vine St, Murray, UT 84107

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Mobile: 385-519-2979

Michelle Blue

From: Curtis Koch <ckoch@co.davis.ut.us>
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 9:12 PM
To: Justin Lee
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Subject: Re: Urgent: Conference call to discuss Runoff Election bill (SB114) at 1:30 p.m.

Good Evening Everyone,

A quick update on what took place late this afternoon regarding SB114. Thanks to the Lt. Gov. Office and UAC staff we were able to meet with Senator Bramble and Rep. McKay late this afternoon. The meeting was very cordial and we presented them with the proposal that we discussed on 1:30 pm call. They were receptive to it and the the suggestions and schedule we provided will be put into the bill.

Here are the highlights with 2018 elections dates as reference points:

- In order to provide the Clerks adequate time to administer a run off election, the Primary Election will be moved up two weeks (June 12th).
- Canvass for primary election will stay at 14 days.
- Lt. Gov. office will canvass 16 days after the election.
- Clerks have from June 28 to July 30 to prepare ballots and mail them.
- The expanded time eliminates the need for the ranked choice ballot to military.
- The runoff election takes place on August 21st.
- The canvass for the runoff election will be 7 days (August 28th).
- LG's office certifies the General Election ballot on Sept. 7th.
- Military ballots are sent out on Sept. 21st.

Senator Bramble will be working with the Mark at the LG's office to get these modifications made and we should see a substitute early next week. If you emailed or spoke with your Representatives or Senators, please email and let them know that we have come to an agreement on a workable time line to administer the election. Once again, thanks to everyone that pitched in on this. It is better bill because of your efforts.

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Michelle Blue

From: Curtis Koch <ckoch@co.davis.ut.us>
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2017 1:08 PM
To: Hatch,Ricky
Cc: vsugleg@utah.gov; Mark Thomas; Justin Lee
Subject: Re: Thatcher Bill Draft

Davis County does not support this bill. We believe the best way to determine the number of needed polling locations is to allow the local election administrator the flexibility to make that decision based upon the dynamics of the individual election, the behavioral pattern of the voting population and the experienced judgment of the election official.

Our Experience:

In 2014, Davis County conducted its first major by mail election and we learned a lot from that experience. We had 7 vote centers across the county. Unfortunately for us we learned that this was not sufficient and we experience unacceptably long lines at most of our polling locations (about 1 hour). We had underestimated the turnout in the election and the number of voters that would show up at the election. It was our fault, our mistake, but a mistake we won't make again.

In 2016, Davis County was also a by mail county. We took the lessons learned in 2014 and the municipal (by mail) elections of 2015 and put together our election plan. We had 18 polling locations, and projected about 15% of our participating voters would choose to vote at these polling locations. We had 14.9% show up at our polling locations. Our longest wait time was about 45 minutes at one of our polling locations during the evening rush hours; this was due to the fact that about 25% of the voters at that location were provisional.

I share this experience because two things happened in Davis County since 2014. First we learned to better prepare and anticipate what may happen in a by mail election. Second our voters learned what it means to participate in a by mail election.

Election administrators and voters need the time to learn and make necessary adjustments. We do not need an arbitrary polling location to voter ratio set in code that will tie the hands of the professionals who understand the process best.

Impact to Davis:

If this bill were to pass as is it would require one polling location for every 10,000 eligible voters; we need to remember that "inactive" voters are also eligible. This would only mean one additional polling location for Davis County for a county election, but for municipal elections it would mean a total of 27 polling locations. That would be 9 more polling locations than what we used during the 2016 presidential election in which we had a record turnout for Davis County of 88.2%. This doesn't seem like a wise use of resources.

Best Regards,

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Brian Bean

Policy Analyst

Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

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Subject: Suggested Wording For Reaching Out to Your Legislators (Sample Text)

Hello everyone, I would like to propose some sample text if you emailed your Legislators this afternoon. You may consider using this to explain the events of the day:

Representative/Senator,

I wanted to update you on what has transpired today regarding SB114 - Elections Amendments. The Clerk's and LG's office met with Senator Bramble and Representative McCay late this afternoon and were able to **come to an agreement on a workable timeline for runoff elections** to occur. Here are the key points:

- Clerk's will condense the standard election preparation work from 48 calendar days to 28 calendar days. The original bill allowed for 12 calendar days.
- Two weeks of time will be gained by moving the primary election up to the 2nd week of June.
- One week of time will be gained by removing one week of preparation from the General Election.
- The changes allow the parties to start holding convention 2 weeks earlier than what has been allowed in the past. (This could be as early as March 10th in the 2018 election.)
- Parties will need to certify convention candidates two weeks earlier than prior years. (This would be no later than April 9th of the 2018 election.)

Based on the changes, the Clerks can appropriately administer this bill and are **no longer opposing SB114**. The LG's Office will be working on a substitute and hope to have it put together by early next week. Please let me know if I can be of assistance.

Best Regards,

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Thanks again for everyone's help today,

Curtis Koch

Here's a super short version of Lincoln's understanding of our asks. I'd recommend expanding the 2nd bullet point to be slightly more broad, so that we can accommodate any voter (we won't advertise that, but we feel we need that ability).

Any other thoughts?

R.

Election Modifications:

The legislature is also looking at a few tweaks to the elections laws to allow for a safe and secure election despite the pandemic. The few things being suggested by the County Clerks (elections officials) are as follows:

- Remove the mandate of in-person early voting, simply allowing for early voting to be done via a mailed ballot
- Allow for limited in-person voting for individuals who cannot independently vote due to disability or inability fill out a mailed ballot
- Provide the National Guard to act as limited poll workers on election day so that traditional poll workers (primarily elderly) are not at risk
- Provide Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) for election officials
- Fund a public outreach campaign to ensure the general public is aware of the new rules

These requests are a bit different than the first draft of the bill that has been circulated, but clerks are working with the legislature on some tweaks.

Michelle Blue

From: Curtis Koch <ckoch@co.davis.ut.us>
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 10:29 AM
To: Lincoln Shurtz
Cc: Brian McKenzie; Ricky Hatch; Bryan Rodgers; Justin Lee; Cowley,Ryan; Sherrie Swensen
Subject: SB83 Recommendations

Lincoln,

Here are the recommendations that if we can get in place, I believe the Clerk's can be neutral on this bill. Happy to work with the drafting Attorney to make this work and weed out any other potential issues if the Senator wishes.

Recommendations

- State that the only data points that can be shared from voter information with political parties and candidates are:
 - Name
 - Address
 - Party Affiliation
 - Age
 - Voter History
- Make it so that voter information is only available to Political Parties in the State of Utah and Candidates in the state of Utah.
- Specify that voter information may only be used by the political party for purposes of the political party within the State of Utah, and may only be used by a candidate for campaign purposes within the State of Utah.
- Grandfather in all current "Private Voters". This is the only way to remove the fiscal note since you would no longer need reprogramming and the mailer.
- Use existing language from Maryland law that, voters may request their records be private and not shared with anyone if they are:
 - Victims of Domestic violence and/or human trafficking
 - Law enforcement
 - Persons being threatened
 - Victim of or witness to a felony
 - Others on grounds that the disclosure of the individuals address poses a safety threat or is likely to lead to an unwarranted and serious invasion of privacy.

As noted before, here are the concerns of the Clerk's on this issue:

Michelle Blue

From: Barbara Crowther <bacrowther@sevier.utah.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 4:24 PM
To: Quinn Hall
Cc: Mike Wilkins; Justin Lee; JoAnn Evans; VSUsersGroup Voting-Systems-Users-Group
Subject: Re: GRAMA - Did everyone get this one?

If your request came with an expedited request included, you may need to send her a denial of the expedited request (63G-2-204). Then worry about the rest.

Barbara

On Thu, Feb 18, 2021 at 4:09 PM 'Quinn Hall' via vsug@utah.gov <vsug@utah.gov> wrote:
Does anyone have any insight on the meeting the requester references for 29 Sep 2020? I don't have any record of a meeting that day?

qh

On Thu, Feb 18, 2021 at 3:51 PM Quinn Hall <qhall@grandcountyutah.net> wrote:
Yes this is huge - several hours at least - I've been formulating a response in the back of my head but haven't had a chance to set it to "paper" yet. If anyone else gets to it first and wouldn't mind sharing it that would be awesome.

Thanks,

qh

On Thu, Feb 18, 2021 at 3:34 PM Mike Wilkins <mwilkins@uintah.utah.gov> wrote:
Just a reminder if it is a large voluminous request you can do an estimate of what the anticipated costs will be and they have to pay for it before you begin the request. We need to make sure that we all charge them for the request.

Michael W. Wilkins
Uintah County Clerk-Auditor

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Richard Branson

On Thu, Feb 18, 2021 at 11:39 AM Justin Lee <justinlee@utah.gov> wrote:
I just heard back from Elaine Moore, and she does not have plans to change her request to the counties. Sorry.

Justin Lee
Director of Elections
Office of the Lieutenant Governor
State of Utah

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Quinn Hall
Grand County Clerk/Auditor
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