

Justine this looks like something for you or other election officials. Let me know if you need anything from us. Thanks

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 2, 2020 11:25:39 AM
To: Leo Lucey <llucey@agutah.gov>
Subject: Assisted living residents

I'm very concerned that people who live in assisted living facilities will not be able to vote because of Covid-19. Covid-19 has made it almost impossible for any visitors to enter which I can understand that but when residents are telling me who are mentally competent that they're not getting ballots and they do not know where to go or who to call to vote it really concerns me! I hope we can get to the bottom of this, my friend's name is [REDACTED] her phone number is [REDACTED] if she does not answer and you need to call me for anything my number is [REDACTED]. The director at Legacy in south Jordan Utah assisted living is [REDACTED] you can call the Director and make sure that they're doing everything they can to make sure everyone who wants to can vote!

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Michelle Blue

From: Hatch,Ricky <rhatch@co.weber.ut.us>
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2016 12:04 PM
To: vsug@utah.gov; solorenschaw@daggettcounty.org; ckoch@daviscountyutah.gov; camille.moore@garfield.utah.gov; jwhittaker@ironcounty.net; alainal@juabcounty.com; kgleave@piute.utah.gov; bpeart@richcountyut.org; jdnielson@sanjuancounty.org; sancoclerk@gmail.com; bryant@utahcounty.gov
Cc: Arie Van De Graaff (arie@uacnet.org); mjthomas@utah.gov; justinlee@utah.gov
Subject: Press Release: Vote By Mail Press Conference in SLC Thursday, June 2, 10 AM
Attachments: VBM Press Release 2016.docx

Attached is the press release for Thursday's press conference. We will be emailing this to news organizations statewide today. If you have a local paper, radio, or other news outlet, feel free to forward this to them.

Nine counties have confirmed that they're coming to the press conference. Still haven't heard from: Beaver, Carbon, Emery, Garfield, Grand, Juab, Morgan, Piute, Rich, San Juan, Wasatch, Washington, Wayne. If you, or one of your staff can come, please let me know. You won't need to speak or field questions – you'd be standing behind the podium, looking awesome, with the rest of us.

The counties who are coming: Box Elder, Davis, Iron, Millard, Salt Lake, Sevier, Summit, Tooele, Weber. Feel free to ask them if you can carpool with them.

Press conference is at 10 AM at the Salt Lake County Elections Office.

Thanks!

R.

Carpe Diem

From: Hatch,Ricky
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2016 5:34 PM
Subject: Vote By Mail Press Conference in SLC Thursday, June 2, 10 AM - can you come?

To increase awareness of and confidence in vote by mail and absentee voting, we're going to hold a press conference. Even though not all counties are doing VBM, we all have absentee ballots, and increasing confidence in the by-mail process benefits all counties.

The press conference would describe VBM, how it works, who is doing it, how it benefits voters and government, and how secure the process is. We've scheduled it for Thursday, June 2nd at 10 AM in Salt Lake County. We think it would generate some media attention, and would be good for voters to hear shortly before they start receiving their ballots.

While we'll have 3-4 clerks speak, having all 20 of the VBM county clerks present, to visually show the magnitude of VBM in the state, as well as other clerks who offer permanent absentee options (so, basically, everyone!). If you cannot come because of financial constraints, please let me know, as the C/A Association can help offset travel expenses.

Imagine the interest and benefit if we have all of the county clerks all together at once, proactively informing the public about important elections information!

Please RSVP to me, so we can get a count. We'd love to have everyone there, whether your county is by mail or not.

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NEWS RELEASE

May 31, 2016

County Clerks in Utah to hold Vote By Mail press conference on Thursday, June 2 in Salt Lake County

Seventy percent of Utah voters will vote by mail this year. Clerks from Utah's vote by mail counties will discuss why it's so popular and what options citizens have.

Salt Lake County, Utah – On Thursday, June 2 at 10 AM, Clerks representing 20 of Utah's 29 counties will discuss Vote By Mail (VBM) at a press conference held in the Salt Lake County Complex – Elections Division at 2001 South State Street, Room S1-850.

Absentee voting began in 1864, when 230K ballots were cast by soldiers fighting in the Civil War. It has been utilized in Utah for decades, and has become increasingly popular across the nation and in Utah over the past few years. Oregon and Washington have been voting by mail for almost 20 years, Colorado for three years, and over 50% of California's ballots are cast by mail. One fifth of all Utah voters have already requested to be placed on the permanent absentee list, and last year, 90% of all ballots were cast by mail in Salt Lake and Weber counties. This year, the number of Utahns who VBM will likely triple. Twenty of Utah's 29 counties will conduct their elections by mail, increasing accessibility, convenience, and informed voting for 70% of the voting population, almost 1 million voters, at a lower cost than in-person voting.

The following topics will be presented at the press conference:

- The advantages of VBM
- Security concerns and controls surrounding the VBM process
- Voting options that voters have for this year's elections.
- What voters can expect and how they can get help

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From: Hatch, Ricky <rhatch@co.weber.ut.us>
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To: vsug@utah.gov
Cc: mjthomas@utah.gov; justinlee@utah.gov; Arie Van De Graaff (arie@uacnet.org)
Subject: Please reply: is your county doing Vote By Mail or Traditional this year?

We're putting together a list of counties that are doing their elections all by mail this year.

Please let me know if your county is doing VBM or Traditional polling place format.

Once I have the full list, I'll share with everyone, so we know who is doing what.

Also – if you would like to see ES&S's new voting equipment in action, they are running the convention elections for the Weber County Democratic Party **this Saturday** at 10 AM at Ogden High School. This is a great chance to watch the equipment in an "actual" election, not a pre-programmed demo. If you want more info, email me or Ryan Cowley (rcowley@co.weber.ut.us).

Thanks!

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Subject: RCV one-page infographic-please send to your legislators ASAP
Attachments: RCV One Page Infographic 2021.jpg
Importance: High

Attached is the one-page infographic regarding Ranked Choice Voting, plurality, Approval Voting, Consistency, and our desire for the Legislature to slow down and research before jumping into changing the election method.

Please share with your legislators as soon as possible. There is A LOT of momentum with RCV right now, and they need to hear the other side of the argument. This gives you another chance to reach out to them.

Zeke/Lincoln – please share as well.

Also, we've submitted the op-ed to the Salt Lake Tribune and will let you know the progress there.

Thanks,
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Is Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) Best for Utah?

Plurality has been a principal concern in the justification for RCV in Utah.

Plurality in Utah

Only 5% of county and state races in Utah had a primary winner by plurality.

Source: LRGC "Plurality in Utah after SB54" Aug. 18, 2020
<https://le.utah.gov/interim/2020/pdf/00003433.pdf>

RCV as a Solution

RCV only changes the outcome in 3% of elections.

Source: 2000-2018 election results from RCV municipal and state elections in Minneapolis, Maine, San Francisco where first-round leader did not win.

This means that in less than 0.15% of RCV elections, the outcome will differ from current elections.

What option is best for Utah?

This depends on what issues we are trying to address.

	Plurality	Civility	Cost Savings	Simplicity	Auditability & Transparency	Voter Error
RCV	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Red	Red	Red
Approval	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Green
Runoff	Green	Yellow	Red	Green	Green	Green
Current	Red	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Green

Utah Voters Deserve Consistency:

Consistency drives confidence in the election system. Whichever election method is best for Utah, should be used for every election. Voters should know what to expect, have clear expectations and should only have to learn one voting method.

Legend:

Yellow = Inconclusive

Green = Better

Red = Worse

Recommendation:

Establish a cross-disciplinary group to study all available

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From: Hatch,Ricky <rhatch@co.weber.ut.us>
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 12:26 PM
To: Sherrie Swensen
Cc: Justin Lee (justinlee@utah.gov); Rozan Mitchell; Pam Tueller; Rashelle Hobbs; Adam Miller
Subject: Re: [CAUTION]Fwd: Clean-up language needed for 2017 HB 230

Thanks! Sen. Dayton agreed to have the language added to her bill, but asked if we could wait until after it passes out of the senate.
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From: Sherrie Swensen <SSwensen@slco.org>
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 12:10:45 PM
To: Hatch,Ricky
Cc: Justin Lee (justinlee@utah.gov); Rozan Mitchell; Pam Tueller; Rashelle Hobbs; Adam Miller
Subject: FW: [CAUTION]Fwd: Clean-up language needed for 2017 HB 230

Hi Ricky,

Your suggested language is a good. I like your solution of having affidavits received no later than 5:00 pm on the day before the canvass so we have time to verify signatures and tabulate the applicable ballots.

Thank you,



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Subject: Re: [CAUTION]Fwd: Clean-up language needed for 2017 HB 230

Sherrie/Justin,
Does this language work for subparagraph. (ii)?

If the canvass has not concluded If the signed affidavit is received no later than 5:00 PM of the day before the canvass, count the individual's ballot.

(iv) a statement that, by signing the affidavit, the individual authorizes the lieutenant governor's and county clerk's use of the individual's signature on the affidavit for voter identification purposes.

(c) In order for an individual described in Subsection (5)(a) to have the individual's ballot counted, the individual shall deliver the affidavit described in Subsection (5)(b) to the election officer.

(d) An election officer who receives a signed affidavit under Subsection (5)(c) shall immediately:

(i) scan the signature on the affidavit electronically and keep the signature on file in the statewide voter registration database developed under Section 20A-2-109; and

(ii) if the canvass has not concluded, count the individual's ballot.

Thank you,



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From: Justin Lee [mailto:justinlee@utah.gov]

Sent: Friday, January 19, 2018 9:49 AM

To: Sherrie Swensen <sswensen@slco.org>

Subject: Re: Clean-up language needed for 2017 HB 230

I brought this up to Mark Thomas when I came across it last year as I was reviewing the laws in preparation for canvass meetings. Our legal counsel confirmed that with this language, a voter could present a cure letter through the **conclusion** of a board of canvassers meeting.

As a result, I notified the city recorders where there were very close contests that they should accept cure letters up until the results were certified by their board. I and another staff member stayed here until the boards of canvassers meetings concluded in case a voter submitted a cure letter. If that had happened, we as a team would have retrieved that voter's ballot, checked the signature from the cure letter the city recorder forwarded to us and opened the ballot if the signature matched. The city recorder would have had to adjust their canvass report accordingly.

A deadline for when cure letters can be accepted needs to be inserted if this hasn't already been done in one of LG's clean-up bills.

Thank you for your consideration.



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Subject: RE: Clean-up language needed for 2017 HB 230
To: Justin Lee <justinlee@utah.gov>
Cc: Rozan Mitchell <RMitchell@slco.org>, Pam Tueller <PTueller@slco.org>, Rashelle Hobbs <RHobbs@slco.org>, Adam Miller <AMiller@slco.org>

Hi Justin,

I was just wondering if you were you able to find a bill to include the clean-up language to fix 20A-3-308(5)(d)(ii)?

20A-3-308. Absentee ballots in the custody of poll workers -- Disposition -- Notice.

- (5) (a) If the election officer rejects an individual's absentee ballot because the election officer determines that the signature on the ballot does not match the individual's signature that is maintained on file, the election officer shall contact the individual in accordance with Subsection (7) by mail, email, text message, or phone, and inform the individual:
- (i) that the individual's signature is in question;
 - (ii) how the individual may resolve the issue;



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Subject: Re: Clean-up language needed for 2017 HB 230

Thanks Sherrie. We're reviewing the bills now to see where we can insert additional clean up language.

Justin

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From: Sherrie Swensen
To: Justin Lee
Subject: Re: State Voter Registration Form
Date: Saturday, September 26, 2020 8:40:28 PM

Hi Justin,

The ones I am receiving are through our got-vote email - one at a time. I will send you some examples when I get to my computer.
Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 26, 2020, at 8:26 PM, Justin Lee <justinlee@utah.gov> wrote:

Sherrie,

Thanks for this info. Is there any indication these forms with digital signatures are coming from any specific groups? I'm wondering if there is anyone we should reach out to to let them know about the manual signature requirement.

Thanks,
Justin

On Sep 26, 2020, at 3:10 PM, Sherrie Swensen
<SSwensen@slco.org> wrote:

Hi Derek,

We are receiving a lot of State Voter Registration Forms. Some forms are coming in with digital signatures instead of manual ones. As you know, we cannot accept digital signatures since we compare the signature on their registration form to compare to that on their ballot envelope affidavit. Will you please include instructions that the forms must be signed with a **manual signature**?

At this point, we still have time to respond and tell applicants they need to sign their form. However, closer to the registration deadline of October 23rd this is going to be a problem. We won't have time to get a manual signature.

Thank you,

Michelle Blue

From: Hatch,Ricky <rhatch@co.weber.ut.us>
Sent: Friday, October 14, 2016 3:53 PM
To: vsugleg@utah.gov
Cc: Arie Van De Graaff (arie@uacnet.org); mjthomas@utah.gov; justinlee@utah.gov
Subject: Need your input by end of Tuesday on a committee bill regarding by-mail drop boxes
Attachments: Ballot Drop Box Estimates.xlsx

In September, the Government Operations Interim Committee opened a committee bill file that would require a county that conducts a by-mail election to have at least one drop box location, and maybe more. Rep. Patrice Arent is leading out with this bill, and has asked for input from county clerks. This is a good chance for us to help ensure the bill is reasonable.

Please provide feedback on the following items before next Wednesday:

1. The committee is considering establishing a ratio that would determine the number of drop boxes based on voters. Oregon & perhaps Washington have the ratio of one box for each 30K active voters. But there was also some interest in making that ratio lower, say, one box for every 10K active voters. I've included a very rough estimate of how different ratios would impact each county. **What ratio do you think we should recommend and at what point would the ratio be too burdensome for your county?**
2. The committee also considered language that would allow voters to drop a ballot in a box of any county, not just the county to which the ballot belongs. **How much would this impact your county? Would you favor or oppose this being put into code?**
3. Oregon requires a minimum of two drop boxes per county. This might not make sense for small counties. Too much of a burden? Some possible ways to tier this requirement:
 - a. Two minimum for counties of class 1-4. One minimum for class 5-6.
 - b. Some kind of ratio between population and square mileage of the county.
 - c. A minimum distance between at least two boxes (for geographically large counties).
 - d. A box required for each city whose citizens comprise more than X% of the county's total population.

What thoughts/recommendations do you have on this idea? Probably a simple solution would be easiest to implement and manage as the population grows.

Please reply to vsugleg@utah.gov, so we can all see your comments.

Thanks for your input!

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<u>Class</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Active voters (50% of pop.)</u>	<u>Drop boxes req'd</u>			
				<u>1:30K</u>	<u>1:15K</u>	<u>1:10K</u>	<u>1:5K</u>
1	<u>Salt Lake</u>	1,107,314	553,657	18	37	55	111
2	<u>Utah</u>	575,205	287,603	10	19	29	58
2	<u>Davis</u>	336,043	168,022	6	11	17	34
2	<u>Weber</u>	243,645	121,823	4	8	12	24
2	<u>Washington</u>	155,602	77,801	3	5	8	16
3	<u>Cache</u>	120,783	60,392	2	4	6	12
3	<u>Tooele</u>	62,952	31,476	1	2	3	6
3	<u>Box Elder</u>	52,097	26,049	1	2	3	5
3	<u>Iron</u>	48,368	24,184	1	2	2	5
3	<u>Summit</u>	39,633	19,817	1	1	2	4
3	<u>Uintah</u>	37,928	18,964	1	1	2	4
4	<u>Wasatch</u>	29,161	14,581	0	1	1	3
4	<u>Sanpete</u>	28,778	14,389	0	1	1	3
4	<u>Sevier</u>	20,984	10,492	0	1	1	2
4	<u>Duchesne</u>	20,862	10,431	0	1	1	2
4	<u>Carbon</u>	20,479	10,240	0	1	1	2
4	<u>San Juan</u>	15,772	7,886	0	1	1	2
4	<u>Millard</u>	12,645	6,323	0	0	1	1
5	<u>Morgan</u>	11,065	5,533	0	0	1	1
5	<u>Juab</u>	10,594	5,297	0	0	1	1
5	<u>Emery</u>	10,370	5,185	0	0	1	1
5	<u>Grand</u>	9,516	4,758	0	0	0	1
5	<u>Kane</u>	7,131	3,566	0	0	0	1
5	<u>Beaver</u>	6,354	3,177	0	0	0	1
5	<u>Garfield</u>	5,009	2,505	0	0	0	1
6	<u>Wayne</u>	2,692	1,346	0	0	0	0
6	<u>Rich</u>	2,311	1,156	0	0	0	0
6	<u>Piute</u>	1,517	759	0	0	0	0
6	<u>Daggett</u>	1,109	555	0	0	0	0

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Cc: Hatch, Ricky; Cowley, Ryan; Taylor, Lynn
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(arie@uacnet.org); Aydelotte, Tamara; Derek Brenchley (dbrenchley@utah.gov)
Subject: Participate in the legislative process
Attachments: 2016 Bill Tracker.xlsx

Rev your engines! The legislative session starts on Monday, Jan. 25.

On average, over 50 bills are considered each year that directly impact county clerks and auditors. The Clerks and Auditors Legislative Policy Committees help evaluate these bills, provide recommendations, and work with legislators to improve (or defeat) them. Curtis Koch of Davis County heads up the Auditors' Committee and I head up the Clerks' Committee. **We want you to participate.** You don't need to be a lawyer or legislative nerd to participate, and you'd be surprised at how much impact you can have.

Here's what you would do if you wanted to participate:

- **Email** Derek Brenchley (dbrenchley@utah.gov) at the Lieutenant Governor's office and ask to be put on the "vsugleg" email list.
- You'll receive emails with links to bills. **Read** them. Most of them are short and simple. **Share** your concerns, what you like about them, or what you think should be changed.
- **Participate in weekly discussions** on Thursdays at 8:30 AM at the capitol or by phone (details below).
- **Reach out to your own legislators** indicating support for or opposition against the bills. We'll often provide you with talking points and sometimes even the full text of an email, so you can just copy & paste.

Bill	Tab	Title	Comments	Clerks' Position	House Sponsor	Sen Sponsor	Status/History
HB0010	Elections	Initiative and Referendum Amendments	County Clerk becomes responsible for petitions not entirely within a single city or town. Should there be a provision to cover costs? Why remove the "have you read this petition" language?	Neutral	Greene, B.		LFA/ fiscal note publicly available 1/6/2016
HB0011	Elections	Referendum Amendments	Only applies to state referendum - no concern one way or the other	Neutral	Cox, F.		LFA/ fiscal note publicly available 1/5/2016
HB0021	Elections	Election Revisions	Prefer to have release dates defined (such as the Friday after the election, then Tuesday, then Friday). Also, prefer having exemption when releasing < 500 votes.	Needs work	Eliason, S.	Stephenson, H	LFA/ fiscal note publicly available 1/6/2016
HB0025	Rev & Tax	Property Tax Changes	Doesn't appear to affect us at all	Neutral	McCay, D.		LFA/ fiscal note publicly available 12/21/2015
HB0048	Elections	Election Law Amendments	Establishes local school board filing deadline. Prevents parties from replacing candidates who don't file their financial disclosures in time.	Support	McCay, D.		LFA/ fiscal note publicly available 1/5/2016
HB0063	Counties	Fees for Government Records Requests			King, Brian S.		LFA/ fiscal note sent to sponsor
HB0069	Elections	Qualified Political Party Amendments	No concern, party issue	Neutral	Cox, F.		LFA/ fiscal note publicly available 1/7/2016
HB0070	Elections	Voter Eligibility Amendments	Allows 17 yr-old to vote in primary if they turn 18 before general. Will this work for Federal races? If not, then it's impractical. We'd have to provide a split ballot.	Moderate support	Briscoe, J.		LFA/ fiscal note publicly available 1/5/2016
HB0073	Elections	Financial Disclosure Modifications					
HB0083	Elections	Campaign Finance Disclosures in Municipal Elections	Requires municipal candidates to file financial disclosures 7 days prior to the primary. Seems like a good idea	Neutral	McKell, M.		LFA/ fiscal note publicly available 1/5/2016
HB0095	Elections	Political Issues Committee Amendments	No impact	Neutral	Hall, C.		LFA/ bill sent to agencies for fiscal input 12/22/2015
HB0104	Rev & Tax	Property Taxation Amendments	Clerks' bill - Allows County Clerks to send valuation notices via email to taxpayers who opt-in	Support	Peterson, J.		LFA/ fiscal note publicly available 1/5/2016
HB0110	Elections	Inactive Voter Amendments	We already do this. Undeliverable with no contact is not removable. Can only make inactive	Support	Hall, C.		LFA/ bill sent to agencies for fiscal input
HB0119	Elections	Straight Ticket Voting Amendments	Policy issue. No real impact to clerks other than slowing down some voters using the machines that now have to vote all races	Neutral	Arent, P		LFA/ bill sent to agencies for fiscal input 1/5/2016
HB0146	Elections						
HB0158	Elections	CAMPAIGN FUNDS RESTRICTIONS AT COUNTY LEVEL	Requires clerks to review county & school board financial disclosures & pursue any expenditures that look to be for personal use. Already done at state level. Should clerks audit the content of financial reports?		Arent, P		LFA/ fiscal note publicly available 1/21/2016
SB0025	Elections	Ballot Amendments	Clerks' bill - Establishes ballot race ordering	Support	Draxler, J.	Dayton, M.	LFA/ fiscal note publicly available 12/16/2015
SB0026	Elections	Election Notice Amendments	Clerks' bill - Provides noticing options-removes long newspaper precinct lists	Support	Draxler, J.	Dayton, M.	LFA/ fiscal note sent to sponsor 12/24/2015
SB0027	Elections	Absentee Ballot Amendments	Clerks' bill - Changes mail date to 21 days rather than 28	Support	Draxler, J.	Dayton, M.	LFA/ fiscal note publicly available 12/16/2015
SB0046	Elections	State Education Governance Revision	Policy issue, doesn't impact us	Neutral	Jackson, A.		LFA/ bill sent to agencies for fiscal input 12/21/2015
No #	Elections	Ballot Proposition Amendments	Clerks' bill - aligns the notice requirements for arguments for/against propositions. Allows for public meetings to be held earlier (for by-mail jurisdictions)	Support	Fawson, J.		Protected
No #	Elections	Disposition of Ballots	Requires clerks to notify voters when by-mail ballot is rejected. Would recommend changing "no later than 24 hours" to "no later than one business day".	Needs work	Eliason, S.		Protected
No interest - Not Tracking							

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From: Sherrie Swensen
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 9:16 AM
To: Justin Lee
Cc: Lannie Chapman; Mark Pemberton; Charlotte Kuhn
Subject: RE: Salt Lake County Question

Thank you Justin. That is our reading too, but because Lauren wrote to Mark that it "encompasses all races," I thought I better confirm that there hadn't been a change. It would take a lot of extra time to conduct the audit if we included the judicial retention contests.



Sherrie Swensen

Salt Lake County Clerk

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From: Justin Lee <justinlee@utah.gov>
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 8:39 AM
To: Sherrie Swensen <sswensen@slco.org>
Cc: Ishafer@utah.gov; Mark Pemberton <MPemberton@slco.org>; Charlotte Kuhn <CKuhn@slco.org>
Subject: Re: Salt Lake County Question

Hi Sherrie,

Lauren is out this morning, but the way I read that you do not need to worry about the local school board or judicial contests since they are not partisan.

Thanks,

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

On Wed, Nov 4, 2020 at 6:30 PM Sherrie Swensen <sswensen@slco.org> wrote:

Hi Lauren,



Sherrie Swensen

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From: Lauren Shafer <lshafer@utah.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 8:44 AM
To: Mark Pemberton <MPemberton@slco.org>
Subject: Re: Salt Lake County Question

Mark this encompasses all races and the race should not change that I need the full list of AppID's for the machines I sent you as well as the deck numbers. Just like during the primary audit.

Does that help at all?

On Tue, Nov 3, 2020 at 7:14 PM Mark Pemberton <MPemberton@slco.org> wrote:

Is there any document that specifically says what types of races need to be audited and what races and be ignored?
Thanks.

Mark Pemberton

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Lauren Shafer

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From: Sherrie Swensen
To: Justin Lee
Cc: Hatch,Ricky; Ckoch@co.davis.ut.us; jwhittaker@ironcounty.net; Lannie Chapman
Subject: RE: State Funds for RCV voter education???
Date: Friday, February 12, 2021 3:31:07 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.jpg](#)

Thank you Justin. That will be helpful if we conduct elections with RCV.

From: Justin Lee <justinlee@utah.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 3:26 PM
To: Sherrie Swensen <SSwensen@slco.org>
Cc: Lannie Chapman <LKChapman@slco.org>; Ckoch@co.davis.ut.us; Hatch,Ricky <rhatch@co.weber.ut.us>; jwhittaker@ironcounty.net
Subject: Re: State Funds for RCV voter education???

That is correct. There was \$250k allocated in 2019, and we only used about \$50k. It can only be used for outreach, not to defray any other election costs.

Justin Lee
Director of Elections
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On Fri, Feb 12, 2021 at 3:24 PM Sherrie Swensen <SSwensen@slco.org> wrote:

Hi Justin,
Stan Lockhart announced the other day in a meeting I was in with the Association of Municipal Councils that the State has \$200,000 for RCV voter education. Is that correct?

Thank you,



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From: Got-Vote
Sent: Sunday, November 8, 2020 5:51 PM
To: Justin Lee - State Election Division (justinlee@utah.gov)
Subject: FW: Draper—Our votes has not been counted yet

From: Got-Vote <Got-Vote@slco.org>
Sent: Sunday, November 8, 2020 5:12 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Draper—Our votes has not been counted yet

You voted in person. If you are trying to TRACK YOUR BALLOT on the Lt. Governor's website, that tool is for people who voted by-mail so they can find out if their ballot was received by the Election Division after they mailed or dropped it in a ballot box.

When you voted in person, you reviewed your ballot on the voting machine and paper trail, and then CAST BALLOT. That is the equivalent of you dropping your ballot in the ballot box.

The in-person ballots were tabulated and included in the Election Night Results.
This is a snippet from your voter history in the database.

Office Holder Duplicate History Print ID Verification F3 Other State Voter Info F4

Individual Voting History

Voter [REDACTED]

Voter ID [REDACTED]

Election Name	Date	County	Precinct	Location	Type	Voted	Book:Line
[REDACTED]							

Here is [REDACTED]'s vote history:

Michelle Blue

From: Hatch,Ricky <rhatch@co.weber.ut.us>
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2016 5:27 PM
To: Sherrie Swensen; Curtis Koch (ckoch@co.davis.ut.us); jwhittaker@ironcounty.net
Cc: Rozan Mitchell; bmckenzie@daviscountyutah.gov; Cowley,Ryan; justinlee@utah.gov; mjthomas@utah.gov
Subject: Need your writing to include in the Press Kit
Attachments: VBM Press Conference discussion points.docx

Sherrie/Curtis/Jon,

We'd like to include in the press kit a written version of what we say at the press conference. I've attached the latest draft. Could you please write up what you plan to say, so we can include it in the press kit? Of course it doesn't need to be verbatim.

Here's the current list of items that are going into the press kit:

- Election contact list by county
- Important dates & deadlines
- Map of state, showing counties that are all by mail – mini version of the larger map we'll have up at the press conference
- Example of VBM return envelope & affidavit (planning to use Salt Lake's, but if Davis wants to bring some, that would be great, too!)
- Summary of presentation discussion points
- Facts & Figures about VBM statewide (i.e., how many voters will be mailed a ballot, total # of active registered voters, by county)

Jon – thanks for being willing to present at the conference!

Thanks,
R.

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

Vote by Mail Press Conference

June 2, 10 AM – Salt Lake County Clerk's Office

Ricky Hatch, Weber County: General awareness of Vote by Mail

Absentee voting in America began during the Presidential election of 1864, when 230K ballots were cast by soldiers fighting in the Civil War. It has been utilized in Utah for decades, and has become increasingly popular across the nation and in Utah over the past few years. Oregon and Washington have been voting by mail for almost 20 years, Colorado for three years, and over 50% of California's ballots are cast by mail. One fifth of all Utah voters have already requested to be placed on the permanent absentee list, and last year, 90% of all ballots were cast by mail in Salt Lake and Weber counties. This year, the number of Utahns who Vote by Mail will likely triple. Twenty of Utah's 29 counties will conduct their elections by mail, increasing accessibility, convenience, and informed voting for 70% of the voting population, almost 1 million voters, at a lower cost than in-person voting.

County Clerks are the first to admit that Vote by Mail is not a perfect elections system – no system is perfect, and counties will always provide options to voters. But, voting by mail provides several advantages over a traditional voting platform:

- First, and most important, Vote by Mail results in more informed and educated voters by proactively placing the ballot in front of the voter three weeks before Election Day. No more being surprised at the voting booth by a race, initiative, or constitutional amendment. A 2016 Weber State University survey found that 79% of voters feel that Vote by Mail allowed them to cast a more informed vote. Couples and families are more likely to discuss the ballot around the dinner table, and can research candidates and issues with the actual ballot in hand.
- Vote by Mail provides critical accessibility and convenience for homebound voters, voters with disabilities, parents of small children, and for people with long commutes and/or work hours.
- Perhaps the most touted benefit of Vote by Mail is increased voter turnout. Especially in traditionally quieter elections, such as primaries and special elections, statistics show an increase in voter turnout.
- The Vote by Mail election format is much simpler to administer than a polling-place format. Counties are not required to hire and train massive numbers of poll workers to handle the often complex and emotional voter situations that arise.
- Finally, Vote by Mail costs less, allows us to extend the life of our current voting equipment, and reduces the cost of future voting systems, as less voting equipment is needed.

While we use the term "Vote by Mail," it's really a hybrid election format. Vote by Mail counties will always have at least one polling place per county open on Election Day to serve voters who need assistance, who lost their ballot, or may have never received it, or who really want the experience of voting in person. Clerks worked with state lawmakers to amend state code to require at least one polling place per county.

Michelle Blue

From: Hatch,Ricky <rhatch@co.weber.ut.us>
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 5:40 PM
To: Brian McKenzie; Marla Young; Cowley,Ryan; Curtis Koch (ckoch@co.davis.ut.us); mgillette@tooeleco.org; Jess Bradfield; Sherrie Swensen; Lannie Chapman; Stephen Moore; jwhittaker@ironcounty.net; JoAnn Evans (jevans@duchesne.utah.gov); melanie.abplanalp@washco.utah.gov; Kim Hafen (kim.hafen@washco.utah.gov); Kent Jones (kentjones@summitcounty.org); krobinson@summitcounty.org; justin.anderson@cachecounty.org; zeke@uacnet.org; hunter@uacnet.org
Cc: justinlee@utah.gov
Subject: New election bill just dropped
Attachments: HB442 cost of cure letter changes.xlsx

Thanks Brian!

I've thrown together a spreadsheet that calculates the costs, based on several assumptions and actual data only from 2 counties at this point. But I think it's pretty close.
It shows an ongoing cost of about \$68K per high-turnout election, plus the one-time programming costs.

Many of these costs are already included in HB70 – Johnson's bill.

Also, Ryan pointed out that Business Reply Mailing costs are much higher for smaller counties, so I broke out counties by 1-3 class and 4-6.

Please take a look and let me know what you think and especially what your numbers of cure letters and active registered voters are.

One interesting note is that the cure rate for Davis and Weber is almost identical: 1.15%.

Now CC'ing Justin for a sanity check (questionable ☺) and b/c of programming costs.

R.

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Carpe Diem

From: Brian McKenzie <bmckenzie@co.davis.ut.us>
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 5:00 PM
To: Hatch,Ricky <rhatch@co.weber.ut.us>
Cc: Marla Young <myoung@boxeldercounty.org>; Cowley,Ryan <rcowley@co.weber.ut.us>; Curtis Koch (ckoch@co.davis.ut.us) <ckoch@co.davis.ut.us>; mgillette@tooeleco.org; Jess Bradfield <jess.bradfield@cachecounty.org>; SSWENSEN@SLCO.ORG; lkchapman@slco.org; smoore@slco.org; jwhittaker@ironcounty.net; JoAnn Evans (jevans@duchesne.utah.gov) <jevans@duchesne.utah.gov>; melanie.abplanalp@washco.utah.gov; Kim Hafen (kim.hafen@washco.utah.gov) <kim.hafen@washco.utah.gov>; Kent Jones (kentjones@summitcounty.org) <kentjones@summitcounty.org>; krobinson@summitcounty.org; justin.anderson@cachecounty.org; zeke@uacnet.org; hunter@uacnet.org
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Re: New election bill just dropped

I believe your costs are accurate. I would estimate we sent out about 2,000 cure letters.

I need to get a fiscal impact to the legislature by Monday AM. Please, let me know if this bill would impact you fiscally.

Thanks.

	0.011		\$ 0.63	\$ 1.20	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.02	
<u>County</u>	<u># of cure</u>	<u>Registered</u>	<u>Return</u>	<u>Return</u>			<u>Phone</u>
	<u>letters</u>	<u>voters</u>	<u>Postage-LG</u>	<u>Postage-SM</u>	<u>Email</u>	<u>Text</u>	<u>Calls</u>
Beaver	40	3,552		798	36	36	19
Box Elder	328	29,401		1,144	294	294	157
Cache	755	67,670	476		677	677	362
Carbon	124	11,068		898	111	111	59
Daggett	4	334		754	3	3	2
Davis	2,000	171,455	1,260		1,715	1,715	960
Duchesne	123	10,981		897	110	110	59
Emery	62	5,514		824	55	55	30
Garfield	30	2,724		786	27	27	15
Grand	59	5,254		820	53	53	28
Iron	311	27,911	196		279	279	150
Juab	69	6,159		832	62	62	33
Kane	46	4,079		805	41	41	22
Millard	78	7,005		844	70	70	38
Morgan	71	6,357		835	64	64	34
Piute	11	1,017		764	10	10	5
Rich	15	1,302		767	13	13	7
Salt Lake	6,895	617,837	4,344		6,178	6,178	3,309
San Juan	93	8,340		862	83	83	45
Sanpete	182	16,268		968	163	163	87
Sevier	129	11,598		905	116	116	62
Summit	250	22,401	157		224	224	120
Tooele	410	36,731	258		367	367	197
Uintah	219	19,666	138		197	197	105
Utah	3,682	329,992	2,320		3,300	3,300	1,768
Wasatch	193	17,281	121		173	173	93
Washington	1,008	90,367	635		904	904	484
Wayne	16	1,466		770	15	15	8
Weber	1,353	127,000	852		1,270	1,270	649
	18,555	1,660,728	10,759	15,273	16,607	16,607	8,906

Actual data

One-time programming: