

Rep Teuscher said that Winder might amend his bill to have RCV for General elections, and totally eliminate primary elections, and that he would pair it with a bill that is forthcoming from McCay that would alter the QPP signature-gathering requirements.

We should probably start thinking about what such a change would do to our strategy, especially our argument for consistency.

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

Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 8:29:26 PM

To: Curtis Koch; Cowley,Ryan; Brian McKenzie; Sherrie Swensen; Marla Young; Marilyn Gillette

Cc: Lincoln Shurtz; hunter@uacnet.org; Zeke Lee; Justin Lee

Subject: rep. teuscher's voter affiliation bill update

The representative called me tonight and said his sub will have a affiliation deadline of March 31st.

I told him the clerks would still oppose, but we had a good discussion. He is very reasonable, But the parties want this in place, and it will ipass pretty easily.

Michelle Blue

From: Hatch,Ricky <rhatch@co.weber.ut.us>
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 10:56 AM
To: alainal@juabcounty.com; bacrowther@sevier.utah.gov; bmckenzie@co.davis.ut.us; bpeart@richcountyut.org; braymond@daggettcounty.org; BrendaT@emery.utah.gov; bryan@uacnet.org; camille.moore@garfield.utah.gov; ckoch@co.davis.ut.us; clerkkj@kane.utah.gov; cyingling@utah.gov; datapro@manti.com; dianna.schaeffer@cacheccounty.org; djessen@ironcounty.net; Intern,Elections; gingermcmullin@beaver.utah.gov; jdnielson@sanjuancounty.org; jevans@duchesne.utah.gov; JGranger@wasatch.utah.gov; jjhansen@utah.gov; justin.anderson@cacheccounty.org; justinlee@utah.gov; jwhittaker@ironcounty.net; kgleave@piute.utah.gov; kim.hafen@washco.utah.gov; krobinson@summitcounty.org; Lannie Chapman; lori.perez@carbon.utah.gov; lshafer@utah.gov; Taylor,Lynn; markm@utah.gov; mcrook@wasatch.utah.gov; melanie.abplanalp@washco.utah.gov; mgillette@tooeleco.org; mhoward@summitcounty.org; mjackson@co.davis.ut.us; mrowley@co.millard.ut.us; mwilkins@uintah.utah.gov; myoung@boxeldercounty.org; Cowley,Ryan; rjudd@summitcounty.org; rwheeler@utah.gov; ryan@wayne.utah.gov; scwall@sevier.utah.gov; seth.marsing@carbon.utah.gov; slafitte@morgan-county.net; slyon@sanpetecountyutah.gov; Stephen Moore; sneill@sanpetecountyutah.gov; Sherrie Swensen; Scott Tingley; Stuart Tsai; swilkerson@morgan-county.net; tduncan@uintah.utah.gov; tlake@morgan-county.net; tmcmullin@beaver.utah.gov; wmcknight@wasatch.utah.gov; Lindsey Parkinson; qhall@grandcountyutah.net; 'Shaneal Bess'; amccoy@tooeleco.org
Subject: HB75 will be voted on soon in UAC meeting Please consider joining
Importance: High

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From: Hatch,Ricky
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 10:01 AM
To:
Subject: Link to UAC meeting

Here's the link to the UAC meeting. It's the same link that we use for our meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84419284179?pwd=VTAwc09rUzAvZzIvQW53ZX RabVE1QT09>

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From: Derek Brenchley <dbrenchley@utah.gov>
sent: Thursday, June 4, 2020 12:14 PM
To: Pam Tueller
Cc: Justin Lee; Sherrie Swensen; Lannie Chapman
Subject: Re: Conference Call to Discuss Drive-up Voting Messaging

Hi Pam,

We will be working on different text on the website this week, but it would be preferable that we place important information on the vote.utah.gov website rather than directing them to another website. When you talk about ballot issuance options, what kind of information do you plan on providing?

- Derek

On Thu, Jun 4, 2020 at 10:50 AM Pam Tueller <PTueller@slco.org> wrote:

Hello,

I just wanted to reach out with a request regarding the website and drive up ballot issuance listed on your website. As you work on the wording for the website could you include 'for specific information regarding ballot issuance options please contact your county clerk and then list the link to our website?'

Thank you,



Pam Tueller

Election Director

Salt Lake County Clerk

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Brigham City, Utah 84302

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Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see a shadow

From: Derek Brenchley [mailto:dbrenchley@utah.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:28 PM
To: Curtis Koch <ckoch@co.davis.ut.us>; Brian McKenzie <bmckenzie@co.davis.ut.us>; Sherrie Swensen <sswensen@slco.org>; Pam Tueller <PTueller@slco.org>; Rozan Mitchell <RozanMit@utahcounty.gov>; Jon Whittaker <jwhittaker@ironcounty.net>; Shanel Bess <sbess@ironcounty.net>; Marla Young <MYoung@boxeldercounty.org>; Cowley, Ryan <rcowley@co.weber.ut.us>; Ricky Hatch <rhatch@co.weber.ut.us>; Marilyn Gillette <mgillette@tooeleco.org>
Cc: Justin Lee (Google Drive) <justinlee@utah.gov>; Clinton YINGLING <cyingling@utah.gov>
Subject: Conference Call to Discuss Drive-up Voting Messaging

Good afternoon everyone,

We would like to get on a quick conference call with all of the drive-up voting counties and discuss the best way to message drive-up locations to voters, particularly on vote.utah.gov.

Would you be available for a call tomorrow, June 4th, at 1:00 pm?

Here are the call-in details:

Phone #: 1-877-820-7831

Code: 122966

Thanks,

Derek

Michelle Blue

From: Hatch,Ricky <r hatch@co.weber.ut.us>
Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2020 12:23 PM
To: Justin Lee
Cc: Sherrie Swensen; Cowley,Ryan; Derek Brenchley <dbrenchley@utah.gov> (dbrenchley@utah.gov); Curtis Koch; Brian McKenzie
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL]Re: [EXTERNAL]RE: [EXTERNAL]RE: minor misinformation from Huntsman campaign

Thank you for doing that, Justin. I hate to seem so grumpy, but I just don't want voters to misread it like I did that think they can vote, wait cancel, then vote again.

I appreciate your help!

R.

From: Justin Lee <justinlee@utah.gov>
Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2020 11:32:09 AM
To: Hatch,Ricky
Cc: Sherrie Swensen; Cowley,Ryan; Derek Brenchley <dbrenchley@utah.gov> (dbrenchley@utah.gov); Curtis Koch; Brian McKenzie
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Re: [EXTERNAL]RE: [EXTERNAL]RE: minor misinformation from Huntsman campaign

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I spoke with the campaign and explained the issues, including the code section you brought up Ryan. They are fixing their talking points and I think better understand the nuance of what needs to be communicated.

Thanks,
Justin

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On Sat, Jun 13, 2020 at 5:41 AM Cowley,Ryan <rcowley@co.weber.ut.us> wrote:

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.

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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**

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<image003.jpg>
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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.

If you happened to have already completed and sent in the nonpartisan ballot before receiving your Republican ballot, do not worry. You still have the option to complete and send in your Republican ballot as soon as it arrives in your mailbox. Your county clerk will then ensure that the nonpartisan ballot you may have sent in will not count. Instead, they will count your Republican ballot.

That certainly is true IF the voter spoils the ballot before we scan the envelope, but this ad doesn't say that. I think it may lead voters to think that they could cancel it any time; and we would spoil the ballot.

Anyway, just thought I'd share.

Thanks,

R.

From: Ricky Hatch <ricky.hatch@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 11:12 PM
To: Hatch,Ricky
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Fwd: Did you receive the correct primary ballot?

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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 switched from Unaffiliated to Republican, you may have been sent a nonpartisan ballot. **If you happened to have already completed and sent in the nonpartisan ballot before receiving your Republican ballot, do not worry. You still have the option to complete and send in your Republican ballot as soon as it arrives in your mailbox.** Your county clerk will then ensure that the nonpartisan ballot you may have sent in will not count. Instead, they will count your Republican ballot.

The same process applies to Democrats who may have switched to Republican. If you happen to have already completed and sent in your Democratic ballot, you can still send in

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.

"But there have been a lot of changes since then," she notes.

For example, former Democratic state senator Jim Dabakis urged Democrats to switch affiliation just for the primary to have a voice in the heavily Republican state for the many races here that are essentially decided in the GOP primary. Democratic leader Kem Gardner also wrote a Tribune op-ed urging the same saying the real Utah governor's race is in June, not November, given that a Democrat hasn't been elected to the office in 40 years.

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



Find more information about Jon Huntsman's Plan to Double Utah's Economy at

www.Huntsman2020.com

Please send your ballot back to your county clerk as soon as you can. You must be a registered Republican in order to vote in the Republican Primary. The



Make Sure You Are a Registered Republican

HUNTSMAN
KAUFUSI
GOVERNOR 2020

Play Video 

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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Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 11:47 AM
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Cc: hunter@uacnet.org; Lincoln Shurtz (lincoln@uacnet.org); Zeke Lee
Subject: HB75 (the "force county to run city election" bill passed the house today-need work on the Senate

As we thought, HB75 passed the house floor. The votes are shown below. A red "No" vote is what we want.

It's crucial that we contact our Senators. When we contact people, it makes a HUGE difference. Look at how effective we are when we talk to them:

71% of the Representatives we contacted voted "no" on HB75.

88% of the Representatives we did not contact voted "yes" on HB75.

This is overwhelming proof that our legislators listen to us – please keep it up!

Thanks,
R.

District	Rep/Senator	Party	County	Contacted?	HB75
1	Ferry, Joel	R	Box Elder, Cache	Yes	No
2	Moss, Jefferson	R	Utah		Yes
3	Petersen, Michael J.	R	Cache		No
4	Johnson, Dan N.	R	Cache		Yes
5	Snider, Casey	R	Cache	Yes	No
6	Maloy, A. Cory	R	Utah		Yes

42	<u>Teuscher, Jordan D.</u>	R	Salt Lake	Yes
43	<u>Acton, Cheryl K.</u>	R	Salt Lake	Yes
44	<u>Stoddard, Andrew</u>	D	Salt Lake	Yes
45	<u>Eliason, Steve</u>	R	Salt Lake	Yes
46	<u>Bennion, Gay Lynn</u>	D	Salt Lake	Yes
47	<u>Christiansen, Steve R.</u>	R	Salt Lake	Yes
48	<u>Stratton, Keven J.</u>	R	Utah	Yes
49	<u>Spendlove, Robert M.</u>	R	Salt Lake	No
50	<u>Pulsipher, Susan</u>	R	Salt Lake	No
51	<u>Stenquist, Jeffrey D.</u>	R	Salt Lake	Yes
52	<u>Pierucci, Candice B.</u>	R	Salt Lake	HB75 sponsor
53	<u>Birkeland, Kera</u>	R	Daggett, Duchesne, Morgan, Rich, Summit	Yes
54	<u>Kohler, Mike L.</u>	R	Summit, Wasatch	Absent
55	<u>Chew, Scott H.</u>	R	Duchesne, Uintah	No
56	<u>Christofferson, Kay J.</u>	R	Utah	No
57	<u>Hawkins, Jon</u>	R	Utah	Yes
58	<u>Lund, Steven J.</u>	R	Juab, Sanpete	Absent
59	<u>Peterson, Val L.</u>	R	Utah	No
60	<u>Abbott, Nelson T.</u>	R	Utah	Yes
61	<u>Judkins, Marsha</u>	R	Utah	Yes
62	<u>Seegmiller, Travis M.</u>	R	Washington	No
63	<u>Robertson, Adam</u>	R	Utah	Yes
64	<u>Thurston, Norman K.</u>	R	Utah	Yes
65	<u>Gibson, Francis D.</u>	R	Utah	Absent
66	<u>Burton, Jefferson S.</u>	R	Utah	Yes
67	<u>Welton, Doug R.</u>	R	Utah	Yes
68	<u>Nelson, Merrill F.</u>	R	Beaver, Juab, Millard, Tooele, Utah	Yes/Yes
69	<u>Watkins, Christine F.</u>	R	Carbon, Duchesne, Emery, Grand	No
70	<u>Albrecht, Carl R.</u>	R	Emery, Grand, Sanpete, Sevier	No
71	<u>Last, Bradley G.</u>	R	Iron, Washington	Yes
72	<u>Shipp, Rex P.</u>	R	Iron	No
73	<u>Lyman, Phil</u>	R	Beaver, Garfield, Kane, Piute, San Juan, Sevier, Wayne	Yes
74	<u>Snow, V. Lowry</u>	R	Washington	No
75	<u>Brooks, Walt</u>	R	Washington	Yes

Michelle Blue

From: Derek Brenchley <dbrenchley@utah.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 12:25 PM
To: Pam Tueller
Cc: Justin Lee; Sherrie Swensen; Lannie Chapman
Subject: Re: Cares Act Election Funding

Thank you, Pam. I glanced this over and saw \$140,000 for the postcards. Is this split \$70K/\$70K for the primary/general, or will the \$140K be used prior to the primary election?

- Derek

On Mon, May 4, 2020 at 10:37 AM Pam Tueller <PTueller@slco.org> wrote:

Good morning Derek,

Attached is the request for funding additions to the 2020 Primary and General elections in Salt Lake County due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This list is items that have been estimated at this time, but I want to point out we may discover that more items need to be added or actual costs may be different than the estimates. If this happens I will send you notice if that happens.

Thank you,



Pam Tueller

Election Director

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Michelle Blue

From: Derek Brenchley <dbrenchley@utah.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 4:23 PM
To: Pam Tueller
Cc: Justin Lee; Sherrie Swensen; Lannie Chapman
Subject: Re: Cares Act Election Funding

Thank you for the clarification. Have a good afternoon!

On Mon, May 4, 2020 at 3:06 PM Pam Tueller <PTueller@slco.org> wrote:

Derek,

I put in \$140,000 for both elections because I did not know how big the primary would be and exactly what we were going to send out so I didn't break it down per election, but it is for both elections.

Thank you,



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From: Derek Brenchley <dbrenchley@utah.gov>
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From: Hatch,Ricky <rhatch@co.weber.ut.us>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 5:00 PM
To: Justin Lee; CountyClerks
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL]Presidential Primary Ballot Issue

Would recommend we follow the same logic we would if they were to walk into a vote center. We wouldn't automatically hand a registered Republican a Democratic ballot. Would we automatically hand an Unaffiliated voter a Democratic ballot? If not, we probably shouldn't automatically mail them a ballot either. Rather, we should ask them (via a letter) if they would like to receive a Dem ballot.

This decision should stand whether or not the GOP has a primary. If we automatically mail Dem ballots to unaffiliated voters in the Pres. Primary, will we do the same thing for the regular primary, even if there's a Republican primary? I think we would probably want to send the Unaffiliates a letter in that case.

Just my \$0.02

R.

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From: Justin Lee <justinlee@utah.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 3:02 PM
To: CountyClerks <CountyClerks@utah.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Presidential Primary Ballot Issue

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Dear County Clerks,

In just two weeks we will know which candidates, and which political parties, will be on the March 3 presidential primary ballot. We have had several candidates declare for the Democratic primary but only one candidate declare for the Republican primary. Unless another candidate declares for the Republican primary, there is a possibility that you will only need to hold a Democratic primary election.

As you know, the Democratic party has an open primary, meaning any voter can vote in that primary. I want to get your feedback on what we should do as a state if there is only a Democratic primary. Should the Democratic ballot be mailed to all voters since all voters are eligible to vote? Since we have the funding for a full election covering the cost of sending all voters a ballot would not be a problem. We will want to be untied if this becomes an issue and be consistent when it comes to who gets a ballot in the mail.

Michelle Blue

From: Hatch,Ricky <rhatch@co.weber.ut.us>
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2020 10:38 AM
To: Justin Lee; VSUsersGroup Voting-Systems-Users-Group
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL]Party affiliation on ballot envelopes

Weber has no party identification on its envelopes.

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From: Justin Lee <justinlee@utah.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2020 8:43 AM
To: VSUsersGroup Voting-Systems-Users-Group <vsug@utah.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Party affiliation on ballot envelopes

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Good morning,

I don't believe this happens in Utah, but a legislator reached out to me with concerns so I told him I would double-check. We want to do whatever we can to give people confidence in voting by mail.

There is a video circulating on social media that shows by mail ballot envelopes and included in the barcode number is an R or a D. The video claims this shows a voter's party affiliation and a malicious actor could identify R or D ballots and make sure they never arrive. ([See link to story here.](#)) I've also attached a screenshot of the envelopes the legislator sent to me.

Does any county have any kind of affiliation indication on their envelope?

ZMMZzFD%3DN1OdhkBzuTPA%2540mail.gmail.com&HK=C20D644737D9DBD0BA5849EF3506A1CB53716B028354768815748EAEEAE83CE8.

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You received this message because you are subscribed to the Google Groups "vsug@utah.gov" group.
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vsug+unsubscribe@utah.gov.

To view this discussion on the web visit

<https://groups.google.com/a/utah.gov/d/msgid/vsug/b1595153cf7342cd83aa3ac745e29a8c%40co.weber.ut.us>.

Michelle Blue

From: Derek Brenchley <dbrenchley@utah.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 2:44 PM
To: Pam Tueller
Cc: Justin Lee; Sherrie Swensen; Rashelle Hobbs
Subject: Re: Candidate Certification

Hi Pam,

The Democratic Party can hold their convention on the 28th, and they are required to certify their convention candidates to us on April 30th. We plan on sending out our primary election certification the evening of April 30th at the latest. We're aware of the conflict in law, and we plan on "cleaning it up" in the next legislative session.

- Derek

On Wed, Apr 4, 2018 at 11:25 AM, Pam Tueller <PTueller@slco.org> wrote:

Good morning,

It has come to our attention that if you look on the State Democratic website it says their State Convention will be held on April 28th. We were wondering how this will be possible to have their convention after the certification of candidates is sent out by the Lt. Governor's office on April 25th. Do you know anything about this, is it possible their website is wrong?

Thank you,



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From: Hatch,Ricky <rhatch@co.weber.ut.us>
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2020 6:45 PM
To: Frank Pignanelli; Hinckley Institute of Politics Staff Calendar; AmeliaP@utahcounty.gov; Justin Lee; Sherrie Swensen
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL]Hinckley Forum: Election Security & Voting Rights. Potential Topics

Frank,

I've included below some thoughts I put together for the Tribune last month. Comments about Fraud, Advantages and Drawbacks of voting by mail. Sorry it's so long - feel free to skip some or even all of it. There are links to several studies and articles that may be helpful.

Looking forward to it!

R.

The voters who will have problems are those who do not have current registration info with their election official. If you want to make sure you get a ballot in time, make sure your address and registration status are current. It's easy – in most states, you can look up and update that info online.

Many states have ballot drop boxes that completely bypass the Postal Service. In fact, a 2017 EAC report found that the majority of by-mail ballots are returned by means other than the Postal Service.

We've been voting by mail in UT since 2012. In 2016, President Trump won Utah's electoral votes in a by-mail election.

Discouraging people from voting by mail will harm President Trump's own campaign effort, as voting by mail increases turnout by 5-7 %. Down-ballot Republican candidates will suffer as well. Pres. Trump's effort to convince his base not to use VBM essentially functions opposite of a get-out-the-vote effort.

- Fraud? How many problems do we have? What type? What steps now help prevent it (signature matching, etc.). When election fraud occurs, it is much more likely to be voter registration fraud rather than voting fraud. People registering at an address that they don't live at, not updating their address and still voting, etc. Studies nationwide have repeatedly shown virtually no election fraud occurring. Here's a good resource on fraud: <https://www.heritage.org/voterfraud>. In 2018, Weber County identified 18 people (out of about 85,000 ballots cast) who, in our opinion, blatantly attempted to vote twice. Our controls prevented each of them from actually voting twice. Working with our County Attorney, we had the FBI contact and interrogate every voter. Because this is an open case, we can't comment further, but know this: election officials, county attorneys, and the FBI are keen on identifying, preventing, and prosecuting election fraud. To prevent fraud, the signature matching is a key control (EVERY signature is compared, not just a sample). Our election judges are trained in handwriting analysis. Another control is that we record the voter's envelope upon receipt in our statewide voter database, so a voter couldn't vote in more than one county. We're one of 30 states that belong to an organization called ERIC (<https://ericstates.org/>), which checks for voters who register in more than one state. Return envelopes have unique IDs known only to our voter registration database, so for someone to successfully create replacement envelopes, they would need access to that system. Ballots are printed on special paper and have unique characteristics that make it almost impossible to duplicate. Several counties have machines that can tell if an envelope is not the original envelope sent to the voter, or if two ballots are included in one

elections in 2020. Our vote center in March processed the same number of in-person voters as our November, 2019 election (which had six vote centers), and the longest wait was 7 minutes. Regarding cost, two benefits come to mind: reduced cost and predictable costs. In 2005, the state purchased voting equipment for in-person voting. It spent about \$27M. In 2018, we had to replace the equipment. Even with inflation, the new equipment only cost \$13M statewide, because we replaced our in-person equipment with centralized processing equipment. Election budgets have peaks and valleys, depending on the year and the voter turnout. Presidential elections are always the highest spikes, and municipal elections are always the valleys. VBM mostly eliminates these budget swings. I compared the cost per active voter for Weber County voters in 2018, the year we replaced our equipment. A polling-place based model would have cost \$2.45 per active voter. The VBM model cost \$1.44 per active voter.

- Others? All counties use drop boxes for voters to return ballots. Drop boxes offer a few benefits: 1) they don't require postage, 2) the ballots go directly to the election office, rather than through the postal service. Weber County has 21 drop boxes (one at each city, one at each county library, and one on Weber State University's campus). We analyzed the distance of every voting household to the nearest drop box. The average distance was 1.5 miles. Drop boxes are convenient and secure, locked when not in use. We also have equipment in them than can snuff out a fire inside the box without damaging the ballots. More voters in Weber County use the drop boxes than the USPS. Since Weber doesn't provide prepaid return postage, drop boxes save county taxpayers about \$50K per year.

Voters love the convenience, especially older voters, voters with busy schedules, voters with disabilities, and voters who commute/travel a lot. A 2016 Weber State survey of 1,600 voters found that 2/3 of all voters preferred to either mail their ballot or drop in in a drop box, and 70% supported the county's choice to move to VBM.

Problems:

- Delay in results - except for the June primary (which necessitated quarantining ballots and had an election day postmark deadline), most counties include 80-90% of the total ballots cast in their election night report. Yes, that percentage is still less than a polling place model would provide (probably 95% on election night); however, with VBM, the results that are reported on election night are a hugely statistically representative sample of the full election. Percentage points rarely shift by more than 1% between election night and the canvass. With the periodic releasing of results after election day, most counties release their updated results by the Friday after election day, and these account for close to 100% of the total results. Even in June, with the quarantining of ballots, when Weber County received almost 50% of its ballots too late to include in the election night reports, our updated report on the Thursday after the election accounted for 97% of all ballots cast.

- Extra ballots could be in circulation (adding risk for fraud) if ballots are sent to inactive voters? Does that happen here, or do ballot go just to active voters? Utah mails ballots only to active voters. However, extra ballots don't pose extra risk, because our system allows for only one ballot to be counted. I could mail you ten ballots, and you could return them all, plus try to vote in person. Our system would only allow the first ballot in - the rest, including your in-person attempt, would be rejected. Each envelope has a number that is unique to that voter and that specific ballot. If a voter requests another ballot, we spoil the number of the first ballot, and even if they tried to return it, our system would flag it as spoiled. One other huge benefit of VBM - our voter rolls are squeaky clean. A 2012 Brennan Center report found that one in eight registrations was invalid or significantly inaccurate (<https://www.brennancenter.org/sites/default/files/publications/Case%20Voter%20Registration%20Modernization.pdf>). I think that number was low. In 2013, when Weber County conducted its first by-mail election, almost 20% of our ballots were returned undeliverable, meaning 20% of our active voters had moved and we didn't know it. On average, about 16% of voters move each year. VBM allows us to scrub our voter rolls every election to reduce extra ballots and unnecessary ballots. In contrast to our 20% undeliverables in 2013, our undeliverable percentage in June's primary election was just 0.8%. Squeaky clean! Counties periodically run their voter lists through the National Change of Address database to proactively identify people who have moved. Then we contact them and help them update their registration.

Hinckley Forum: Election Security & Voting Rights

Issues to consider:

Utah rankings high for voter security
-why?

-Potential issues in November

-Process to protect voter security

Drive-by voting in Utah

-what will be the options in November

-Security

Is there a voter fraud in Utah?

Utah voters and the Postal Service

-Could Utah repeat Pennsylvania problem of delays
-USPC mailer(Colorado lawsuit)

Utah voters support vote by mail

-difference between 90% and 70%

-any challenges expected because of mail

Experience with any voter suppression in Utah?

Voting in a pandemic Part II

Election law changes for November

Harvesting of ballots?

Expectations of final results

Importance of local jurisdiction in controlling election procedures

Thanks,

Frank

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On Sep 24, 2020, at 9:48 AM, Hinckley Institute of Politics Staff Calendar <HIPstaff@hinckley.utah.edu> wrote:

MOLLY WHEELER is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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From: Derek Brenchley <dbrenchley@utah.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 11:48 AM
To: Rozan Mitchell
Cc: Mark Thomas; Justin Lee; Sherrie Swensen; Rashelle Hobbs; Pam Tueller; Bryan Thompson
Subject: Re: Ballot Preference Letters
Attachments: Letter to Voters.docx

Hi Rozan,

I mocked this letter up several months ago for the 2018 election, but it's a (very) rough draft. If you'd like, you're welcome to use or change it.

- Derek

On Mon, May 22, 2017 at 8:34 AM, Rozan Mitchell <RMitchell@slco.org> wrote:
Everyone,

I have some thoughts on a revised preference letter. I would be happy to take a stab at it on Wednesday. I am hoping that maybe everyone will use the same form and that the State will weigh in on it.

Let me know if anyone is working on a form.

Thanks

Rozan

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From: Hatch,Ricky <r hatch@co.weber.ut.us>
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2020 4:36 PM
To: Frank Pignanelli; Hinckley Institute of Politics Staff Calendar; AmeliaP@utahcounty.gov; Justin Lee; Sherrie Swensen
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL]Hinckley Forum: Election Security & Voting Rights Outline

Thanks Frank.

Here's a quick discussion on NPR that talks about the possible shift from a Republican-heavy in-person vote to a Democratic vote after mail ballots are counted. This is the first time I've heard the terms "red mirage" and "blue shift." Full story: <https://www.upr.org/post/trump-wont-promise-peaceful-transfer-power-after-election>

"I think what the president seems to be doing is to say, as he has done in the past, especially for elections in Florida in 2018, that the only - the election night tally should be accepted. Any outstanding mail-in ballots that often take days, sometimes weeks, to count shouldn't count. And it's possible that he's laying the groundwork to say the election should be over on election night if he has a lead in the mail-in ballots. Sometimes this is called the red mirage because more Republicans will vote in person; more Democrats will vote by mail. But then over time, as votes are counted, you get something, like, that's called a blue shift. It happened in 2018. And the president sounds like he's getting ready to challenge the results of the election."

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Subject: [EXTERNAL]Hinckley Forum: Election Security & Voting Rights Outline

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Everyone, thank you again for a great preparatory call. Even though I am an old political hack, I really treasure how much I learn from all of you each time we interact.

I have prepared a outline of issues for us to cover on Monday. I incorporated some of the great thoughts that Ricky provided in this email earlier today.

Of course, we're not wedded to all this and feel free to take the discussion a different direction.

From: Eryn Hurley <EHurley@naco.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 2:35 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL]UPDATE: U.S. to remain in UPU

Hello all!

Writing to you today with an exciting (we hope!) update on the Universal Postal Union (UPU) agreement.

Earlier today, the Trump Administration announced it had reached an agreement with the UN, meaning that the U.S. is expected to remain in the UPU.

During the UPU session, stakeholders were able to reach a compromise to reform the UN's fee structure. Under the deal, starting January 2021, the U.S. and other countries that import large quantities of mail and packages from other countries are allowed to begin "self-declared rates" on distribution of mail from foreign countries. Additionally, countries with more than 75,000 tons in mail imported annually – mainly the U.S. – may apply their "self-declared rates" starting July 2020.

A couple of articles on the decision are below – happy to talk more in depth if any of you would like to!

Additional resources:

- For an article from the Hill, [click here](#).
- For an article from Reuters, [click here](#).

If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to reach out!

Very best,

Eryn

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Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 4:31 PM
To: Justin Lee; Sherrie Swensen; Curtis Koch
Cc: Cowley,Ryan; Brian McKenzie; Lannie Chapman
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL]Mobile Voting Bill

Thanks for checking.

Not a fan of requiring a county to employ a certain voting methodology.

Also worried that the funding would be there for a couple of years, and then be revoked, leaving counties the choice of paying themselves or telling voters they have to "go back" to how things were done before.

But, it would be nice to try out the various platforms in a smaller, more controlled environment.

I'd love to get the thoughts of others – I'm sure I'm missing some considerations.

R.

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Senator Bramble is curious what your thoughts would be if he substituted the mobile voting pilot bill with an expansion of online voting for UOCAVA voters. Right now any county could opt in, but he's wondering what your thoughts would be if larger counties had to offer online voting whether Voatz, Democracy Live, or some other platform. I told him there would have to be funding attached for it to even be considered. Thoughts?

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From: Hatch,Ricky <rhatch@co.weber.ut.us>
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To: Brian McKenzie (bmckenzie@co.davis.ut.us); Rozan Mitchell; scottch@utahcounty.gov; Cowley,Ryan
Cc: Curtis Koch (ckoch@co.davis.ut.us); Bryan Thompson (BryanT@utahcounty.gov); Sherrie Swensen; justinlee@utah.gov; mjthomas@utah.gov; Arie Van De Graaff (arie@uacnet.org)
Subject: Ranked Choice Voting - need to contact vendors

We need to contact the main voting machine vendors to see if they have received EAC certification for any of their systems that also can do ranked choice voting. **Would any of you be willing to contact the following vendors to see if they have any certifications?**

- Dominion:
- ES&S:
- Everyone Counts:
- Hart:
- Clear Ballot: Ryan (voluntold)

As of last year this time, only one system (Unisyn) has EAC certification for a system that allows ranked choice voting. If this is going to be one of our main arguments against Rep. Robert's amendment to HB334, we should make sure our facts are correct. I checked on the EAC site and found that Hart InterCivic also appears to have an EAC certification for a system that has ranked choice voting functionality. The results are as follows, but I'm not sure I've looked at all of the right documents.

EAC Certified, but NOT for Ranked Choice

- Dominion's Voting Democracy Suite 4.0 and Assure 1.3.
- ES&S's EVS 5.0 and Unity 3 series
- MicroVote EMS

EAC Certified, INCLUDING Ranked Choice functionality

- Hart InterCivic's Verity Voting 1.0
- Unisyn's OpenElect

Clear Ballot doesn't even appear on the EAC site. What's up with that?

Please let me know if you can contact any of these vendors. I have a call into the NCSL and the EAC.

Thanks,

R.

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From: Hatch,Ricky [mailto:rhatch@co.weber.ut.us]
Sent: Monday, February 29, 2016 12:30 PM

To: vsugleg@utah.gov

Subject: HB334 - Good news and bad news

FYI – HB 334 1st Substitute passed the floor of the house this morning. That's the good news.

Michelle Blue

From: Hatch,Ricky <rhatch@co.weber.ut.us>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 12:37 PM
To: Hatch,Ricky; Justin Lee; VSUsersGroup Voting-Systems-Users-Group
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL]GRAMA Request for Ballots

And no, I didn't say "steal." Get your minds out of the gutter!😊

I thought there was a law that ballots could not be examined after the canvass, except under court order.

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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,

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Cc: Brandy Grace
Subject: FYI - RCV County Seat will air Sept. 27

Derek Dousett said it is looking to be a good show and will hopefully inform people on the complications/inconsistencies RCV brings.

He spoke with Amelia (not sure if it was on camera or not). He asked her if RCV really alters results the results. She said, "Not really, it just makes people feel better."

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Cc: AmeliaP@utahcounty.gov
Subject: Caucus, Convention, Political Parties, and Election Experts

Hi everyone, and happy filing day!

Heads up: you likely have heard that the two main state political parties have canceled their state conventions. This certainly presents a challenge for them to run their elections, and they have approached a few county elections folks for advice and possibly for assistance. Curtis, Brian, Rozan, Amelia, Ryan and I have spent a bit of our evening hours exploring election format options with the Utah Republican Party leadership, and they have also reached out to the Utah Democratic Party leadership.

Ideas that are being considered range from a VBM solution to a fully online election. Given the high number of candidates in certain races, and the fact that they can't do multiple round voting, they are also considering ranked choice voting or approval voting.

The Republican party chair has asked Amelia Powers-Gardiner to research the options. In the meetings, she has repeatedly encouraged party leadership to consult with their local county clerk, who is the elections expert in their counties.

All this detail to say, you might be getting calls from your county parties with questions. Given the last-minute nature, the complexity of the situation, and the importance to the parties to get this right, there is a chance that both parties may ask us if they can contract with us to help them administer portions of their elections. It's nice to know they trust us as election experts, but it also presents a risk, not just because we're already kind of busy, but also the perception that we're helping out the parties. If we treat all parties fairly and equally, this concern should be minimized.



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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.

If you happened to have already submitted your Republican ballot, do not submit your Republican ballot as soon as you receive your nonpartisan ballot. Instead, submit the nonpartisan ballot you mail in and then submit your Republican ballot.

That certainly is true IF the voter's intent is to receive a nonpartisan ballot. I think it may lead voters to think

Anyway, just thought I'd share.
Thanks,
R.

Does Ricky Hatch gmail need to be redacted?

Submit your nonpartisan ballot before receiving your Republican ballot. Complete and send in your ballot as soon as you receive it. Your county clerk will then ensure that your ballot is counted.

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From: Ricky Hatch <ricky.hatch@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 11:12 PM
To: Hatch,Ricky
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Fwd: Did you receive the correct primary ballot?

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From: **Jon Huntsman** <jon@huntsman2020.com>
Date: Fri, Jun 12, 2020 at 6:44 PM
Subject: Did you receive the correct primary ballot?
To: Ricky Hatch <ricky.hatch@gmail.com>

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Dear Ricky,

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

If you recently registered as Republican but didn't get a GOP ballot, Utah election officials say you'll get a new one



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

to such people, "so it won't count if they send it in." And clerks send out a new one.

She said people have a deadline of June 19 to register or switch party affiliation and still receive a new by-mail ballot. Unaffiliated voters (but not Democrats) may also register as Republican at in-person election day voting centers or at early voting sites.

[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.



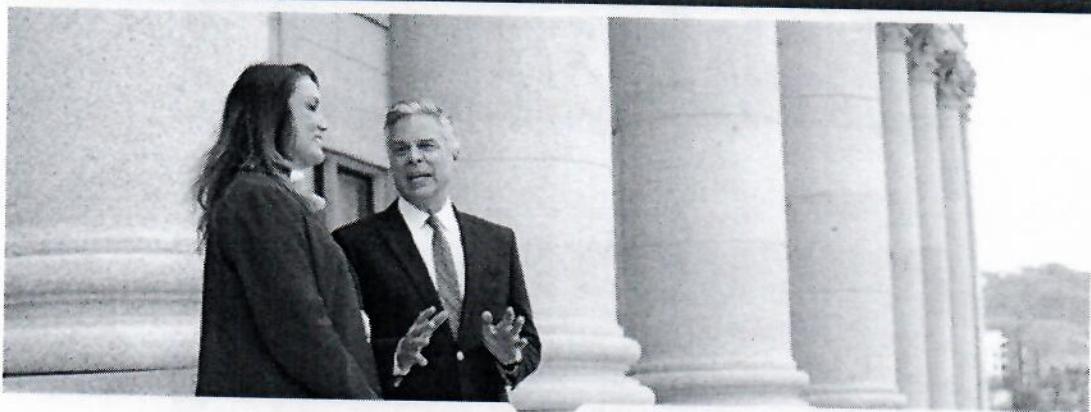
Make Sure You Are a Registered Republican!



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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Legislators are getting lobbied hard to vote for the various RCV bills. If we want to defeat this, we each have to use our relationships with our legislators.

Please email your representatives and senators providing them the attached Joint Statement. Below is a draft email you are welcome to use, but please change it so it's in your voice, and is not just another form email that they will discard. It's more effective if you send this individually to each legislator and not in a group email.

Dear _____

I want to reach out to you regarding the ongoing discussion and proposed legislation related to alternative voting methods. I have had a number of discussions with my fellow Clerks, mostly related to Ranked Choice Voting, but also about a number of other alternative voting methods. I would like to share some of our perspectives as you consider the many options that are before the Legislature. Attached to this email is a joint statement from the Clerk/Auditor Association regarding alternative voting methods and the importance of consistency in elections.

Thank you for your service and consideration on this subject. If I can be of any help, please let me know.

Sincerely,



JOINT STATEMENT OF COUNTY CLERK/AUDITORS ON ELECTORAL REFORM

January 21, 2021

We the Clerk/Auditor Association of the State of Utah, provide this joint statement regarding the consideration of Electoral Reform within the State of Utah.

Electoral Reform within the State of Utah has been most recently centered in the subject of alternative voting methods, specifically Ranked Choice Voting, and has been the focus of several pieces of legislation over the past several years. Other voting methods have also been brought forward, including Approval Voting, Star Voting, and Runoff Elections, among others. These various methods of voting propose a fundamental reformation to the way our elected representatives are chosen.

Electoral Reform is not new to the State, as is evident in its transition to a primarily vote-by-mail state. During this transition the greatest lesson that was learned, was the importance in consistency in voting methods, and here lies our primary concern with the current Electoral Reform proposals.

The considerations currently being discussed, provide for only occasional, or conditional implementation of an alternative voting method. This approach is problematic as it creates different rules for different elections, it creates different processes and procedures, and changes voter's expectations from election to election.

We recognize that each alternative voting method may have its strengths and weaknesses. The county clerks have taken public positions on some of these methods, but regardless of this, if the Legislature believes an alternative voting method is needed, it is our desire that a thorough, independent, study of all alternative voting methods be conducted. That specific goals and objectives be formulated, that the best voting method be selected to meet these goals and objectives and that the selected method be fully implemented for all elections in order to instill consistency and confidence in the election process.

If change is needed to our current process, then change should be made, but let's make sure the correct change is made and that the process be consistent throughout the state and throughout every election.

As the Public Officials charged with administering our State's elections we are committed to providing fair, transparent and secure elections. We offer our support, our knowledge and expertise in this effort.

Michelle Blue

From: Hatch,Ricky <rhatch@co.weber.ut.us>
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 5:00 PM
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Cc: hunter@uacnet.org
Subject: Pro RCV narrative of County Clerks attempting to undermine cities doing RCV

Here's Stan Lockhart's email to legislators, painting clerks as consciously undermining RCV efforts and basically misleading the legislature. Just so you know what their narrative is.

The bill is on the house floor calendar, so please reach out to your representatives. Whether or not this passes, Mr. Lockhart's mischaracterization hurts the reputation we have worked so hard to repair and maintain.

Thanks,
R.

From: Stan Lockhart <stanlockhartutah@gmail.com>
Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at PM
Subject: HB 75 Municipal Alternative Voting Methods Pilot Project Amendments

Dear Representative _____,

HB 75 Municipal Alternative Voting Methods Pilot Project Amendments will soon be before you on the floor of the House. This bill passed out of House Government Operations Committee 10-0.

HB 75's purpose is to facilitate implementation of the ranked choice voting pilot for municipal elections. Three years ago the Legislature authorized cities to opt into ranked choice voting for municipal elections. The pilot passed overwhelmingly.