



COUNTY AND CITIES COME TO AGREEMENT ON BALLOT OPTIONS

CEDAR HILLS - Last month city officials expressed concern over a decision made by Utah County Commissioners to not allow cities that had implemented an all vote-by-mail campaign to place the local sales tax increase on mailed ballots. This decision would either force the five Utah County cities that had gone to a vote-by-mail program to abandon that campaign, or would require the voters of those cities to vote twice - once by mail for the municipal election and once in person for the County election. City officials are pleased to announce that after many discussions, the cities and county have come to an agreement that will allow the local sales tax increase to be included in mailed ballots.

As part of the proposal, the following items have been agreed to:

- The five cities who had implemented an all vote-by-mail campaign could continue with the vote-by-mail process.
- The County will be in charge of administering the election, including the processing and counting of ballots.
- The cities will play a secondary role and will assist and monitor throughout the process.
- All vote-by-mail ballots will be returned to the County.
- All vote-by-mail cities will be responsible to run an accessible polling station in their city on Election Day under the direction of the County.
- The cost of the election will be shared between the County and individual cities.
- The County will canvass the tax ballot issue and the cities will canvass their municipal ballot candidates and issues.

“We are very pleased with this agreement,” stated Mayor Gary Gygi. “We have seen a tremendous increase in voter turnout with the vote-by-mail option and feel that the original decision discouraged the efforts of cities to increase voter participation. This proposal allows each Utah County city to determine how to best run their elections without penalizing any for instituting a vote-by-mail system.”

Ballots will be mailed to Cedar Hills residents 30 days prior to the general election, which is November 3rd. Results will be canvassed by the City and County on November 17th.

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