NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Salt Lake County Council will conduct a public meeting to receive input from the public with respect to the imposition of the "County Option Sales and Use Tax For Highways and Public Transit." The public meeting will be held at ***6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2015*** at the County Government Center, Room N1-110, 2001 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah. All members of the public are invited to attend and participate in the public meeting. Prior to the public meeting, members of the public may submit written comments to the attention of the County Council Clerk's Office, 2001 South State Street, Room N2-700A, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114.

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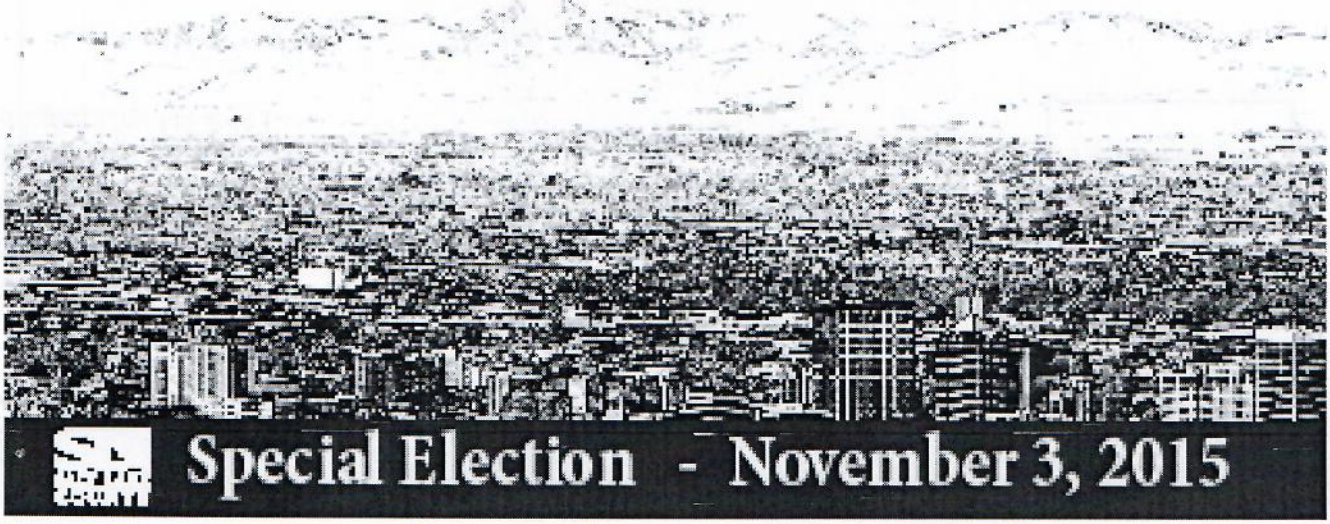
VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET

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



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County Proposition #6

Unincorporated Salt Lake County Island No. 39

Question: Shall the unincorporated island bounded by that portion of unincorporated Salt Lake County located on Four B Lane (9400 South and approximately 1050 West) between the boundaries of West Jordan City on the North, South Jordan City on the West and South, and Sandy City on the East along the Jordan River; excepting any areas already included within the municipal boundaries of Sandy City, West Jordan City, and South Jordan City, Utah labeled as Unincorporated Salt Lake County Island No. 39 on the enclosed map be annexed by South Jordan City or remain unincorporated?

- ☐ Annex into South Jordan City
- ☐ Remain an Unincorporated

Argument For Annexation Into South Jordan City

South Jordan City is anxious to have the 10-acre section of unincorporated property located in and around Four B Lane approximately between 1100 West and the Jordan River annexed into South Jordan. The South Jordan City Council affirmed their desire to annex this 10-acre section on May 19, 2015, when they approved resolution R2015-39 agreeing to annex this 10-acre section of unincorporated island. By annexing this section of property into South Jordan, residents will formally receive the quality services that immediate adjacent South Jordan City neighbors currently receive and by default in many cases residents in this section already receive. As an immediate benefit, fiscal evaluations conducted by Zions Bank Public Finance (The full report is located at: http://www.slco.org/community-preservation/financial-information/) show that residents in the area may realize a net average reduction in taxes of approximately $46.22 annually (based on a property valued at $360,000), primarily as a result of not being subject to property taxes applied by Salt Lake County Municipal Service, Unified Fire and Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement. We hope that residents in this section will vote to be annexed and look forward to having them as official South Jordan City residents.

Respectfully,

Dave Alvord, Mayor
South Jordan City

Argument To Remain An Unincorporated Area

No argument submitted.

County Proposition #6

Unincorporated Salt Lake County Island Nos. 20 - 34 (Granite)

Question: Shall the unincorporated island bounded by [streets forming boundaries], excepting any areas already included within the municipal boundaries of Sandy City, Utah labeled as Unincorporated Salt Lake County Island No.* on the enclosed map to be annexed by Sandy City or remain unincorporated?

☐ Annex into Sandy City

☐ Remain an Unincorporated Area

***Note:** Voters residing in these unincorporated islands should refer to the ballot they receive in the mail for the number of the unincorporated island in which they reside, the description of the island and a map of that island. Maps and descriptions of the thirty nine islands may also be found at **www.slco.org/community-preservation/Maps**.

Argument For Annexation Into Sandy City

1. **VOICE:** We believe Granite residents will have a greater voice in local government by annexing into Sandy City rather than maintaining split communication lines between two different municipalities.

   We believe that *one united Granite Community in Sandy* is preferable to two divided voices in representing our community.

   - Residents of Sandy channel their views and needs to Mayor Dolan (by calling the Mayor's office, Sandy City officials, their City Council Representative – Kris Coleman, or through Neighborhood Coordinators).
   - Residents of unincorporated SLCo channel their views and needs to Mayor McAdams through a similar process, but instead of Neighborhood Coordinators, they are represented by the Granite Community Council ("GCC").
   - Rather than fighting against annexation into Sandy out of fear of the unknown, we would like to fight to make sure the Granite Community has a united voice in Sandy.

2. **IDENTITY:** We believe annexation is the best way to "preserve, protect and enhance" the unique history and personality of the Granite community.

   - Sandy City is willing to help Granite maintain its unique character and history, including possibly doing some or all of the following:
     - Identify and recognize historical boundaries of the Granite area.
     - Create and place unique street signs identifying the streets that are within the historic Granite area; →

Argument To Remain An Unincorporated Area

In my seven years of working on the Granite Community Council, I have listened to many residents about their concerns and worked on many issues for our residents, both with Salt Lake County and with Sandy City.
The overriding concern of most residents has been planning and zoning issues, specifically any plans to increase housing density on properties near their homes.
I have attended numerous planning commission meetings with both the County and Sandy City and subsequent meetings with the County Council and Sandy City Council regarding proposals to rezone property.
In my experience, both the County Planning Commission and County Council members have demonstrated by their demeanor, their words, and their decisions that they listen to residents and actually care about residents' needs and concerns.
Unfortunately, I haven't experienced this same level of listening, caring, and decision-making from Sandy City's Planning Commission and City Council. I have attended many meetings during which large numbers of residents have stood up and explained their concerns, nearly all of them in opposition to a planned rezone or other action. Nearly all of the decisions have been unanimously against whatever the residents pleaded for.
Most residents of Granite want to maintain the rural charm of Granite, with low density housing, no sidewalks, and no streetlights.
It is natural for a city to want to develop higher densities, if only to gain in population and revenue. Residents need to →

County Proposition #6

Unincorporated Salt Lake County Island No. 15 (Willow Creek)

Question: Shall the unincorporated island bounded by *that portion of unincorporated Salt Lake County located between approximately Creek Road (8200 South) and Willow Bend Drive (8830 South) and between approximately Highland Drive (2000 East) and Danish Road (3300 East) bounded by Cottonwood Heights City on the North and East and Sandy City on the South and West; excepting any areas already included within the municipal boundaries of Cottonwood Heights City and Sandy City, Utah* labeled as Unincorporated Salt Lake County Island No. 15 on the enclosed map be annexed by Sandy City or remain unincorporated?

- ☐ Annex into Sandy City
- ☐ Remain an Unincorporated Area

Argument For Annexation Into Sandy City

Self-determination has long been the guiding principle in Salt Lake County. How can one argue against a process that allows neighbors to analyze, debate, and collectively choose a path that best fits their shared desires, criteria, and vision?

Since 1994 alone, the process of self-determination has directly led to the incorporation of 4 new cities (Herriman, Holladay, Cottonwood Heights and Taylorsville), and the annexation of numerous neighborhoods. In 2014, approximately 5,000 more county residents invoked their right to annex via 18 separate annexations to 3 different cities. The effect of these incorporations and annexations in the past 20 years is that the population of unincorporated Salt Lake County has declined by about 50%.

Those who have lived in an unincorporated island for more than 20 years certainly remember the times when it was a "sweet deal" to be unincorporated. The property tax savings alone were something to be appreciated. But the progressive reduction in population has placed a greater financial burden on those remaining. Over time, the tax savings once enjoyed has morphed into a tax liability. For a $400,000 home in Willow Creek as an example, it costs about 50% more for municipal services (snow plow, street maintenance, police, fire, ambulance, storm drainage, sidewalk repair, streetlights, →

Argument To Remain An Unincorporated Area

"KEEP WILLOW CREEK UNIQUE"

Why would any informed voter living in Willow Creek want to leave the protection of a prosperous county?

1. We live in a beautiful & unique neighborhood. Our home values reflect that fact. A study was performed as to whether and how to split the Jordan School District. It showed that the Willow Creek Neighborhood was unique in the United States for our children wanting to move back in, settle and raise their families here. We would lose part of our identity if we lived in Sandy, City.
2. We have a beautiful Country Club at our fingertips with water wells of its own.
3. We have NO duplication of services such as police.
4. Sandy City has a AA+ while the County has a AAA rating. Salt Lake County is just one of 30 counties in the U.S. with a AAA credit rating out of 3,140 counties or county type entities. It is just one of 22 counties rated "strong" by the Financial Management Assessment. Our "per person average debt" being a member of the county is much lower than Sandy's per person average debt.
5. The County has more "clout" with the Utah Legislature
6. We have more power through our neighborhood associations in Salt Lake County than we would have in Sandy City. Sandy's population is 87,461 whereas SL County is 1,029,655.

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County Proposition #6

Unincorporated Salt Lake County Island No. 1

Question: Shall the unincorporated island bounded by *that portion of unincorporated Salt Lake County known as Lots 9-16, Curtis Subdivision No. 4 (7450 South), and including that area between Cottonwood Heights City and Sandy City between approximately Union Park Avenue (1300 East) to Caballero Drive (1770 East) including that area within the right of way of Creek Road; excepting any areas already included within the municipal boundaries of Sandy City and Cottonwood Heights City, Utah* labeled as Unincorporated Salt Lake County Island No. 1 on the enclosed map be annexed by Cottonwood Heights City or remain unincorporated?

- ☐ Annex into Cottonwood Heights City
- ☐ Remain an Unincorporated Area

Argument For Annexation Into Cottonwood Heights City

Salt Lake County has grown rapidly over the past thirty years. It has changed from large areas of open space and pockets of population, to cities growing into each other and the unincorporated areas shrinking into small islands and townships.

That development pattern has led to a patchwork of laws and a host of governance challenges. Community Preservation is the result of an unprecedented, yearlong effort by residents from across the Salt Lake Valley to create a stronger future for Salt Lake County. It will help put an end to a debate that pits neighbor against neighbor and it will help all communities within the County have stability. It will also help position Salt Lake County to deal more effectively with regional service and economic development issues that affect us all.

An important element to Community Preservation is self-determination. Residents of existing townships will decide their own local government by choosing to become either a city or a metro township. They will also choose whether to join a Municipal Services District, which will manage the budget, revenue and expenses, and the delivery of municipal services for the metro townships and unincorporated areas of Salt Lake County. There are pros and cons to both the metro township model and incorporation. It is my strong recommendation that residents of current townships seriously consider their options.

Residents in unincorporated islands will choose whether to annex into an adjacent city or retain their current unincorporated status. Each island will vote on its own. I strongly urge residents of unincorporated islands to annex into their adjacent city. These areas are surrounded entirely by one or more municipalities, which creates major challenges for the delivery of municipal services. It is not efficient for a snow plow to travel across the County to plow only a few blocks. Unfortunately, this is currently the case for most of these small islands. The numbers show that residents of the islands that vote to join an adjacent city will actually experience a tax decrease. Moreover, the patchwork of islands poses many accountability challenges. Decisions made by the municipal leaders surrounding these communities affect these residents. These residents have a right to have a say in their own community.

I am optimistic that Community Preservation will move our valley forward and prepare us for the next stage of development. I encourage you to seriously consider your options and mail-in your ballot by November 2nd.

Senator Wayne Niederhauser
President of the Utah Senate

Argument To Remain An Unincorporated Area

No argument submitted.

County Proposition #6 - Copperton

Argument For Copperton Metro Township, cont.

to share municipal services, with no need to create six new public works departments with all the duplication of administration and the resulting multiplication of costs. The biggest advantages are economies of scale and sharing a much larger revenue pool. This could increase exponentially with the development of the West Bench and benefit all of the Townships. This is something that I feel the Townships without the possibility of future growth, really need to take into consideration.

The Municipal Services District from what I see would operate much like Unified Fire and Unified Police. These models combine and share the resources across many communities to provide a higher level of service at a cost that the individual communities would be unable to achieve themselves. I personally have spoken to police and fire employees about their feelings as to whether becoming part of UPD or UFA improved the level of service and resources that they had before. The responses from everyone I have talked to have been overwhelmingly positive. I see the Municipal Services District offering the same benefits to the communities involved.

In my experience, my opinion is that becoming a Metro Township and joining the Municipal Services District would be in the best interest of all of the Townships and especially Copperton.

Chris Drent
Copperton Resident

Argument For Town of Copperton, cont.

and towns have discretion to decide the best way to provide those services.

Some argue that your area has insufficient revenue to provide city services or that forming a city/town will just impose another layer of government. Logic dictates that regardless of how you receive services—service district, city, or county—the costs are borne by the service recipients. Municipal tax burdens in cities that have incorporated within Salt Lake County in the last 40 years (ie. Taylorsville, Cottonwood Heights) are lower than the tax burdens on residents of the unincorporated county. The imposition of discreet taxes by multiple taxing districts (ie. UPD, UFA, the new Municipal Services District) exceed what those same services would be in a city/town. Instead of combining resources across the county for services, your locally elected mayor and council can focus on local service priorities in your neighborhood.

In conclusion, incorporating as a city/town best provides accountability by electing local officials who are vested in the community to make decisions about how to utilize local taxes. Incorporating as a city also provides the opportunity to identify the best way to provide municipal services, to control local planning and zoning, and preserve your sense of identity.

Vote to incorporate as a city/town.

Lynn Pace, ULCT 1st Vice President, Holladay City Council
Mayor JoAnn Seghini, ULCT Treasurer, Midvale City
Mayor Ted Eyre, ULCT Board Member, Murray City

County Proposition #6 - Emigration Canyon

Question 2: If the majority of voters voting in this election vote to incorporate as a metro township, shall the metro township be a metro township, with limited municipal powers, that is included in a municipal services district?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Argument For Joining Municipal Services District

Ballot question #2 asks if your community should be in the Municipal Services District (MSD). Emigration Canyon residents need to vote YES on ballot question #2.

The MSD will be using the same employees and providing the same services that you currently enjoy. It will be owned by the entities that vote for inclusion. Without the MSD, Emigration Canyon leaders will be required to secure municipal services shortly after they are elected. The best and least expensive option is to join the MSD. The MSD is a local service district where communities pool sales tax revenue and then make servicing decisions. Emigration Canyon will have an elected official, who lives in Emigration Canyon, on this board to help make decisions. Salt Lake County intends to transfer all remaining unincorporated revenues to the MSD. This means that you will still have the economies of scale and revenue that comes from large entities. By voting YES on question #2, you will continue to receive the same great services you are now, and share revenues with other communities.

With the current funding model, 100% of your municipal services are paid by sales tax. Sales tax will continue to pay for all of your services without requiring additional revenues, if you are part of the MSD. If you decide not to belong to the MSD, your only option to match the revenues to expenditures would be to cut services. The great thing about the MSD is that you get the advantages of large entities within the remaining unincorporated areas. You will not need to cut services if you join the MSD. The alternative options for municipal services are to: 1) Contract with the MSD, surrounding cities or private entities- this option will need to be negotiated and Emigration Canyon will be contracting without ownership rights. The cost may be more than your current sales tax revenues. 2) Self-provide municipal services – Emigration Canyon could hire employees, maintain assets, and assume liability. The cost would likely be more than your current sales tax revenues.

Whether you vote to become a city or a metro township on question #1, Emigration Canyon can still be in the MSD and pool revenues and share services, just like you are doing now with Salt Lake County. This includes the benefits of economies of scale, shared staff, and better purchasing power from a large service provider. You will have local control and representation, as well as having ownership in the MSD. No matter your vote on question #1, you can still vote YES on question #2.

Michael Jensen, Salt Lake County Council
Aimee Winder Newton, Salt Lake County Council

Argument Against Joining Municipal Services District

No argument submitted.

County Proposition #6 - Emigration Canyon

Question 1: Shall "Emigration Canyon Planning Township" be incorporated as a metro township "Emigration Canyon Metro Township" or as the city of "Emigration Canyon City?"

☐ Emigration Canyon Metro Township

☐ Emigration Canyon City

Argument For Emigration Canyon Metro Township

This election is a historic opportunity to cast your vote and choose the type of government for Emigration Canyon's future. Both Metro Township and City provide strong models for local governance, protection from piecemeal annexation, local zoning control, and the ability to enact local ordinances. Neither will change the fire and police protection or the trash pickup.

The major difference between the Township and City models is who makes the decision about the budget and (tax) funding for municipal and public works services like storm drains, snow removal, code enforcement, street lights, and building permits. Today these services are provided by Salt Lake County Public Works (whose name is changing to 'Municipal Services District or MSD'). Currently, the County Council decides how these services will be provided and what their budget will be. They levy local sales tax that fund these services.

Emigration Canyon benefits greatly from the economy of scale and subsidization from being part of a county-wide MSD. The recent financial assessment shows that canyon revenues pay only about 59% of the costs of providing these services in the canyon. Our expenses are almost three times the average, plus we have a lower sales tax base. The least expensive option for us is to remain in the MSD (which is a 'Yes' vote on Question 2 on this ballot).

Argument For Emigration Canyon City

"All politics are local."

Your community will choose to incorporate either as a Metro Township or as a traditional city/town. Either choice is a change from "unincorporated county" status quo. We urge you to incorporate as a city/town to ensure local accountability, local control over services, and the full measure of time-tested tools to preserve and enhance your community.

First, the locally elected mayor and city council in a city/town will make all of the decisions. Your elected mayor and council will be your neighbors. They will serve you and be accountable to you.

Conversely in a Metro Township, an elected township council will only have some influence to advocate for county decisions. Instead, the county mayor and county officials will still perform administrative functions. Consequently, a metro township will have only limited local control.

Second, by incorporating as a city or town, you ensure that your community resources will be spent in your community. Utah cities each provide a variety of planning and zoning, utility, cemetery, recreation, traffic and public safety services. Each city approaches these services differently—in the way that works best for them. Some cities provide these services themselves while others contract with other governments and private companies to provide services. Regardless, local officials determine what is best for their communities.

Third, what is a Metro Township? It is an experiment fraught with uncertainty. While a Metro Township will have a Metro Township council, they will not have the same authority that a true city council would have. By state law, Metro Townships will have fewer financial options than cities and towns. As such, Metro Townships will be more reliant on property taxes than cities and towns are. State law requires Metro Townships to hire County officials to perform specified services; cities and towns have discretion to decide the best way to provide those services.

County Proposition #6 - White City

Argument For White City Township, cont.

all of your services without requiring additional revenues, if you are part of the MSD. If you decide not to belong to the MSD, your only option to match the revenues to expenditures would be to cut services. The great thing about the MSD is that you get the advantages of large entities within the remaining unincorporated areas. You will not need to cut services if you join the MSD. The alternative options for municipal services are to: 1) Contract with the MSD, surrounding cities or private entities- this option will need to be negotiated and White City will be contracting without ownership rights. The cost may be more than your current sales tax revenues. 2) Self-provide municipal services – White City could hire employees, maintain assets, and assume liability. The cost would likely be more than your current sales tax revenues.

Whether you vote to become a city or a metro township on question #1, White City can still be in the MSD and pool revenues and share services, just like you are doing now with Salt Lake County. This includes the benefits of economies of scale, shared staff, and better purchasing power from a large service provider. You will have local control and representation, as well as having ownership in the MSD. No matter your vote on question #1, you can still vote YES on question #2.

Michael Jensen, Salt Lake County Council
Aimee Winder Newton, Salt Lake County Council

Argument For White City, cont.

Some argue that your area has insufficient revenue to provide city services or that forming a city/town will just impose another layer of government. Logic dictates that regardless of how you receive services—service district, city, or county—the costs are borne by the service recipients. Municipal tax burdens in cities that have incorporated within Salt Lake County in the last 40 years (ie. Taylorsville, Cottonwood Heights) are lower than the tax burdens on residents of the unincorporated county. The imposition of discreet taxes by multiple taxing districts (ie. UPD, UFA, the new Municipal Services District) exceed what those same services would be in a city/town. Instead of combining resources across the county for services, your locally elected mayor and council can focus on local service priorities in your neighborhood.

In conclusion, incorporating as a city/town best provides accountability by electing local officials who are vested in the community to make decisions about how to utilize local taxes. Incorporating as a city also provides the opportunity to identify the best way to provide municipal services, to control local planning and zoning, and preserve your sense of identity.

Vote to incorporate as a city/town.

Lynn Pace, ULCT 1st Vice President, Holladay City Council
Mayor JoAnn Seghini, ULCT Treasurer, Midvale City
Mayor Ted Eyre, ULCT Board Member, Murray City

County Proposition #6 - Magna

Question 2: If the majority of voters voting in this election vote to incorporate as a metro township, shall the metro township be a metro township, with limited municipal powers, that is included in a municipal services district?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Argument For Joining Municipal Services District

Ballot question #2 asks if your community should be in the Municipal Services District (MSD). Magna residents need to vote YES on ballot question #2.

The MSD will be using the same employees and providing the same services that you currently enjoy. It will be owned by the entities that vote for inclusion. Without the MSD, Magna leaders will be required to secure municipal services shortly after they are elected. The best and least expensive option is to join the MSD. The MSD is a local service district where communities pool sales tax revenue and then make servicing decisions. Magna will have an elected official, who lives in Magna, on this board to help make decisions. Salt Lake County intends to transfer all remaining unincorporated revenues to the MSD. This means that you will still have the economies of scale and revenue that comes from large entities. By voting YES on question #2, you will continue to receive the same great services you are now, and share revenues with other communities.

With the current funding model, 100% of your municipal services are paid by sales tax. Sales tax will continue to pay for all of your services without requiring additional revenues, if you are part of the MSD. If you decide not to belong to the MSD, your only option to match the revenues to expenditures would be to cut services. The great thing about the MSD is that you get the advantages of large entities within the remaining unincorporated areas. You will not need to cut services if you join the MSD. The alternative options for municipal services are to: 1) Contract with the MSD, surrounding cities or private entities- this option will need to be negotiated and Magna will be contracting without ownership rights. The cost may be more than your current sales tax revenues. 2) Self-provide municipal services – Magna could hire employees, maintain assets, and assume liability. The cost would likely be more than your current sales tax revenues.

Whether you vote to become a city or a metro township on question #1, Magna can still be in the MSD and pool revenues and share services, just like you are doing now with Salt Lake County. This includes the benefits of economies of scale, shared staff, and better purchasing power from a large service provider. You will have local control and representation, as well as having ownership in the MSD. No matter your vote on question #1, you can still vote YES on question #2.

Michael Jensen, Salt Lake County Council
Aimee Winder Newton, Salt Lake County Council

Argument Against Joining Municipal Services District

No argument submitted.

County Proposition #6 - Magna

Question 1: Shall "Magna Planning Township" be incorporated as a metro township "Magna Metro Township" or as the city of "Magna City?"

☐ Magna Metro Township

☐ Magna City

Argument For Magna Metro Township

This election season voters are asked to choose a new governing option for Salt Lake County's six townships. There have been concerns about why there is no "status quo" option on the ballot. Many residents like the high quality and efficient municipal services that Salt Lake County provides and want those services to continue. The closest thing to "status quo" is to be a Metro Township and join the Municipal Services District.

One of the reasons for this election is because for the last 30 years cities in Salt Lake Valley have been chipping away at the financial stability of unincorporated areas through annexations and incorporations. When a new commercial development is built, with increased sales tax revenues, it usually takes little time for a neighboring city to steal the development away by offering financial and other annexation incentives to the business owners – this takes away an unincorporated community's ability to be economically self-sustaining. Voting for a Metro Township provides unincorporated communities boundary protection and gives them access to Salt Lake County's excellent existing municipal services, through the Municipal Services District, which means established and experienced delivery, adequate vehicles and other resources, and a pool of dedicated public servants.

Voting for a Metro Township gives voters a chance to test-drive a more formal kind of local government – like putting a toe in the water – without taking the plunge with a full city status. If it works, and there is good reason in the future to become →

Argument For Magna City

My name is LaDell Bishop and I will be voting to be a City.

On November 3rd of this election year the citizens of the unincorporated areas of Salt Lake County will have to make a choice. Are we going to be a metro township or a city? As for myself I will be voting for city.

Both sides have their own pro and con sides and I believe that all details will have to be carefully thought out. One detail is that a city will be able to impose a utility franchise tax and property taxes if its leaders choose to do so. This is so that the newly formed city can support itself, giving the residents full local power over its revenues. A metro township will have to rely on the County as we have done in the past. However I also believe that we have the people in our community that will stand up and make this happen.

The idea of a Metro Township is a new concept of local government and has not really been tried before, but a city has. People in our community have been talking about becoming a city for a long time. Well now is our chance to do just that and we can. We can also keep the great services that we now have with the county as long as we stay with the Municipal Services District (MSD), the UPD and the UFA. Doing this will help us keep costs down.

Our leaders will consist of 5 members, 4 will be council members and 1 will be the council chair or mayor. The mayor will be a part of a Legislative body or Council, sitting on the boards that decide the quality of our local services. All 5 members will be from our own city and will be elected directly from our own areas. As I have stated, staying with the MSD is to our benefit, due to the fact that the more cities that are part of the MSD the more we can pool revenue together and that's how we will keep costs down. →

Argument For Kearns Metro Township, cont.

utility franchise taxes.

The biggest advantage to voting for a Metro Township comes with the second question on the ballot in November: Shall the Metro Township be included in the Municipal Services District? Here's where the Metro concept really shines. Several areas across the valley, including cities and other Metro Townships, will band together to share municipal services, with no need to create six new public works departments with all the duplication of administration and the resulting multiplication of costs. The biggest advantages are economies of scale and sharing a much larger revenue pool.

Voting for a Metro Township will also permit the creation of a responsive local governing body, the Metro Township Council. Five persons will be elected from your neighborhood and they're required to run for office and solicit political power from you, the local voters. They will have the legal authority to establish local ordinances and regulations, including local planning and zoning. The government closest to the people governs best.

There's no need to take a plunge directly into full city status this fall. The Metro Township will rely on pooled staff assistance and service providers. Vote for maintaining our unique status in unincorporated Salt Lake County. Vote for the Metro Township option on November 3rd!

David Taylor
Kearns Resident

Argument For Kearns City, cont.

associated with becoming a city. Look at the financial information and see if you think that we can become a city without having to raise taxes or fees. Remaining with the Municipal Services District is the key to having the financial ability to becoming a city. Becoming a city puts us on the same standing as the cities around us. It allows us to compete to bring businesses into our community and grow our tax base.

Vote for a proven form of local government, vote city!

Brett Helsten
Kearns Resident

County Proposition #6 - Millcreek

Argument For Joining Municipal Services District, cont.

current sales tax revenues, 2) Self provide municipal services – Millcreek could hire employees, maintain assets, and assume liability. The cost would likely be more than your current sales tax revenues.

Whether you vote to become a city or a metro township on question #1, Millcreek can still be in the MSD and pool revenues and share services, just like you are doing now with Salt Lake County. This includes the benefits of economies of scale, shared staff, and better purchasing power from a large service provider. You will have local control and representation, as well as having ownership in the MSD. No matter your vote on question #1, you can still vote YES on question #2.

Michael Jensen, Salt Lake County Council
Aimee Winder Newton, Salt Lake County Council

Argument Against Joining Municipal Services District, cont.

new Millcreek government will probably offer to hire the MSD to provide many of our municipal services (for example, there's no need to buy new snowplows and hire new drivers).

Millcreek's new government will be shopping for quality services at a fair price. The MSD will need Millcreek's business to increase its economies of scale and reduce costs for everyone. It can be a "win-win" relationship. Millcreek can be a customer of the MSD – not a captive.

Millcreek has a strong economy. Salt Lake County's fiscal report shows that Millcreek is already paying more in taxes than the cost of our services. We can afford to stand on our own. We should take this historic opportunity to do so.

- Millcreek's economy is more than strong enough for us to stand on our own.
- Millcreek can hire the MSD and have economies of scale without being locked in.
- Millcreek shouldn't put our local services under control of a board on which we have a minority vote.
- Millcreek shouldn't pool our local taxes with other communities.
- Please vote "no" on the Municipal Services District.

Fred Healey
Susan Lawrence
Hugh Matheson
Aimee McConkie
Jeff Silvestrini
Millcreek Residents

County Proposition #6 - Millcreek

Argument For Millcreek Metro Township, cont.

from citizens within Millcreek Township. The Millcreek Township will elect a local Council from citizens from our neighborhoods;

- The **Township Council, with the MSD in place oversees our municipal services, will have budgetary responsibility, and limited taxing authority**;
- As **Millcreek Township, we will benefit from the sales tax revenue generated by Kennecott. A "city of Millcreek" will not**.
- A majority of **Millcreek residents** from Mount Olympus, East Mill Creek, and Canyon Rim and Millcreek communities have rejected a city form of government; this election is no different.
- No Franchise taxes on phones, water, gas and power.

Another city is another layer of costly, redundant government that is not needed or required. The "city of Millcreek" approach is a trap for a few to influence government services and increasingly drive tax assessments for projects or services that benefits only a few.

A YES vote for Metro Township and MSD will once-and-for-all stop the annexation of our neighborhoods and keep our services with proven, peaceful and mature governance. We don't need a "City" mayor and city council, new salaries, building and staff costs only to contract with Salt Lake County MSD, or worse, try to create their own municipal services; e.g. remember Cottonwood Heights snow removal.

This election, with mail-in ballots, vote YES for Metro Township and YES to join the MSD.

Max Worthington
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Millcreek Residents

Argument For Millcreek City, cont.

The metro township would divide Millcreek into five council districts. A majority of three council members can then elect one council member as the council chair and top representative of Millcreek.

We believe our top leader should be elected by everyone, not just a small handful of people. As Millcreek City, we will have four council districts, similar to our four current community council areas (Canyon Rim, East Millcreek, Millcreek and Mt Olympus). The fifth council member – the council chair with the title of "mayor" – will be elected by *all voters city-wide*. This is the most representative and accountable way to select our highest-ranking official.

Utahns believe in holding their elected officials to high standards. Cities are the tried-and-true structure for holding local leaders accountable. 88% of Utahns live in fully empowered cities and towns – that's the highest percentage in the nation. It's the right choice for Millcreek, too.

The metro township is untested and unrepresentative. It has limited powers and a narrow tax base. Millcreek is a first-rate community. Let's not settle for a second-rate form of government.

For a fully independent Millcreek with representative government, vote for Millcreek City.

Fred Healey
Susan Lawrence
Hugh Matheson
Aimee McConkie
Jeff Silvestrini
Millcreek Residents

GLOSSARY OF BALLOT TERMS

"(Insert corresponding township name) Planning Township" means the current township in which you live.

"Metro township" means the planning township in which you currently live governed by a new form of local government.

"Limited municipal powers" means a metro township which relies on a municipal services district to provide public works services instead of the metro township directly providing those services.

"Included in a municipal services district" means to be a member of a district that will provide municipal services, such as road maintenance, street lights, storm drains, snow removal, animal services, and other services, comparable to services residents currently receive from Salt Lake County.

"Unincorporated island" means the current area in which you live that is completely surrounded by one or more cities.

"Annex" means to join a neighboring city.

TIMELINE

November, 2015

Election for current townships and islands

January, 2016

Metro townships and cities are incorporated. County Council continues to act as legislative body until new officials are elected.

November, 2016

Election of metro township elected officials and city council members.

**The Chair from each of the metro townships and one member of the city council will sit on the MSD Board*

January, 2017

Metro township elected officials are sworn into office

July, 2017

Cities must make decision whether to opt out of the Municipal Services District

CITY

Government in a City

A city is an incorporation option for those currently living in a township with a population of more than 1,000 people. (Copperton Township's option is to become a town.)

If township voters choose to become a city in November 2015, they'll vote in November 2016 for five council members, one of whom will run at-large for mayor. City councils are empowered to enact local ordinances and oversee local municipal services.

The first city council and mayor will be elected in November 2016 and take office in January 2017. The city will automatically be in the Municipal Services District (MSD). Services will be provided by the county or MSD staff. A city elected official will have a seat on the MSD Board of Trustees. The city council would then have six months to decide whether to opt out of the MSD.

Current townships receive police, fire and trash/recycling services from Unified Police Department (UPD), Unified Fire Authority (UFA) and Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District (WFWRD). That will continue for the new city.

Cities have authority to assess property, sales, utility franchise, and municipal telecommunications taxes, and to bond.

How are municipal services currently funded?

Currently, township municipal services are provided from sales taxes, grants and fees from townships, unincorporated areas and from cities that contract with Salt Lake County for those services. Townships do not currently have budget oversight of municipal services, except through their representatives on the Salt Lake County Council and the County Mayor.

Funding city operations if the city remains in the Municipal Services District (MSD)

If the new city council chooses to stay in the Municipal Services District, the city's sales tax revenue will contribute to the MSD budget. Through their elected representative on the MSD Board, they'll review and approve the budget.

Funding city operations if the city council opts out of the Municipal Services District (MSD)

A city that opts out of the MSD will use its sales, utility franchise and/or municipal communications taxes (if the last two are assessed) and property tax revenues to contract for some/all of its municipal services or to self-provide.

Question	Currently	Based on vote by the people in November 2015	
	Existing Unincorporated Island Status	**Unincorporated Island Option**	**Annex to an Eligible City Option (process and timeline determined by SL County Council and annexing city)**
Who provides trash/ recycling pick up services?	Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District	Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District	Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District - Withdrawal from this district to have trash/ recycling services provided by another entity is only possible through Salt Lake County Council resolution.
Part of the Municipal Services District (MSD)?	Services are currently provided by Salt Lake County, soon to be the MSD	Yes	No
Who provides municipal and public works services like storm drains, snow removal, code enforcement, street lights, building permitting? (Currently provided by SL County)	Salt Lake County Township Services and Public Works	Municipal Services District (MSD), using county staff	The city that the previously unincorporated area annexes into will provide services.
Who has budgeting authority for local municipal services?	County Council	Municipal Services District (MSD) Board	City Council
Who is our local mayor and legislative council?	County Mayor and County Council	County Mayor and County Council	City Mayor and City Council

Question	Currently	Starting January 2017, based on vote by the people in November 2016	
	Existing Township Status	**Metro Township Option**	**City Option**
Who regulates business licenses & permits?	County Council	Metro Township Council	City Council
Who provides police services?	Unified Police Department (UPD) - provider (The special service area is SLVLESA)	Unified Police Department (UPD) - The special service area is the Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Service Area (SLVLESA), withdrawal from SLVLESA would require a ballot vote.	Unified Police Department (UPD) - The special service area is the Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Service Area (SLVLESA), withdrawal from SLVLESA would require a ballot vote.
Who provides fire & emergency services?	Unified Fire Authority (UFA) - provider (The special service area is the UFSA)	Unified Fire Authority (UFA) - The special service area is Unified Fire Service Area (UFSA), withdrawal from UFSA would require a ballot vote.	Unified Fire Authority (UFA) - The special service area is Unified Fire Service Area (UFSA), withdrawal from UFSA would require a ballot vote.
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Part of the Municipal Services District (MSD)?	Services are currently provided by Salt Lake County, soon to be the MSD	Voter choice, effective on date determined by the SL County Council	Yes. New City Council may opt out in 2017.
Who provides municipal and public works services like storm drains, snow removal, code enforcement, street lights, building permitting? (Currently provided by SL County)	Salt Lake County Township Services and Public Works	On ballot question 2, if residents vote "yes"- Municipal Services District. If residents vote "no"- Municipal Services District will provide until Metro Township Council is elected into office in 2017, then they will decide how these services will be provided.	Municipal Services District. New City Council may opt out in 2017 and either self-provide or contract for services with the MSD or other service providers.
Are local boundaries protected from annexations?	Historically, no permanent boundary protections	Yes	Yes
Who is our local mayor and legislative council?	County Mayor and County Council	County Mayor and Metro Township Council	City Mayor and City Council

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SALT LAKE COUNTY

September 22, 2015

Dear Salt Lake County Voter:

A historic election is before you this November, one that puts you in control of how your community is governed at the local level.

The reason for the change evolved over several decades. For years, the county's unincorporated areas have been chipped away through annexations. Neighboring cities have "cherry-picked" revenue-producing areas, adding tax money to their city coffers. This has resulted in a lot of uncertainty and instability.

Senate Bill 199, or "Community Preservation," offers residents a better option for local government. It is about giving residents local representation and self-determination so communities retain their unique character and yet receive quality, cost-effective services.

Ballots will be mailed to voters the first week of October. Five townships (Emigration Canyon, Kearns, Magna, Millcreek and White City) will vote on whether to become a city or a metro township. Copperton Township will decide whether to become a town or a metro township. All townships will also vote whether or not to stay in the Municipal Services District. Unincorporated "islands" will decide if they want to remain unincorporated or annex into an adjacent city.

We understand that this is a new and somewhat complicated issue for many citizens. We applaud your diligence in studying this voter information guide to learn as much as possible before casting your vote, in order to make your decision on the future of your community.

Thank you for the privilege of representing you as Salt Lake County elected officials.

Sincerely,

Mayor Ben McAdams

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Richard Snelgrove, Chair, At Large B
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Community Preservation Special Election November 3, 2015

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