

SOUTH JORDAN CITY
CITY COUNCIL STUDY MEETING

July 1, 2014

Present: Mayor Dave Alvord, Councilman Chuck Newton, Councilman Mark Seethaler, Councilman Don Shelton, Councilman Steve Barnes, CM Gary Whatcott, ACM/City Attorney Rob Wall, Community Development Director/City Engineer Brad Klavano, COS Paul Cunningham, Community Services Director Don Tingey, IS Director John Day, City Council Secretary MaryAnn Dean

Others: See Attachment A

STUDY SESSION – 4:00 PM

A. Invocation: *By Councilman Don Shelton*

Councilman Shelton offered an invocation.

Mayor Alvord indicated that Councilman Rogers and Council Barnes are not present at this time. They will be here later in the meeting.

B. Discussion: *City Wide Policy Implementation (By COS, Paul Cunningham)*

COS Paul Cunningham reviewed the process for city wide policy implementation.

Councilman Seethaler asked where is this documentation ultimately filed? COS Cunningham explained that some documents will go in the employee handbook and other documents are filed with the city wide policy. He said these policies are internal in nature. He said they are looking at ratifying the employee handbook annually. Many changes are technical in nature because of changes in law. Each year, they will highlight the areas that have changed.

Councilman Seethaler asked if they should keep the policies in a section of the employee handbook for safekeeping in one place? CM Whatcott said the changes they are making are not new, but the process is new. They can put it all in an identifiable folder, if needed. All documents are available to the public.

City Attorney Wall noted that this new process is bringing them into legal compliance.

C. Discussion: *Welby Park “Draft” Interlocal Agreement Review (By Community Services Director, Don Tingey)*

Community Services Director Don Tingey said the agreement is still at the County attorney’s office. The County finalized some language in the agreement and the city should have it soon.

Councilman Barnes arrived at the meeting at this time.

Community Services Director Tingey discussed the design of the park. After the design of the park is complete, they will get a cost estimate. CM Whatcott said they are hoping to develop the park in phases.

The City portion of the park will be 30 of the 160 acres. The City is taking the most aggressive part of the park for use as a turf park. There are various uses proposed throughout the entire 160 acres. CM Whatcott said some of the property will be developed as natural open space.

Director Tingey said when the city gets the interlocal agreement, they will sign a contract with the landscape design firm and go through the master plan concept. They will hopefully be working on the construction drawings through the winter and start construction next spring or early summer. It was noted that the 4800 West road project will be complete in mid October.

CM Whatcott said there will be some opportunity for the public to be involved in the process, but not to the same extent as in the original plan.

D. Discussion: Update of Collector Street Enforcement (*By Community Development Director/City Engineer, Brad Klavano*)

COS Paul Cunningham reviewed the history of collector street fencing in the city. They have had a hold on enforcement of the Ordinance since 2010 for non-compliant fences. He asked if City Council is prepared to move forward with the existing Ordinance before they begin enforcement.

Councilman Newton said there was an indication that there were 40-60 homes where the city had to work with them because there were liens on the homes or threatened liens. COS Cunningham said there are some homes where there is a question on who is responsible for the fence. There has been some discussion by the Council about revisiting the collector street fence Ordinance. Staff needs direction if they want to enforce the fence Ordinance.

Councilman Barnes said he is not in favor of this Ordinance with the rules changing. There have been streets that have come in and out of collector street status. There are some that have complied with the collector street fencing Ordinance that now they don't have to. He said he is okay having things to encourage; it is another thing to tell people to comply when the city has a history of non enforcement.

Councilman Newton said they did the delay in enforcement to give people a chance to come into compliance. They relieved the burden on the residents. In the past, Councilman Barnes has taken the position of eliminating the collector street fencing and let people have a patchwork of fencing.

Councilman Barnes said at the very least, they should not retroactively apply the Ordinance. He agrees with Councilman Seethaler when he said they should be out of the fencing business. Councilman Newton said that statement was made with regards to all the roads that the city would have to pay to fix, not just collector streets.

Councilman Seethaler said there will continue to be new developments along collector streets that need some standards. The majority of the Council has agreed that they need to have clear and reasonable standards. Those standards need to be revisited. The second issue is the existing fences. They need to tie the two issues and determine the appropriate fencing materials for the existing fences. They also need to determine how much fencing the city owns and how much liability that represents to the city. The city needs to be held to the same fencing standards as residents. They need that analysis from staff to begin the discussion.

Councilman Newton suggested an hour discussion on this issue in August.

The City Council determined to continue with non enforcement of this issue for now.

COS Cunningham said they would go through the list of fences that were non-conforming and take the fences off that meet the new standard.

Councilman Newton said the whole reason for this Ordinance was aesthetics. He noted some residents that have installed wood and vinyl fencing improperly with their wrought iron. He said the problem with a lack of enforcement and a lack of an appropriate target is that they are not able to keep the design element and a certain look in the city.

Councilman Shelton said there are issues with new construction fences and existing fences. What do they do with fencing for the property next to the new section of 4800 West that is being built?

Councilman Seethaler said there are pieces to the existing Ordinance that need to be adjusted. He would like to have Councilman Shelton involved in the process.

Councilman Barnes asked are they going for uniformity and aesthetics or safety? Councilman Newton said the issue was aesthetics versus cost. That is why wood was allowed.

E. Review: Development Services – Level of Service *(By Community Development Director/City Engineer, Brad Klavano)*

Community Development Director Brad Klavano introduced the management staff for the Community Development Department. He reviewed the responsibilities of the various divisions within that department.

The City Council discussed the reason for land disturbance permits. The staff feels it is essential to prevent future problems. They feel the permit is justifiable or they would not do it.

Community Development Director Klavano said currently, the builders are certifying their work. There continues to be problems. He put the builders on notice that if the problems are not corrected, they will require the builders to hire a person to certify their work. The city is not liable, but when problems arise (such as flooding in the basement), the residents come to the city. Mr. Klavano said sometimes it is the homeowners that mess up grading the property.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Newton made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Shelton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

This is a true and correct copy of the July 1, 2014 Council Study Session meeting minutes, which were approved on July 15, 2014.

Auna M. West
South Jordan City Recorder

**SOUTH JORDAN CITY
City Council Meeting**

July 1, 2014
6:00 P.M.

**ALL THOSE ATTENDING, PLEASE
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MURIEL WILSON	1762 LAWRENCE CIRCLE
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Brent Anderson	1806 W Lawrence Circle
Karen Kahman	1787 Lawrence Cir.
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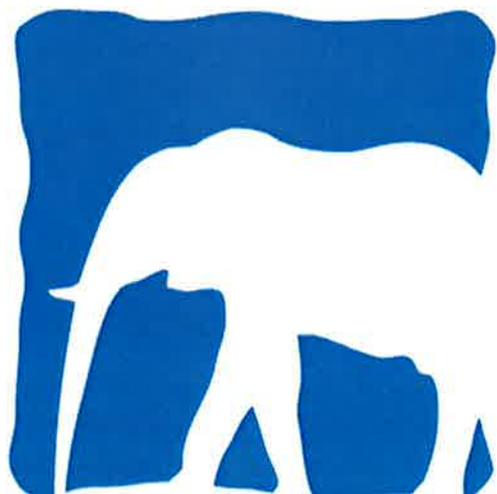
Thank you for your time and for your service to South Jordan City. I have lived here my entire life and am proud to call South Jordan my home. I would like you to know that I am against a district split. There are many reasons why I am against it, but tonight I want to share the one that is first and foremost on my mind. And that is: the quality and loss of services that our children with special needs will indeed face. Have you considered the fact that South Jordan would lose access to 2 very necessary, and amazing schools? Kauri Sue Hamilton in Riverton and South Valley School in West Jordan. My son is 12 years old and has severe autism. He will be starting his 4th year at KSHS this coming fall. This facility is crucial for him and his ability to learn. The thousands of dollars worth of sensory equipment within the school not to mention the swimming pool are absolutely key to help him progress. He has thrived at this school because his sensory needs are being met, therefore he is able to learn. I have spoken with JSD employees as well as the principal at KSHS and have learned that although it is a possibility that a new district could contract with schools like KSHS and South Valley it is not very likely. Their numbers are very high and they have recently turned down requests for students with special needs from both Canyons and Granite Districts to attend their facilities. They just do not have the space for students from other districts. I can't imagine that a new school district would have the budget to replace these schools for a very long time. I obtained a figure from JSD last week that the Kauri Sue Hamilton School cost them \$20 million and that is JUST for construction. I can't imagine how many more thousands, probably millions was spent to fill the school with the amazing equipment my son and over a hundred others are privileged to have access to. You might be thinking that students like my son are a small percentage of the population in South Jordan, but I want to remind you that autism is on the rise. As of March 2014 1 in 68 children will be diagnosed with autism and 1 in 42 boys. There will be many more like my son who will require these intensive services KSHS has to offer. Where will they be housed and serviced if a new district is formed? I spoke with the Special Needs Director of JSD last week. She explained to me that they experienced a lot of unintended consequences in special needs and other programs with the last split. We cannot possibly know the negative impact it may have on our students. She also told me that the district has 16 cluster schools in the district right now. A cluster unit is a classroom for specific special needs. It could include: multiple disability unit, high functioning autism unit or behavior disorder unit for example. Of these 16, 6 are housed in South Jordan Schools. Please consider what would happen to these units and the effect it will have on not only South Jordan students, but also those outside of our city limits. Will JSD need to split someday due to the growth the cities within it are having? Probably so. But I do not feel that now is the time. There are too many unknowns and negative outcomes that will happen for our children. Students will be the ones to lose out in a split, I am sure of it. Let's work together with Jordan School District to reconcile our differences and do what is best for the students in our city. Just because something is feasible, doesn't mean it's the right thing to do. I urge you to please consider not only what negative consequences a split will have on my child with special needs, but for each and every student in the Jordan School District. Thank you

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General Information

When you pay sales tax, 1 penny for every \$10 goes to benefiting the community by providing grants to over 160 arts and cultural organizations as well as 30+ park and recreational facilities.

You will never run out of things to see and do in Salt Lake County, thanks to many of the places and programs supported by YOU through the Zoo, Arts and Parks (ZAP) Program!

Salt Lake County Zoo, Arts & Parks funds over 160 arts, cultural and zoological organizations annually.

Every age group has benefited from this initiative. The youth of the county have benefitted through more softball, baseball and soccer fields. Seniors have benefitted through free performances by Heart and Soul, families have benefited from free days at the Hogle Zoo, Discovery Gateway, Natural History Museum of Utah, and The Living Planet Aquarium. Students benefit from educational outreach provided by the Utah Symphony | Utah Opera, Repertory Dance Theatre, Ririe-Woodbury Dance Company, and Tanner Dance. Adults and children benefit from free screenings courtesy of Sundance Institute, Utah Film Center and Salt Lake Film Society. Cultural diversity has been enhanced through free festivals like the Living Tradition Festival, Nihon Matsuri Festival, Utah Asian Festival, Chinese Moon Festival, and Celebration of Cultural Diversity Festival.

13 parks and trails have been funded from the Flight Park in Draper to Oquirrh Park in Kearns, the Jordan River Trail to the Bonneville Shoreline Trail.

17 recreation centers have been funded in part by Salt Lake County Zoo, Arts and Parks, including Dimple Dell Recreation Center, Copperview Recreation Center, Magna Swimming Pool and the Gene Fullmer Recreation Center.

Over 7.3 million people benefited from an arts or cultural activity, event or performance, offered by a ZAP recipient.

Over 24,000 people volunteer for a ZAP funded organization.

Salt Lake County ZAP funded organizations provided over 20,000 education events.

3.8 million people receive FREE admission to an arts or cultural event funded by ZAP.

ZAP funded organizations are major contributors to Salt Lake County's Economic Development with total expenditures over \$67 million and over 2,000 paid employees.

Voters have twice overwhelmingly approved the ZAP initiative.

Salt Lake County Zoo, Arts and Parks (ZAP) Program

District 1*	Pioneer Craft House	Bad Dog Arts
Northwest Recreation Center	Dance Theatre Coalition	Intermezzo
Central City Recreation Center	Choral Arts Society of Utah	Brolly Arts
Mestizo Institute of Culture and Arts	Off Broadway Theatre	City Art
The Draw on Parley's Trail	Babcock Performing Readers	Samba Fogo
Redwood Recreation Center and Sport Fields	Chinese Society of Utah	Utah Arts Alliance
Children's Theatre & School of the Arts	Salt Lake Acting Company	Visual Art Institute
Chamber Music Society of Salt Lake City	Salt Lake Symphony	Eastern Arts
South Salt Lake City Arts Council	Salt Lake Film Society	Artists of Utah
Friends of Gilgal Gardens	Children's Media Workshop	Fairmont Natatorium

Salt Lake County Council District 1 serves Salt Lake City and the City of South Salt Lake. As ZAP is located in our capitol county, they are a major funding of the premiere arts and cultural organizations that have a statewide presence and reach. These organizations augment our economic development by enhancing the quality of life for our citizens and visitors. We are fortunate to be the home of many venues that serve over one hundred arts and cultural organizations. You can also enjoy hiking and biking along the Jordan River and Parley's Trails. ZAP supports film screenings by the Sundance Institute, Utah Film Center and the Salt Lake Film Society. You can see cutting edge art and performances by the Salty Cricket Composers Collective, SB Dance, Plan B Theatre Company, Utah Museum of Contemporary Art and Brolly Arts. ZAP also supports Saltgrass Printmakers, Arts of Utah, Salt Lake Scots Pipe Band, the Nihon Matsuri Festival, and next week's Utah Arts Festival.

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District 2*		
Magna Splash Pad	South Jordan Community Theatre	Oquirrh Hills Performing Arts Alliance (Empress Theatre)
Magna Recreation Center	Herriman City Historical Committee	Oquirrh Mountain Symphony
Kearns Recreation Center	India Cultural Center	Riverton Arts Council
Oquirrh Park and Skate Park	Magna Arts Council	Riverton Arts Festival
J L Sorenson Recreation Center	Utah Old-time Fiddlers	Tongan American Society
Centennial Swimming Pool	West Valley Symphony	Utah Tamil Sangam
		Worldwide Association of Performing Artists

Located primarily along the Oquirrh Mountains, Salt Lake County Council District 2 is home to the Empress Theatre, Magna Recreation Center and the recently built J L Sorenson Recreation Center. District 2 is highly diverse and we appreciate the activities offered by the India Cultural Center, Riverton Arts Council, Tongan American Society and Herriman Arts Council. We are home to the Utah Old-time Fiddlers, who provide entertainment for all of the Salt Lake County senior centers, many elementary schools, the Utah Legislature and Wheeler Farm. The Empress Theatre in Magna, has become a destination site, offering more than 60 high-quality, family friendly productions. All funded by You through Zoo, Arts and Parks. To find out more visit ZAPISYou.org.

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District 3*		
Valley Regional Park	Pinnacle Acting Company	Murray City Cultural Arts
Vista Ball Diamonds	The Mundi Project	Murray Arts Council
Gene Fullmer Recreation Center	Utah Cultural Celebration Center	Murray Symphonic Band
Jordon River Trail	Utah Women's Artists Exhibition	Murray Symphony Orchestra
County Ice Center	Taylorville Bennion Heritage Center	Taylorville Arts Council
	Hale Centre Theatre	The Phoenix Jazz and Swing Band

Located midpoint in Salt Lake County, Council District 3 has seen ZAP funding transform our cities. ZAP has funded the Utah Cultural Celebration Center in West Valley City. The Utah Cultural Celebration Center has brought thousands of people into the district. This organization works creatively and diligently to enhance the arts and culture for West Valley City and the entire region. Utah Cultural Celebration activities support our vast heritage and human diversity through educational experiences. ZAP has also funded the Hale Centre Theatre, Taylorville Arts Council, Murray City Cultural Arts, the Phoenix Jazz and Swing Band, Vista Ball Diamonds, Valley Regional Park and more!

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District 4*		Wasatch Theatre Company
Parley's Trail – Phase 3	Jubilate	GAM Foundation
Millcreek Recreation Center	Holladay City Arts Council	Utah Wind Symphony
Cottonwood Heights Arts Council	Cottonwood Heights Historical Committee	Millcreek Arts Council
Big Cottonwood Regional Park	Guest Writers Series and Community Outreach Program	Barbershop Harmony Society
Wheeler Farm	Oratorio Society of Utah	Utah Youth Symphony
Holladay Lions Recreation Center	Salt Lake Ethnic Arts	U of U Youth Theatre Program
Bonneville Shoreline Trail	Fort Douglas Military Museum	Utah Symposium in Science and Literature
South Cottonwood Regional Park	Salt Lake Men's Choir	Nova Chamber Music Series

Zoo, Arts and Parks is an important resource for our community. Salt Lake County Council District 4 covers unincorporated Millcreek, the University District, Holladay and Cottonwood Heights. ZAP supports the Foothill Museum District including the Fort Douglas Military Museum, This is the Place Heritage Park, Natural History Museum of Utah, Red Butte Garden and Hogle Zoo – all of which reach our citizens county-wide. ZAP has also provided funds to the Holladay Lions Recreation Center, noted for its adaptive recreation programs, as well as the Bonneville Shoreline Trail, South Cottonwood Regional Park, Millcreek Arts Council, Holladay Arts Council, and much more.

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District 5*		
Equestrian Park	Salt Lake Astronomical Society	American West Symphony & Chorus
Jordan River Trail	West Jordan Arts Council	West Jordan Historical Society
Bluffdale Arts Advisory Board	Draper Visual Arts	The Living Planet Aquarium
Jordan Valley Conservation Gardens	Salt Lake Symphonic Choir	Gale Center of History and Culture
South Jordan City Public Art and Cultural Development Board	Telugu Association of Utah	Herriman City Arts Council

Salt Lake County Council District 5 lies primarily center south in the Salt Lake valley. ZAP funds an amazing diverse group of facilities and organization, including the newly opened Loveland Living Planet Aquarium, the West Jordan Historical Society, Gale Center of History and Culture, the Jordan Valley Conservation Gardens, the Equestrian Park, and the Sale Lake Astronomical Society. You can learn about the stars, what flowers and trees to plant in your garden, attend a community theatre production, walk and bike on the Jordan River Trail. All enabled by YOU through Salt Lake County Zoo, Arts and Parks.

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District 6*		
Big Cottonwood Trail	Utah Asian Festival	Salt Lake American Muslim
Cottonwood Heights Ice Arena	Flight Park	Alta Community Enrichment
Copperview Recreation Center & Skate Park	Midvale Arts Council	Draper Historic Theatre
Dimple Dell Recreation Center	Draper Arts Council	Draper Historical Society
Intermountain Suzuki String Institute	Sandy Arts Guild	Excellence in the Community
Young Artists Chamber Players	Utah Chamber Artists	Mountain Jubilee Chorus
Jazz Arts of the Mountain West	Writers at Work	Utah Hispanic Dance Alliance
Mountain West Ballet	Jordan River Trail	Sandy Museum Foundation

The variety of activities and facilities supported by Salt Lake County Zoo, Arts and Parks is vast and diverse. In Salt Lake County Council District 6 located in the south east section of the valley, we have one of the most unique parks funded by ZAP - the Flight Park at the Point of the Mountain. ZAP reaches east to support Alta Community Enrichment. You hike the Jordan River Trail, learn to ice skate at the Cottonwood Heights Ice Arena, learn the value of your antiques at the Sandy Museum, attend theatre productions by the Midvale Arts Council and Pinnacle Theatre Company, enjoy Sandy Arts Guild productions at the Sandy Amphitheatre, hone your writing skills with Writers at Work, and attend the Utah Asian Festival. These are just a few of the activities supported by ZAP.

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Zoo, Arts and Parks funding is found throughout Salt Lake County. The public process ensures the citizens are well served. Volunteer Advisory board members are from each county council district and work very diligently to create solid recommendations for the Salt Lake County Council to review.

While they may be located in Utah’s capital city, the following ZAP funded organizations have demonstrated that they serve constituents throughout Salt Lake County: Utah Arts Festival, Living Planet Aquarium, Natural History Museum of Utah, Utah Symphony | Utah Opera, Art Access, Discovery Gateway, The Leonardo, Utah Film Center, Salt Lake Film Society, Salt Lake City Arts Council, Utah Humanities Council, Ballet West, Repertory Dance Theatre, Ririe-Woodbury Dance Company, U of U Tanner Dance, Red Butte Garden and the Utah Heritage Foundation.

Additionally, the list below provides a listing of many of the organizations that serve multiple county districts.

Multiple & County-wide Districts*		
Ballet West	Ririe-Woodbury Dance Company	Spy Hop Productions
Heart and Soul	Utah Film Center	Tanner Dance Program
Repertory Dance Theatre	Wasatch Community Gardens	Utah Humanities Council
Utah Heritage Foundation	ARTS Inc. (Artistic Resources for Teachers)	Artes de Mexico en Utah
Tree Utah	Utah Symphony Utah Opera	Living Planet Aquarium
Utah Arts Festival	Natural History Museum of Utah	The Leonardo
Art Access	Discovery Gateway	Salt Lake Film Society
Red Butte Garden	Jordan Conservation Garden Park	Kingsbury Hall Presents
Utah Brazilian Festival	Salt Lake City Arts Council	Nihon Matsuri Festival
Classical Greek Theatre	Fiesta Mexicana	Grand Theatre
Great Salt Lake Audubon	Hibernian Society	Utah Arts Festival
Tracy Aviary	Madeleine Arts and Humanities Program	Art Access
Pygmalion Productions	Salt Lake Scots Pipe Band	The Leonardo
Sundance Institute	Utah Museum of Contemporary Art	BCS Project
Saltairs Chorus	Gina Bachauer International Piano Foundation	Discovery Gateway
Gilgal Garden	Center for Documentary Expression and Art	Tree Utah
Utah Old-time Fiddlers	Utah Cultural Celebration Center	Oratorio Society of Utah
Sandy Arts Guild	Salt Lake Symphony	Utah Wind Symphony
Utah Museum of Fine Arts	This is the Place Heritage Park	Kingsbury Hall Presents
Pioneer Theatre Company	Intermountain Acoustic Music Association	Murray City Cultural Arts
Hawkwatch International	Hogle Zoo	Red Butte Garden

Many of the ZAP recipients serve as national and international ambassadors, showcasing our state’s artistic and cultural excellence around the world. For example, Ririe-Woodbury Dance Company received rave reviews and comments in the *New York Times* and *The New Yorker Magazine* for their performances in New York City. They often travel to Europe as well.

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Spy Hop Productions, created the video that explains ZAP. Nationally recognized by the Wallace Foundation, in their national report *Something to Say: Success Principles for Afterschool Arts Programs*, which outlines best practices among high-quality youth art organizations. Spy Hop has also been recognized, as a leading nonprofit arts and humanities organization by being a finalist for the National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award (2010 and 2013). And Spy Hop was recently recognized by Governor Herbert as an exemplary arts organization in Utah through the Governor's Leadership in the Arts Award.

The ZAP program is managed under the Salt Lake County Mayor's Department of Community Services with two full-time staff and two all-volunteer advisory boards. Annually the Tier I Advisory Board (seven members) and Tier II Advisory Board (nine members) review over 160 arts, cultural and zoological applications. Final approval is made by the Salt Lake County Council.



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| Aquariums | Humanities | Parks |
| Arts Education | Literature | Recreation Centers |
| Botanical | Local Arts Agencies | Theatre |
| Cultural Facilities | Media Arts | Trails |
| Dance | Museums | Visual Arts |
| Festivals | Music | Zoos |
| History | Natural History | |

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Residents renew this initiative every ten (10) years.

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I am concerned with the idea of South Jordan City becoming its own school district. I believe there are too many advantages associated with being part of the Jordan School District, and splitting from the district would take those advantages away from our children.

I have an eight-year-old son who is currently in the Spanish dual immersion program at Welby Elementary. If the split occurs, will this program have the funding necessary to continue? If it does continue in elementary school, will it have the funding available to continue in to middle school and high school? This has been a wonderful program for my son. I wish everyone who was interested and applied had the opportunity to participate in the program.

Jordan District currently has eleven schools with dual immersion programs and plans to add eleven more schools over the next several years. Acceptance into the dual immersion programs is done first to those living in the school boundaries, then to those outside the school boundaries and finally to those outside the district boundaries. If South Jordan leaves the Jordan School District, the opportunities for more kids to become involved in this program will be greatly diminished.

The Murray School District, a district for only residents of Murray City, is just now planning to start a dual immersion program. Is the delay because of money, a lack of interest, the challenge of finding the correct teachers? I don't know, but I do know that Jordan School District has already overcome those obstacles. The programs are already started, the contacts have already been made, and the biggest hurdles have already been overcome. If we become our own district, we have to recreate those contacts and overcome those hurdles again to keep the program going.

I also want my son to have opportunity for AP classes when he reaches high school. Jordan School District currently has 28 AP subjects available to students. Of the students who took the AP tests in those subjects, 70% received a score of 3+ or higher on at least one of their AP tests. That's a wonderful opportunity for students hoping to begin college ahead of their peers. Will these AP classes be available if we have only one high school in South Jordan? If my son has an interest in a subject not taught at Bingham High School, will he be allowed to attend another high school to take a class that will help him in his future career? If South Jordan becomes its own district, I don't believe that opportunity will still be available.

I also have a six-year-old daughter with Down syndrome. She has been attending kindergarten this year at Oquirrh Elementary, a school in West Jordan. She will attend a special needs class next year at Riverside Elementary, also a school in West Jordan. What will happen to her education? She rides the bus to school, a service provided to special needs children. While at school, she receives occupational therapy, vision therapy and speech therapy. She has one teacher and three aides in her classroom. She participates in adaptive P.E., which she loves. What will happen to her education?

As a toddler she attended feeding therapy and toddler classes at the Kauri Sue Hamilton School. Those were wonderful services that helped prepare her for preschool and improve her social skills and her life skills. The Kauri Sue Hamilton School is in Riverton and Jordan School District. The services provided there are invaluable, but they will no longer be available. I cannot imagine that South Jordan City will want to spend the money necessary to duplicate the Kauri Sue Hamilton School, especially as a new district, and the children attending school there need the services and equipment available there.

After finishing high school, my daughter should attend South Valley School where she can learn job skills and hope for a productive and fulfilling future. Even if a school similar to South Valley School is built in a new South Jordan District, again at significant cost to taxpayers, the employment contacts available through Jordan School District will take years to replicate.

Jordan School District's Special Education Department currently has 6,000 students, more than 11% of the total enrollment, 400 teachers and related staff, three special schools and 41 self-contained support classes in 21 different schools. Many of these students live in South Jordan and will lose access to important programs and facilities available through Jordan School District.

A new South Jordan School District will have to recreate the programs these students need with fewer resources, contacts and money.

If there are problems with the Jordan School District, let's work with the district to solve them. Instead of creating a new district and spending money to duplicate important services, let's work together to improve the services currently available. Our children deserve the best education possible and if we work together, we should be able to provide that for them.