

Diana Baun

From: David Brickey <dbrickey@magna.utah.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 1, 2025 3:51 PM
To: Diana Baun
Cc: Trent Sorensen; Brian Hartsell; Delwin Craig; Jordan Petersen; Audrey Cooley; wweight@magna.utah.gov; Paul Ashton
Subject: Fwd: Candidates at city events

Dear Magna City candidate:

Yesterday, I received the email below from candidate Megan Nicholes-Olsen asking questions related to campaigning within Magna. Below this introduction is the City's response to those questions. The original question is in **Bold**. The City's response is set out below the Bolded question. If you have any questions or need clarification regarding the response provided, please direct those inquiries to me. I will work with MSD staff to ensure that all candidates receive the same information and responses.

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Magna United CTC is a separate coalition organization and is not the same as Magna City. The CTC operates under its own leadership and relies on the MSD financial team for support with bill payments and resource management. To my knowledge, the CTC has allowed candidate participation in some of its past events. For any questions related to those previous events, I recommend contacting the CTC Coalition Coordinator, Jordan Peterson, directly.

Are we allowed as candidates to be at these events and actively campaigning?

The City places very few restrictions on campaign activities. It is currently limited to campaign sign placement per City ordinance. Candidates have historically participated in events like the Fourth of July Parade. Since the transition from Township to City, some issues, previously unaddressed, now require City Council input. If a law prohibits something, it must be followed. If the law is silent, I don't believe it's appropriate for me to make that call independently. In such cases, I would bring the matter to the City Council for discussion to ensure transparency and clarity.

Are we allowed to have our campaign signs at city parks?

Currently, City code prohibits campaign signs in City parks. In other communities I've served, some have chosen to ease similar restrictions on campaign signage in public spaces. I plan to propose a process that allows the City Council to uphold the Constitution and First Amendment while reasonably limiting "snipe signs" from appearing indiscriminately throughout the City.

A friend of mine is a member of the CTC and she told me that the candidate that was there was asked to move away from the event since that event was not suppose to be political? Can you confirm this?

I was not present at the CTC event this past weekend, so I cannot confirm what took place. I recommend reaching out to Jordan Peterson, the CTC Coalition Coordinator, for accurate information.

What is the cities stance on campaigning?

The City supports vigorous, open, and honest campaigning. However, City staff must take every step to avoid even the appearance of endorsing any candidate. I cannot speak on behalf of the CTC.

If this is allowed then why was my meeting as a private/ concerned citizen with UDOT called into question and notes released?

Once the circumstances of the UDOT meeting were shared with the City Council, they agreed the appropriate action was to share the "notes" created by the MSD staff member with all candidates. The City Council wanted to avoid any appearance that the City or MSD staff were showing favoritism toward any one candidate.

Thank you,
David R. Brickey
Magna City, City Manager

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From: **Megan Nicholes-Olsen** <olsen.megan@outlook.com>
Date: Tue, Sep 30, 2025 at 12:28 PM
Subject: Candidates at city events
To: David Brickey <dbrickey@magna.utah.gov>

Mr Brickey

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Sent: Wednesday, October 1, 2025 4:38 PM
To: Diana Baun
Cc: Trent Sorensen; Brian Hartsell; Delwin Craig; Jordan Petersen; Audrey Cooley; wweight@magna.utah.gov; Paul Ashton
Subject: Fwd: clarification wanted
Attachments: IMG_7134.JPG

Dear Magna City candidate:

Yesterday, I received the email below from candidate Terry George asking questions related to the "Community That Cares". Below this introduction is the City's response to those questions. The original question is in Bold. The City's response is set out below the Bolded question. If you have any questions or need clarification regarding the response provided, please direct those inquiries to me. I will work with MSD & CTC staff to ensure that all candidates receive the same information and responses.

For questions one (1) through six (6):

Magna United Community That Cares (CTC) is a separate coalition organization and is not the same as Magna City. The CTC operates under its own leadership and relies on the MSD financial team for support with bill payments and resource management. The attached document (labeled "IMG_7134.JPG") was not prepared by the Magna City Manager. As such, it would be inappropriate for the City to comment on the CTC's documents. Please direct your inquiries set out as question one (1) through six (6) to the CTC.

The CTC leadership is as follows: the Chair is Audrey Cooley; the Vice-Chair is Wendee Weight and the Coalition Coordinator is Jordan Petersen. Their respective email addresses are listed in the "cc" line of this response.

Can you explain the "beer Tax" to me.

The Utah Legislature has directed that a portion of all beer sales tax collected within the state of Utah shall be returned to the community to both educate and help prevent the consumption of alcohol by minors. The Magna City Council has elected to provide the collected "beer tax" revenue to the CTC. Your question is one that the "Utah League of Cities and Towns" (ULCT) recently addressed in a Webinar this summer. I am including the link to the ULCT presentation entitled "Beer Tax Basics: Funding Public Safety in Your Municipality" This presentation provides a very thorough explanation of the policy behind the tax. Link here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bYcSquH1MZM>

As to the utilization of the "beer tax" money provided to the CTC, I will once again defer to the CTC leadership to answer that question.

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From: **Terry George** <terrygeorge.magna@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Sep 30, 2025 at 1:42 PM

Subject: clarification wanted

To: David Brickey <dbrickey@magna.utah.gov>

David,

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Please get back to me on this.

Thanks,

Terry George

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From: David Brickey <dbrickey@magna.utah.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 7, 2025 1:21 PM
To: Diana Baun
Cc: Trent Sorensen; Brian Hartsell; Delwin Craig; Jordan Petersen; Audrey Cooley; wweight@magna.utah.gov; Paul Ashton; Marla Howard; Maridene Alexander
Subject: Additional clarification requested by Terry George regarding the CTC

Dear Magna City candidate:

I received a follow-up email from candidate Terry George asking additional questions about the "Community That Cares". (Mr. George's email questions were sent on Oct. 2, at 5:21PM & 5:44PM) Below this introduction is the City's response to those follow-up questions. The original question is in Underlined. The City's response is set out below the Underlined question. If you have any questions or need clarification regarding the response provided, please direct those inquiries to me. I will work with MSD & CTC staff to ensure that all candidates receive the same information and responses.

One more thing. I do believe that the city council used to vote and approve expenditures for the CTC. Is that true? If it is, when did that stop?

The Magna City Council does not vote on, or approve, the expenditures of the CTC. The CTC Board determines how it will spend its Grant funded resources. Magna City Council has never provided approval of CTC expenditures. Magna City's role within the Coalition is to provide the assistance of the MSD finance department in paying invoices that the CTC Chair approves. The practice has been that the MSD staff sends the CTC Chair an invoice/ledger to review and authorize payment. Once the CTC Chair has authorized the payment and sent verification to the Magna City Mayor, the Mayor notifies the MSD staff that payment may proceed. The current Magna City Council has wanted clarification of this process and the (previously provided) Memorandum of Understanding was executed this past April 22, 2025, to help provide transparency and clarity to this process.

Another question.... If Magna has nothing to do with the CTC, why is their email address a Magna.org email?

At the time of the CTC creation, Magna Metro Township, lent the use of the "Magna.org" to the CTC. Similar to the allowance that the Salt Lake County Health Department has provided to the 17 Coalitions that exist here in Salt Lake County. (Here is the Salt Lake County Health Department sponsored website: <https://www.saltlakecounty.gov/health/coalitions/>) Some communities have recently started separating their association from existing Coalitions. I have verified that the MSD Information Technology Department has recently assisted the City of Kearns with creating a separate email address for "My Kearns Community Coalition". If the Magna City Council was similarly interested in creating this separation, I would work with Jordan Petersen and the CTC to help facilitate this change.

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From: David Brickey <dbrickey@magna.utah.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 8, 2025 10:07 AM
To: Diana Baun
Cc: Paul Ashton; Maridene Alexander; Jordan Petersen; Audrey Cooley; wweight@magna.utah.gov
Subject: Fwd: clarification wanted

Dear City Council:

I am advised that Ms. Petersen sent the email below to all of the candidates running for office in Magna City. I am providing the City Council a copy of the same email as at least two members of the Council may not have received a copy. As I previously indicated, all communication with the candidates will be added to the Managers Report so that all communication is open and transparent to the public. That commitment extends to communication provided by Ms. Petersen on behalf of the CTC.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Thank you,
David R. Brickey
Magna City, City Manager

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From: Jordan Petersen <jpetersen@magna.utah.gov>
Date: Tue, Oct 7, 2025 at 3:29 PM
Subject: Re: clarification wanted
To: <terrygeorge.magna@gmail.com>
Cc: Diana Baun <DBaun@msd.utah.gov>, Trent Sorensen <TSorensen@msd.utah.gov>, Brian Hartsell <bhartsell@msd.utah.gov>, Delwin Craig <DCraig@unifiedpoliceut.gov>, Audrey Cooley <acooley@magna.utah.gov>, David Brickey <dbrickey@magna.utah.gov>, <wweight@magna.utah.gov>, Paul Ashton <phashton@xmission.com>

Mr. George,

Thank you for reaching out with your questions and for your commitment to ensuring taxpayer funds are used responsibly within the Magna United CTC Coalition. Transparency is a priority for us, and we continue to strengthen our processes to make information as clear and accessible as possible. Below, we've provided responses to your questions to help clarify and address any concerns.

1. 4100.100 CTC Wages: Is the coordinator's job a full-time job? \$59,960.92 plus benefits.

Yes. Role of Coalition Coordinator:

- Focus and facilitate the efforts and energies of the Board and its workgroups.
- Work with Executive Leadership and Board Chair(s) to ensure objectives for Communities that Care are achieved.

- Manage essential board tasks, including collecting, organizing, and analyzing data; community outreach and public relations; strategic financing; program implementation and evaluation.
- Provide staff support to the Board and its workgroups. Support workgroups through collaboration and leading activities to meet workgroup goals as needed.
- Work with the Community Board Chair to create and maintain a productive Board by setting meeting objectives, facilitating meetings, and articulating roles, responsibilities and expected results.
- Foster support from stakeholders.
- Monitor fiscal management and collaborate with the Magna United CTC financial lead or assume finance lead's duties, if necessary.
- Work with executive leadership, community board, partners, and Finance & Funding workgroup to secure funding for Magna United CTC programming, program support infrastructure, and ongoing staffing to support the community process.
- Manage project planning, timelines, and maintenance.
- Represent the Magna United CTC board in local, state and national conversations as opportunities arise.
- Facilitates communication within and between workgroups.
- Monitor and direct the entire Magna United CTC to ensure compliance with the goals and other regulatory requirements.
- Work with coaches and professional development trainers, as required.

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Magna United CTC utilized travel funds to send both youth and adults to national prevention conferences hosted by [CADCA \(Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America\)](#). These conferences provide specialized training on coalition building, prevention strategies, and youth leadership development.

- Trips:
 - July 2024 – Mid-Year Training Institute, Chicago: 5 adults and 3 youth attended. The trip lasted 6 days (4 conference days + 2 travel days). Due to a global airline outage on July 19th, 2024, the group faced severe delays and required 4 additional days of accommodations, meals, and ground travel to return home safely (resulting in \$3,000 for hotel rooms and meals, \$3275 for ground travel back home).
 - February 2025 – National Leadership Forum, Washington, D.C.: 7 adults and 6 youth attended. The trip lasted 6 days (4 conference days + 2 travel days).
 - We work with the state travel agency to ensure that we are complying with all regulations that might exist regarding business travel. When we travel, we try to be as budget-conscious as can be. We purchase basic, economy seating for airplanes, the lowest priced hotel rooms as available, take advantage of conference discounted-hotel rooms and early-bird registration fees, and reimburse attendees for their meals at the [General Services Administration rate](#).
- Benefits:
 - Youth received training in leadership, advocacy, and community prevention efforts.
 - Youth met with Senator Mike Lee and Representative Celeste Maloy, gaining first-hand experience in civic engagement. One of our shyest participants volunteered to be the lead speaker, later sharing that the experience built their confidence for future public speaking.
 - Adults learned strategies for funding sustainability, coalition management, and evidence-based prevention practices.
- Approval: Travel and associated costs were approved by the coalition in advance and aligned with prevention grant guidelines.

3. 4100.240 CTC Contractors: What is the contractor's expense and what kind of contractor and what was done? \$7,108.31

Some of CTC funds are used to support two part-time Community Liaisons. Each liaison is contracted for up to 20 hours per month at \$20/hour. Their role is to engage families and underrepresented communities in prevention efforts. If funds are available due to underspending, liaisons may be approved to work additional hours to meet outreach needs. Here are the list of job duties:

- Work with the Coalition Coordinator to support community engagement strategies.
- Assist with outreach events and communication efforts, including social media management, website updates, and outreach materials.
- Inform community members about available services and programs.
- Help bridge language and cultural barriers to improve access to resources.
- Represent their community at Coalition meetings.
- Support local youth programs, including the Magna Kearns Youth Court and Magna United Youth Coalition.
- Connect community members to appropriate resources.
- Promote coalition efforts and maintain professionalism in all interactions.
- Ensure the confidentiality of sensitive information.
- Complete required training and assigned tasks.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

4. 4100.607 CTC Sponsorships: Who and what did they sponsor? \$14,032.44

We are proud to support our community partners in their prevention-based initiatives and help reduce barriers related to program costs. Magna United CTC has provided funds to support our Afterschool Program by purchasing books for students, sponsoring a STEM-based magic show, and donating school pride t-shirts to elementary school students.

Sponsorships for prevention-based activities are approved by Magna United CTC's Community Board and reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Activities are considered prevention-based if they address [youth substance use risk and protective factors identified through data and research from the University of Washington](#). Youth are more at risk for substance use when they believe their parents don't care whether they use drugs or alcohol, when they feel disconnected from school, or when they lack a sense of belonging in their community—factors which also increase the risk of gang involvement. On the other hand, youth who feel connected and recognized for their participation in school and community programs are far less likely to begin using substances.

Examples of why we sponsored the activities above:

- Afterschool Program Book Donation, STEM Magic Show, and Student T-Shirts – All three activities help reduce the risk factor of students feeling that school has no importance. Research shows that the amount of reading done in elementary school is a strong predictor of future academic success. Many of the students who received books may not have had one of their own at home. The magic show makes learning fun and can inspire students who previously had little interest in science or math—again linking back to academic success. The school t-shirt donations help students feel a sense of belonging and school pride. For many families, new clothing is a financial challenge, so providing new shirts allows students to feel included and confident in what they wear.

5. 4100.611 Safety & Success Subaward: Who was awarded and for what? \$371,117.53

In September 2022, Salt Lake County Mayor's Office—partnering with Magna United CTC—[secured a \\$2 million federal Safety & Success grant to address youth crime prevention](#), which aligns closely with substance use prevention. The majority of this funding is distributed to the following evidenced-based programs for implementation:

- [Choose Gang Free](#) (Sheriff's Office) – gang prevention and education.
- [Check and Connect](#) (Granite School District) – school-based mentoring for at-risk youth.
- [Afterschool Program](#) (SLCo Youth Services) – safe, structured enrichment programs.

These funds primarily cover staff, mentors, and program delivery.

6. 4100.614 Safety & Success Other Expenses: What are these? \$5,427.31

These expenses cover program-related supplies and resources not tied directly to subawards, such as:

- [Magna Kearns Youth Court](#) program supplies (diversion program offering alternatives to the justice system).
- Office materials, translation tools, technology, and training resources necessary to run Safety & Success initiatives.

7. 4100.615 Safety & Success Contractors: What was contracted out, for what, and to whom? \$13,026.27

These funds support Youth Advisors, who are young adults employed through the Safety & Success grant. They work up to 40 hours per month and are paid \$20–\$21 per hour based on experience.

Youth Advisors provide direct input into coalition activities and help connect programming to Magna's youth population. This follows the principle of "Nothing About Us, Without Us"—ensuring young people have a voice in the prevention work that directly affects them.

While it may appear that significant funds are allocated to travel, contractors, or partnerships, each expense is tied directly to evidence-based prevention strategies. These strategies are designed to reduce youth risk factors, increase protective factors, and build long-term community capacity—benefiting Magna youth both immediately and in the future.

As a prevention-focused coalition implementing the evidence-based Communities That Care framework, we qualify to receive Beer Tax funds to support our alcohol prevention efforts. These funds have helped us boost participation in parenting classes—where alcohol prevention is a key topic—by providing meals, as well as enhance community events that raise awareness about underage drinking and help families learn effective ways to talk with their children about avoiding alcohol use.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to share your questions and concerns. Your feedback helps us strengthen our work and ensures that we remain accountable to the community we serve. We would also like to extend an invitation for you to join the Magna United Communities That Care Coalition. As a coalition member, you would have the opportunity to provide input on our processes, participate in discussions, and help guide decisions about how funding is allocated to best support the youth and families of Magna. We value community voices and would welcome your involvement.

Warm regards,



JORDAN PETERSEN

Magna United Communities that Care

Coalition Coordinator

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