

A RESOLUTION OF THE OREM CITY COUNCIL EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO THE
PROPOSED VESPER AMPHITHEATER DEVELOPMENT AND ADVOCATING FOR
REGIONAL COLLABORATION IN PROVO CANYON

WHEREAS, the Orem City Council deeply values its longstanding relationship with the City of Provo and respects the Provo City Council's authority over land-use decisions within its borders; and

WHEREAS, while the Orem City Council does not typically weigh in on matters outside city boundaries, the impacts of the proposed Vesper Amphitheater on the health, safety, and welfare of Orem and its residents are too significant to ignore; and

WHEREAS, although the original application has been withdrawn, we understand that a revised proposal is forthcoming and our concerns regarding substantial negative impacts on Orem and the surrounding area remain; and

WHEREAS, despite dozens of hours of productive dialogue with the Vesper development team and Provo City representatives, critical concerns remain unresolved and we remain concerned about sound and light pollution, impacts to Orem's Mt. Timpanogos Park and Palisade Park and their users, parking impacts, and substantial traffic impacts on SR-189 (Provo Canyon Highway) and SR-52 (800 North); and

WHEREAS, a development of this scale cannot occur without significant and costly transportation improvements, many of which would directly affect Orem residents; and

WHEREAS, the Orem City Council sincerely appreciates the Provo Mayor and Provo City Council's willingness to approach these concerns in the spirit of a good neighbor. Their transparent communication and willingness to engage with the City of Orem on difficult issues have been exceptional and the Orem City Council is grateful for the productive dialogue between our cities; and

WHEREAS, Orem's concerns also reflect the unique regional importance of Provo Canyon. It is a treasured recreational and natural resource shared by residents throughout Utah County and we believe there is an opportunity for Provo, Orem, the State of Utah, Utah County, Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG), and affected special service districts to work together toward a long-term vision for this area to create a plan that enhances the grandeur and recreational value of the canyon while thoughtfully considering the impacts of future development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OREM, UTAH, as follows:

1. The Orem City Council hereby formally expresses its opposition to the proposed Vesper Amphitheater development due to concerns about sound and light pollution, impacts to Orem's

Mt. Timpanogos Park and Palisade Park and their users, parking impacts, and substantial traffic impacts on SR-189 (Provo Canyon Highway) and SR-52 (800 North).

2. As the Vesper proposal is revised and moves again through Provo City's review process, the Orem City Council respectfully asks that the concerns and impacts outlined above and in Orem's June 23rd letter be given significant consideration.

3. The City of Orem reaffirms its commitment to its strong partnership with Provo City and advocates for a multi-agency regional planning effort for the future of Provo Canyon.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 8th day of September, 2026.


Karen McCandless, Mayor

ATTEST:


Teresa McKittrick, City Recorder



COUNCILMEMBER

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Karen McCandless	☒	☐	☐
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