

**SEVIER COUNTY VOTER INFORMATION
FOR PROPOSITION 1
GENERAL ELECTION, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2015**

BALLOT TITLE FOR PROPOSITION 1

AN OPINION QUESTION TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS

Shall Sevier County, Utah, be authorized to impose a quarter of one percent (0.25%, the equivalent of 1 cent for every \$4 spent) sales and use tax for the specific purpose of transportation improvements, such as roads, trails, sidewalks, maintenance, and traffic and pedestrian safety features, with the revenues divided among the County, cities and towns within the County?

ARGUMENTS

Arguments for or against a ballot proposition are the opinions of the authors.

FOR THE PROPOSITION

We all want our children and grandchildren to enjoy a wonderful quality life now and in the future. Utah's cities and counties face a growing population, deteriorating roads, and local budgets that fail to keep up with mounting maintenance costs. The need is visible on our streets and sidewalks. Deteriorated roads result in more wear and tear on our vehicles, hampered economic prosperity, and a diminished quality of life.

With new funding through Proposition 1 (a sales tax for local transportation), local elected leaders can prepare for population growth, take better care of our roadways and sidewalks, and promote economic prosperity in our community.

Proposition 1 will provide a substantial piece of the local transportation puzzle. For **just one cent** of every four dollars spent—excluding food purchases—we can maintain our local city and county roads.

The cost of doing nothing is far higher for the average Utah family than the local option sales tax. Proposition 1 would cost the average person \$40 a year, but our current road disrepair costs the average driver over \$600 more a year in added fuel use, tire wear, and extra vehicle maintenance. In addition, for every dollar we invest now in infrastructure, we save \$6 in repair and \$10 in reconstruction work. We know that roads cost more taxpayer dollars when they are not maintained. Things like slurry seals, chip seals and overlays, that help keep roads in good shape cost money, but they are far less expensive than going without maintenance and having to completely rebuild a road years later. Choosing to maintain our roads today is the financially responsible and fiscally conservative approach for families.

Proposition 1 is dedicated exclusively to *local* transportation. Prop 1 is not for the construction of major highways, nor will it fund the overhead of large agencies. Prop 1 will fund things that are close to home – the transportation options you use and need the most. It will also fill a nasty pothole on your local street or finish a sidewalk between your house and your children's school.

More than 110 cities and towns across Utah passed resolutions supporting Prop 1. Business leaders know that investing in transportation today will save taxpayer dollars tomorrow. This is a historic moment to join our local government officials and the business community in support of Prop 1.

Voting "Yes" will save Utah families money, protect the local businesses, and preserve our quality of life.

Signed,

Garth "Tooter" Ogden, Sevier County Commission

Kevin Moore, Elsinore Town Mayor

Robert Kirt Nilsson, Monroe City Mayor

Dustin Deaton, Salina City Mayor

David Ogden, Richfield City Mayor

AGAINST THE PROPOSITION

No arguments submitted.

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

The November 3, 2015 General Election is being held by mail in most of Sevier County. Voters in Joseph Town, Redmond Town, and Sigurd Town will vote on the County wide question on their Town Election Ballot.

Polls will be open on November 3, 2015, from 7 AM to 8 PM for voters living in Redmond Town, Joseph Town, and Sigurd Town at:

Joseph Community Center – 25 E 100 N, Joseph
Redmond Town Hall – 45 W Main, Redmond
Sigurd Community Center - 485 N State, Sigurd

All other ballots will be mailed, and may be returned by one of the following methods:

BY MAIL (postmarked by November 2, 2015)

IN PERSON before October 29, 2015 to the County Clerk Office

ELECTION DAY (Nov. 3rd) between 7 AM and 8 PM at the Sevier County Fairgrounds.

Contact us with questions by telephone at 435-893-0401 or by email at elections@sevier.utah.gov.

PUBLIC MEETING

The Sevier County Commission will hold a public meeting regarding Proposition 1 on October 29, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sevier County Commission Chambers, Room 130, of the Sevier County Administration Building, 250 North Main, Richfield, Utah.