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**CACHE COUNTY VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET FOR
ELECTION DAY NOV 8, 2022**

POLLING PLACES - VOTE BY MAIL OR IN PERSON
11/1 - 11/4 8AM TO 5PM CACHE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
11/8 7AM - 8PM CACHE COUNTY EVENT CENTER
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Dear Cache County Voter,

The below information is a handout regarding two propositions that will be on your upcoming ballot.
Proposition 1: A bond to preserve open spaces in the county.

Proposition 2: A reauthorization of Recreation, Arts, Parks and Zoo Tax (RAPZ Tax)

BALLOT LANGUAGE

PROPOSITION 1 OPEN SPACE BOND

PROPOSITION 2 RAPZ TAX REAUTHORIZATION

Shall Cache County, Utah, be authorized to issue General Obligation Bonds in a principal amount not to exceed TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS for the purpose of paying all or a portion of the costs of purchasing land, conservation easements, and other interests in land from willing landowners in order to protect scenic vistas, preserve open lands near valley gateways, add trails and trail connectivity, and maintain agriculture, waterways, and wildlife habitat, with all acquisitions to be selected by the County Council based upon recommendations of an Open Lands Board and subject to periodic independent audit commissioned by the County; said Bonds to be due and payable in not to exceed 20 years from the date of issuance of the Bonds? Property Tax Cost of Bonds: If the Bonds are issued as planned, an annual property tax sufficient to pay debt service on the Bonds will be required over a period of 20 years in the estimated amount of \$26.85 per year on a \$429,000 primary residence and in the estimated amount of \$45.52 on a business property of the same value. The foregoing information is only an estimate and is not a limit on the amount of taxes that the County may be required to levy to pay debt service on the Bonds. The County would be obligated to levy taxes to the extent provided by law in order to pay the Bonds. The amounts are based on various assumptions and estimates, including estimated debt service on the Bonds and taxable values of property in the County.

Shall Cache County, Utah, be authorized to impose a 0.1% sales and use tax for the purpose of funding recreation, arts, parks and zoos in Cache County, Utah?

OPEN SPACE BOND WRITTEN ARGUMENTS

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

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AGAINST

Each generation decides on what legacy to leave to its descendants. In some families, it is a quilt or well-worn hand tool. Perhaps photographs or books of worship. Whatever is passed down, it is an intentional choice that conveys shared values and identity. In terms of land, what legacy does this generation of Cache County residents want to leave to future generations? What are the special places, vistas, and land uses that we value and want to share with them? Perhaps more importantly, how do we all bear the cost of providing that legacy and ensure that the burden is not placed on landowners unfairly? Proposition 1 on the 2022 Cache County ballot provides the means to secure a legacy of open lands in the county. It authorizes borrowing \$20 million that would be repaid through property taxes over 20 years. The estimated tax increase on the typical residence would be \$2.24/month (\$26.85/year), and would not be a permanent increase—it would disappear when the debt is repaid. Another critical aspect of the program is the formation of an Open Space Board that will develop and administer the program. The volunteer Board members will be selected by the County Council, and develop selection criteria, review proposals, and make recommendations to the Council, who will make the final choice of projects to be undertaken. Public hearings may occur when recommendations are developed and/or projects selected, and the work of the Board will be subject to periodic independent audit. A cornerstone of this approach is that landowner participation would be entirely voluntary. All transactions that either purchase land outright or acquire a partial interest in it (perhaps an easement or right of way) will be with willing landowners, entered into freely. The specific bond language is that monies may be used... in order to protect scenic vistas, preserve open lands near valley gateways, add trails and trail connectivity, and maintain agriculture, waterways, and wildlife. Current land values in Cache County mean that \$20 million will need to be used efficiently in order to maximize its impact. There are both state and federal funds that can be leveraged to extend the benefit of the program. But having County-controlled funds means that we can make our own choices and not be constrained by the priorities or funding levels in programs run by others. It also gives us the means to fill in the gaps when state and federal funds fall a tad short of allowing a deal to work for a landowner. (For more information see cacheopenspace.org.) This program is not anti-growth or opposed to development. It will identify and permanently protect the “diamonds” in our county and will not significantly reduce the inventory of developable land. Continued growth and change in Cache County is inevitable—the goal of this program is to ensure that special lands will be our legacy even as growth occurs.

VOTE YES ON PROPOSITION 1.

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NO ARGUMENT WAS SUBMITTED

RAPZ TAX REAUTHORIZATION WRITTEN ARGUMENTS

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With your support of RAPZ during the past twenty years, citizens of Cache County have used good sense to reinvest a few cents in our community. Your pennies and those of other residents have compounded into millions of dollars of support for Recreation, Arts, Parks, and our Zoo over the years. Every Cache Valley community and citizen has benefited from these funds. Tourists spend over \$180 million in our county every year and our ability to set aside a portion of those monies towards RAPZ activities and assets enriches our whole community. RAPZ funding is crucial to several recipients' budgets and supports a wide array of new purchases, upgrades, maintenance, and programming. Some examples are local parks & recreation facilities, festivals and heritage events, museums and historic preservation, theatrical and musical schedules, just to name a few. Park pavilions have been built and upgraded, more playing fields for various sports added, playgrounds constructed, new trails created and walking paths extended, theater productions enhanced, community events continued, and cultural icons preserved all because of your support for RAPZ. Voting yes to reauthorize RAPZ enables us to continue to enhance our own community culture and quality of life.

Wendi Hassan

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