Voting by mail has worked well since 2015

By Ben Lassetter

MANTI — Sanpete County Clerk Sandy Neill told ballot voters the safest and best way to vote this year is by mailing in your ballot or using one of the secure drop boxes outside the county courthouse or the Mt. Pleasant, Ephraim and Gunnison city halls.

You may also drop off your voted ballot at the clerk’s office at 160 N. Main, Suite 202, in Manti. The ballot needs to be signed the day before election day.

Voters must be 18 years of age by Nov. 3, the day of the election. To vote by mail, you must register with the Sanpete County Clerk’s office by Oct. 23.

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Polls still point incumbent Ben McAdams, a Democrat, at 42 percent compared to Burgess Owens, the Republican, at 36 percent.

McAdams, who won his seat from Mia Love in 2018 by less than 1,000 votes, hopes to win a second term representing the district, which is made up of parts of Sanpete, Juab, Utah, Salt Lake and south of Utah County.  

With Utah red rocks as backdrop, Kael Weston announces his candidacy in January 2020.  

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PRESIDENT

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US HOUSE DIST. 2

DERRIN OWENS
UTAH SENATE
DIST. 24

STEVE LUND
UTAH HOUSE
DIST. 58

REED HATCH
COUNTY
COMMISSIONER

YOUR VOTE MATTERS!

VOTING REPUBLICAN MEANS:

You believe in smaller:
Government, Lower Taxes
the sanctity of life, and
the Rights of the unborn
You also believe that:
Judges should not legislate
from the bench and that the
Supreme Court should
interpret the Constitution
rather than create new law
You also believe in and
want to protect 2nd
amendment rights!

You believe in:
Capitalism
The Free Enterprise system,
Individual property rights,
Free Speech, Freedom of
Religion, the Rule of Law,
Strong National borders,
and a Strong U.S. Military.

You also believe that:
ALL lives matter!
Voter ID should be the law.

God Bless America - God Bless America - God Bless America - God Bless America

NOT VOTING MEANS: You don't care!

Regardless of party affiliation, we urge each of you to
fill out your ballot and mail or deliver it to a voting
drop-box TODAY! Doing so affirms your
citizenship and strengthens
our country by making sure
your voice is heard.

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God Bless America - God Bless America - God Bless America - God Bless America
Residents of Mt. Pleasant and Ephraim are voting on a local-option sales tax to support recreation, arts and parks. They are both proposing a tax of 1 cent on retail sales other than groceries and gasoline. In Ephraim, the tax rate would go from 6.65% to 7.65%.

In the coming years, "that's open to some evolution," said. "And that means having our political system and our political processes change, where Spencer started working for a Salt Lake City law firm. But after a few years, Spencer and Abby decided they wanted to give their children the rural life..."
Mt. Pleasant residents: Join your neighbors in improving the quality of life for everyone in the city

Vote “YES” on Proposition 19, the Recreation, Arts and Parks (RAP) local-option sales tax

What will it mean to Mt. Pleasant and to YOU?

An extra $36,000 or more per year...$360,000 over the 10-year life of the program...will expenditures be determined by a citizen committee and the city council.

Here are a few ideas suggested so far:

- Park improvements such as nicer restrooms and playground equipment
- Trails and bike paths
- Sports equipment for kids
- Theater groups and performances
- Arts and crafts classes
- Beautification projects
- Monuments dedicated to history and culture
- A children and youth memorial garden to remember children in our community who have died—and to promote family values

What will it cost you?

So little, you’ll scarcely notice it.

- 0.1% (1 cent on $10) on consumer purchases in the city.
- (Not charged on groceries or gasoline)
- If your family spends $30,000 per year in Mt. Pleasant, your cost will be $30.
- But your small contribution combined with everybody else’s will make a big difference.
- Expenditures by tourists and others from out of town will add to the fund.

* For more information, read the article on page B4 of this Election Guide.
Greg Skordas’s legal career has in-
cluded defending indigent defendants, pro-
sessing legislation against gangs and im-
plementing the first drug court in Salt Lake County.
Skordas has spent his life in Utah. He
and his wife, Rob-
ca, live in Eden, Weber County, and have three
children.
According to the Skordas campaign website, after leaving the Utah County attorney’s office in 1995, he anticipated making an eventual return to public service. The site says his run
for attorney general is a reaction to the current state and federal administrations.

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HERE ARE THE FACTS:

- The tax is 1/10th of 1 cent, or one penny on each $10, on goods purchased in the city (not charged on gasoline or groceries).
- The current sales tax rate in Ephraim will go from 6.65% to 6.75%. That means if you make a $10 purchase, your cost will go from $10.66 to $10.67.
- If your family spends $25,000 per year on consumer goods in Ephraim, you’ll contribute $25 to the RAP tax fund.
- Yet the Utah Tax Commission estimates your pennies, combined with contributions from other residents, will generate $100,000 per year—and $1 million over the life of the program.
- Expenditures by college students, tourists and other non-residents, such as purchases at Walmart, will also generate RAP tax revenue.
- The city council will determine how RAP tax revenue is spent. The RAP tax will not raise property taxes.

HERE ARE THE BENEFITS:

- RAP tax funds can benefit all ages, from supporting arts and crafts activities for kids, to helping build trails through the community for families and seniors.
- The photos on this page are just a few examples.
- In Ephraim, we don’t want to lose our parks and trails by neglecting them, so we can stay active and healthy.
- The RAP tax will help fund recreation infrastructure projects in Ephraim, like walking and hiking trails, additional green space, multi-use sports courts, new playground equipment, etc.
- Supporting local art programs and organizations could also be enhanced.

SO WHAT ARE THE ‘CONS’?

- The RAP tax is a small tax increase. Residents who don’t care about or use community facilities will pay the tax but won’t benefit from it.

PUBLIC HEARING

Thursday, Oct. 29 7 p.m. Council chambers at Ephraim City Hall

For more information, read the story on Page B4
United Utah Party candidate Brian Fabbri, who points out he is the only accountant in the race for auditor, believes “politics has no place in the functioning of audits.” He says believes in “absolute transparency and fiscal responsibility.”

Fabbri was concerned with the “delay” and “apparent politicization” of the audit into the no-bid contracts related to COVID-19. “No audit should be done by a fellow partisan of the target, nor should the reporting of an audit be delayed because of politics,” Fabbi said.

“Then I am running as a member of a third party, because the auditor position should not be partisan. The mere appearance of political motivation in an auditor’s audits cost suspicious on their audits and their ability to faithfully discharge their duties.”

Utah Senate District 24

Warren Rogers

Born in the Salt Lake City area, Warren Rogers has lived for 4 years in Oak City, Millard County, where he serves on the city council since 2018. A member of the American Independent Party, he is in the Army. He has been associated with the Constitution Party since 2006. Rogers joined the Independent American Party when he ran for state auditor in 2014 and a state senate seat in 1998.

In office, Rogers says he would work “to determine if the people are being represented properly by those who are elected to serve and to verify that all those who serve are prudent in the management” of their money.

He also said he would use his position to prepare for the statewide lockdowns “to prevent the spread of COVID-19.”

Utah State Auditor

Jeffrey Osler

Richard Proctor

Richard Proctor of Kayeville has been a member of the Constitution Party for more than 10 years, according to his profile on the party website. He has a PhD in political economics and has authored books on the economy, the Constitution and government.

Topics on his online platform include abortion, which he calls “America’s national holocaust,” defining marriage as “between a man and a woman,” limiting federal government and the Second Amendment.

He9 believes the Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights to be the greatest documents of freedom ever produced by man,” his profile says.

Utah State Treasurer

Joe Speciale

Jessica O’Leary

Richard Proctor

State of Utah

Jessica O’Leary is a resident of Mohab. She holds a master’s degree in biology. Professionally, she has researched antibiotic resistance, taught biology at the college level and most importantly, been a mother.

She feels the entire district deserves representation and Emery counties to know she hears them and that the school districts have very proactive.”

He said he would work for “to create an environment conducive to economic growth. I will be watchful of how and where our tax dollars will be spent, during these challenging times,” he said.

Utah Senator Steve Lund—

Representative Derrin Owens—

Proud to be a voice for rural Utah.

Steve Lund, a former Sanpete County Commissioner, and Republican candidate for the Utah House of Representatives District 58, wants Sanpete County to prepare for a climate emergency.

“Thank you citizens of House District 58 for the accomplishments we have earned together over the last 5 legislative sessions. My tenure has been a steep learning curve to prepare me to serve in Senate District 24.”

My deep respect goes to my mentor and friend, Senator Ralph Okerlund, who is retiring. His brilliant mind and work ethic will be missed. Thank you senator, for leading the way during the past 12 years in the senate.”

The next few years are going to be exciting and surprising,” he says. “We need to be prepared to work not only as cities within a county, but counties within Utah.”

Lund says he will work to preserve the “conservative values we all cherish and live by.”

“Utah’s rural areas, such as Sanpete County, are probably our most valuable resources,” he says.

We need to make sure our food chain is independent and self-supporting,” he says. “We are losing our young farmers and ranchers to the urban areas. There has to be a way to help them unlock the financial security that should be in agriculture.”

He also supports the police and first responders. There is always a need to review and update our criminal justice system.

Lund holds a bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering. He worked as an engineer in west Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Utah. He also taught math, chemistry and earth sci- ence at Miami High School and coached softball.

He grew up in Manti and married Melissa Peterson. They have three children and five grandchildren.

As a state representative, he pledges to support all the citizens of Juab and Sanpete Counties and asks for your vote. His website is steveldlundforhouse58.com.
CONGRESSMAN
BEN McADAMS

PUTS PEOPLE BEFORE PARTY, PRINCIPLE ABOVE POLITICS

- An Independent voice for Utah
- Helped lower the cost of prescription drugs and protect access to health care
- Blocked funding for new explosive nuclear weapons testing
- Passed an amendment protecting children from online predators
- Supported small businesses in need of relief from COVID-19 economic shutdown
Larry SMITH

United Utah Party candidate Larry Smith says that as a Sanpete County commissioner he would focus on quality of life and education. He received his bachelor’s degree at BYU and master’s degree in Texas. He taught physics and math at Snow College for 25 years. During that time, he has lived in Ephraim with his wife, Holly, and they have raised a family of five children.

Smith served for 12 years on the South Sanpete School Board, including a term as president, and six years on the Ephraim Public Library board, including a term as chairman. He said he had also “worked with the North Sanpete Board of Education on many occasions.”

He said he would address issues in the county like suicide and unemployment rates by “continuing common-sense, data-driven, economy-bosting, compassionate governance.”

On decisions to come about managing COVID-19, Smith said he “bore the responsibility to make decisions.” He weighed economic impacts of prevention measures. He said those decisions should be made at lower, more easily involved levels of government.

Smith said he affiliated with the United Utah Party because it aligned with his moderate views.

“Extreme elements of both major political parties alienate many people in the middle who simply want real, good, reasonable representation in the government,” he said.

Shalmarie MORLEY

Shalmarie Morley and her husband, Alan, reside in Merimons and are the parents of two children and four grandchildren who have attended and currently attend school in the North Sanpete School District.

Shalmarie is an associate real estate broker for Kools Real Estate, and along with her husband, family and own and operate Shalan’s in Mercion. She has served on the school board for the past four years.

“Some of the biggest challenges at our school board are that you feel here in Sanpete, “ he says.

North and South Sanpete School District

Uncontested races

Treasurer

Amy WILDEN

Amy Wilden of Spring City is running for her first full term as county treasurer. She has been serving since 2016, when she was appointed to the position.

“One of my biggest concerns is that the Treasurer’s Office efficiently and effectively serve us as helpful as possible to Sanpete County. This has been a goal of mine since I took office. I will continue to work and improve on that goal,” she says.

She lives in Ephraim, where her family is from. They have two daughters, Savannah and Emily, and one son, Cade. In her free time she enjoys baking, reading and spending time with family.

Sanpete County

Commissioner

Reed HATCH

Reed Hatch, who is retiring as Sanpete County Recorder this year, has worked in the Sanpete County Recorder’s Office for 38 years, as an appraiser, for 42 years.

He worked in Manti in 1966 at the age of 5. He came up through the Manti school system and attended Snow College and Utah Valley State College, where he received a degree in business and was a member of the basketball team.

Hatch also said the county needs to find ways to create job opportunities, he is trying to meet the needs of young people to move away from work. He said he would work with people like the governor and local commissions to find new ways to stimulate business in the area.

As for slowing the spread of COVID-19, he said he would encourage the community to take all necessary measures, but does not favor enforcing them at the government level.

In this year’s presidential election, Hatch said he would support Donald Trump because he is “the best for our country at this point.”

North Sanpete School District

Board of Education

Stacey GOBLE

Stacey Goble of Mt. Pleasant, an incumbent, is a graduate of North Sanpete High School and Snow College. She currently holds licenses in real estate and cosmetology. She has been active for many years in PTA, her school-community council and other school district committees.

Goble has served on the Mt. Pleasant City Planning and Zoning Commission. She has owned and operated her own business for 21 years. She and her husband, Rick, have two children.

“I am seeking to election so that I can make a difference in our children’s education,” she says.

“I believe that we have to be proactive in every child’s educational experience, so each one can become college- and career-ready.

“We have to give them a safe environment, quality staff and the tools necessary to achieve success. As the mother of two school-age children, I see first-hand the challenges and triumphs at our school.”

She said she always has an open door and listening ear for the patrons of the school district.

She said she wants to be the voice of the community while balancing student and staff needs. She adds, “I work hard to make sure we are responsible in our spending and find ways to do more with less.”

Goble says she loves serving her community, especially the children, and will do her best to uphold high standards while giving the children in the school district the best education possible.

Dan RASMUSSEN

Dan Rasmussen and his wife, Shalmarie, have raised two children in Spring City. Rasmussen loves the idea of raising their children in a rural community, especially because of the opportunity in school. “I love the strong family values that you feel here in Sanpete,” he says.

Larry SMITH

Larry Smith

Reed Hatch

Don’t forget to vote!
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for

RURAL UTAH

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Judge Wallace Lee
6th District Court

Judge Wallace A. Lee was appointed to the 6th District Court in October 2016. After graduating from law school, he practiced with the St. George firm of Thompson, Hughes & Reber. Later, he established a private practice in Panguitch, and served as Garfield County attorney and Panguitch City attorney.

According to a survey of attorneys who have appeared before the judge, Lee has shown to be attentive, capable, ethical, knowledgeable, and open-minded. Respondents characterize him as respectful and proficient.

Respondents and courtroom observers agree that the judge demonstrates kindness and thoroughness. They also laud the judge for his humanity, professionalism, and impartiality. All court observers report confidence that they would be treated fairly if they were to appear in Judge Lee’s court.

Ninety-six percent of survey respondents recommend him for retention. And the Utah Judicial Performance Review Commission recommends that Judge Lee be retained, 13-0.

Judge John R. Cox, Jr.
Sanpete County Justice Court

Judge John R. Cox, Jr., was appointed to the Sanpete County Justice Court in January 2010. Prior to his appointment, he worked for more than 40 years in the executive and legislative branches of government and in private industry.

Judge Cox has a law degree from George Washington University. He has not been the subject of any public reprimands issued by the Utah Supreme Court during 16 years of practice.

He has also met all other performance standards and has been determined to physically and mentally competent for office.

The Judicial Performance Review Commission recommends that Judge Cox be retained 13-0.

Judge Mark McIlff
Municipal justice courts

Judge Mark McIlff is on the ballot for retention as the judge in the Ephraim City, Fairview, Green River, Morris and Spring City justice courts.

He received his law degree from the University of Utah College of Law in 1989. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge McIlff served as the Frutie County attorney, the Wayne County attorney, deputy Sanpete County attorney, deputy Garfield County attorney and chief criminal prosecutor for the Wasatch County Attorney’s Office. He also served as the city attorney for several cities and maintained a private law practice.

Judge McIlff receives positive reviews from nearly all judicial survey respondents. They report he displays an exemplary demeanor from the bench. Respondents say Judge McIlff is open and needs of courtroom participants and treats people who come before him with respect.

Judge McIlff has been certified by the Judicial Council as meeting all time standards, education requirements, and mental and physical competence standards.

The Judicial Performance Review Commission recommends that Judge McIlff be retained, 12-0.

Justice John Pearce
Utah Court of Appeals

Justice John A. Pearce was appointed to the Utah Supreme Court in 2015. Prior to joining the Supreme Court, he served on the Utah Court of Appeals. Justice Pearce started his legal career at Wilson Sonoma Goodman & Rosati in Palo Alto, California before returning to Salt Lake City to work as an attorney with West & McDonough. He left the firm to serve as general counsel to the Utah Sports Authority.

Judicial survey respondents say Justice Pearce is fair and respectful. They complement him for his diligence, thoughtfulness and well-written opinions. Justice Pearce meets all the discipline, education, and mental and physical standards.

Ninety-six percent of survey respondents recommend him for retention, and the Judicial Performance Review Commission recommends that Justice Pearce be retained, 12-0.

Judge Michele Christiansen Forster
Utah Court of Appeals

Associate Presiding Judge Michele Christiansen Forster was appointed to the Utah Court of Appeals in June 2010 after serving for three years as a judge in Salt Lake County’s Third District Court.

After graduating from the University of Utah College of Law, she clerked for U.S. District Court Judge Tanya Campbell. She also practiced privately at Parsons Behle & Latimer, was a prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney’s Office and served as general counsel to Gov. Jon Huntsman, Jr.

Survey respondents describe Judge Forster as excellent and notably patent. She has been certified by the Judicial Council as meeting all time standards, education requirements, and mental and physical competence standards.

Ninety percent of survey respondents recommend her for retention, and the Judicial Performance Review Commission recommends she be retained, 13-0.

Judge Diana Hagen
Utah Court of Appeals

Judge Diana Hagen received her law degree in 1998. After working as a law clerk to a federal judge and as an associate at a large law firm, she joined the U.S. Attorney’s Office, serving as the appellate chief for the Utah District and later as first assistant.

During her 17 years as a federal prosecutor, she handled hundreds of criminal appeals as well as high-profile trials, including the Elizabeth Smart kidnapping case and the murder of Millard County Sheriff’s Deputy Jonathon Fonseca.

Judge Hagen scores on surveys of attorneys are statistically above the average of her appellate court peers on integrity and judicial temperament. Respondents describe this judge as thoughtful and dedicated. They also laud Judge Hagen’s competence as an approach to legal analysis and her ability to render the correct decision. This judge meets all judicial standards.

Ninety-three percent of survey respondents recommend her for retention, and the Judicial Performance Review Commission recommends that Justice Hagen be retained 13-0.

Judge Ryan Harris
Utah Court of Appeals

Judge Ryan M. Harris was appointed to the Utah Court of Appeals in June 2017. Prior to his appointment, he served as a trial judge in the Third District Court for nearly six years, where he also served as associate presiding judge.

Harris twice received the Judicial Excellence Award from the Litigation Section of the Utah State Bar.

Harris received his law degree from Stanford Law School in 2007. He served as a judicial clerk to Stephen Anderson of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit. Following his clerkship, Judge Harris practiced law at the Salt Lake City firm of Jonas, Waldes, Holbrook & McDonough.

Survey respondents describe the judge as intelligent, and they praise his judgment for his diligence and timely rulings. However, survey ratings of judicial attributes indicate Judge Harris is less open-minded than his peers and characterize him as impatient.

This judge meets all discipline standards. Eighty-eight percent of survey respondents recommend him for retention, and the Judicial Performance Review Commission recommends that Judge Harris be retained, 12-1.
NO MATTER WHAT, SANPETE IS HOME

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RETURN YOUR BALLOT TODAY

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Utah Constitution prohibits slavery and involuntary servitude, except as punishments for crimes. This ballot measure would repeal what is referred to as an exception clause permitting slavery or involuntary servitude for people convicted of crimes.

The Utah Constitution is one of 12 state constitutions that ban slavery and involuntary servitude, but include an exception for legal punishment. The 13th Amendment to the United States Constitution includes an exception clause permitting slavery or involuntary servitude for people convicted of crimes.

This measure is sponsored by Rep. Sandra Hollin, D-Salt Lake City, and Sen. Jacob Anderegg, R-Lihue, who write, “Many Utahns are surprised to learn that the concept of slavery is still found in Utah’s state Constitution. This language, copied from the original U.S. Constitution, has been in Utah’s Constitution since before statehood in 1896. The legislators say it is past time to remove the clause. “Slavery is not a Utah value. It should not exist in any form, even in our prison system.” There is no organization opposed to the measure.

### Amendment D

This amendment related to municipal water resources was sponsored by Sen. Ralph Okerlund, R-Monroe when he was in the Utah Senate.

The measure is designed to resolve provisions surrounding municipal water rights and allow municipalities to supply water outside of their municipal boundaries.

The amendment would allow a municipality to do the following:

- Designate by ordinance the geographic limits of its water service area and define its terms of service, including reasonable water service charges.
- Commit its water supply for use outside its designated water service area for reasonable charges established by ordinance.
- Use consumption-based or sources of water for other water rights or sources of water that the municipality determines will result in a net economic benefit to the municipality.

Passage of the amendment will make a package of three bills related to municipal water in Utah constitutional, says Rep. Ken Kansen, R-Promontory, who said, “He says the bills address “some issues that have been festering for decades.”

According to Rep. Joel Bisbee, D-Salt Lake City, 50 cities in the state of Utah supply water outside their municipal boundaries, and the bill would protect users of that water.

There is no organized opposition.

### Amendment E

This amendment would establish a state constitutional right to hunt and fish for the people of Utah. The right would be subject to statutes which, according to the amendment’s text, promote wildlife conservation and management, and preserve the future of hunting and fishing. The measure would also declare that hunting and fishing are the preferred means of managing and controlling wildlife in Utah.

The measure would take effect on January 1, 2021, if approved by voters.

Amendment E is sponsored by Rep. Casey Stinnet, R-Para- dive (Cache Country), who said, “Hunting and fishing has always been a critical component of our state… It’s a part of who we are. It is not only about protecting who we are, but preserving who we are going forward.”

“It is not unfeasible… that 30 or 40 years from now, those participating in [hunting and fishing] will be a very sign-
ificant minority?” and there might be moves to eliminate the hunting, fishing and wildlife protection from the public sphere. In opposition to the measure, Sen. Karsen Yount, D-Nege Valley, and Rep. Marcus Judkins, R-Provo, say it is fine to protect hunting and fishing, but making it a constitutional right goes too far. They write, “The Second Amendment in the U.S. Constitution and our Utah Constitution guarantee our rights to keep and bear arms. These sacred constitutional liberties are not about hunting and fishing…

“That is not to say that we should not protect hunting and fishing—we absolutely should. But if we do not draw a line between rights that are fundamental and privileges that extend from those rights, we will no longer be able to tell the difference.”

### Amendment F

This amendment would allow the Legislature to set the January start date in state statutes.

Legislative start date

The Utah Constitution mandates that the state legislature must begin its biennial session on the fourth Monday in January. Currently, if the state legislature wanted to change the session start date, it would need to pass a constitutional amend-
ment by a two-thirds vote. The amendment would then require statewide voter approval.

If passed, the amendment would take effect on Jan. 1, 2021, on the Senate floor, sponsor Sen. Ann Millner, R-Ogden, said the amendment would provide flexibility for the Legislature to determine the best date to start the session.

There is no organized opposition to the measure.

### Amendment G

This amendment would allow the Legislature to use revenues from income tax income to fund education, property taxes to support children and individuals with disabilities as well as to fund education. Currently, under the Utah Constitution, these sources may be used for education only.

If the amendment is approved, Utah House Bill 357 titled, “Public Education Funding Stabilization,” would take effect. While broadening uses income tax can go for the bill, the guarantees funding increases for education to cover enrollment growth and inflation.

The practice of earmarking revenue from certain taxes for education came up public hearings around the state in 2019 on restructuring the whole state tax system. Legislators used the term “sliding” to describe the constitutionally mandated practice of income tax earmarking. Some said the earmark takes away flexibility in budgeting and leaves rare exemptions functions with inadequate funding.

Under Amendment G, sliding of income tax funds continues, except funds could be used for both education and disability services. Amendment G is supported by most education groups, in- cluding the Utah State Board of Education, Utah School Boards Association, Utah School Superintendents Association, Utah Association of Public Charter Schools, Our Schools Now, Utah Public Employees Association, Utah Education Association, Utah Federation of Teachers, and Utah Taxpayers Association.

Supporters say the proposal acknowledges the increasing cost of meeting the mandates for academic success. Amendment G would give Utah more flexibility to support children’s learning outcomes.

Supporters say that Amendment G ship is away at guaranteed funding by allowing income tax dollars to be spent on people instead of programs. They argue that during tax restructuring discussions, one option that was continuously negative to the public was amend-
ments that would have eliminated income taxes for education. They believe that income tax dollars belong in the public schools.

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Biden

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he served in the Senate for 30 years, and Kamala Harris, who has run for president.

4. He is idealistic and positive, in spite of the fact that if he wins the election, he’ll usher in a country in dire need of compassion, understanding, and more divided. A path of shadow and suspicion. Or we head toward hope. Or we head toward hope. Or we head toward hope.

5. Biden genuinely believes in reaching across party lines to create laws and policies that benefit our country and our communities. He is the most important man he takes the office and begins the process of healing our country. Whether the Senate continues to be led by a Republican majority, and we face the most compelling call for racial justice since the 1960s, an

6. Biden has a strong, articulate woman at his side in Jill Tracy Jacobs Biden. She will be a true partner—who’s articulate, she cares about children, she’s loyal to Biden and helped him regain his footing and his family’s happiness after the loss of his first wife and baby daughter to a car accident prior to his term in the Senate. There is a marriage of love and loyalty. He has also selected a strong female running mate, who will bring expertise to his administration in law enforcement, racial issues, women’s issues, healthcare and climate. I admire the fact that Biden, in his choice of a younger, female vice president who is a minority, has demonstrated that he’s looking toward the future instead of clinging to the past. Women and minorities are asking for a seat at the table and they’re entitled to have one. Joe Biden, a white man in his 70s, is secure enough to embrace these changes.

My hope is that a strong majority of Americans will have the courage to vote for Biden and Harris as well.

Armstrong

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• Self-employed
• Owner: Sterling Country Store
• Owner: Carbon Steakhouse production company
• Teacher: Manti High School, math and science
• Coach: Softball at Manti High School

Education

• Bachelor of Science in petroleum engineering

Affiliations

• Utah Association of Counties
• National Association of Counties

Committees

• National Association of Counties, Energy, Environment, and Land Use Committee

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT A

PROPOSAL TO AMEND UTAH CONSTITUTION – TERMINOLOGY UPDATE

2019 General Session
Utah Constitution Sections Affected

ARTICLE I, SECTION 1
ARTICLE II, SECTION 1
ARTICLE III, SECTION 1
ARTICLE IV, SECTION 1
ARTICLE VI, SECTION 20
ARTICLE VII, SECTION 22

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, two-thirds of all members elected to each of the two houses voting in favor thereof:

Section 1. Article I, Section 2, is amended by adding the following sentence:

"If the amendment proposed by this joint resolution is approved by a majority of those voting on it in the next regular general election, the amendment shall take effect on January 1, 2022."

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT C

PROPOSAL TO AMEND UTAH CONSTITUTION – SLAVERY AND EVILATORY SERVITUDE PROHIBITION

2019 General Session
Utah Constitution Sections Affected

ARTICLE I, SECTION 2
ARTICLE III, SECTION 2
ARTICLE VI, SECTION 1
ARTICLE VI, SECTION 20
ARTICLE IX, SECTION 1
ARTICLE X, SECTION 1
ARTICLE XI, SECTION 1
ARTICLE XII, SECTION 1

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, two-thirds of all members elected to each of the two houses voting in favor thereof:

Section 1. Article I, Section 12, is amended by adding the following sentence:

"The amendment shall take effect on January 1, 2021."