Subject: Formal Complaint & Request for Compliance Audit, Video Review, and Complete Recount & Re-Adjudication – 2026 Municipal Salt Lake County Election

To:

Utah Lieutenant Governor's Office – Elections Division

Salt Lake County Clerk Lannie Chapman & Elections Division

CC:

Office of Governor Spencer J. Cox

office of Lt. Governor Dedre Henderson

Utah State Republican Party Chairman Rob Axson

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Date: 11/13/2026

To the Elections Division of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor and the Salt Lake County Clerk:

Pursuant to **Utah Code § 20A-1-105** (authorizing the Lieutenant Governor, as Chief Election Officer of the state, to oversee elections, examine all facilities and recordings, and enforce compliance with Title 20A) and **Utah Code § 20A-3a-801** (governing election watcher access and mandatory adjudication screen projection), I am submitting this formal complaint and requesting an immediate compliance audit, preservation and review of facility surveillance footage, and a **complete recount and supervised re-adjudication of all ballots cast in the 2026 Salt Lake County election**.

During **3:40pm through 6:30pm** on **11/3/2026**, I served as a credentialed ballot watcher at the Salt Lake County Ballot Center. For the vast majority of my shift, **I was the only credentialed ballot watcher present in the facility**, meaning public transparency relied entirely on my ability to observe ballot processing, tabulation, and adjudication as required by state law. Throughout that shift, election personnel obstructed my observation across multiple areas in violation of Utah statute:

1. Summary of Factual Observations

- **Obstruction of Designated Watcher Pathways:** Taped paths on the floor designate where ballot watchers are permitted to walk and stand. Multiple carts full of ballots were placed directly on top of these taped pathways. This blocked ballot watchers from reaching the second half of the processing room and the counting room, forcing me to walk into restricted areas around the carts outside of the marked watcher boundaries in order to move through the area.

- **Deliberate Re-Obstruction of Tabulation Room Windows:** In the tabulation room, staff positioned the same ballot carts directly in front of the observation windows, obstructing the line of sight into the room. At approximately **5:00pm**, I reported this obstruction to the ballot center supervisor, **Lannie Chapman**, who directed staff to move the carts away from the windows. However, as soon as the supervisor left the area, staff moved the carts right back in front of the observation windows, leaving the view obstructed for the remainder of the night.
- **Un observable Ballot Adjudication Stations (3 of 5 Monitors Turned Off):** When ballot adjudication began, five adjudication stations were actively operating, yet only two public observation monitors were turned on. Because I was the sole ballot watcher present and three monitors remained powered off all night, three active adjudication stations (60% of the adjudication operation) were completely un observable to the public for the entire shift.

2. Applicable Utah Election Laws Violated

The actions documented above constitute direct violations of mandatory provisions under the Utah Election Code:

- **Utah Code § 20A-3a-801(6)(a) – Duty to Permit Access to Every Stage:** Requires an administering election officer to *"permit uniform, nondiscriminatory access for a watcher to observe each stage of an election process."* Blocking the taped floor pathways prevented access to the second half of the processing room and the counting room.
- **Utah Code § 20A-3a-801(6)(b) – Duty to Maintain Unobstructed Observation Locations:** Requires an administering election officer to *"establish locations for a watcher to observe... from no further than six feet away."* Deliberately moving ballot carts back in front of the tabulation windows immediately after a supervisor cleared them nullified the designated observation area.
- **Utah Code § 20A-3a-801(6)(c) – Mandatory Screen Projection of Ballot Adjudication:** Explicitly mandates that in counties of the first, second, or third class (which includes Salt Lake County), *"for any ballot adjudication, or upload of votes from a voting machine or scanner, that is conducted on a computer screen, [the administering election officer shall] project the activity onto a screen that is large enough to be viewed by each watcher."* Operating five adjudication stations while leaving three public monitors turned off is an unambiguous violation of this statutory mandate.
- **Utah Code § 20A-1-105 & § 20A-1-609 – Enforcement and Omnibus Penalties:** Under § 20A-1-105(1)(c) and (2), the Lieutenant Governor is required to enforce compliance by election officers and holds full authority to examine and copy all recordings, electronic files, and facilities. Under § 20A-1-609, violating a mandatory provision of Title 20A where no other penalty is specified constitutes a Class B misdemeanor.

3. Requested Actions

Because facility surveillance cameras continuously record the ballot center floor, tabulation room, and adjudication areas, these violations can be independently verified by reviewing the county's own video footage. *(Note: Pursuant to **Utah Code § 63G-2-204**, I have also submitted a separate formal GRAMA*

request and preservation notice directly to the Salt Lake County Clerk's Office to preserve and produce the surveillance footage and adjudication system logs from this shift.)

Given the active, multi-level obstruction of the sole public observer present during ballot processing, tabulation, and adjudication, I formally request that the Lieutenant Governor's Office and the Salt Lake County Clerk:

1. **Preserve and Audit Surveillance Video & Adjudication Logs:** Immediately preserve and review all security camera footage and electronic adjudication audit logs from **11/3/2026 3:40pm – 6:30 pm**, including footage showing the carts blocking the taped floor paths, the carts being moved back in front of the tabulation windows after the supervisor departed, and the three active adjudication stations operating without public monitors.
2. **Conduct a Complete Recount and Supervised Re-Adjudication:** Order a **complete recount and re-adjudication of all ballots cast in the 2026 municipal Salt Lake County election** under full, unobstructed public observation, with 100% of adjudication stations properly mirrored onto live public screens.
3. **Issue a Formal Compliance Directive:** Under Utah Code § 20A-1-105(4)–(5), issue a written compliance order holding the Salt Lake County Clerk's Office accountable for these statutory violations and enforcing strict adherence to Utah Code § 20A-3a-801(6).

Please confirm receipt of this formal audit, recount, and re-adjudication request. I am available to provide a detailed timeline or speak with investigators and members of the media regarding what I witnessed.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Formal GRAMA Request & Immediate Video Preservation Notice – Salt Lake County Ballot Center

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Salt Lake County Ballot Center

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Date: 11/13/2026

Requester Information (Pursuant to Utah Code § 63G-2-204(1)):

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Records Requested:

Pursuant to the Utah Government Records Access and Management Act (**Utah Code § 63G-2-101 et seq.**) and Salt Lake County Records Management Ordinance 2.82, I am requesting access to and digital copies of the following existing government records from the **Salt Lake County Ballot Center** and the **Salt Lake County Clerk's Elections Division** (located at the Salt Lake County Government Center, 2001 South State Street, Salt Lake City, UT) for **11/3/2026**, covering the time frame from **3:40pm to 6:30pm**

1. **Processing & Counting Room Surveillance Video:** All continuous security camera footage covering the taped ballot watcher pathways and ballot staging areas in the ballot processing room and counting room during the time frame listed above, including footage showing ballot carts placed on top of the taped watcher walkways.
2. **Tabulation Room & Observation Window Surveillance Video:** All continuous security camera footage covering both the interior and exterior of the tabulation room observation windows during the time frame listed above, including footage showing ballot carts placed in front of the windows, their temporary removal following a supervisor's instruction at approximately **5pm**, and their subsequent placement back in front of the observation windows.
3. **Adjudication Area & Public Monitor Surveillance Video:** All continuous security camera footage covering the five active ballot adjudication stations and the public observation monitors facing the ballot watcher viewing area during the time frame listed above, showing that only two of the five public observation monitors were powered on.
4. **Adjudication Station Activity & Audit Logs:** Electronic system audit or activity logs showing the active timestamps, station IDs, and batch processing counts for all five adjudication stations operating

during the **3:40pm – 6:30pm** shift on 11/3/2026 (with any private or protected voter information redacted as required by law).

Immediate Preservation Notice:

Because facility surveillance systems routinely overwrite video files on automated rolling cycles, please accept this request as formal written notice to **immediately preserve and suspend routine deletion** of all security camera footage from the Salt Lake County Ballot Center for **11/3/2026** while this GRAMA request and a related compliance complaint with the Utah Lieutenant Governor's Office are pending.

Format of Access & Fee Waiver Request (Utah Code § 63G-2-203(4)):

- **Electronic Format / In-Person Inspection:** Please provide these records electronically (via secure download link or digital media) to minimize duplication costs. In the event the Clerk's Office asserts any facility security restriction against releasing downloadable video files under Utah Code § 63G-2-305(11), I formally request to **inspect the unedited surveillance video footage in person** at the Salt Lake County Government Center pursuant to **Utah Code § 63G-2-201(1)**.
- **Public Interest Fee Waiver:** Pursuant to **Utah Code § 63G-2-203(4)**, I request a waiver of all search, compilation, and copying fees because releasing these records primarily benefits the public rather than a private individual—specifically, verifying public transparency and statutory compliance with mandatory ballot watcher observation rules under **Utah Code § 20A-3a-801(6)** during the 2026 municipal election. If any fees cannot be waived (beyond the first 30 minutes of free staff research provided under Salt Lake County policy), please provide a written cost estimate before incurring any charges exceeding **$25.00**.

Pursuant to **Utah Code § 63G-2-204(4)**, please respond to this request within **10 business days**. Thank you for your prompt attention to preserving and providing these records.

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