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## **Count My Vote Files Updated, Final Initiative Language**

Initiative responds to public input, enhances language to include more options for Utah voters.

SALT LAKE CITY – Leaders of the Count My Vote citizens’ initiative today filed updated, final initiative language with the office of Utah Lieutenant Governor Spencer Cox.

Count My Vote recently held public hearings throughout Utah to share information about and seek feedback on its initiative. As leaders and supporters of the non-partisan citizens’ organization deliberated internally and considered the positive public input they had received, it became clear that, in general, its compromise forged in 2014 with the Utah Legislature has worked well. Count My Vote’s new initiative will now enhance and protect its 2014 compromise for the future, and will provide Utah voters, political parties, and candidates with more choice and increased access to the ballot.

Count My Vote’s updated initiative language preserves the caucus and convention method of party nomination for a candidate’s placement on the primary election ballot. It also simplifies and reduces signature requirements to improve ballot access and provides a runoff mechanism if needed in multiple-candidate primaries. Candidates in Utah will be free to choose between accessing the primary election ballot by gathering signatures, through placement by a political party, or both.

Having completed its public hearings and filed final initiative language, Count My Vote will begin collecting signatures from voters throughout Utah in the coming days.

Count My Vote is a non-partisan, non-profit community organization dedicated to increasing voter participation by ensuring that all Utah voters have a voice in our elections.

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