February 24, 2019

Vote “NO” on SB187
COUNTY PLANNING AND SERVICES AMENDMENTS

The Association of Community Councils Together (ACCT) is a nonprofit organization made up of 16 Community Councils in Metro Townships, Millcreek and unincorporated Salt Lake County with over 140,000 residents. Those Community Councils include: Big Cottonwood, Canyon Rim, Copperton, East Mill Creek, Emigration Canyon, Granite, Kearns, Magna, Millcreek, Mt. Olympus, Parleys, Sandy Hills, White City, Willow Canyon, and Willow Creek.

We were made aware of SB187 last week.

ACCT opposes SB 187. We have opposed the Mountainous Planning District and Commission since its inception.

ACCT opposes the proposed 3-year extension, of the Mountainous Planning Commission.

As to the language on “fire, paramedic, and police protection services within a municipality”, we request an independent review and resolution to be addressed independent of the Mountainous Planning District.

The Emergency Management Funds have been discontinued the same as the Town of Brighton, for several of our communities since their incorporation as Metro Townships.

The mountainous Planning District section of Utah Code should not be leveraged to fund other services.

We support amendment to Salt Lake County funding mechanisms via General Tax Dollars once an area incorporates as independent Municipalities.

THE ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS TOGETHER (ACCT)
OPPOSES SB187
COUNTY PLANNING AND SERVICES AMENDMENTS

Thank You

Nancy Carlson-Gotts
ACCT President
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Dear Senator Bramble,

On March 6, 2019 the Granite Community Council unanimously passed a resolution opposing the passage of SB 187. The Granite Community Council represents the residents of the unincorporated areas of Salt Lake County residing in Little Cottonwood Canyon and in and around the mouth of the Canyon. The residents of our community who live in Little Cottonwood Canyon are part of the Mountainous Planning District.

SB 187 would extend the sunset date of the Mountainous Planning Commission and it would do so without giving the residents who live in the Mountainous Planning District an opportunity to voice their opinions on the extension of the sunset date.

The Granite Community Council was not informed of or involved in any of the SB 187 discussions regarding the sunset of the Mountain Planning Commission. It appears that the process used to arrive at SB 187 violates the integrity of our community councils, the very process that guarantees the voice of the people. Our residents know and expect that important issues will be presented to them with adequate time for study and debate. The residents can then support or reject an issue based on the merits.

My request is simple. Withdraw SB 187 from this session. The current sunset date is June of 2020. It the date does need to be extended you can reintroduce the bill in the 2020 session. Please do not allow the role of the community councils to be undermined. Please guarantee that the voice of the local residents and the role of the community councils will be respected and preserved. We work very hard to educate and assure the integrity of the public process and to make sure that local residents are heard. The sunset date of the Mountain Planning Commission does not expire until after next years (2020) legislative session. If you feel there are important reasons to extend the sunset, please send this issue to Interim study so we can participate.

I am available to discuss this issue in more detail with you at your convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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Granite Community Council

Gateway to Little Cottonwood Canyon

To whom it may concern:

I am currently in the process of transcribing my shorthand record of last night’s meeting of the Granite Community Council.

I certify that the following is an excerpt from the minutes as recorded and transcribed by me. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Bill Clayton
Granite Community Council
District 6 Representative and Secretary
7 March 2019 10:25 a.m.
Cell phone: 801-647-1824

Minutes of the Granite Community Council Meeting

Date: 6 March, 2019
Location: Metropolitan Water District Offices Conference Room
3430 East Danish Road

Council Members Present:
Vaughn Cox, Chair (Dist. 3); Greg Schiffman, Vice-Chair (Dist. 3); Michael Braun (Dist. 1 & 2);
Gorm Klangervik (Dist. 1 & 2); Katie Clayton (Dist. 4); Drew Weaver, Treasurer (Dist. 4); Bill Clayton, Secretary (Dist. 6); Susie Albertson (Dist. 6);

Council Members Absent:
Jeff Summerhays (Alt., Dist. 1 & 2); Spencer Mortensen (Alt., Dist. 3); Nycha Schlagel (Dist. 5);
Josh Kanter (Dist. 5).
Others Present:
Jesse Dean, Central Wasatch Commission 
John Thomas, UDOT
Chief Randy Thomas, UPD
Chief Bruce Cline, Sandy Fire Department
Deputy Chief Greg Severson, Sandy Police Department

Call to Order: The meeting was convened at 7:03 p.m. by Vaughn Cox, Chair, who led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: The minutes of the February 6th, 2019 meeting were discussed. Michael Braun moved that the minutes be approved. Katie Clayton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Motion regarding SB187 (Mountainous Planning District extension): Michael Braun made the following motion: “The Chair of the Granite Community Council shall be authorized to contact the sponsors of SB187 to request that the bill be suspended from this legislative session in order to allow further review by local community councils.” Suzie Albertson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
PARLEY'S CANYON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

7 March 2019

Subject: Parley’s Canyon Community Council Opposes SB 187

Dear Senator Bramble,

Parley’s Canyon Community Council (PCCC) board opposes the passage of SB 187. The PCCC represents the residents of the unincorporated areas of Salt Lake County residing in Parley’s Canyon with residents in Mt Aire and Lambs Canyon. The residents of our community who live in Parley’s Canyon are part of the Mountainous Planning District.

SB 187 would extend the sunset date of the Mountainous Planning Commission and it would do so without giving the residents who live in the Mountainous Planning District an opportunity to voice their opinions on the extension of the sunset date.

The PCCC was not informed of or involved in any of the SB 187 discussions regarding the sunset of the Mountain Planning Commission. It appears that the process used to arrive at SB 187 violates the integrity of our community councils, the very process that guarantees the voice of the people. Our residents know and expect that important issues will be presented to them with adequate time for study and debate. The residents can then support or reject an issue based on their merits.

PCCC is a member of Association of Community Councils Together (ACCT) and has supported ACCT in opposing the Mountainous Planning District and Commission since its inception.

PCCC opposes the proposed 3-year extension of the Mountainous Planning Commission.

As to the language on “fire, paramedic, and police protection services within a municipality”, PCCC requests an independent review and resolution to be addressed independent of the Mountainous Planning District.

The Mountainous Planning District section of Utah Code should not be leveraged to fund other services.

We request that SB 187 be withdrawn from this session. The current sunset date is June of 2020. If the date does need to be extended you can reintroduce the bill in the 2020 session. Please do not allow the role of the community councils to be undermined. Please guarantee that the voice of the local residents and the role of the community councils will be respected and preserved. We work very hard to educate and assure the integrity of the public process and to make sure that local residents are heard. The sunset date of the Mountain Planning Commission does not expire until after next year’s (2020) legislative session. If you feel there are important reasons to extend the sunset, please send this issue to interim study so we can participate.

Respectfully,

Darrell Whatcott
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March 29, 2017

The Honorable Greg Hughes  
Speaker of the House

and

The Honorable Wayne Niederhauser  
President of the Senate

RE: HB 293, MOUNTAINOUS PLANNING DISTRICT AMENDMENTS

Dear Speaker Hughes and President Niederhauser,

As I once again, sign a bill extending the sunset of the Salt Lake County’s Mountainous Planning District Commission, I write to express my frustration that what was created in 2015 and intended to be a one-year commission, has once again been extended.

I strongly urge Salt Lake County to complete the work this commission was intended to accomplish expeditiously and state that I will not agree to extend the sunset of this commission again.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Gary R. Herbert  
Governor

cc: Mayor Ben McAdams