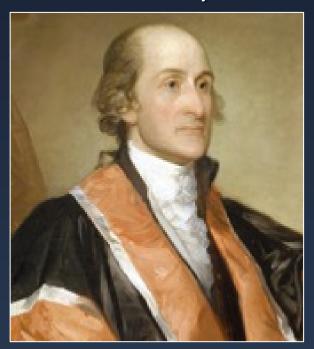
STRENGTHENING CONFIDENCE IN OUR ELECTIONS

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The Right to Choose Our "Rulers"

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 "Providence has given to <u>our</u> <u>people</u> the choice of their rulers...."

My Constitutional Duty

Why does Utah care? Trump won!

- My #1 job is to protect the rights of the people
- Our #1 right is to a free and fair election
- If that right is not secure, the protection of every other right is in jeopardy!
- If we do an audit and we're clean, I've done my job
- If we do an audit and we're not clean, I've done my job

How do We Secure Our #1 Right?

1 Independently audit the results

2 Reform election policy

Public Demand for Election Audits

- "55% of likely U.S. voters support forensic audits of election results to ensure there was no voter fraud" (including 38% of Democrats)¹
- 53% of Utah voters believe "vote-by-mail increases fraud"²
- There were people here today

Auditing enables elected officials to maintain the consent of the governed

Was There Fraud?

- It's an audit that determines that. However:
 - Seth Keshel (Biden received 1.6 2.6X Obama)
 - Dr. Frank (R value is over 0.99 in all by three counties)
 - Draza Smith ("there's absolute machine control")
 - Voter turnout 90% in all five major counties
 - Cindy Butler (significant levels of excess ballots)
 - Private flow of money to counties/municipalities
 - State election office refuses to provide legislators legally-entitled voter rolls

1 It Should NOT Be a Partisan Issue

- The National Democratic Party Platform calls for "mandatory" and "meaningful" audits
 - "We must give voters the confidence that their ballot was counted as cast by supporting mandatory, statistically meaningful post-election audits and full transparency of all election results and data." (National Democratic Party platform - p. 56)

Recommended Audit

- Conduct an independent audit of two counties (Utah, Salt Lake)
- Prioritized activities:
 - 1. "Phantom" voter and voter roll analysis (including canvass)
 - 2. Full forensic analysis of machines and connected equipment
 - 3. Verification whether private funds were used to conduct election activities
 - 4. Signature verification
 - 5. Ballot examination, including "kinematic artifact detection"
 - 6. Ballot recount
- Conduct the audit through the Office of the Legislative Auditor General
- Estimated cost = TBD



2 Reforming Utah Election Policy

- We have used mail-in ballots for a decade and counted by machine for two decades
- Utahns are concerned¹:
- 1 53% agree "vote by mail increases fraud"
- 2 66% agree "ballots should only be sent to those who cannot vote in person"

2 Reforming Utah Election Policy

- 3 81% support "requiring ballots to be counted in the local precinct"
- 4 76% support "banning private individuals," corporations, etc. from funding ... elections in Utah?
- 5 81% believe election "integrity" should be prioritized over voter "convenience"

A citizen initiative calling for election reform has just begun

Draft Election Reform Legislation

- Allow mail-in (absentee) ballots only for those traveling or immobilized
- Count ballots with volunteers at the precinct level
- Require photo ID when an absentee ballot is authorized or at the polling location
- Prevent private funds from paying for registration and other election activities
- Perform independent audits on an ongoing basis

Summary

- The right to a free and fair election is foundational
- Election policy is the responsibility of the legislature
- Most Utahns believe vote-by-mail increases fraud, and have other concerns regarding our election system
- Several analyses demonstrate highly concerning patterns in Utah's 2020 election results
- As elected officials, we must ensure our actions build trust, not the opposite
- An audit and election policy reform are warranted