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Office of the Utah State Auditor Releases Report on Kaysville City Review of Expenditures for "Big Red" Fire Engine 2016 Parade Entry

Salt Lake City, UTAH -

The Office of the Utah State Auditor (Office) today released its *Report on Kaysville City Review of Expenditures for "Big Red" Fire Engine 2016 Parade Entry.* The Office reviewed City expenditures related to this parade entry and the City's compliance with city policy and state laws. The Office also reviewed certain City purchasing policies to determine whether they are properly designed to protect against real or perceived improprieties.

The Office identified five (5) findings and recommendations concerning these expenditures.

Finding 1: Parade participation of the "Big Red" Fire engine lacked clear understanding and formal arrangement.

Finding 2: Public funds may have been used for political purposes.

Finding 3: Kaysville City supervisor likely unable or unwilling to decline questionable spending requests by any member of the Kaysville City Council.

Finding 4: Kaysville City supervisor failed to clearly delineate spending approval.

Finding 5: Shared credit cards increase risk of misuse.

The full report may be found on the Office's website, <u>auditor.utah.gov</u>, specifically at http://financialreports.utah.gov/saoreports/2016/KAYS-17-SPKaysvilleParadeEntryKaysvilleCity.pdf.

About the Office of the Utah State Auditor

The Office of the Utah State Auditor provides Utah taxpayers and government officials with an independent assessment of financial operation, statutory compliance, and performance management for state and local government.

Specific activities of the Office include performing financial audits, conducting Federal funds compliance audits, providing local government oversight, conducting agency and program performance audits, performing fraud and compliance audits, and operating the State Auditor Hotline for citizens to report suspected financial issues or improprieties. These capabilities strengthen Utah State Government and help taxpayers have confidence in the integrity of Utah's government agencies.

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