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Dear Auditor Dougall:

Recently, a Third District Court Judge ruled that the proceedings of the Mountain Accord Study are subject to the Utah State open meetings law. While we agree with the goals and purposes of the Mountain Accord Study, we are concerned that as the staff and members researched and agreed upon its conclusions, they may have excluded some citizens who are most directly affected, i.e. the residents and property owners of the Wasatch Canyons. This is in addition to the thousands of daily users from the Salt Lake Valley and other areas. We are also concerned that the Study may have expanded beyond its' original mission into something that we as policy makers have not agreed to.

Therefore, we the undersigned members of the Salt Lake County Council request that you perform an audit of the Mountain Accord Study including but limited to issues such as:

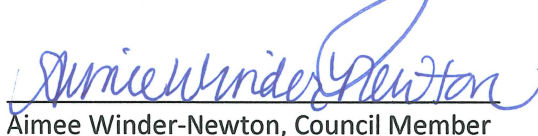
- Were the procedures used to reach its conclusions proper and fact based?
- What remedies may now be necessary to cure the problem of non-compliance with open and public meetings law?
- Were proper bidding, oversight and accounting procedures followed?
- Did the consultants selected have any conflicts of interest?
- Was the level of compensation paid to the consultants customary and reasonable?
- Has the Study accomplished the goals set for it by the Legislature and other policy makers?
- What decision making should be used to expand the Study beyond its current status into the proposed Central Wasatch Commission.

We will be happy to assist in this review in any way you may require.

Sincerely,


Steve DeBry, Chair


Richard Snelgrove, Council Member


Aimee Winder-Newton, Council Member


Sam Granato, Council Member