



Proletariat Watch

*Because only the richest 7%
should be above the law*

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GRAMA OFFICER
Office of Utah's Transparency
Utah State Auditor

RE: GRAMA REQUEST

Dear GRAMA Officer:

Pursuant to Utah's GRAMA, Proletariat Watch, we hereby request that you produce the following government records:

1. The annual salaries of the highest officer (e.g., CEO, Administrator, etc.) of the following five Utah special districts:
 - a. Canyonlands Health Care SSD
 - b. Gunnison Valley Hospital SSD
 - c. Uintah Health Care SSD
 - d. Kane County Human Resource SSD
 - e. Wasatch Mental Health SSD

For 2010 to present. This information should be available on the Utah transparency website for review and download. It should be available, but it's not.

2. A copy of the letter from John Reidhead to Gunnison Valley Hospital regarding the applicability of GRAMA to the special service district in response to that district's request for an exemption so they would not have to disclose certain employees salaries, which letter is specifically referenced at page 2 of the January 8, 2013 minutes of the Transparency Board Meeting, which reads:

Mark Dalley administrator for the Gunnison Valley Hospital and Greg Rosendahl the former administrator of the hospital were invited to address the Board. Mr. Dalley said that he received the letter from John

Reidhead indicating that the Board had determined that whether Gunnison Valley Hospital was subject to GRAMA would be the determining factor as to whether they would need to report to the Transparency Website.

3. The total number of special districts in Utah. On the Utah Public Notice website (<https://www.utah.gov/pmn/index.html>) there are 514 special service districts listed. On the Utah transparency website, transparent.utah.gov, there are 86 special districts that reported any information. On the Utah Trust website, www.utahtrust.gov/special-service-districts, it lists 324 special service districts in Utah.

So, we have three different number totals for Utah special districts:

Source	Total number of Special Service Districts
Utah Public Notice Website	514
Utah Transparency Website	86
Utah Trust Lands Website	324

I can provide you the lists we compiled (in excel format) with these names, if you care to see. We just want to know the names of all the special districts in Utah.

4. The names of all special service districts required to submit data to the Utah transparency website but did not submit that required data from 2010 to present. In other words, what SSDs were delinquent to report data for publication at transparent.utah.gov from 2010 forward?

We call your attention to Utah law and its **encouragement** to agencies to fulfill a records request **without charge**.¹ “Openness safeguards our democratic institutions. Secrecy breeds mistrust and abuse.”²

Like its Federal counterpart, the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”)³, “all agencies should adopt a presumption in favor of disclosure, in order to renew the commitment to the principles embodied in FOIA [and GRAMA] ... the presumption

¹ Utah Code § 63G-2-203 (4).

² United States District Judge David K. Winder *Soc’y of Prof’l Journalists v. Sec’y of Labor*, 616 F. Supp. 569, 576 (D. Utah 1985)

³ 5 USC § 552.

of disclosure should be applied to **ALL** decisions involving FOIA.”⁴ Moreover: **“In the case of doubt, openness prevails.”**⁵

The records requested should be provided in accordance with GRAMA.

Nevertheless, if any responsive record or portion thereof is claimed to be exempt from production under GRAMA, please provide sufficient identifying information with respect to each allegedly exempt record or portion thereof to allow us to assess the propriety of the exemption you claim.

Proletariat Watch requests a waiver of fees because it is news media that obtains information about the operations and activities of the government through FOIA, GRAMA and other open records laws, then use our analytical and editorial skills to analyze this requested and provided information into distinct works that are disseminated to the public and published in the media. Proletariat Watch intends to do likewise with the records you provide in response to this request.

Because your disclosing the records we requested above is in the public interest insomuch that it significantly contributes to a better and more complete public understanding of the operations and/or activities of government and is not primarily in our business interest.

Proletariat Watch exists to educate the public about the operations and activities of the government and their use and/or misuse of public resources including money. The particular records requested herein continue Proletariat Watch’s ongoing efforts to document and report the activities and operations of aspects of our government.

Once Proletariat Watch receives these requested records from you, we will analyze them, write a report of our findings, and then release that report along with the documents requested and you graciously provided. Accordingly we will make the records you provide available to other media and citizens.

Please save trees, time, and money and comply with this additional request: provide everything in digital or electronic format. It saves time and money, period.

⁴ Freedom of Information Act; Memorandum of January 21, 2009 by President Barack O’Bama (Fed. Reg. 4683) (emphasis added).

⁵ Id.

If you require clarification regarding this request, contact us at info.proletariat.watch@gmail.com or by phone at 636-209-9421.

Thank you for your time and attention. I also thank you for your cooperation and wish you a good day.

Sincerely,

Kelly James
Proletariat Watch