

STATE OF UTAH



October 4, 2018

Dear public employees and government officials:

This year's General Election will be held on November 6, 2018, and voters will have the opportunity to vote on candidates, constitutional amendments, and other ballot questions and propositions.

As the election is approaching, we want to remind all public entities and employees that state law prohibits public entities from using public funds or resources for political purposes or to influence a ballot proposition (see Utah Code Annotated §20A-11-1203). Any public official who violates this code section could be charged with a class B misdemeanor.

Public officials also cannot use their public email for any political purpose or to advocate for or against ballot propositions (see Utah Code Annotated §20A-11-1205). Any person who violates this code section could result in civil fines up to \$250 for the first offense.

We understand that many public officials have strong opinions and convictions related to certain candidates and ballot propositions. While public officials have their Constitutional right to donate their personal time and money to their preferred candidates and causes, public officials cannot engage in these activities if they use public funds, resources, or email to do so.

Sincerely,

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Lieutenant Governor

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Attorney General

John Dougall
State Auditor