

March 11, 2014

The Honorable Spencer J. Cox  
Utah Lieutenant Governor's Office  
Utah State Capitol Building, Suite 220  
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

RE: Withdrawal of Count My Vote citizens' initiative petition

Dear Lieutenant Governor Cox,

Yesterday, Governor Gary Herbert signed Second Substitute Senate Bill 54, which implements landmark election reforms to become effective January 1, 2015.

The legislation will preserve Utah's current system and will provide a direct primary alternative based on gathering a threshold of voter signatures. Such a dual system exists in some form in six other states and affords the voting public with the best features of both systems. In addition, Second Substitute Senate Bill 54 opens primary elections to unaffiliated voters.

Count My Vote's mission was to effect change in election policy in order to increase participation and broaden engagement in Utah elections. Second Substitute Senate Bill 54 fulfills this mission.

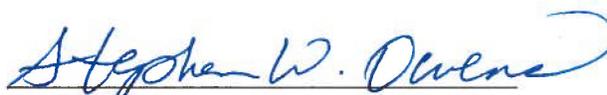
Having achieved our goal of meaningful change to Utah election policy, we, the sponsors of the Count My Vote Citizens' Initiative Petition, hereby officially withdraw our statewide initiative petition.

Count My Vote will immediately discontinue collection and submission of signatures. We call upon your office to provide direction regarding signatures that have already been submitted for verification.

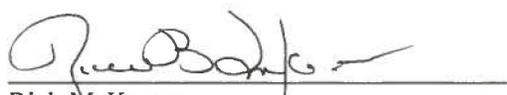
We appreciate your service to the people of the State of Utah.

Thank you,

  
Michael O. Leavitt

  
Stephen W. Owens

  
Norma W. Matheson

  
Rich McKeown

  
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