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Elections Office Releases Results of Special Investigation

SALT LAKE CITY – The Utah Elections Office released the results of a special investigation of Attorney General John Swallow regarding violations of Utah Election Code. The applicable statute explicitly contemplates civil, not criminal, penalties, including removal from public office.

Through this investigation, special counsel has obtained sufficient evidence to establish probable cause to believe that Swallow violated one or more of the following provisions of Utah Code § 76-8-109(4)(b):

- Check City and Softwise reasonably should have been disclosed under subsection (4)(b)(v) as providing more than \$5,000 in income to Swallow within the year before his filing.
- P-Solutions reasonably should have been disclosed under subsections (4)(b)(iv), (v), (vii) and/or (x) as providing more than \$5,000 in income to Swallow within the year before his filing, because he reasonably can be construed as acting as an officer, director, or formal advisor to P-Solutions, and because P-Solutions reasonably can be considered his wife's employment or occupation given her position as the sole manager after March 15, 2012.
- SSV Management reasonably should have been disclosed under subsections (4)(b)(iv), (vii), or (x) because Swallow reasonably can be construed as acting as an officer, director, or formal advisor to SSV Management and because SSV Management reasonably can be considered his wife's employment or occupation given her position as the sole manager after March 15, 2012.

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- Guidant Strategies reasonably should have been disclosed under subsection (4)(b)(v) as providing more than \$5,000 in income to Swallow within the year before his filing.
- RMR Consulting/Richard Rawle/Chaparral Limestone & Cement Company reasonably should have been disclosed under subsections (4)(b)(v) and (vii) as providing more than \$5,000 in income to Swallow within the year before his filing and because Swallow reasonably can be construed as acting as an officer, director, or formal advisor to these entities.

The Lt. Governor will now review the final report and determine if any further action is necessary or required by the statute.

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Background:

- On March 7, 2013, a petition titled “Verified Petition for Removal of John Swallow from Office and for Related Relief” was filed with the Elections Office. The petition alleged during the course of the 2012 election cycle, Swallow committed violations of Utah Election Code. Pursuant to § 20A-1-703(2)(a), the Elections Office was required to gather information and determine if a special investigation is necessary.
- On May 10, 2013, the Elections Office determined a special investigation was necessary, and through the Request for Proposal (RFP) process, the law firm Snell & Wilmer LLP was selected to conduct the special investigation on behalf of the state.