

The People's Right

(TPR)

~~Press Release~~
Sponsor Statements

For Immediate Release

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LIVE PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY

DECEMBER 3, 2018, 1:30 PM

LT. GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Salt Lake City, UT, December 3, 2018 - The People's Right (TPR) political issue committee will hold a live Press Conference today at 1:30 pm, coinciding with the legislature's special session to overturn Proposition 2. TPR has been formed by Utahns who reject attempts by the legislature to trample the will of the people.

TPR Chairman, Steve Maxfield, stated, "Utah voters passed Proposition 2 in support of the right of people with medical needs to use medicinal cannabis to ease their suffering.

The people's right to the use initiative and referendum processes is vital to Utah's republican form of government, and the legislature's repeated meddling in, and nullifying of, this process is a serious concern."

Several TPR supporters are also faithful members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints. TPR Vice Chairman, Bart Grant, said, "We respect church leaders of every denomination, and believe they have a right to be involved, and to express their opinion on political matters, especially when moral issues are involved. Medical cannabis is a political issue, however, and in our collective experience, nearly every time the LDS Church has taken a position on a statewide political issue, it has come down on the wrong side of limited government and individual rights."

The TPR does not criticize the LDS Church's right to take a wrong political position, but rather *how* legislature "leadership" arbitrarily granted LDS Church lobbyists a preferred "seat at the table," ahead of citizens groups who actually sponsored Proposition 2, and even other legislators. Conducting these "negotiations" in near-complete secrecy, grossly violates the cardinal rules of openness and accountability.

A prominent member of the Utah press has indicated that any successful referendum would require \$5,000,000.00. Chairman Maxfield stated, "We hereby reserve the right to have paid signatures gathered and request the legislature provide a one-time \$5,000,000.00 appropriation so citizens can exercise their coequal right to legislate."

Additional examples of legislative interference with citizen initiatives and efforts to hold their legitimate place as a 4th branch of government are attached to this release.

A History of Legislative Abuse toward Citizen Efforts

Legislative "leadership" has a long history of hostility toward citizens exercising their co-equal legislative powers, recognized in Article VI section 1 of the Utah Constitution.

In 2000, citizens passed an Asset Forfeiture Reform (i.e. preventing police from stealing, and profiting by, the property of innocent owners) initiative by an overwhelming 69%, only to watch those very reforms be overturned by hostile legislative "leadership."

In 1994, when it appeared citizens would approve the Term Limits initiative, legislature "leadership" rammed through a softer version of term limits and then told voters, "We already have term limits." Predictably, they repealed those term limits before they became effective.

Other examples include:

- 1998 legislature increased distribution requirement for initiative signatures
- 2002 legislature decreased time available to gather signatures
- 2003 legislature increased distribution requirement for initiative signatures again and decrease time available to gather signatures
- 2003 legislature restricted topics in citizen initiatives
- 2011 legislature restricted citizen access to government records (HB477), Save GRAMA launched a referendum to repeal restrictions to government records, and 21 days later, under extreme public pressure, legislators repealed HB477

Statement as to Paid Signature

Gatherers:

The citizens have a constitutionally-guaranteed protection of freedom of association. As such, we believe this requirement violates the Utah Constitution, Article 6, Section 1. However, in the interest of decorum, the people do not plan to use paid signature gatherers, but reserve the right to do so.

Application for an Initiative or Referendum
Utah Code § 20A-7-202

Name of Organization
TPR

Sponsor Statement

✓ I, Steven G. Maxwell affirm that I am a resident of Utah and I have voted in a regular general election in Utah within the last three years.
Name of Sponsor (please type or print)

95 E 700 South
Residence Address

[Signature]
Sponsor's Signature

Kanosh UT 84637
City, State, Zip

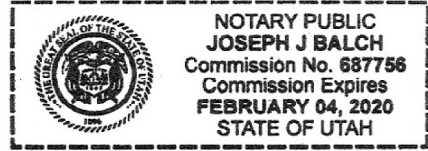
801-803-3289
Phone Number

Notary Seal

me@SteveMaxField.com
Email

Subscribed and affirmed before me this 3 day of December 2018

by [Signature]
Notary Public



Sponsor Statement

X I, Daniel B. Newby affirm that I am a resident of Utah and I have voted in a regular general election in Utah within the last three years.
Name of Sponsor (please type or print)

1379 W. Appomattox Way
Residence Address

[Signature]
Sponsor's Signature

Taylorville UT 84123
City, State, Zip

801-281-2670
Phone Number

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daniel@helmsmansociety.com
Email

Subscribed and affirmed before me this 3 day of December 2018

by [Signature]
Notary Public



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Name of Organization

Sponsor Statement

✓ I, Bert Grant affirm that I am a resident of Utah and I have voted in a regular general election in Utah within the last three years.

165 S. Foothill Dr. Bert Grant
Residence Address Sponsor's Signature

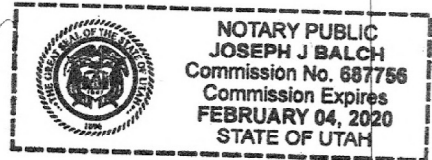
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Subscribed and affirmed before me this 3 day of December 2018.

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Sponsor Statement

✓ I, Lelia M. Grant affirm that I am a resident of Utah and I have voted in a regular general election in Utah within the last three years.

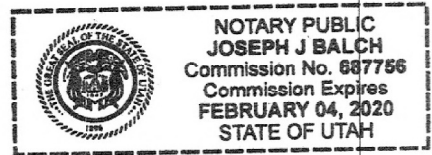
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PLEASE NOTE: A copy of the law must be attached to this application along with a statement indicating whether or not signature gatherers will be paid for their services.

Please type or print

Application must be completed by five sponsors

Sponsor Statement

I, Sharla J Christie affirm that I am a resident of Utah and I have voted in a regular
Name of Sponsor (please type or print) general election in Utah within the last three years.

91 E. Center St.
Residence Address

[Signature]
Sponsor's Signature

Alton, UT 84710
City, State, Zip

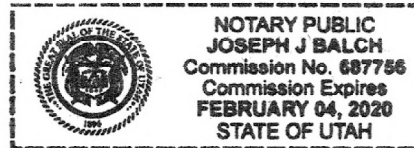
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Subscribed and affirmed before me this 3 day of December 2018.

by [Signature]
Notary Public



Sponsor Statement

I, _____ affirm that I am a resident of Utah and I have voted in a regular
Name of Sponsor (please type or print) general election in Utah within the last three years.

Residence Address

Sponsor's Signature

City, State, Zip

Phone Number

Notary Seal

Email

Subscribed and affirmed before me this _____ day of _____ 20____.

by _____
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