### For additional information:

Check out www.BountifulUtah.gov; call or e-mail Galen Rasmussen, Assistant City Manager, at (801) 298-6117 or, GalenR@Bountiful.gov

### To register to vote in Utah, you must:

- Be a citizen of the United States;
- Have resided in Utah at least 30 days immediately before the next election;
- Be at least 18 years old on or before the next election;
- First time voters must include a copy of a valid form of photo identification or proof of residence (or present it at the polls).
- Cannot currently be incarcerated for a felony.

### Registering to Vote and Voting Locations:

Eligible voters can register to vote either by mail or in person at the Davis County Clerk/Auditor's Office, Room 104, 61 South Main, Farmington, UT. Mail-in registrations must be postmarked 30 days prior to an election and in-person registrations must be completed within 15 days of an election. For more information on registering to vote or on voting locations, call the Davis County Clerk/Auditor's Office at (801) 451-3589 or visit their website at www.daviscountyutah.gov/clerkauditor/elections

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# Pros & Cons

In the November 5th election there will be a ballot proposition on whether the 0.1% RAP (Recreation Arts and Parks) sales tax approved by Bountiful voters in 2014 should be reauthorized for another ten years. If approved, it would continue an existing tax but would not impose an additional tax. Money from continuing this tax would be used to fund parks improvements, recreation improvements, and cultural facilities and organizations.

## The formal language on the November 5, 2024 ballot will read as follows:

#### **PROPOSITION #3**

#### Recreation, Arts & Parks (RAP) Tax

#### Reauthorization

Shall the City of Bountiful, Utah, be authorized to impose a 0.1% sales and use tax to fund parks improvements, recreational improvements, and cultural facilities and organizations for the City of Bountiful?

\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

#### Frequently Asked Questions on the Tax

#### What will the RAP Tax proceeds be used for?

State law allows the RAP Tax to fund a broad range of parks, recreational facilities, and arts and cultural projects and activities. The goal of the City is to enhance Bountiful resident and visitor experiences through investment in parks, art, cultural, and recreational offerings. This goal is accomplished by analyzing options, and providing funds to develop parks, recreational facilities, and to cultural projects and organizations of benefit to Bountiful citizens, such as:

- Park Improvements
- Park Play Structures and Improvements
- Sports and Field Facilities
- Pavilion and Stage Improvements
- Trails
- Grants to Arts and Cultural Groups and Programs

### What was the RAP Tax reauthorized in 2014 used for?

The current RAP Tax was used to fund the development of City owned parks and recreational properties and funding for eligible local cultural arts organizations. Some uses included:

- Creekside Park
- Bountiful Town Square & Ice Ribbon
- Brickyard Bark Park
- Bountiful Trail System development
- New playground equipment
- Other park improvements
- Improvements to Bountiful History Museum and Bountiful Davis Arts Center
- Grants to Arts and Cultural groups

Because the RAP tax is a sales tax, its impact is not only to Bountiful residents, but is shared by all who pay sales tax on retail purchases within the city. This RAP tax will expire in March 2026.

## Who decides what projects to fund with the proceeds of the RAP Tax?

The City Council makes final decisions on which projects to fund. Potential projects will be considered annually as a part of the City's regular budget process which includes the opportunity for public review and comment.

## How much funding is expected and for how long will it be available?

The currently authorized RAP Tax has produced up to \$750,000 per year. With a reauthorization of the existing RAP Tax, revenues are projected to provide as much as \$7.5 million dollars to the City over a ten year period.

#### What are the consequences if the RAP Tax is not Reauthorized by voters?

If the RAP tax is not reauthorized, the tax will expire in March 2026 and up to \$7.5 million will not be available for funding of community projects and activities. These projects and activities would then be delayed, downsized, reorganized, or cancelled altogether. Some of these projects could include:

- Renovation of Twin Hollows (Cheese) Park
- Playground equipment for Tolman (Rocket) Park

- North Canyon and 4th North Park improvements
- Main Street Lighting, Power, and hardscape
- Mueller Park Electrical and Lighting for ballfields
- Further improvements at Creekside Park
- Bountiful Town Square Lighting & Power upgrades
- Additional Trails, and Trailhead improvements
- Continued support of Arts and Cultural groups

# The arguments for or against a ballot proposition are the opinions of the authors.

### Arguments For the Tax

- The RAP tax provides funding to develop facilities for the benefit of all Bountiful citizens, such as parks, sports facilities, and recreational and cultural programs.
- These projects enhance the quality of life in Bountiful.
- A reauthorized RAP Tax will be used 100% for projects that will provide a benefit to Bountiful City, its residents and visitors to the City.
- Funding to support Parks, Arts and Cultural activities brings diversity, vitality & economic benefits to the City.
- The RAP Tax is an equitable way of collecting needed revenues and allows both residents and visitors to share in funding projects.
- Your regular everyday purchases help fund desired projects. It is just a penny (\$0.01) from every \$10.00 of purchases.
- The RAP Tax is a dedicated funding source which allows other general City revenues to be used for critical needs such as road maintenance and construction, snow removal and public safety.

### Arguments Against the Tax

No arguments against the reauthorized tax were received.