

From: Chuck Newton
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2013 1:56 PM
To: CITY_COUNCIL_EMAIL
Cc: John Geilmann; Gary Whatcott; Rob Wall; Chip Dawson; Lindsay Shepherd
Subject: HB 76 Thank you

I just got off the phone with the Governor's office who called to extend a hearty thanks through back channels in response to our work to assist them in ginning up support for vetoing HB 76, which as you will recall - pertains to Open Carry and bypassing the Concealed Weapons Permit system.

The Governor was appreciative of the letter sent by the Mayor and Police Chief, and also wanted to recognize the City Council for their support which was communicated to the Governor's office by both myself and our City Attorney.

Our city attorney also was noted for his work in assisting the ULCT to be on top of the issue, and pull together city attorneys and police chiefs across the Wasatch area to publicly support a veto for this ill-advised legislation.

Further, I was informed that the legislature will poll their members for a veto session, after the time period has expired for the Governor to sign all the passed bills. However, given that a number of legislators have privately communicated with the Governor's office and extended their thanks to him for doing what they were reluctant to do in putting this down, the sense is that a veto session will not be successful.

Be that as it may, I was encouraged to proceed with an Op-ed that had previously been discussed in order to provide cover to the legislators who are now supporting the Governor.

That being said, you may be interested to know that our Legislators representing South Jordan, voted for the bill. And, Rep Cunningham recently sent out an email asking for feedback on a veto session.

May I suggest our Mayor have our City Attorney re-draft the Governor's letter for our Legislators, opposing a veto session and also indicating the majority support of the City Council, and send said letter with the Mayor and Police Chief's signatures to each of our state legislators who represent South Jordan.

Best Regards,
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