

Rebuttal to the Support

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Please consider the following when making your decision on the tax increase.

The sale of the property is “contingent upon...an interlocal agreement allowing the seller to use portions of the fields for school sports” including “significant field space” for competition and practice fields. So, how much field time will be available for the general public? Why are Bountiful taxpayers paying millions for shared facilities rather than the school district retaining the property and sharing it with Bountiful? Since the school district is installing grass and a sprinkling system, why does Bountiful need \$2.5 million for improvements?

In order to comply with more stringent wastewater standards, the Sewer District plans to increase 2021 rates by \$66/year and property taxes by \$22.61 on a \$400,000 home—total \$88.61. Given this, does it make sense to increase Bountiful’s property taxes by \$32.57 or 20% for a nice-to-have project before knowing what increases other entities are planning for 2021?

Given Bountiful’s lack of retail space, could this property, near the intersection of 500 West 500 South, be used for retail purposes rather than remaining a tax exempt parcel?

Couldn’t the Trails Advisory Committee raise private funds to improve trails just as veterans are doing for the Bountiful Veterans Park?

Finally, please remember that for a food insecure family or a senior on a fixed income, \$32.57 buys 25 loaves of bread or 24 dozen eggs or 50 pounds of bananas. So, please vote no after carefully studying the issues.

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