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## STATEMENT IN FULL SUPPORT OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE 21-04 MAKING WASATCH COUNTY A SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY COUNTY

Along with my April 19, 2021 public statement regarding the Constitution (click here), I have, at the request of the citizens and the Wasatch County Council, participated in the work of a Second Amendment Committee (consisting of three citizens, three County Council members, and myself). A deputy county attorney was assigned to the Committee to provide legal advice. The Committee was charged with considering whether Wasatch County ought to become a "Second Amendment Sanctuary County" and reporting back to the full County Council.

The work of the Committee has resulted in Proposed Ordinance 21-04, which if approved by the County Council, would designate Wasatch County a Second Amendment Sanctuary County. (Proposed ordinance)

There are two main ways to make such a formal designation, either by county ordinance or resolution. A county ordinance is a document approved by the county legislative body to be local law. A county resolution is an official statement or declaration made by the county legislative body and does not have the effect of law.

When citizens first made their request to the Wasatch County Council in February 2020, I expressed a personal preference for a county resolution. In 2020, I spoke publicly a number of times about constitutional principles and fielded questions about my initial preference of a county resolution.

Over the last year, the citizens who chose to be involved have clearly and strongly requested a county ordinance, rather than a county resolution.

On March 29, 2021, I distributed a public statement in support of a Second Amendment Sanctuary County ordinance on this subject as long as it met eight key principles and standards meant to protect individuals and everyone involved. (Click here)

Since that time, various draft ordinances have circulated amongst the Second Amendment Committee and the eight standards I held as determinative were addressed and resolved.

On April 16, 2021, Councilman Kendall Crittenden expressed a desire to present the draft to the full County Council on April 21, 2021. A majority of the Committee supported Councilman K. Crittenden's idea.

I am in full support of the Committee's proposed ordinance. All of the citizen-members of the Committee are in full support of it as well.







I completely support the proposed ordinance because of the principles and expectations it establishes in the "Whereas" Preface and "Section 1".

I encourage individuals who want to know in greater detail my reasoning for support to refer to these sections in the ordinance. I, as well as other members and advisors of the Committee, helped draft the language in those sections.

I encourage each person to take the time to read the proposed ordinance and share their thoughts here, or to other county elected officials.

Please feel free to contact me using the information provided below.

Best regards,

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