

Argument FOR the Incorporation  
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Vote “YES” for Incorporation!

#### Local Representation

Incorporation will give Ogden Valley residents control over local decisions, unlike governance by Weber County, which represents a much larger region with different priorities. With local representatives, we can focus on what matters most to us—our roads, land, and Valley character. As just 3% of the county’s population, our votes don’t carry much weight, but with incorporation, they will. We’ll be 100% of the vote, and finally have a voice that truly counts.

#### No Tax Increases, and Money Stays Local

Let’s be clear: incorporation will not raise taxes. Two independent studies, including one that the opposition publicly declared that they commissioned, show that incorporation would create a tax surplus. Though only 3% of the county’s population, we contribute 9% of its taxable property value and 56% of the Municipal Services Fund (MSF). From 2018 to 2022, we generated a surplus of 10.2% in tax revenue, much of which currently funds projects outside our Valley. With incorporation, we also gain access to new revenue sources—like short-term rental taxes, grants, and impact fees—without raising our taxes.

Incorporation ensures our tax dollars stay here, in Ogden Valley, allowing us to invest in local infrastructure, community projects, and services that directly benefit us. This isn’t about adding more government but transferring control from a distant county bureaucracy to efficient, local leadership.

#### Shaping Our Future

By incorporating, we can enforce the Ogden Valley General Plan, guiding growth while preserving the Valley’s unique character. We’ll be able to protect property rights, natural resources, and local businesses while enhancing recreational opportunities—particularly important with the upcoming Olympics. By managing growth ourselves, we can ensure that our community thrives for both current residents and future generations.

#### A Real Seat at the Table

Currently, the county speaks for the entire region; with incorporation, Ogden Valley will have the legal status to stand up and speak for itself. Incorporation will open doors to grants, programs, and resources to improve our infrastructure, protect the environment, and support our community. We will have access to funding and support from federal, state, and local sources, including organizations like UDOT, Utah League of Cities & Towns, and the Weber Area Council of Governments. With our own voice, we can better partner with other communities for mutual benefit.

#### The Best is Yet to Come

A “Yes” vote for incorporation puts Ogden Valley’s future in the hands of those who care

most—us, the residents. Instead of distant officials without a stake in our community, we will guide the growth and direction of our Valley. It's time to take control of our future— together. Your “Yes” vote is essential.

Vote for a 6-Member Council

- Common for communities our size
- Ensures shared authority and balanced decision-making
- Prevents concentration of power
- Adaptable to meet local needs

Vote “YES” for Voting Districts

- Balanced districts with equal populations
- Fair representation for all
- Respect for traditional Valley communities

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