

## Rebuttal Argument Against the AGAINST Argument

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MISINFORMATION: Taxes will increase; the area is too large.

TRUTH: From 2018-2022, the county's Municipal Services Fund (Unicorp Services from your property taxes) ran 10% annual surpluses (\$6.5 million). The LRB and Utah Foundation's feasibility studies found there will be at least a 5% annual surplus.

We don't need a tax increase!

The Valley is one area. Our children attend the same schools. We share the same General Plan. We function as a community. The size enables us to serve our population efficiently without raising taxes.

MISINFORMATION: Supporters will limit growth, but state law requires "cities" to grow and build subsidized housing.

TRUTH: Supporters won't limit growth; they seek local management of it. They advocate encoding the General Plan, developed with local input, and protecting property rights.

Legal classification as a "City" is based on population. State law doesn't mandate growth or subsidized housing. It merely requires a written plan for moderate-income housing options.

MISINFORMATION: LRB used bad data, twisting results to get future business.

TRUTH: The county provided data and feedback to LRB. Neither the county nor state disputes the study.

MISINFORMATION: Local representation could be bad; just restructure county government.

TRUTH: How can having locally elected representatives be worse than representation by three people who may not even live here? Voting for six council members ensures local representation and the accountability it brings.

Even with restructuring, we'd be only 3% of the county's population, with little influence in county elections, despite being 9% of the county's property value.