

City of Cedar Hills  
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Cedar Hills, UT 84062



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**VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET**

**for Proposition #6**

**To be voted on at the November 8, 2016**

**Utah County General Election**

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**THE OFFICIAL TEXT OF THE CITY OF CEDAR HILLS  
PROPOSITION #6 IS AS FOLLOWS:**

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Shall the City of Cedar Hills, Utah, be authorized to impose a 0.1% sales and use tax within the City to fund botanical, cultural, and recreational organizations or facilities in the City?

For ☐  
Against ☐

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*The arguments for or against a ballot proposition are the opinions of the authors.*

October 4, 2016

Dear Cedar Hills Resident:

On November 8, 2016, Cedar Hills voters will have the responsibility to vote on an opinion question entitled Proposition #6 which asks whether or not the City should impose a sales and use tax for Cultural Arts and Recreational Organizations or Facilities (CARE Tax).

This Voter Information Pamphlet has been prepared to help you better understand the issue. It contains arguments for and against the proposition, along with the official text and initial fiscal impact statement. This pamphlet also contains information regarding voter registration, polling locations, absentee and early voting.

Please take the opportunity to study this pamphlet, so that when you go to the polls you will be able to make a sound, intelligent and informed choice on the issue.

Sincerely,

Colleen A. Mulvey, MMC  
City Recorder

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### **VOTER REGISTRATION - ELECTION DAY POLLING LOCATIONS ABSENTEE AND EARLY VOTING INFORMATION**

You may register to vote by submitting a voter registration form either in person or online with the Utah County Elections Office, 100 E Center Street, Rm 3100, Provo, UT 84606, [www.utahcounty.gov](http://www.utahcounty.gov).

Your polling location on Election Day may have changed; Cedar Hills now has five voting precincts. If you are unclear where you vote please visit <http://vote.utah.gov>

**Absentee Voting** – A separate absentee ballot application must be completed, applications are available on the Utah County Elections Office website. The absentee ballot must be requested no later than the Thursday before Election Day.

**Early Voting** – Early voting will be conducted at various locations throughout the county, beginning on October 25 through November 4, 2016. For early voting hours, and all other general election information, please visit the county's website: <http://www.utahcounty.gov/Dept/ClerkAud/Elections/index.asp>

## **ARGUMENT FOR PROPOSITION #6**

Vote FOR the CARE Tax

Support Cultural Arts, Parks, Recreation and Botanical Programs

On the November 8, 2016 ballot, residents will have the opportunity to authorize a 0.1% “Sales and Use Tax” to be collected for cultural arts, parks, recreation, and botanical use – also referred to as the Cultural Arts and Recreation Tax (CARE Tax). The City of Cedar Hills encourages residents to vote FOR the CARE Tax on November 8<sup>th</sup> for the following reasons:

- The CARE Tax collects a small portion of all sales generated in the Cedar Hills commercial center to help fund Cedar Hills Cultural Arts, Parks and Recreation programs. By collecting a small sales and use tax in this manner, residents and visitors from other cities who shop in the Cedar Hills commercial center assist in generating funding for programs in our community. Cedar Hills in turn offers surrounding cities the ability to participate in cultural arts and recreation programming.
- CARE Tax funds are used to augment other city funds to provide youth and adults with cultural arts and recreation programming without traveling to other cities, or paying non-resident rates as charged by other cities. The proposed CARE Tax helps keep our tax dollars in our city to be used for Cedar Hills programs.
- Over the past eight years, CARE Tax funds have been utilized by Cedar Hills to successfully fund a variety of recreation and cultural arts programs. Without these funds, some programs and opportunities would not have been possible.

The proposed CARE Tax is supported by the Mayor and City Council because it is a better way to fund parks and recreation, and saves money for Cedar Hills’ residents.

### **Q. Why should I support another tax?**

A. The CARE Tax is an alternative way to help fund cultural arts, parks and recreation. Instead of using only property tax paid only by Cedar Hills’ residents, the CARE Tax will be paid by everyone who shops in Cedar Hills by adding just one cent in sales tax for every \$10 spent.

### **Q. But won’t I still end up paying more money than I would without the tax?**

A. No, we will likely have the same parks, trails, and recreation programs (and the associated costs) either way. The issue is where those funds come from.

Submitted by the City of Cedar Hills

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## **ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION #6**

Vote AGAINST the CARE Tax

It is not the proper role of government to tax and spend money on programs that are not necessities for its residents. The city competes against local businesses for park space and for recreation revenues. There are private businesses that provide many athletic programs that are fully funded by those participating in these programs without the need for taxes collected to pay for these services. The city parks and recreation programs make it harder for these businesses to thrive in Cedar Hills.

There are also private businesses that provide music and dance programs for children in Cedar Hills. These businesses operate without any funding from the government. The city should avoid charging taxes for items that are used by a small percentage of those that benefit from the services provided.

Streets and public utilities are necessities that are used by all residents and are therefore justified for being taxed to all residents. Even parks are used at some time or another by nearly all residents and provide a benefit to the community as a whole. On the other hand, sports programs, and other arts and entertainment programs, are utilized by a small percentage of the population and would be provided by private entities if it were not provided by the local government.

Just as it would be wrong for an individual to force neighbors to all pitch in for a swimming pool that this individual wanted, it is not right for a government to force individuals to “pitch in” for recreational activities. Government funds are a sacred trust and if justification can be used for obtaining funds from tax sources for the purpose of entertainment for a small percentage of the population, then justification can be made for almost any expenditure at the whim of government leaders. Perhaps this type of justification is why taxes are so high and government debt on a national level is so high. We need to take a step back and run our government by principles of the proper role of government. To show that you believe in less government and principles of proper governance, vote “no” on the CARE Tax.

Submitted by Rob Crawley

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## **INITIAL FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR PROPOSITION #6**

The city budget officer estimates the fiscal impact will increase revenues of \$40,000 annually to fund an offsetting expense of the same amount.

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