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ENSURE YOUR VOTE IS COUNTED: TECHNICAL ERRORS THAT THREATEN YOUNG VOTERS

Provo, UT (June 8, 2026) – Utah County Clerk Aaron Davidson will host a free public **Town Hall on Thursday, June 11 at 7:00 PM** in the Utah County Commissioners Chambers to address a growing concern: a significant number of **first-time voter ballots are not being counted**. With the **June 23 primary election** approaching and the **voter registration deadline this Friday**, Clerk Davidson is urging voters—especially young voters—to take simple steps now to ensure their ballots are counted.

When a mail-in ballot envelope is missing a signature or the signature does not match what is on file, the ballot is flagged for the **signature-cure process**. Election officials then contact the voter to verify the signature. The system protects voters, but only works when voters respond quickly. Many do not see the notice or miss the deadline, resulting in valid ballots going uncured.

Young voters are disproportionately affected. In the **2024 General Election**, voters ages **18–25** accounted for **55.46%** of all ballots that were challenged and not cured. Among voters ages **18–21**, **13.46%** of all ballots cast were challenged—roughly **one in seven**. These ballots are legitimate votes from eligible Utahns who participated but were blocked by a preventable issue.

“Every eligible vote deserves to be counted,” said Clerk Davidson. “Young voters are showing up, but small technical issues are standing between them and having their voice heard. With the primary approaching, now is the time to act.”

The **June 11 Town Hall** will explain how to check ballot status, how the curing process works, and what voters can do immediately to ensure their ballot is counted. The event is free, open to the public, and requires no registration. Voters ages **18–25** and their parents are especially encouraged to attend.

Location: Utah County Commissioners Chambers, 100 East Center Street, Provo, Utah 84606. For those unable to attend in person, the Town Hall will also be livestreamed: [Utah County Elections - YouTube](#).

The Utah County Clerk’s Office administers elections for more than **371,000 registered voters** and is committed to transparent, accessible, and accurate elections. For information on ballot status or curing, contact the **Utah County Elections Division**.

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