An Audit of the Salt Lake County **Clerk's Office Interlocal Election** Agreements

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## **Objectives & Scope**

Examine Salt Lake County Clerk's Office interlocal election agreements and provide reasonable assurance that:

- Internal controls are adequate and effective
- Processes complied with applicable fiscal ordinances, policies and procedures
- Adequate controls are in place for billing, collection, and accounting of election payments

Audit Scope: January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022.

**Note:** The Auditor's Office <u>did not audit</u> the election results or voter rolls.

### **Agreement to the Facts Meeting**

Meeting Date: May 13, 2024 Location: Virtually via Webex

Clerk Staff:

Lannie Chapman, County Clerk Nikila Venugopal, Chief Deputy Clerk Thomas Reese, Election Director Ann Stoddard, Fiscal Manager

Auditor Staff:

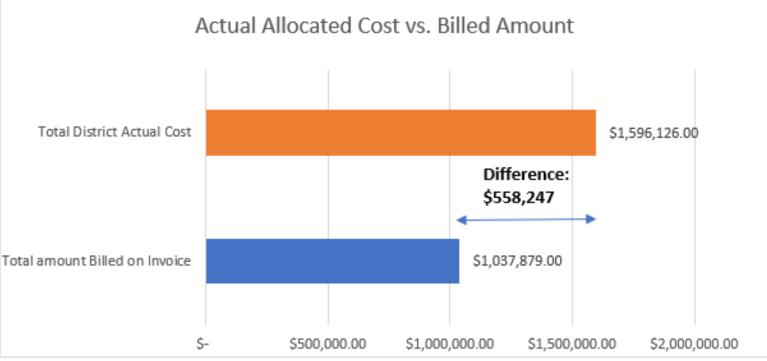
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- 15 Audit Findings
  - 1 Critical Risk
  - ➢ 8 Significant Risks
  - 4 Moderate Risks
  - 2 Low Risks
- 28 Audit Recommendations
  > Agency Agreed to All Recommendations

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 Municipalities not billed for actual costs due to "Not-to-Exceed" Clause in contracts



Sources: Salt Lake County Clerk Office's spreadsheet "21 Election Cost Estimate" and 2021 municipal election invoices.

- Absence of Written Policies & Procedures for allocating election costs among municipalities
- Inconsistencies Between Estimate & Actual Cost Formulas for municipalities
- Inconsistencies in actual cost allocations & calculation input errors
- Calculation Factors for special districts did not include supporting documentation

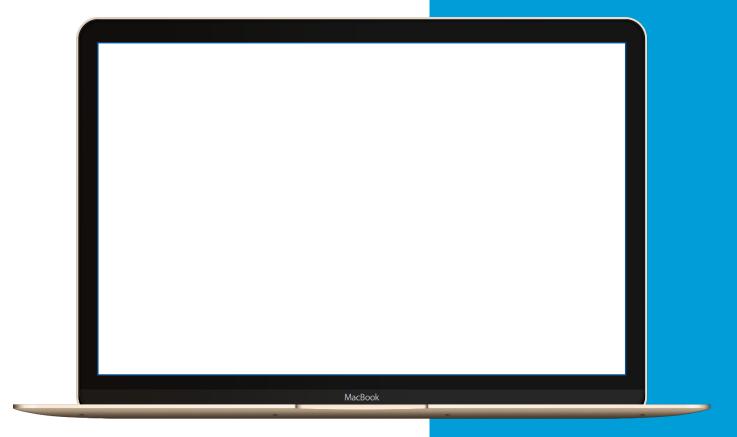
- Special Districts not billed for actual costs of 2021 General Election
- Insufficient Source Documentation for Sampled Election Costs
- Absence of Written Procedures for Calculating & Allocating Actual Costs between Primary & General Elections
- Municipalities were billed Not-to-Exceed Amounts that did not agree to election voting type amount in contract

- Insufficient Source Documentation of Rank Choice Voting Estimates & Actual Costs
- Election Cost Summary Not Included on Invoices & One Irregular Invoice
- Lack of Check Log Documentation for Municipal Election Payments
- Inadequate Documentation of Collection Efforts for Delinquent Election Payments

Risks Nov

- Review of Elections Cost Calculations by Elections Director or Alternative Designee Not Documented
- Election Cost Calculation Spreadsheet Not Protected and Changes Are Not Tracked

### Audit Report Posted on our Website



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