Mayor's Office: Council Agenda Item Request Form

This form and supporting documents (if applicable) are due the Wednesday prior to the COW meeting by noon.

Date Received	20 March 2017
(office use)	

Date of Request	3/20/17
Requesting Staff Member	Martin Jensen
Requested Council Date	3/28/17
Topic/Discussion Title	Draper City Conservation Easement Request
Description	Request by Draper City for Salt Lake County to hold easements on 1,000 acres in Corner Canyon and 140 acres in Little Valley.
Requested Action ¹	Review and approve easement request
Presenter(s)	Martin Jensen
Time Needed ²	Consent agenda
Time Sensitive ³	
Specific Time(s) ⁴	No
Contact Name & Phone	Martin Jensen x81814
Please attach the supporting documentation you plan to provide for the packets to this form. While not ideal, if supporting documents are not yet ready, you can still submit them by 10 am the Friday morning prior to the COW agenda. Items without documentation may be taken off for consideration at that COW meeting.	

Mayor or Designee approval:

¹ What you will ask the Council to do (e.g., discussion only, appropriate money, adopt policy/ordinance) – in specific terms.

² Assumed to be 10 minutes unless otherwise specified.

³ Urgency that the topic to scheduled on the requested date.

⁴ If important to schedule at a specific time, list a few preferred times.



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Division Director Parks & Recreation 2001 S. State St. Suite S4-700 Salt Lake City, UT 84190 March 20, 2017

RE: Draper City Conservation Easement Request

The Honorable Mayor Ben McAdams

And members of the Salt Lake County Council

Dear Mayor:

Draper City has been in discussion with Salt Lake County regarding the placement of a conservation easement on city-owned land which is located in Salt Lake and Utah County. Draper wishes to have a consistent easement holder on their public lands, and Salt Lake County holds easements on over 1,000 acres in Corner Canyon and over 140 acres in Little Valley. In an effort to further this discussion, the City recently presented information to the Salt Lake County Open Space Advisory Board to receive feedback about this proposal.

At the meeting Draper City presented several compelling points to consider:

- The land is adjacent to both Corner Canyon and Little Valley
- Recreation trails will go from one county to the other, providing a contiguous biking/hiking experience
- Migratory patterns of wildlife will travel from Utah County into Salt Lake County and back
- Management of natural habitat and control of invasive species will be for the entire area, not segregated into separate plans for two different counties.

At the subsequent SLCO Open Space meeting held on February 17, the Advisory Board voted to support the placement of a conservation easement that would be held by Salt Lake County, on 3,559 acres of land. The recommendation is being forwarded to you and the County Council for consideration.

Sincerely

Director, Parks & Recreation

