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## State Records Office Appeal for GRAMA relief sought re:Utah County repeated failure to comply with GRAMA records request

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Ms. Nova Dubovik,

### Backstory.

There is a convoluted paper trail attached to a very simple request. I am merely trying to get email addresses of Utah County Employees who attended a County Christmas party. At the party it was alleged that Commissioner Greg Graves was passing out Snowbird Ski Passes. There is not county record of Snowbird gifting a quantity or value of ski passes to the county, there is no disclosure of these ski passes or if elected officials received them, used them, or re-gifted them to others. I have been roadblocked by Commissioner Graves and Ellertson in ascertaining the truth. Commissioner Graves did this during the time span where Snowbird was trying to get their application approved for entree into American Fork Canyon. Commissioner Graves also was the last favorable vote for Snowbird in Feb 2013 when he was on the Board of Adjustments. Truly poor form to be passing out ski passes like Daddy Warbucks during the midst of these heated issues. Also noted, Commissioner Ellertson was on the trip to Switzerland, paid for by Snowbird, his wife was also along with total of 6 elected officials on the trip. The same elected officials who behind the scenes were facillitating the land swap out of view of the citizens. Those with financial ties, gifting ties, or trips- are the same elected officials who continue to roadblock GRAMA responses. We've learned that (5) email accounts have been totally deleted, retention is supposed to be (7) Seven Years. Former Commissioner Gary Andersen, Former Commissioner Doug Witney, former city manager of Cedar Hills, 2 assistants in SL to Mayor Becker and McAdams- also apparently deleted merely months after they left employment. Its been problematic at many levels to find the truth, and the simple request for email addresses has met great opposition from Commissioner Graves and Commissioner Ellertson.

### REQUEST FOR HEARING

Please see attached Notice of Appeal, Denial from Utah County Commissioner Larry Ellertson and Commissioner Graves, and the dissenting opinion of Commissioner Bill Lee- the dissenting opinion of Commissioner Lee being the basis for my appeal and subsequent request for release of county employee email addresses.

### SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

The zip file contains supporting prior requests for records, demonstrates a repeated failure of Commissioner Ellertson to first deny a request, and subsequently after duress or repeated requests release a record. This patter persists and additional supporting documentation can be provided that further demonstrates these patterns which go against the grain of GRAMA and state statues in my opinion. Trips to Switzerland with wives paid for by Snowbird ski resort. Ski passes gifted to Commissioner Graves, and their collective denial of GRAMA response, should be of major concern.

In addition, deletion of the email accounts of former County Commissioners Andersen and Witney and failure to obtain GRAMA responses from the county pertaining to the Snowbird fiasco, should warrant forensic evaluation of county computers in my view. State Attorney Generals office should be involved in this forward.

Mark Allen  
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