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**Washington County Clerk-Auditor Ryan Sullivan Responds
to Colby Jenkins Press Release over the June 25 Election**

St. George, Utah - On July 5, 2024, Colby Jenkins filed a lawsuit against Washington County seeking emergency relief because Washington County has not released to Jenkins' campaign the list of individuals whose ballots from the June 25 election have not yet been cured, aka "cure list." Jenkins also released a statement that infers that Sullivan is withholding the list to ensure Jenkins loses the election. The lawsuit lacks legal basis and any inference that Sullivan is attempting to aid a specific candidate is entirely false.

There are several key facts that Jenkins' statement conveniently omits.

- Washington County, along with the vast majority of other counties in our state, has **never** released a cure list to a candidate.
- Jenkins has requested the cure lists from most, if not every, county in Congressional District 2, and only Salt Lake County has provided him a cure list. The rest of the counties denied his request.
- Washington County has reached out to every individual whose signature needs curing, informing them that they need to cure their signature before their ballot can be counted. A letter was mailed to each person, and if the voter provided an email address or phone number, they received an email, phone call, and text message.

"Voters should know that our clerk-auditor's office has gone above and beyond to contact those that need their signature cured. Any insinuation that we are trying to rig the election is false," states Sullivan. He continues "This is a voter privacy issue for me. I don't want to release voter information to campaign volunteers only to have them show up at a voter's doorstep and potentially harass them into disclosing who they voted for. Voter anonymity is a bedrock principle of our constitutional system, and releasing cure lists, especially in smaller counties and close races, could result in people's votes not being private."

Washington County Attorney Eric Clarke states "Our office is aggressively defending our county from Jenkins' legal claim—which has no basis in fact. The Utah legislature wrote the law to



give counties discretion in whether to release cure lists. Any claim otherwise ignores both the statutory language and legislative intent.”

Because the Washington County Clerk-Auditor’s Office is working diligently to be prepared to canvas the election results next Tuesday, they will not be giving interviews on this issue at this time. For future inquires please contact Washington County Chief Deputy Clerk Genna Goodwin at the information below, and she will return call/emails as soon as she is able.

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