

2024

Constitutional Amendments Guide



3 of the 4 Amendments Impact Education

*We want YOU to be informed
on what they mean*



X A Education Funding going to Other State Needs

✓ B Increase Trustlands Money to our Schools

X D Changing or Repealing Citizen's Initiatives

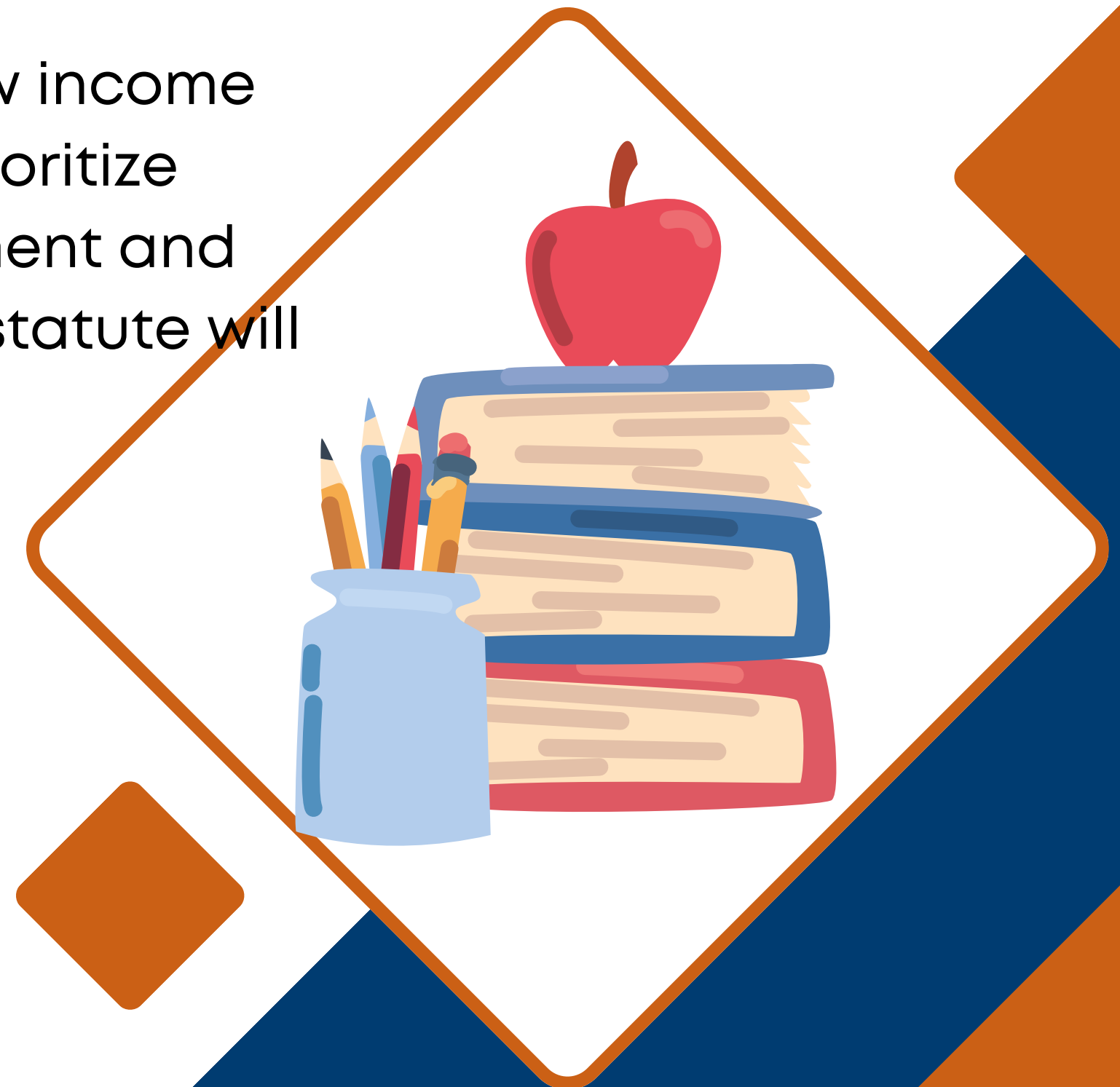


Nay on A!

Shall the Utah Constitution be amended to allow income tax money to be used for all state needs and prioritize public education funding for changes in enrollment and inflation? If this amendment is approved, state statute will eliminate the state sales tax on food.

**UTAH PTA TOOK A POSITION OF
OPPOSE ON SJR10- WHICH IS
NOW AMENDMENT A.**

The sales tax on food would only be the STATE portion of the sales tax, you will still see sales tax on food on your receipt.



Nay on A!

What is Utah PTA's position of **OPPOSE** based on?

Utah PTA Education Resolution - EDU 2023-1 | Education Funding

Resolved, That Utah PTA and its constituent associations oppose the dilution of the constitutional mandate to fully fund public education and oppose income tax cuts and credits that directly reduce the amount allocated to public education funding.

✓ **B is Best**

to provide \$ for our Schools

Shall the Utah Constitution be amended to increase the limit on the annual distributions from the State School Fund to public schools from 4% to 5% of the fund?





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Utah PTA **SUPPORTS** increased trustlands funds

The Trustlands funds are well managed and growing. That means the kids in 50 years will be getting larger amounts to fund their schools. To help balance that, if you vote YES on Amendment B, you will help increase the allocation of funds to our schools- up to 5% instead of the current 4%.

THE IMPACT ON YOUR SCHOOL

To see how much more will be in your school district, from NO increased taxes, IF you vote yes:

<https://landtrustsadvocacy.utah.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Amendment-B-District-Data.pdf>



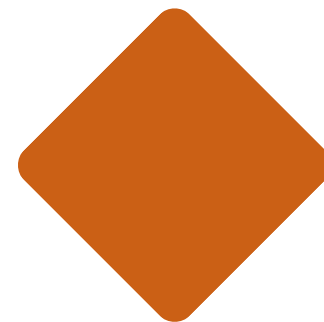
D is for Don't

Keep the Power of the People, with the People

Should the Utah Constitution be changed to strengthen the initiative process by: - Prohibiting foreign influence on ballot initiatives and referendums. - Clarifying the voters and legislative bodies' ability to amend laws.

If approved, state law would also be changed to: - Allow Utah citizens 50% more time to gather signatures for a statewide referendum. - Establish requirements for the legislature to follow the intent of a ballot initiative.

**IF PUT INTO PLACE, AMENDMENT D
WOULD ALLOW THE LEGISLATURE
TO CHANGE (OR AMEND) EVEN
AFTER THE PEOPLE HAVE VOTED.**




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Utah PTA states:

To allow citizens to act as a check against the actions of a legislative body, many states have provided for a system of direct democracy in the form of the citizen-initiated referendum (also called an initiative) and popular referendum (collectively called “ballot measures”)

A citizen-initiated referenda empowers members of the general public to propose, by petition, specific statutory measures to the government without involving the legislature or the governor, by gathering a minimum percentage of registered voters' signatures to qualify a proposition on a statewide general election ballot, to be approved by a majority of those voting




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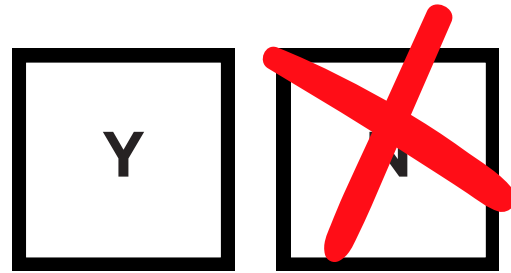
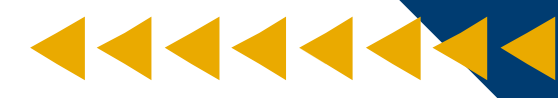
Utah PTA Education Resolution - COM -2020-1| Protecting Utahns Right to Semi-Direct Democracy Through Initiatives and Popular Referenda

Utah PTA and its constituent bodies support the right of the people to participate in direct democracy through initiatives and referenda and oppose any legislation that weakens their ability to do so.

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At-a-Glance



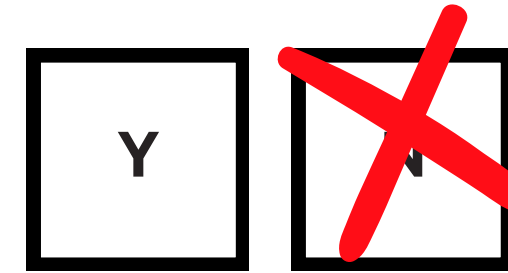
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More Trustlands
Money for our Kids!



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Legislature shouldn't
have the last say in what
the people vote on

Utah
PTA[®]
everychild.one voice.



More Resources



- <https://vote.utah.gov/>
- <https://ltgovernor.utah.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/54/2024/09/Const.-Amend.-Class-A-Notice.pdf>
- <https://www.utahpta.org/bill/2023/sjr010>
- <https://www.utahpta.org/bill/2023/hjr018>
- <https://www.utahpta.org/bill/2024/sjr401>
- <https://landtrustsadvocacy.utah.gov/raisethecap/>
- [Kem C Garner Policy Brief on Amendmend A](#)

