

SALT LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY BOND

Salt Lake County voters are being asked to fund facilities anticipated to improve public safety, reduce repeat offenses, and save tax dollars.

The Public Safety Bond is a central part of Salt Lake County's partnership with the State of Utah and municipal governments in the region to address criminal justice reform, human services, and homelessness.



FEWER REPEAT OFFENDERS

- 36,000 people are booked into County Jail each year
- 70% are repeat offenders
- People are less likely to re-offend when given access to services



SAVE TAX DOLLARS

- Jail operations = \$136/person/day
- Justice and Accountability Center operations = \$75 /person/day



INCREASE JAIL CAPACITY

- Not a single jail bed has been added since 2001
- Meanwhile, Salt Lake County's population has grown by 300,000

The \$507 million bond will fund:

Building a Justice and Accountability Center:

- New lower-security facility for low-level offenders
- Increase access to mental health services, substance use treatment, job training, and other vital services

Combining and Improving the County Jail:

- Increase the total number of beds (from 2,455 to 2,899 beds)
- Close Oxbow (due to high cost of necessary repairs) and rebuild capacity at main County Jail
- Expand access to mental health treatment (from 88 to 160 beds)
- Build a reentry unit to help people leaving jail prepare to rejoin society (100 beds)
- Make infrastructure improvements to Jail/Sheriff's public safety buildings

Average Property Tax Impact:

\$4.91/month