

April 14, 2024

To: Utah Governor Spencer Cox
From: Utah Drag Racing Coalition (WWW.UDRC.US)
Re: Assistance request – follow up

Dear Governor Cox,

As a follow up to our August 2023 letter, we hosted a booth at the Utah Autorama 2024 this past weekend seeking and documenting names, emails, and resident city/town (i.e., demographic info) for petitioning purposes. The response was overwhelming! This effort is related to our previous letter addressing the “urgent need for a Quarter Mile Drag Racing Track/Facility near Salt Lake City. “

In addition to the Autorama 2024 event, we have made contact with interested parties through our website (www.udrc.us), word of mouth, and social media. The interest and need is amazingly strong for a facility in the SLC area! We have 1000 plus people who have signed our initial petition request.

We have also contacted Utah Schools and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) and spoke with their representatives who have responsibility for the State-owned property at 6500 W North Temple, the old Salt Lake County landfill. We strongly believe this is the best location to construct a facility to meet this motor sports need, enhance commercial and tourism related economic growth opportunities for all interests, with the State of Utah as a primary stakeholder.

Additionally, we have reached out to Senator Romney’s office to seek aid with federal assistance to help work out the known environmental concerns related to this particular property. We need help from local, state, and federal officials to bring this need to a successful result and the mutual benefit of this property for all stakeholders. Utah motorsports has an illustrious past! Please help preserve that legacy and history moving forward in the interest of future generations.

As mentioned in our previous letter,” since the closing of Rocky Mountain Raceway (RMR) in 2019, the need for a quarter mile dragstrip has never been greater in the Salt Lake Valley region. Late night illegal street racing has become a serious problem on city, town, and county roads along the Wasatch Front. The former “Midnight Drags” most weekends at RMR served the public with a venue for racers of all demographics to test their cars, compete, and grudge race. Now, racers are required to travel approximately six hours out of state to Las Vegas NV, Boise ID, or Grand Junction CO to meet these needs. Also, as a result, a rise in illegal and unsafe racing is occurring on the Salt Lake City area streets.”

We are again writing to respectfully ask for your help with economic assistance and guidance from the State’s perspective. There is no time to waste, it has been five plus years of rumors and no positive results to meet this growing need. As stated on our website and in the earlier correspondence, “Bring drag racing back safely to the Salt Lake Valley” is our mission statement.

A long-term lease on this SITLA managed property, which is in an ideal area and undoubtably should be acceptable to the localities, is the solution. This plot of land is a fair and reasonable distance from residential areas addressing the important noise consideration since the drag racing sport is loud!

Will the State of Utah please consider helping meet this need and see it as an opportunity for a long term positive economic and recreational impact? We believe there is strong potential for a very positive impact to the Utah Tourism industry as well. Thank you again for your consideration!

Kindest Regards,
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