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Cache County Executive to Release Housing Crisis Task Force Report

LOGAN, UTAH - Working alongside community and industry leaders, Cache County Executive David Zook formed a Housing Crisis Task Force two months ago to tackle serious obstacles to housing in Cache County. The task force is composed of stakeholders representing a broad range of perspectives on the housing market. The group had its kickoff meeting on April 20 and was tasked with developing a report outlining recommendations to improve the situation, as well as aspects of the housing crisis that local governments and industry professionals can directly influence. The Task Force met June 21 to present their recommendations to Mr. Zook, who will present their findings at the Cache Summit, Thursday, June 23 at noon at the Riverwoods Conference Center.

“Housing availability and affordability impact many aspects of our economy and community. One of our goals is to ensure that our kids and grandkids are able to stay here to support that economy and community.” said Mr. Zook. “The Housing Task Force has made recommendations that will help us address the complex issues affecting housing in our county. I look forward to sharing their findings and then working to implement them. We will also need the community’s support in implementing those recommendations.”

Cache County added approximately 20,500 people during the 2020 Census and Utah was the fastest-growing state in the nation, increasing by 18.4% between 2010 and 2020. Of the new residents in Cache County, 17,500 or 86% were internal - children of current residents. Cache County has one of the lowest unemployment rates in the country, exacerbating demand for housing. Community leaders recognize that planning efforts between economics and population growth must align better. The Milken Institute recently ranked the Logan, Utah-Idaho area as the #1 best-performing small city in the country, but they also ranked the area No. 178 for housing affordability. The Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute projects that 85% of the growth Cache County will experience between now and 2060 will be internal growth.

“Cache Valley is a special community,” said Cache County Councilman Gordon Zilles, who served on the Task Force. “Planning for growth is an important investment in the future.”

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