

ACLU of Utah Announces the 2020 *No Stamp? No Problem* Campaign

For the June 30 Primary Election, almost all Utah counties are using vote-by-mail due to the current pandemic. However, only 11 of Utah's 29 counties provide pre-paid postage on mail-in ballots. This means hundreds of thousands of Utahns—including residents of Cache, Tooele, and Washington counties—are told they need a stamp to return their ballot.



Think about the Millennial, first-time voter who pays all of her bills online. Consider the senior citizen with a chronic condition who is afraid to leave their home to buy stamps during a pandemic. Plus, how many of us actually know how much it costs to mail a first-class letter (Hint: It went up to \$0.55 in January)?

For many members of our community, finding enough postage to return a ballot will be a high barrier to voting. We believe voting should be easy, simple and accessible. Especially during a national crisis, no one should have to choose between their health and their ability to vote. This is why the ACLU of Utah is launching our **2020 No Stamp No Problem** campaign!

Even if you live in a county that does not prepay postage for ballots, the U.S. Postal Service will deliver all unstamped ballots to county clerks and charge the county for the missing postage.

That's why we call this campaign: [No Stamp? No Problem.](#)

Sound too good to be true?

The U.S. Postal Service has publicly stated that they will deliver any mail ballots, regardless of sufficient postage. Plus, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Utah, which runs elections in the state, confirms the "No Stamp, No Problem" pledge on their [official election website](#), writing "Another option is to place your ballot in the mail without postage, and the Postal Service will still deliver your ballot to your county clerk's office." We should also note that voters can return unstamped ballots to an official ballot drop box, usually located outside the county clerk's office.

The **No Stamp, No Problem** campaign is especially important if you live in the following counties that do not provide pre-paid postage: Beaver, Box Elder, Cache, Carbon, Duchesne, Iron, Kane, Millard, Piute, Rich, Sanpete, Sevier, Summit, Tooele, Uintah, Wasatch, Washington and Weber.

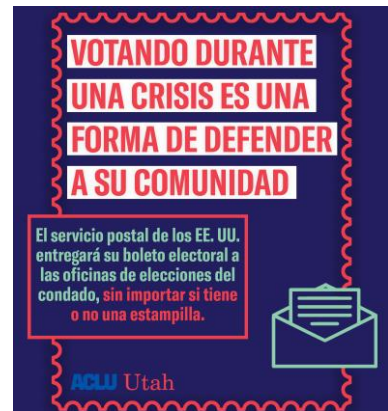


The ACLU of Utah, our supporters and our community partners will be flooding social media and other communications channels with graphics, videos and messages to let Utahns know that voting without a stamp is not a problem! Those images can be found here:

<https://www.acluutah.org/nostamp2020>

Our state has increasingly embraced vote-by-mail at a time when fewer and fewer of us purchase stamps or mail letters. The ACLU of Utah supports a move towards statewide prepaid return postage for the general election in November. This service would be a huge step towards making Utah a model state for accessible and efficient vote-by-mail for these reasons.

1. A voter should never pay to cast a ballot. Prepaid return postage would make voting more accessible to many, including young, low-income and rural voters and could increase voter participation.
2. Some counties provide prepaid postage, some don't. Some county clerks let their constituents know they can mail their ballot without a stamp, others guard that secret carefully. Let's reduce confusion among voters by providing statewide prepaid postage.
3. In a fast-changing world where new generations of voters are getting civically involved, counties currently have to estimate how much they will have to pay on the back-end for ballots mailed without a stamp. Statewide, pre-paid postage will let counties budget ahead of time and themselves commit to fair and accessible elections.



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