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Kristi Swett, President
Salt Lake City Board of Education
440 East 100 South
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COPY FOR YOUR
INFORMATION

Re: Point of Order

Dear President Swett,

I am 'raising a question of order' because I believe that the Salt Lake City Board of Education Agenda dated January 8, 2013 is out of compliance with current state Law. I ask that you consider my "Point of Order" and rule that the wording of the agenda be changed appropriately.

Item #2 on the agenda states: "*Judge Andrew Valdez, Third District Juvenile Court will administer the Oath of Office to, Tiffany Sandberg, **Precinct 1**; Michael Clara, **Precinct 2**; Heather Bennett, **Precinct 5**; and Kristi Swett, **Precinct 7**. (Term of office January 2013 - December 2016)"*

I was elected to represent **DISTRICT 2** (see attached map) not just Precinct 2.

Voting Precinct 2 is one of 11 voting precincts in my 'school board district'.

UTAH ELECTION CODE:

20A-5-303. *Establishing, dividing, abolishing, and changing voting precincts -- Common polling places -- Combined voting precincts.*

(1) (a) *After receiving recommendations from the county clerk, the county legislative body may establish, divide, abolish, and change **voting precincts**.*

(2) (a) *The county legislative body shall alter or divide voting precincts so that each **voting precinct contains not more than 1,250 active voters**.*

20A-14-201. *Boards of education -- School board districts -- Creation -- Reapportionment.*

(1) (a) *The county legislative body, for local school districts whose boundaries encompass more than a single municipality, and the municipal legislative body, for school districts contained completely within a municipality, **shall divide the local school district into local school board districts** as required under Subsection 20A-14-202(1)(a).*

Business Meeting: 1/08/2013
Addition to the Official Minutes
Non-Agenda Item

"Local school boards are the bedrock of our society, yet they are invisible"

As you are aware, this discrepancy caused much ~~confusion among voters during this past election~~ cycle.

- I brought this issue to the attention of board vice president Bennett and Dr. Wither's at the October 2, 2012 Board of Education meeting.
- It was discussed with Dr. Wither's at a November 12, 2012 meeting at his office.
- It was discussed yet again in a December 7, 2012 meeting in Dr. Wither's office with you, Vice president Heather Bennett, Business Administrator Janet Roberts, and Dr. Withers.
- It was also the subject of an email I sent to you and the board vice president on December 8, 2012 and a letter I sent the two of you on December 10, 2012.
- In an email sent to me from vice president, Bennett under your name, dated December 31, 2012, this issue is acknowledged in your statement to me: "You have clearly communicated your dissatisfaction with [Salt Lake County Clerk] Sherrie Swensen".

Therefore, I am a bit surprised, perplexed, and disappointed that the school district insists on perpetuating misinformation and confusion on the election of its Board of Education.

I personally believe that as a board we have a civic mission to our schools and community at large. I believe there is an obligation of schools to educate young Americans about their rights and responsibilities as citizens and to reaffirm the Founders' commitment to making education in democracy a central part of the mission of public education—equal to workplace preparation.

How can we fulfill that mission if as a Board and a District we do not comport ourselves to State election laws in reference to the office of the Board of Education members?

In conclusion, I request that along with your ruling on this parliamentary motion; this letter be considered as part of the record and therefore included in the minutes of this meeting.

Shalom,

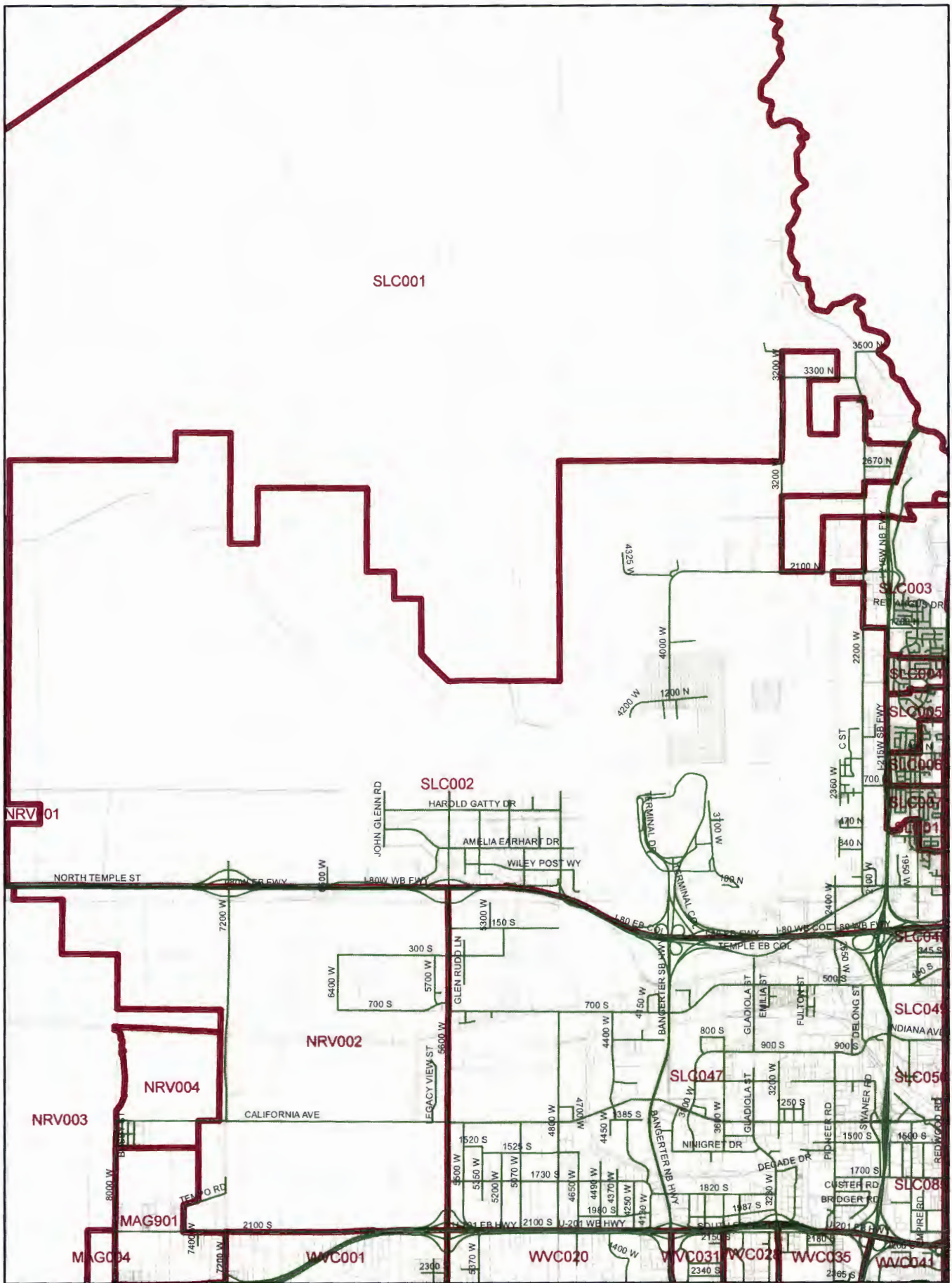
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J. Michael Clára
Board Member, District 2

cc: Open Letter

Enclosures: Salt Lake School District 2 Map & SLC Voting Precinct Map 2

2012 Voting Precinct SLC002



From the office of:
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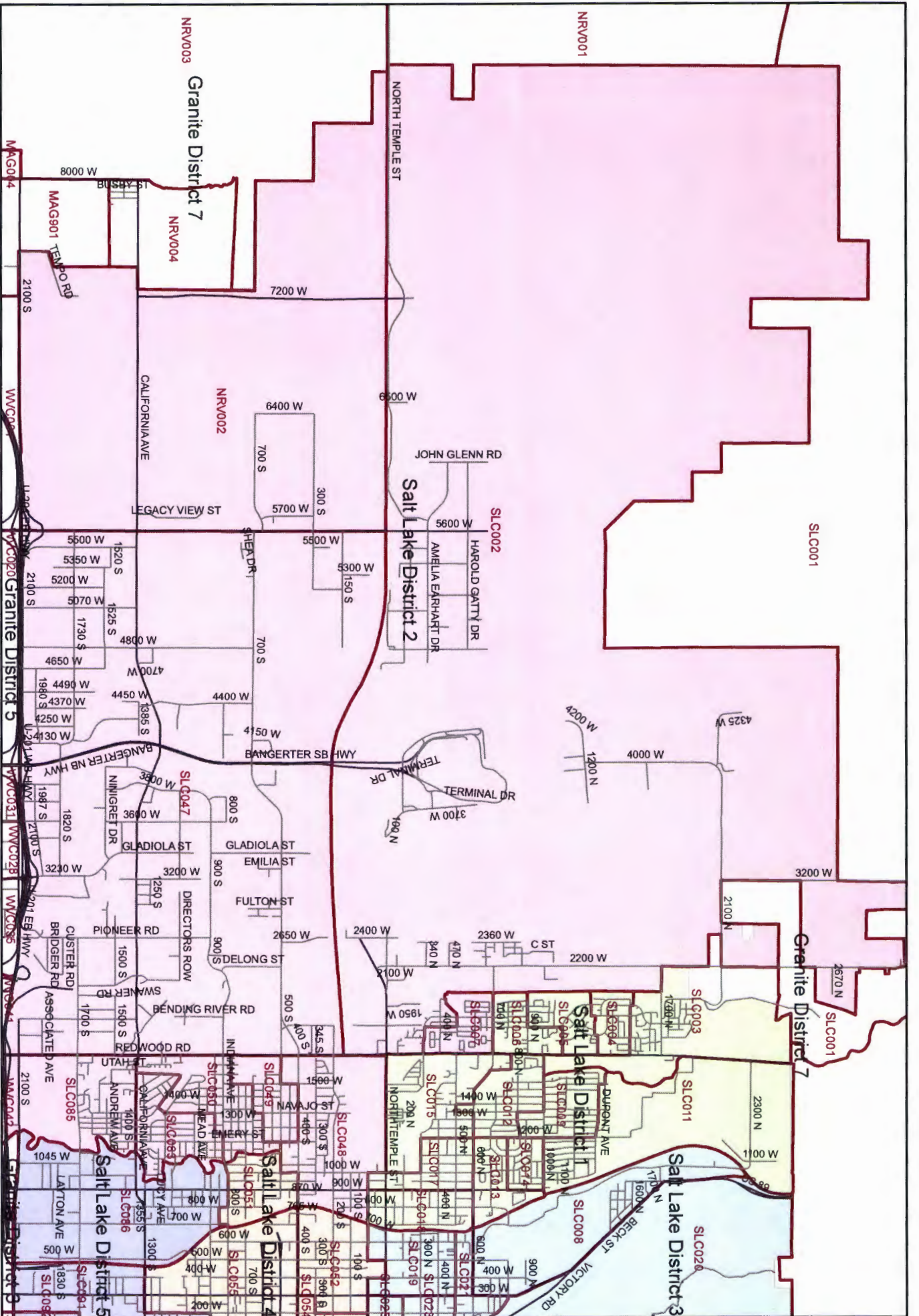
- Streets
- 2012 Voting Precincts

In conjunction with the offices of:
 Salt Lake County Assessor
 Salt Lake County Recorder
 Salt Lake County Surveyor



Map Date: May, 2012

Salt Lake School District 2



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- Salt Lake School District 2
- Salt Lake District 1
- Salt Lake District 3
- Salt Lake District 4
- Salt Lake District 5
- Granite District 5
- Granite District 7

Map Date: February, 2012
 In conjunction with the release of
 the Salt Lake County Register
 The Salt Lake County Surveyor

