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Envision Cache Valley Vision Summit

Please join Governor Gary Herbert and elected officials from Cache County and Franklin County, Idaho, as they unveil the public-inspired vision for Cache Valley's future. **The Vision Summit will be at the Logan Tabernacle (50 North Main Street) on Tuesday, October 13th, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.** More than 2600 residents and local technical experts have created a series of growth principles to achieve a compelling vision for the region. Residents participated in more than 24 public meetings, two on-line surveys, and an independent poll.

Governor Herbert, Franklin County Commissioner Dirk Bowles, Cache Valley Regional Council Chair Gary Anderson, and Envision Cache Valley Steering Committee Co-Chair Tom Jensen will discuss why they support the growth principles and regional vision. Idaho Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter has also been invited to participate.

"To summarize the feedback we've received, I'd say residents want to 'keep the city, city and the country, country,'" said Alan Matheson, Envision Utah Executive Director.

Based on the public feedback, these are the "big ideas" with the greatest public support:

1. Direct future growth inward, not outward.
2. Live close to where we work, shop and play.
3. Create good-paying jobs close to home.
4. Create a balanced (multi-modal) transportation network.
5. Develop efficient infrastructure.
6. Preserve and protect our natural resources and working farms.
7. Connect local trails with nearby parks and a regional trail system.
8. Cooperate to achieve our goals.

The *Envision Cache Valley* Vision provides one plausible “snapshot” of how the valley can look in 2030 as local communities implement these principles according to their preferences.

“Overall, 84% of participants envision more compact growth than what has been built in recent years,” said Christie Oostema, Envision Utah project manager. “There is significant interest in growing within existing cities and towns, creating mixed-use neighborhoods and ‘centers’ (places with housing options and nearby schools, shops, parks, libraries, workplaces and restaurants).” More than 90% of participants preferred at least some emphasis on mixed-use development.

Adds Matheson, “Participants appear desirous of a balanced transportation system that includes improved roadway connections, more public transportation options, bike routes and pedestrian access.”

Conservation is a common goal, with 67% wanting to emphasize water quality, working farms and ranches, and protection of scenic views—maintaining space between communities and preserving roadway corridors.

Further, participants want local jurisdictions to work together to address growth issues, with 88% finding coordination important or very important.

More information on the *Envision Cache Valley* process can be found at www.envisioncachevalley.com. The Vision Summit marks the culmination of public events surrounding the process, which is Envision Utah’s first interstate effort. *Envision Cache Valley* has been facilitated by Envision Utah and led by a Steering Committee of local community leaders from Cache County and Franklin County.

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