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**NORTH OGDEN CITY  
STAFF REPORT**

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**TO:** MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
**FROM:** ANNETTE SPENDLOVE, CITY RECORDER  
**SUBJECT:** MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 2015 VOTING PLATFORM  
**DATE:** 4/2/2015

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I need to determine which voting platform to use for North Ogden's Municipal Election this year. The platforms available: Polling Place, which is as we have done in the past with Early Voting and Election Day Voting. Where registered voters come to a location to cast their votes on an electronic voting machine; Vote-by-mail, which has; All-by-mail, which means that ballots will be mailed to all registered voters and the voted ballots will be sent back in the mail to Weber County to process. There will be no voting on Election Day at a specific location in North Ogden City. The other form of Vote-by-mail is called a Hybrid, which means that all registered voters will receive a ballot by mail and the voter can mail the ballot back in the mail to Weber County to process, place their ballot in a secure box in the North Ogden City Office or vote on Election Day at a specific location in North Ogden City. There is no Early Voting for this platform.

Ricky Hatch, Weber County Clerk presented these options to the City Council on March 31, 2015. He mentioned the County's concerns with the voting machines that are several years old and not in good working condition. He also stated that 13 of the 15 Cities/Towns in Weber County have committed to one of the Vote-by-mail platforms.

As North Ogden's Election Official I have concerns with the aging equipment that the County is using and the problems caused on Election Day when there is a defective machine. I see the All-by-mail platform takes away from those voters who want to make the effort to attend a voting location on Election Day. I am recommending the Vote-by-mail Hybrid platform for these reasons and am asking for your support.