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From: Sam Linnet <sam@alturaslawgroup.com>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2026 3:54 PM
To: Peter Prekeges; Spencer Cordovano; Randy Hall; Tripp Hutchinson; Matthew McGraw; Participate
Cc: Klee@alturaslawgroup.com; Laura Smithman; Samantha Seidner
Subject: Re: Reinheimer Trust - Letter re: July 9, 2026 Special Meeting, Agenda Item 9

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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

Doug Bradshaw, Trustee of the Reinheimer Trust, requested that I forward you the following note:

Everyone in the community is proud of the Ranch and appreciates that it provides the community with secure open space at the entrance to town. Those that know the background understand the Ranch Exists because of the enormous generosity of the Reinheimer family. Cathy, one of the Reinheimer granddaughters currently resides in the ranch house.

As the only surviving Trustee I have worked closely with the Idaho Park Foundation since it accepted title upon her death in 1976 to follow her wishes: to maintain the property "as it was".

Now, as highway construction is winding down, it is imperative to re-build the barbed wire fences, which are down. Obviously we cannot honor Mrs. Reinheimer's wishes if the Park Foundation is unable to graze stock or put up hay. In fact the view from Highway 75 as you approach the City is poor. The Ranch appears unmaintained and unkempt; not the appearance any of us want and not the appearance anticipated by Mrs. Reinheimer, when she gave the property to the Park Foundation.

Over the years the Park Foundation, the Trust, and the City of Ketchum have worked closely to maintain the Ranch in such a way that all of us can continue to be proud of this wonderful gift. As part of the cleanup after the recent highway construction let's include new fencing on the Reinheimer Ranch. After all, it is the entrance to our community.

*Sincerely,
Douglas Bradshaw Trustee*

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On Thu, Jul 9, 2026 at 3:42 PM Sam Linnet <sam@alturaslawgroup.com> wrote:

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

Please see the attached letter regarding Agenda Item 9 for today's meeting. I understand the meeting began at 3:00 PM, and I apologize that I could not get this to you sooner. However, I hope these comments can be considered as the City moves forward with its partnership with the IFPL and when these issues arise in the future.

I am available for any follow-up discussions if needed.

Very Respectfully,

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From: mike wallett <mwallettmaui@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2026 9:41 AM
To: Participate
Subject: No trespassing

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I am writing to formally contest a No Trespassing Order that was issued against me for all Ketchum city parks. I believe this order is unjust, unwarranted, and potentially constitutes an act of retaliation. I respectfully request its immediate review and rescission from my record.

The events leading to this order began when I observed a consumer-grade webcam, seemingly of low quality, affixed to a fence in the public park directly across from my residence. My concern was immediately raised by the camera's amateurish wiring, which appeared to lead towards a private dwelling behind the park. More significantly, the camera was positioned to directly survey the children's play area within the park, as well as the private decks of my apartment and neighboring residences. Given these unusual circumstances and the questionable placement, I became concerned about unauthorized surveillance. Without causing any damage or vandalism, I simply reoriented the camera's direction to face away from the sensitive areas it was monitoring.

The very next day, I was issued a No Trespassing Order by a Blaine County police officer, citing my interference with a "city park camera." This was the first indication that the device belonged to Ketchum City Parks. I find the installation of such a camera to be highly problematic. Its low quality, haphazard wiring, and particularly its orientation towards private residences and a children's play area, raise serious questions regarding privacy, security, and the appropriateness of surveillance practices by city authorities.

Furthermore, I believe this no-trespass order may be a direct consequence of a previous, unrelated confrontation with a Ketchum City Parks employee. Several weeks prior, while walking my leashed dog in a Forest Service park – where I consistently adhere to all regulations, including meticulously picking up after my pet – I was subjected to a verbally aggressive outburst from a park worker regarding dog waste. Despite my assurances and demonstrated compliance, the employee continued to berate me. In response to her prolonged and unwarranted aggression, I informed her I would be contacting the police. Subsequently, she contacted her supervisor, falsely alleging that I had threatened her. This supervisor then approached me in a highly confrontational and intimidating manner, at which point I reiterated that law enforcement was en route and that any further discussion should occur in their presence. Due to the repeated hostile encounters with this particular employee, I made the decision to avoid that specific park.

Considering the supervisor's prior aggressive demeanor and the subsequent issuance of this no-trespass order, I am strongly inclined to believe that this measure is a direct act of retaliation for the earlier incident and my responsible reporting of staff misconduct.

I am a law-abiding citizen with absolutely no prior police record. The issuance of a no-trespass order is not only a stain on my clean record but also a significant injustice given the circumstances. While I primarily use the city parks for dog walking, and often find them poorly maintained regarding pet waste – a systemic issue that seemingly goes unaddressed by park staff – the principle of being unfairly targeted and restricted from public spaces is deeply concerning. I am a responsible pet owner: my dog is always on a leash, and I consistently clean up after him, unlike many others in this community who disregard leash laws and proper waste disposal without consequence.

I urge the appropriate department to conduct a thorough investigation into:

1. The specifics of the surveillance camera installation in question, including its purpose, the authorization process, and its compliance with privacy regulations.
2. The conduct of the park employees involved in the prior incident and the supervisor's role in the issuance of this no-trespass order.
3. The immediate rescission of the No Trespassing Order currently placed on my record, as it is based on a misunderstanding of my actions and appears to be an act of retaliation.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this serious matter.

Sincerely,

Michael Wallett

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Dawn Hofheimer

From: Gretchen Flint <gretchenflint@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2026 8:45 AM
To: Participate
Subject: LOT

The increase in the local option tax (LOT) For the November 3rd ballot, The increase should go to short-term rental rentals. 5%

Retail and Building Materials should not be included.

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To: Participate
Subject: In regards LOT increase for Nov Ballot

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I feel strongly that LOT should only apply to Lodging and no more. Even better-get rid of LOT.

Thank you, Scott & Julie Rosenberger.

July 23, 2026

Hello mayor and councilors,

"Our responsibility is to ensure residents have access to clear, factual information about the ballot measure so they can make informed decisions," Mayor Pete Prekeges said. "We encourage the community to review the ballot language, attend upcoming conversations, and ask questions throughout the process." – City of Ketchum 6/29/26

I took this to heart and in my pursuit of the facts, I ended up with more questions than answers. As you recommended, I tried to meet with the city finance director, Brent Davis to get answers to my budget questions. I did not have any luck. It appears he is a busy guy. I did meet with Mayor Pete, but it was mostly a policy discussion in which he was adamant in his support of the ballot language as is. He did agree that the CIP projects this LOT increase will fund should be part of the educational information for the voter's this fall. If this was a GO bond, that would be a requirement.

I watched the videos of all the meetings, attended the June 25 council meeting, the Coffee Talk and the Community Conversation where I got one of my concerns addressed. Here are the rest. I hope you will respond to them at tonight's meeting and reassure the voters that you have done your due diligence prior to putting this ballot language together. This was not something that previous councils were good about. They often left it up to the voters to do the research and vote accordingly. Sometimes that approach led to unintended consequences.

Questions on facts:

- What is the KURA revenue until sunset in 2030?
- What is the total amount of funds the KURA has collected to date?
- What is the current KURA fund balance?
- If the KURA does not spend all their funds, doesn't the city receive the balance when KURA sunsets?
- Don't KURA's properties revert to the city of Ketchum at sunset? If so, what are they and what are their value?
- Explain the \$3m purchase of a property for housing in the 2027 CIP budget. What is the plan for it, and will it require the .5% LOT or other tax funding (KURA) to build? If so, how much?
- Do we lose the Original LOT if the ballot measure does not pass in November 2026? When can it be voted on again?
- Why are you pursuing a 15-year duration with these changes? History shows that when changes were made, the LOT was on a 5 year or less cycle for adoption to allow for a trial period. This is true for both the original and additional 1% LOT.

Questions on policies

- Are we partners or competitors with Sun Valley Resort?
- Is KBAC a new department/branch of Ketchum Government? I know that sounds snarky, but their July 9 meeting is identified with city events as a “public engagement opportunity” on item 22 in tonight’s staff report.
- There are many ways in which you, the elected officials, base your decisions. What is the origin of the reason for your decision on this ballot language? Has it been your personal interaction with residents? voters during your campaign? the business community? hoteliers? visitors? surveys? or information gathered by staff?
- Do you understand what a convention district is, how it works, who it taxes?

Firsthand observations:

- At the July 7 Coffee Talk, there were not many in attendance, and only a small percentage were Ketchum voters.
- At the July 13th Community conversation, once again, small attendance but 100% of the attendees were Ketchum voters and they were 100% against the retail increase on this ballot. At least 50% were against increasing building supplies and for increasing liquor by the drink, a direct support of night bus service. Safety first!
- In conversation with my neighbors and friends, I would say I’ve talked to about 200 residents/voters give or take, and the overwhelming majority do not support this ballot language.

I strongly request you keep the current Original LOT and ask the voters to renew it for 5 years.

KURA will collect more than \$2.9 - 3 million annually with the new hotel opening until its sunset in 2030. There will be numerous amounts of information that will be available in 3-4 years that have a potential impact on how you may make changes to this original LOT.

- KURA will sunset and its assets (value unknown) will revert to the city.
- 1% for Air and Housing will be either renewed, revised with different collections, and/or uses or it could be denied by the voters.
- You will be able to research the possibility of a convention or auditorium district which would be another resource for tax funds.
- Councilor McGraw’s suggestion of taxing tourist-oriented services can be explored
- other opportunities and possible cost savings may arise.

Anne Corrock

