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HEART OF THE CITY

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Prosperous communities start with a healthy downtown. Not only is downtown Provo an indicator of our success, it's also an iconic and powerful symbol to all of us and represents the heart and soul of our city.

When well cared for, our downtown can be one of our most important assets. In 2017 I hope to start and/or complete these projects as they relate to the health of our downtown:

- 1. PARKING** - I hear frequently about the state of parking downtown. Currently we have about 1,500 stalls for public use, which should be more than enough for our current traffic. This indicates to me that we need to be more vigilant in educating our residents on where to find public parking downtown. This includes more signage and raising public awareness.
- 2. BRT** - I am hopeful that the new bus rapid transit system will carry on as planned and will be an incredible asset to our downtown. Construction is underway and will be completed in 2019.
- 3. REDEVELOPMENT** - During the last four years, twenty-one of our buildings have improved or redone their business facades thanks to Provo's Redevelopment Storefront

Matching Grant Program. In 2017 we hope to see more downtown businesses take advantage of this exciting program. Undoubtedly it has improved the visual experience on Center and University.

- 4. CITY CENTER AND PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING** - We continue to research and explore possibilities to replace the existing building we share with Provo PD and Provo Fire. As it stands now, the building is insufficient for space and in need of major renovation and upgrades.
- 5. SIDEWALKS** - Since 2010 we have invested \$1,178,811 in sidewalks just in downtown alone. We want our downtown to be a safe and interesting experience for pedestrians. By continuing to improve our sidewalks we hope to encourage visitors to think of downtown as a walkable/wheelchair accessible community.

The revitalization of downtown and central city neighborhoods has been a challenging focus for many decades. There are many to thank for the success we're currently seeing in our downtown and surrounding neighborhoods, but no ingredient is as important as those who have invested in businesses and homes many years ago. It was their vision of downtown Provo that gave us a blueprint we hope to continue to build upon for years to come.

WHAT'S NEW DOWNTOWN

CHELSEA'S BOUTIQUE | 285 W Center St

Formed out of love, empowerment, and a passion for fashion, Chelsea's is a boutique dedicated to making every woman feel as beautiful as they are.

SPUDS | 287 E 300 S

Serving up fresh baked potatoes fully loaded with premium ingredients and freshly prepared gluten free recipes.

CHOM BURGER | 45 W 300 N

If you don't like really tasty Burgers... Fries... Salads... and Shakes... You probably won't like CHOM :-). If you do, come dine with us.

HERE | 26 W Center St

Here is an art, home and gift gallery located in the heart of historic Provo, featuring products generated by our community.

SUB ZERO | 62 W Center St

Come try fresh ice cream made right before your eyes with liquid nitrogen. We give you EXACTLY what you want every time.

FAT DADDY'S PIZZERIA | 22 S Freedom Blvd

Home of the only New York Style, hand tossed, thin crust pizza in Provo. Fat Daddy's is the perfect place to grab a quick lunch for business, or a pizza to take home for lunch.

ASCENT WEAR | 180 N University Ave #130

Combining the latest in urban wear and high-end outdoor fashion, Ascent Wear is committed to providing the essentials of form, function, and style.

CAFE ON FIRE | 180 N University Ave #135

The first and only Persian restaurant in Downtown Provo, serving exotic flavors of ancient Persia. Cafe On Fire provides Persian kabob wraps on thin fire bread.

LUCY'S BRAZILIAN KITCHEN | 155 N University Ave

Lucy's Brazilian Kitchen will accentuate the flavors of Brazil with true authentic dishes and recipes.

FIVE SUSHI BROTHERS | 425 N Freedom Blvd

Late night sushi delivery in Provo is now a thing! Five Sushi Brothers is a midnight delivery service with an unconventional business model. They deliver high quality sushi, and only during the hours of 9PM to midnight.



PROVO BY THE NUMBERS

NATIONAL RANKINGS OF PROVO METRO AREA OVER THE PAST YEAR

- #1 City with the Lowest Unemployment Rate // CNBC | August 2016
- #1 Best City for Career Opportunities // SmartAsset | July 2016
- #1 Most Affordable City for Renters // SmartAsset | May 2016
- #3 Best City for Tech // DataFox | May 2016
- #3 Best-Run City // WalletHub | July 2016
- #3 Best City for Entrepreneurs // Livability | August 2016
- #6 Best Affordable Places to Live // Livability | February 2016
- #6 Most On-The-Move Metro // LawnStarter | July 2016
- #8 Greatest Share of Households with Broadband Internet // Brookings Institution | January 2016
- #8 Most Educated City // WalletHub | July 2016
- #10 Best College Town in America // Livability | August 2016
- #19 Best City to Live in America // Niche | June 2016

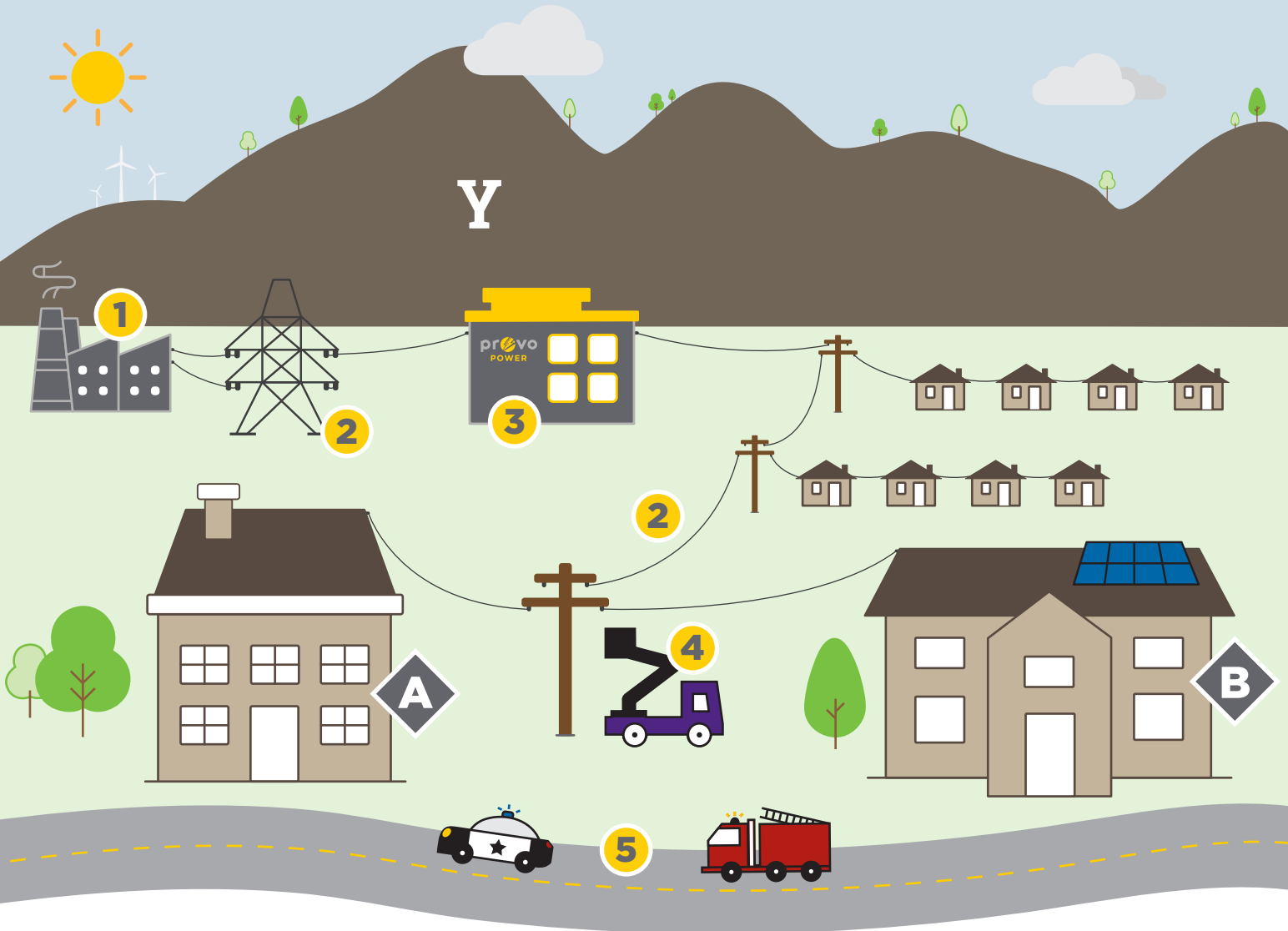
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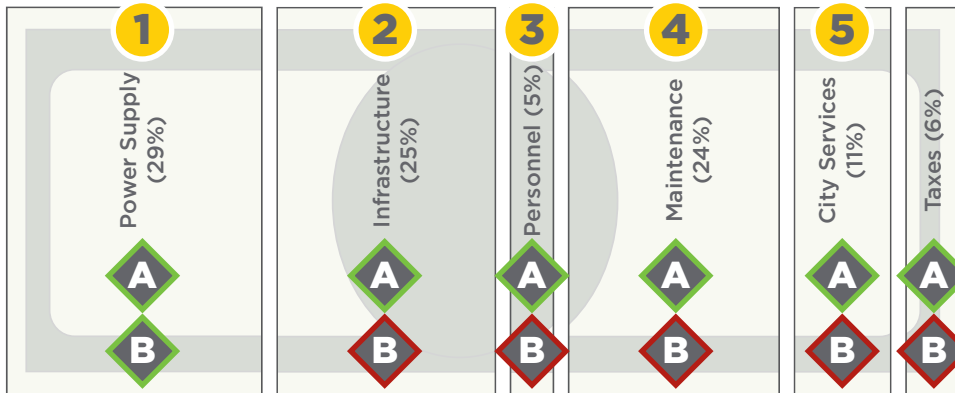
- 1 | AUTHORLINK WITH BRANDON SANDERSON | Library @ 7PM*
- 2 | BALLET WEST ACADEMY HANSEL & GRETEL | Covey Center @ 7PM**
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- 6 | EXCELLENCE SERIES CONCERT Q'D UP | Covey Center @ 7:30PM*
- 7 | CITY COUNCIL MEETING | Council Chambers @ 5:30PM
- 8 | PLANNING COMMISSION | Council Chambers @ 5:30PM
- 10 | COPA COMPANY - SHREK JR | Covey Center @ 5:30PM & 7:30PM**
- 11 | VALENTINE'S BALL | Library @ 6PM**
COPA COMPANY - SHREK JR | Covey Center @ 5:30PM & 7:30PM**
- 15 | BYU COUGARETTES IN CONCERT | Covey Center @ 7:30PM**
- 16 | BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT | Council Chambers @ 5PM
BYU COUGARETTES IN CONCERT | Covey Center @ 7:30PM**
LAST TRAIN TO NIBROC | Covey Center @ 7:30PM**
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- 18 | BYU COUGARETTES IN CONCERT | Covey Center @ 2:30 & 7:30PM**
LAST TRAIN TO NIBROC | Covey Center @ 7:30PM**
- 20 | PRESIDENTS DAY HOLIDAY | City Offices closed
GARBAGE ON REGULAR PICKUP SCHEDULE
WASATCH CHORALE | Covey Center @ 7:30PM**
LAST TRAIN TO NIBROC | Covey Center @ 7:30PM**
- 21 | CITY COUNCIL MEETING | Council Chambers @ 5:30PM
- 22 | PLANNING COMMISSION | Council Chambers @ 5:30PM
BEST BOOKS OF 2016 | Library @ 7PM*
UVS WINTER CONCERT | Covey Center @ 7:30PM**
- 23 | UVS WINTER CONCERT | Covey Center @ 7:30PM**
- 24 | LAST TRAIN TO NIBROC | Covey Center @ 7:30PM**
- 25 | LAST TRAIN TO NIBROC | Covey Center @ 7:30PM**
- 27 | LAST TRAIN TO NIBROC | Covey Center @ 7:30PM**
GREEN YARD WASTE PICKUP BEGINS
- 28 | AUTHORLINK WITH ROSEMARY WELLS | Library @ 7PM*
LIFEHOUSE - GREATEST GIFT | Covey Center @ 7:30PM**

PROVO POWER & SOLAR ENERGY

Provo Power is a big proponent of solar and other renewable energy sources, and we see a bright future with more and more options that are becoming readily available for our customers. With all the recent interest in (and confusion about) the current state of solar power and net metering in Provo, we thought it might be helpful to illustrate how solar-powered homes fit into the overall picture of our community's power grid.



Variable Cost: ————— Fixed Costs: —————



home contributes to fund through monthly power bill may not contribute full amount

Home A is always connected to the grid in order to power its needs. **Home B** is also always connected to the grid, whether consuming or contributing electricity. The city pays Home B for any excess power that it puts out on the grid, while collecting payment for the power Home B uses from the grid (this is called **net metering**). However, according to the current payment structure, Home B may not cover the fixed costs to support and maintain the grid that it relies on. There is a need to adjust the payment structure to allow all Provo homes to contribute to the power system we all rely on.