Utah’s Local Governments

1. Complete the chart below. If you are absent, you can find the information in chapter 15 of The Utah Journey textbook.

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| Level | FEDERAL | STATE | COUNTY | CITY |
|  | Governs who?  Entire Country | Governs who?  Entire State | Governs who?  County member | Governs who?  City members |
| Separation of Powers | Has 3 “branches”  1. Executive branch  a. their main job? directs government, commander in chief  2. Legislative branch  a. their main job? makes laws  3. Judicial branch  a. their main job?  interprets constitution, resolve legal disputes | Has 3 “branches”  1. Executive branch  a. their main job? directs government, commander in chief (Utah National Guard)  2. Legislative branch  a. their main job? makes laws  3. Judicial branch  a. their main job? interprets constitution, resolve legal disputes | Led by whom?  County Commissioners | Led by whom?  Mayor  And  City Council |
| Powers  (list what they do) | * War / military * Tax * Post office * Print money * roads | * Taxes * Education * Public health and safety (police) * licenses (drivers, marriage) * roads | * hold elections * public health * welfare * libraries | * parks * local police * water, sewage, garbage * libraries * roads and maintanance |

2. Below, give at least 3 examples of situations where you want to see change and who you would need to go to. Please number them and explain them clearly. At least one situation would need to be addressed to the state government, at least one situation needs to be addressed to the city government, and the rest can be of your choosing.

Read through the list of rights and responsibilities of citizens on page 307 in the text book and answer the following questions using at least 2-3 complete sentences each.

3. What rights are most important to you? Why?

4. What responsibilities do you think are most important for our nation and state? Why?

5. What responsibilities do you think are most difficult (for you, or others)? Why?

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