



Topic #3 - Concerns About Layers of Government

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Will Incorporation create an unnecessary layer of government? **Answer: NO**

County government is not set up to respond to our needs. The Town of Keystone would **replace the current layer of government provided by Summit County**. Keystone would have the same autonomy that exists in Breckenridge, Frisco, Silverthorne Dillon, and Blue River. Keystone would:

- **Gain** greater autonomy and **local control** through town government.
- **Improve services** - including, but not limited to road maintenance and police service/responsiveness.
- **Obtain an official town voice** in County, State and School District issues.

Keystone Control:

- **Keystone would gain the opportunity to elect its own, local representatives.**
 - A Keystone Town Council would replace the power and discretion of the existing 3 *County* Commissioners, who do not live in Keystone and are elected by voters in the entire county yet make vital decisions about Keystone's needs and priority in the County.
 - The layer would be as thin as practical (7 functional experts focused solely on Keystone)
- **Keystone VOTERS would determine how its tax money is spent.**
 - Keystone can identify, prioritize and fund needs in Keystone instead of continuing to contribute taxes to fund projects elsewhere in Summit County.
 - Keystone voters would get to determine their own tax sources.
 - Current County government doesn't have the interest, time, or resources to address the needs in Keystone. They use Keystone tax dollars to solve county problems, not Keystone problems. Left to the County, most of Keystone's needs would likely not be funded or addressed in our lifetimes.
- Because of State law, only a town has the power to address issues like the traffic and safety concerns including Highway 6 hazmat hazards and safer pedestrian walkways.
- The Town of Keystone would gain a "seat at the table" with the County, the State, CDOT, the Summit School District and Vail Resorts.
 - Keystone would be involved giving parents a voice in basic decisions like School bus stop placement.
 - Vail Resorts would work with the Town of Keystone on new developments, parking, workforce housing, and other issues impacting the community. Approval authority would rest with the Town, not the County.