



# HOT TOPICS

## from the Mayor's Office

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- 1) Proposition 1.** The decision of Salt Lake City voters to bond for new public safety facilities will save millions of dollars in the future and help provide for the safety of Salt Lake City residents and business in the event of an emergency. The next steps include continuing to explore partnerships with the County and State as well as work with the public and the public safety community to create buildings that are well-designed, energy efficient, and economical. It is important to apply the community's vision of making the building functional, appealing, environmentally sound and designed to enhance the selected location. Public participation and input is encouraged as the city continues its commitment to transparency and an open public process.
- 2) Fisher Mansion awarded \$150,000.** Thanks to the efforts of Senator Bob Bennett and Representative Rob Bishop, the Interior Department's "Save Our Treasures" program has awarded \$150,000 to the 116-year-old Fisher Mansion. A Salt Lake Solutions Partners Team, convened by Mayor Becker and Councilman Van Turner, is made up of representatives from stakeholder groups who will work to help determine future use of the mansion and grounds. At the Partners Team's recommendation, the residence underwent an extensive historic review to help determine and guide the best future use for the property situated along the Jordan River Trail. To learn more about the renovation of the Fisher Mansion go to the Salt Lake Solutions blog at [www.SLSolutions.blogspot.com](http://www.SLSolutions.blogspot.com).
- 3) Mayor Provides Opportunity to meet "One-on-One."** One-on-One with the Mayor is a monthly opportunity for residents to meet with the Mayor about issues that are important to them. Residents will be allotted 10 minutes on a first-to-call, first-served basis. The One-on-One meetings are held in the Mayor's Conference Room at the City and County Building at 451 South State Street, Room 306. The Mayor is hosting a One-on-One meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 18 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 16. Residents can begin making appointments one week prior to the scheduled dates. To make an appointment, please call 801.535.7704.
- 4) Non-Discrimination Ordinance Proposed to City Council.** Mayor Becker has recommended the Council adopt the Non-Discrimination Ordinance to protect City residents from discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in housing and employment. In July of this year, the Salt Lake City Human Rights Commission issued a report documenting a diverse City population that too often does not feel safe and secure in the workplace and in housing. The Human Rights Commission gathered this information after more than a year of extensive study and community outreach which

included community forums, multi-lingual surveys and input from residents, businesses, and community and faith groups. The Human Rights Commission Discrimination Report can be found at <http://www.slcgov.com/mayor/divHR/extra/discrimination2009.pdf> .

**The City Council will hold a public hearing on the ordinance on Tuesday, November 10 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber at the City & County Building.**

- 5) The 2010 census is fast approaching. An accurate Census is critical to Salt Lake City.** In 2000, Utah missed gaining a fourth Congressional seat by just 856 people, and an ensuing court battle began over Utah's right to count 11,000 Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saint missionaries temporarily living out of state. There was also an omission of nearly 50,000 Hispanics then living in Utah left out of the Census. This undercount resulted not only in the loss of an additional Congressional seat, but more importantly in the loss of information that could have been used to help the City and State better serve all its residents.

To ensure that another undercount does not occur, Mayor Becker has convened the 2010 Census Complete Count Committee (CCC) in Salt Lake City. The primary goal of the CCC is to improve the response rate to the Census survey by utilizing local community leaders from several areas to develop and implement a locally-based outreach and awareness campaign. For more information, visit <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/>

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