



HOT TOPICS

from the Mayor's Office

Week of November 16 - 20, 2009

- 1) Mayor Signs Nondiscrimination Ordinances.** Fulfilling a campaign promise with far-reaching community support, Mayor Becker, joined by City Council members, signed the recently approved nondiscrimination ordinances this week at the Salt Lake City Main Library. Designed to protect City residents from discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in housing and employment, the ordinances unanimously passed the City Council in a vote last week and will become effective April 2, 2010.
- 2) Bin There. Done That.** Mayor Becker and City sustainability experts introduced a Jordan River recycling program Wednesday at the Bend-in-the-River Tree House and Green Space. Recycling bins have now been installed in multiple sites along the Jordan River to promote increased stewardship of the area.
- 3) New Website Offers Tips for Sustainable Living.** If you want to tap into local sustainability resources and useful information about the City's strategies to create a more sustainable community, log on to Salt Lake City's new sustainability website at www.slccgreen.com. Residents can find out how to get involved with the City's sustainability programs and view quarterly tips and articles about ways to live a more sustainable lifestyle as stewards of our natural resources. Businesses can visit the new and improved e2 business resource center highlighting environmentally responsible local businesses and best management practices.
- 4) One-on-One Meetings with the Mayor Now Being Scheduled.** One-on-One with the Mayor is a monthly opportunity for residents to meet with Mayor Becker 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, Dec. 16 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Residents can begin making appointments one week prior to the scheduled dates. To make an appointment, please call 801.535.7704.
- 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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