

News Advisory

SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 2007

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The Salt Lake City Council has elected Van Blair Turner and Jill Remington Love, respectively, as the Council's chair and vice chair for 2007. The two were elected at the Council's first meeting of the year on January 2.

Turner, City Council District 2, is in his second term representing the city's southwest neighborhoods. He was vice chairman of the council during 2006 and during 2002 and 2003 was vice chairman of the Salt Lake City Redevelopment Agency's board of directors, which is made up of the council's seven members.

Love, City Council District 5, is also in her second term on the council, representing the neighborhoods south, east and west of Liberty Park. She was vice chair of the RDA board in 2006 and was chair of the council in 2004 and vice chair in 2003.

Turner has lived in District 2 all his life. He attended Glendale Elementary School, Glendale Junior High School and South High School. Following high school, Van attended the University of Utah. He has been a business owner in District 2 for 28 years with a strong background in community service. He served as chair of the West Salt Lake Community Council for four years, and served as its vice chair for four years. In conjunction with the West Salt Lake Community Council, he also served on its Crime Committee, Education Committee and Jordan River Safety Committee. Turner has worked on the "National Night Out Against Crime" parade and party for 10 years and served on the board of directors of the Sunday Anderson Senior Center. He has diligently worked to remove graffiti from the west side of the city.

Love holds a master's degree in public administration and a bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism -- both from the University of Utah. She worked for former Salt Lake City Mayor Palmer DePaulis as the director of local business advocacy. She worked for the Utah Economic Development Corporation as a target industry representative charged with attracting biomedical companies to the state. She has also been employed by Salt Lake County and as an account executive for an advertising firm.

Love has served on a number of community boards and committees, including the Homeless Children's Foundation, Futures Commission, County Centennial Committee, University of Utah Young Alumni Board, and the Planned Parenthood Action Council of Utah. She is the former chairperson of the Wasatch Hollow Community Council.