

# *News Release*

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## **Salt Lake City Council Elects Officers for 2006**

The Salt Lake City Council has elected officers to lead the Council and the Salt Lake City Redevelopment Agency for the coming year.

Council members elected District 6 Council Member David L. Buhler as City Council chair, and District 2 Council Member Van Blair Turner as vice chair at a City Council meeting January 3.

At the Salt Lake City Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors meeting January 12, District 1 Council Member Carlton Christensen was elected chair, and District 5 Council Member Jill Love was elected vice chair. The City Council serves as the Salt Lake City Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors.

Council Member Buhler will serve a one-year term as City Council chair. He is the associate commissioner for public affairs for the Utah System of Higher Education. He previously served as City Council chair in 2002 and as vice chair in 2001. Council Member Buhler is in his second term of office on the City Council. He was a Utah State senator from 1995-1999, and was the executive director of the Utah Department of Commerce from 1989 to 1992. Previous to that, he was an administrative assistant to Governor Norm Bangerter from 1985 to 1989.

Council Member Turner will serve a one-year term as City Council vice chair. A business owner, he also is in his second term of office on the City Council. He previously served as the chair of the Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors in 2002 and 2003 and as the Board's vice chair in 2001. He is a long-time resident of District 2 and has received awards for his community activism including *Good Neighbor* awards from the Salt Lake Association of Community Councils and the West Salt Lake Community Council, and the *Salute to Excellence* award from a leading Salt Lake City retail business.

Council Member Christensen will serve a two-year (cq) term as the Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors chair. A business analyst for an area bank, Council Member Christensen is serving his third term on the City Council. He was the Redevelopment Agency's vice chair in 2005. He also was the City Council chair in 2000 and 2003. He is a commissioner on the Utah Quality Growth Commission and a member of the Solid and Hazardous Waste Control Board for the State of Utah. Before being elected to the City Council, he served on the Salt Lake City Planning Commission, was vice chair of the Rose Park Community Council, and was a member of a fund-raising committee for the Day-Riverside Library.

Council Member Love will serve a one-year term as the Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors vice chair. She also is serving a second term on the City Council. She holds a master's degree in public administration and a bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism – both from the University of Utah – and was re-elected unopposed in November. She has been an account executive for advertising and public relations firm, an appointed official for Salt Lake County, a target industry representative for the Utah Economic Development Corporation and the director of local business advocacy for Salt Lake City in Mayor Palmer DePaulis' administration.