

Media Advisory

City Council to Hold Public Hearing on Future of Salt Lake City Housing

May 5, 2003

The Salt Lake City Council will hold a public hearing May 6 to explore ways in which City government can help foster quality housing for people of all income levels in the city.

The Council will take public comment from anyone who wishes to present ideas on four topics or related issues involving the future of housing in Salt Lake City. The four topics are:

1. Regulatory and other barriers to providing a full range of housing in Salt Lake City.
2. Opportunities for innovative ways to foster housing.
3. Methods to encourage home ownership.
4. Methods to foster family housing for people of all income levels.

The hearing will be held in the City Council Chamber, Room 315 of the City & County Building, 451 South State Street. The hearing is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m. or after the end of Mayor Ross C. Anderson's annual Budget Address. Each speaker will have *three* minutes to address the City Council during the hearing. The hearing will be televised on Salt Lake City's governmental cable-TV channel, Channel 17.

The City Council has established housing issues as one of its top priorities for 2003. When the Council addressed issues involving the future economic development of downtown last year it saw housing as a key element for the continued economic stability of the city. This year the City Council is seeking ideas on ways in which City government can attract quality housing citywide for all income levels to make city neighborhoods attractive and stable.

People unable to attend the May 6 hearing can submit comments by sending e-mail to council.comments@slcgov.com, by telephoning the City Council's 24-hour comment line at (801) 535-7654, or by writing to Office of the City Council, Room 304, City & County Building, 451 South State Street, Salt Lake City, 84111.

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