

WHY GET INVOLVED?

A **representative democracy** is the government that aims to **reflect** and **incorporate** the interest, needs, and desires of those in society.

Absolute representation isn't practically feasible, and, unfortunately, many **minority voices** and communities are underrepresented as a result. Salt Lake City is working to make sure all its residents have an **opportunity** to participate in **improving** the **lives** of their neighbors and communities.

Behind the scenes of local government, a great deal of work is being done by members of community councils, City commissions, and constituent boards that work with **Mayor Ralph Becker** and other elected officials. These entities help **develop policy**, **implement change**, and make sure that all voices are reflected in City Hall. Representation happens in many ways and in many places, but it all starts in the same place – **YOU**.



MORE INFORMATION

Community Councils:

http://slcgov.com/citizen/comm_councils

Human Rights Commission

<http://www.slcgov.com/HRcomm/>

Police Civilian Review Board:

<http://slcgov.com/civilianreview>

Salt Lake City Neighborhood Preparedness Program:

<http://www.slneighborhoodpreparedness.net/>

Community Action Teams:

<http://www.slcgov.com/cat>

Salt Lake City Green: e2 Citizen Program

<http://www.slcgreen.com/e2citizen/>

Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Committee

<http://www.slcgov.com/Transportation/BicycleTraffic>

Youth City Government:

<http://www.youthcity.com/html/programs/government.htm>

Boards and Commissions:

<http://slcgov.com/boards/>

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Your Guide to Civil Service
in Salt Lake City



HOW TO SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY

There are many volunteer opportunities open for residents. They range from neighborhood alliances to advisory boards and commissions, but each position is vitally important for the planning, development, and implementation of city initiatives.

Examples of ways to get involved include:

- **Community Councils** are neighborhood-based community organizations that provide input and advice to city departments. Each of the 21 districts has a community council to represent their neighborhood. This is a great way to start your involvement with the city, get to know your neighbors, and advocate for your community.
- **Salt Lake City Neighborhood Preparedness Program** is a multi-faceted program that trains residents to respond to a variety of emergency situations. It includes training, public education, and volunteering.
- **Police Civilian Review Board** is an advisory board reporting directly to the chief of police. The board investigates police conduct in response to complaints filed with internal affairs and eventually makes a recommendation to the police chief



- **Youth City Government** is a program for kids aged 13-17 who are enrolled in a Salt Lake City high school. It is designed to train Salt Lake City youth to be active participants in their communities and local governments. The program is free of charge.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

- **The Arts Council**
- **The Airport Board**
- **The Art Design Board**
- **The Board of Adjustment**
- **The Board of Appeals and Examiners.**
- **The Business Advisory Board**
- **The Citizen's Compensation Advisory Committee**
- **The City & County Building Conservancy and Use Committee**
- **The Civil Service Commission**
- **The Community Development & Capital Improvement Programs Advisory Board**
- **The Golf Enterprise Fund Advisory Board**
- **The Historic Landmark Commission**



- **The Housing Advisory and Appeals Board**
- **The Housing Authority**
- **The Housing Trust Fund Advisory Board**
- **The Human Rights Commission**
- **The Land Use Appeals Board**
- **The Library Board**
- **The Mosquito Abatement District**
- **The Open Space Lands Advisory Board**
- **The Planning Commission**
- **The Public Utilities Advisory Committee**
- **The Redevelopment Advisory Committee**
- **The Sister Cities Board**
- **The Sugarhouse Park Authority**
- **The Transportation Advisory Board**
- **The Youth & Family Recreation and Programs Advisory Board**

There are many ways for residents of Salt Lake City to be involved in local government and make their voices heard. Links to more information can be found on the back of this brochure.