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**Governor Huntsman, Mayor Corroon and Mayor Becker to Collaborate
On Improving Air Quality**

*Community-Based Air Quality Partners Team to Meet for Next Salt Lake
Solutions Project*

SALT LAKE CITY – “Red Alert” days have become an unfortunate but frequent reality for Utah residents. Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker, in conjunction with Governor Jon Huntsman and Salt Lake County Mayor Peter Corroon have decided to tackle this issue together. They have invited a variety of community organizations to meet with them today and launch a Community-Based Air Quality Partners Team.

The primary focus of this collaboration will be to develop air quality improvement projects aimed at reducing fine particle emissions and ground level ozone. At today’s meeting, participants will begin identifying activities that are already taking place and areas of opportunity for future projects.

The team will work to motivate the entire community to make environmentally responsible decisions more consistently in daily activities. Efforts of residents will collectively help reduce the number of “red alert” days in Utah through a series of projects, such as the recent anti-idling campaign which encouraged individuals to take one simple action (“turn the key, be idle free”) that has a direct impact on improving air quality.

The projects will supplement City, County, and State air quality improvement activities that are already underway. Government agencies and community organizations have all promoted the development of air quality initiatives, but many of these projects have not been put into action by individual community members.

Salt Lake Solutions, a program funded by the Salt Lake City Mayor’s Office and the Salt Lake City Council, will be at the forefront of the project, assisting co-conveners in their efforts.

Throughout the duration of this effort, community members and government officials will work side by side to launch community-based projects encouraging residents to adopt more air-quality-friendly behaviors. Those involved in the effort will be implementing one project at a time to ensure each project's success and sustainability.

Salt Lake Solutions is a project-based approach to engaging the community in public decision-making. The Community-Based Air Quality Partners Team is the third of Salt Lake Solution's efforts since its inception. Other projects include the renovation of Fisher Mansion for community use and the continuous revival of Pioneer Park.

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