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**Mayor Ralph Becker and Salt Lake City Council
Announce the Release of the Transparency Initiative 90-Day Progress Report**

SALT LAKE CITY – Mayor Ralph Becker announced today the release of the 90-Day Progress Report reviewing Salt Lake City's Greater Transparency for Collaborative Government Initiative.

The 90-Day Progress Report outlines the advancements achieved by the Initiative in making Salt Lake City government more accessible to the general public. Since the release of the 30-Day Progress Report, the city has worked on many fronts to make the workings of city government more transparent, most notably the budget process.

Public Budget Workshops were held to educate Salt Lake City residents about how the City's budget is created, prioritized, and to gather residents' ideas on the City's budget. The Workshops and a Citizen Budget Survey are described in greater detail in the 90-Day report. The City has also made the workshops available online at www.slcgov.com/budgetworkshop.

In addition to the Public Budget Workshops, other developments that have been made since the announcement of the Greater Transparency for Collaborative Government Initiative include:

- The Transparency Initiative Website at www.transparencyslcgov.com which went live on January 6, 2009, and now includes Financial Transparency, Transparency in the Police Department, Greater Transparency for a Collaborative Government, and Greater Transparency for a Collaborative Government
- The Transparency Initiative Website's forum in which any individual may post suggestions and comments
- City representatives have met with all but one of the City's 21 community councils to discuss the Transparency Initiative and found that, on average, respondents ranked city government at 3.2 on a 1-5 scale for its level of openness
- Salt Lake City' Recovery and Reinvestment website (recovery.slcgov.com) has been launched to help the public learn how the City is maximizing the use of funds granted to Utah from The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.
- The City has launched a new Boards and Commissions website (www.slcgov.com/boards). The site details each constituent board's mission and purpose, membership, meeting times/locations, and contact information.

Upon releasing this 90-Day Progress Report, Mayor Becker remarked, “We are pleased with the work and advancements being made to open the windows and doors of city government, making it more transparent. I look forward to even more public input on new policies for the City.”

Continuing to move forward, Mayor Becker has also requested that Department Directors submit to him a written assessment of the information from their departments that is currently provided to the public, along with their existing strategies used to obtain the public’s input, and their plans to implement more effective communication and greater transparency in the future.

To read the 90-Day Progress Report in its entirety, please click here:
www.transparencyslcgov.com.

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