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**Mayor Becker Expands Opportunities for Public Input on
Proposed Public Safety Complex**
Public dialogue continues through June

SALT LAKE CITY, UT – Today Mayor Becker announced the schedule for a series of Open Houses in June, continuing to provide the public opportunities to offer input on proposed site locations for the new Public Safety Complex. This decision follows public dialogue on the issue and Mayor Becker’s decision to remove Library Square as a potential site location.

“We’ve received great response from the public on the location of the new Public Safety Complex. This is a good example of healthy public dialogue. I want to give the public more time to offer input on the multiple site locations we are considering,” Mayor Becker stated.

“Providing the best possible Public Safety Complex is one of my top priorities. Residents of Salt Lake City deserve to have Public Safety and Emergency Response buildings that fully support personnel to respond to our city’s needs. The public also deserves a building they can take pride in for years to come. I believe we can achieve that together through an open, transparent process.”

Following the announcement that Library Square would no longer be considered a site for the Complex, the Mayor sought continued input from a number of experts in urban design, including David H. Hart, FAIA, Capitol Preservation Board Executive Director and Architect of the State Capitol. “After looking at the information for the project and analyzing public feedback, I am confident the public and the Mayor can become fully aligned as the plans for the Complex move forward” said Hart. Hart worked to bring the Legislature and the public together as decisions were made for the successful construction of the Senate and House Buildings and restoration of the State Capitol, which was completed in 2007.

During the month of June, the Mayor’s Office will hold a series of Open Houses to give the public an opportunity to comment on proposed site locations. The public will be encouraged to review and comment on each proposed site. The Open Houses will also provide an opportunity for the public to learn about the criteria used to inform the selection process.

Schedule for Public Meetings and Open Houses:

Thursday, June 11 – Thursday, June 18, 2009 (weekdays)

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Public Safety Complex Open House

City & County Building, First Floor Gallery

451 South State Street, SLC

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

7:00 p.m.

City Council Public Hearing

Salt Lake City & County Building, City Council Chambers

451 South State Street, SLC

Monday, June 22, 2009

4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Public Safety Complex Open House

Sweet Library

455 F Street (9th Avenue)

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Public Safety Complex Open House

Sprague Library

2131 South 1100 East

The Mayor's Community Liaisons regularly attend community council meetings and are available to answer questions and convey public comments to the Mayor throughout this time period. In addition to public meetings and Open Houses, there are a number of ways for the public to have questions answered and to provide feedback. The public is encouraged to contact the Mayor and City Council offices:

- Mayor's Office: 801-535-7704
mayor@slcgov.com
- City Council Office: 801-535-7600
council.comments@slcgov.com
- City Council Office 24 Hour Comment Line: 801-535-7654

www.slcgov.com/psb will continue to be updated to reflect the latest details on the project. There is also an online form at the Web site where questions and comments can be submitted to the Mayor.

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