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Mayor Becker Elected to United States Conference of Mayors Leadership

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND - On Friday, June 12, 2009, Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker was elected to the United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) Advisory Board. The election came during the 77th Annual Meeting of the group in Providence, Rhode Island.

The Advisory Board constitutes a part of the leadership of the Conference of Mayors, whose top officers include Conference of Mayors President Greg Nickels, Mayor of Seattle and Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa of Los Angeles.

With his election to the Advisory Board, Becker joins the ranks of former Salt Lake City Mayors Ted Wilson and Deedee Corradini who also served as members of the Advisory Board.

“I’m honored to be elected to the Advisory Board, particularly since it was a decision made by my fellow mayors from around the country,” stated Mayor Becker. “Serving as part of Conference leadership provides an ideal platform to advocate for Salt Lake City and its residents at the federal level and also offers our city the opportunity to work with the Obama Administration, which has shown great support for cities.”

The Conference is composed of cities with populations of 30,000. Those cities are represented within the Conference by their Mayors. The members of the Advisory Board work with other Conference leaders to steer USCM strategy and activity in pursuit of the policies adopted by the Mayors.

While at the Conference, Mayor Becker successfully passed a resolution urging Congress to increase streetcar investments and streamline the process for receiving federal approval for streetcar projects.

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