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Teachers Get Schooled in Mayor's Office *Salt Lake City Mayor's office to host teachers for civic workshop*

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH – The City & County Building will be bursting at the seams with government officials and political luminaries tomorrow as the Salt Lake City Mayor's Office hosts educators for the culmination of the Three Branches of Government Workshop sponsored by The Utah Coalition for Civic, Character, and Service Learning and the Utah State Office of Education.

The three-day workshop is designed to provide both seasoned and new teachers with an in-depth, hands-on experience that demonstrates the three branches of government – experiences that can be shared and replicated in the classroom.

As a partner in the workshop series, the Mayor's Office will be hosting an impressive lineup that includes Midvale Mayor Joann Seghini; U. S. Attorney Brett Tolman; Kirk Jowers of the Hinckley Institute of Politics; Former Director of the 3Rs Project Martha Ball; Dan Jones, pollster and political science professor; and soon-to-be Governor, Lt. Governor Gary Herbert.

At the conclusion of Thursday's workshop activities, teachers will be invited to gather in the Council Chamber for the Governor's Commission on Strengthening Utah's Democracy meeting, which is open to the general public.

Teachers were treated to a full day of legislative training on Tuesday at the State Capitol. After a tour of the newly renovated building, teachers assumed the role of legislators, participating in a mock committee hearing (chaired by State Senator Karen Morgan and presented by Representative Sheryl Allen) and floor debate. The Utah League of Cities and Towns discussed the legislative role in local government, and educators learned about multiple programs to civically engage their students.

A Naturalization Ceremony at the Rose Wagner Theater along with presentations by Chief Justice Christine Durham and a mock trial with Court of Appeals Judge Greg Orme and Judge Sheila McCleve of the Third District Court were highlights of Wednesday's Judicial Branch Day.

Coalition Executive Director Kristi Fink considers the training crucial for all teachers. "The training we are able to provide is top notch, in no small part due to the willingness of so many qualified and respected

individuals willing to share their time,” said Fink. “This kind of training is critical for teachers. It gives them the opportunity to take back to their students a real-life experience in civic involvement.”

The Three Branches of Government Executive Day schedule will be as follows:

Thursday, June 18

8:15 - 8:30 a.m. Welcome, Joanne Milner, Education Partnership Coordinator, Salt Lake City

Mayor's Office Salt Lake City & County Building, Third Floor, Council Chambers

8:30 - 9:00 a.m. What Does a Mayor Do?, Midvale Mayor Joann Seghini

Salt Lake City & County Building, Third Floor, Council Chambers

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Utah & U.S. Law Enforcement and Prosecution Issues Q & A

Craig Barlow, Children's Justice Division Chief, Utah Attorney General's Office

Brett L. Tolman, United States Attorney

Michelle Roybal, ADR Administrator and Staff Attorney, U.S. District Court for the District of

Utah Salt Lake City & County Building, Third Floor, Council Chambers

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Money, Politics & the U.S. Presidency, Kirk Jowers, Hinckley Institute of Politics

Salt Lake City & County Building, Third Floor, Council Chambers

11:00 - 12:00 p.m. Lunch
Salt Lake City & County Building, Third Floor, Cannon Room

12:00 - 12:30 p.m. Keynote Speaker, Lt. Governor Gary R. Herbert

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12:45 - 1:45 p.m. Honoring Our Constitutional Obligations around Religious Liberty Issues & First Amendment Court Cases, Martha Ball, former Director of the Utah 3 R's Project and Carol Lear, Director of School Law and Legislation, Utah State Office of Education

Salt Lake City & County Building, Third Floor, Council Chambers

1:45 - 2:45 p.m. Does Polling Serve Democracy?, Dr. Dan Jones, Dan Jones Associates & Political Science Professor, University of Utah

Salt Lake City & County Building, Third Floor, Council Chambers

3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Commission on Strengthening Utah's Democracy Meeting
Salt Lake City & County Building, Third Floor, Council Chambers
Commission Chair: (Vacant) In Memoriam of Larry H. Miller, Kirk L. Jowers-Vice Chair; Commission members: Yvette D. Donosso, Randy Dryer, Representative Craig Frank, Representative Rebecca Chavez-Houck, Dave Hansen, Meghan Holbrook, Bruce Hough, Senator Scott Jenkins, Senator Scott McCoy, Dan Jones, Tom Love, Frank R. Pignanelli, Dick Richards, Steve Starks, Ken Verdoia, LaVarr Webb, Most Reverend John C. Wester, Doug Wright