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Mayor Ralph Becker Asked to Participate in White House Gang Violence Prevention and Crime Control Conference

Mayor Becker one of only a handful of Mayors asked to participate

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH – On Monday, Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker attended the White House Gang Violence Prevention and Crime Control Conference in Washington, D.C. One of only a handful of Mayors invited to the conference, Mayor Becker served as moderator for the panel discussion on *Combating Crime Through Effective Policing Strategies*.

The Conference, headlined by Attorney General Eric Holder and Drug Control Policy Director Gil Kerlikowske brought mayors, police chiefs, community leaders and academics together to discuss gang prevention strategies.

Several topics were discussed including local policing strategies, disrupting gang recruitment, community involvement and partnerships and the role government can play in supporting community-driven solutions to reduce gang activity and violence.

“The conference provided great information we are bringing back to Salt Lake City,” stated Mayor Becker. “The discussions resulted in a number of ideas and programs we may be using in our City in the months to come. I am dedicated to reducing gang involvement, activity and violence in our communities and will continue to research new and effective ways to achieve our goals.”

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