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### **Halloween Open House Highlights Fisher Mansion as Jordan River Historic Treasure** *Historic Review of Victorian Mansion to be Presented at Namesake's Birthday Celebration*

SALT LAKE CITY – Recognized on the National Register of Historic Places, the Fisher Mansion and its unique carriage house will be open to the public for self-guided tours Saturday, October 31, 2009 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The historic 1893 mansion, carriage house and grounds, designed by renowned German-born architect Richard Kletting, showcase detailed ceilings, fireplaces and additional components that are Victorian-era hallmarks. All can be admired during the open house and celebration of namesake Albert Fisher's 157<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Upon taking office in January 2008, Mayor Ralph Becker designated the Fisher Mansion as the first Salt Lake Solutions project. A Solutions Partners Team, convened by Mayor Becker and Councilman Van Turner, representing stakeholder groups was formed to determine future use of the mansion and grounds. At the Partners Team's recommendation, the residence underwent an extensive historic review to help determine and guide the best future use for the property situated along the Jordan River Trail.

Residents attending the event can read the review, known as the Historic Structure Report, completed by Cooper, Roberts, Simonsen and Associates, a local architecture and planning firm; and Structural Engineers Association of Utah. Included in this report are updated evaluations of the carriage house as well as the second and attic levels of the mansion, key restoration points, a LEED certification checklist and recommendations of approaches to upgrade the structural integrity of the building.

"The Fisher Mansion, designed by the same architect as the Utah State Capitol, represents part of our cultural heritage as a key historic building in Salt Lake City," said Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker. "Along with the Fisher family, we invite all residents to come see the buildings and grounds, celebrate Albert Fisher's birthday, and learn more about this beautiful treasure."

“The City’s adoption of the Fisher Mansion brings focused attention on the Jordan River corridor and the City’s West Side which I feel is a great idea,” said Albert Fisher’s great-granddaughter Genevieve Atwood. “This project has encouraged the Fisher family members to talk to each other regularly. We are thrilled to share our great-grandfather’s home with the public on Saturday.”

Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker will be making an announcement regarding a future event to take place at the Fisher Mansion. By request, the home can be opened for media tours prior to the Open House by contacting Lisa Harrison Smith at [lisa.harrisonsmith@slcgov.com](mailto:lisa.harrisonsmith@slcgov.com) or via phone at 801-535-7177. Requests for tours must be completed by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 30, 2009.

For more information view go to the City’s website at [www.slcgov.com](http://www.slcgov.com) under Upcoming Events or view the video at [mms://slcstream.slcgov.com/videos/MYR\\_2009\\_1031\\_OpenHouse.wmv](mms://slcstream.slcgov.com/videos/MYR_2009_1031_OpenHouse.wmv).

### *About Salt Lake Solutions*

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