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## **Mayor Becker Invites Input on Public Safety Buildings Master Plan**

Community Involvement Continues With Public Workshops Focused on Design

**SALT LAKE CITY** – Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker invites residents to the first of three public workshops designed to gather public input and feedback regarding the master plan and design of the new Public Safety Building and Emergency Operations Center.

The first workshop will be held Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2010 from 5 to 8:30 p.m. at the Salt Lake City Library in the fourth floor meeting room. Mayor Becker, city planning officials, and project manager David H. Hart, FAIA are seeking public opinion concerning the urban design guidelines and master plan of the Public Safety Complex. Residents are encouraged to participate in the workshops by giving feedback regarding key issues of open space, the civic campus, balance of residential and commercial use, building design elements, and transit oriented development.

“Locating the Public Safety Buildings in the heart of the city establishes a vital downtown emergency response center,” said Mayor Ralph Becker. “Active community involvement will ensure the plan incorporates valuable public input as these public safety facilities become a reality for Salt Lake City.”

“The City has a responsibility to the residents of Salt Lake City to see this project completed and done well,” added District Four City Councilman Luke Garrott. “It must serve the community in all its intended security functions as well as serve the neighborhood as a well-designed and catalytic asset.”

Two additional public workshops are scheduled in the first three months of the project. The workshops are intended to further public dialogue, establish urban design guidelines for the project master plan, provide community updates, and receive feedback on progress. The next workshops in this “Quick Start Phase” are listed below:

- Wednesday, March 10 – Salt Lake City Library, fourth floor meeting room, 5 to 8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 31 – Salt Lake City Library, basement level meeting room, 5 to 8:30 p.m.

The City will continue to actively seek public input and provide frequent communication during all phases of the project. In addition, an interactive PSB website is currently in development for public use with a live video feed of the construction activity.

**About the Public Safety Buildings**

In November 2009, more than 65% of Salt Lake City voters approved the \$125 million general obligation bond to fund the construction of the new Public Safety Buildings and Emergency Operations Center. The facility will serve Salt Lake City residents, visitors and businesses to better meet the needs of the growing state's Capital City. Expected to be completed by 2013, project details, timelines, and progress updates can be found online at <http://www.slcgov.com/psb>.

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