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Mayor Becker Appoints Community Ombudsman for Red Butte Oil Spill Cleanup
Position to Serve as Neutral Resource for Residents

SALT LAKE CITY – Mayor Ralph Becker announced today the appointment of a community ombudsman to assist the City in its role as watchdog of the Chevron cleanup effort. The Mayor selected well-known citizen leader and professional urban planner Robin Carbaugh to serve in the position. As ombudsman, Carbaugh will become a neutral, confidential resource for residents affected by the oil spill as they seek to get their needs addressed during the Chevron cleanup effort.

In announcing the decision to create an ombudsman for the cleanup Mayor Becker commented, “The City is an advocate for residents dealing with the Chevron oil spill. As we continue to monitor Chevron’s cleanup efforts, we want to ensure we are getting complete and accurate information. I believe having a neutral, confidential place for residents to raise any concerns is a very productive action we can take to help Salt Lake City heal from this disastrous event that continues to pose issues of concern for our community.”

Carbaugh will assist residents who would like an independent resource and are not adequately satisfied with the Chevron cleanup effort. Residents who feel their concerns, claims or issues need additional attention can reach Carbaugh by calling 801-870-1428 or e-mailing at ombudslc@gmail.com.

“As the Salt Lake City community ombudsman, I am a confidential resource for addressing issues and concerns relating to the Red Butte oil spill,” said Carbaugh. “At this critical time, my focus is to serve independently and fairly and be available to provide impartial and neutral assistance with problems, complaints and disagreements that arise because of the spill.”

Background on Robin Carbaugh

Robin Carbaugh has over 20 years experience in community, organizational and urban planning. She brings a collaborative approach to her planning and community work by using integrated and inclusionary processes, negotiating agreement, education and facilitation. Through a wide range of projects, Ms. Carbaugh has been successful in guiding diverse groups through challenging decision making in order to bring clarity, understanding and resolution. Educated at the University of Utah, she received a Master of Urban Planning and Bachelor of Science degrees in Psychology and Political Science. In 2002, she received the Utah Humanities Council Governor’s Merit Award for her work on the

project *Building Just Communities* Robin is president of Carbaugh Associates, Inc. an urban planning, design, and community development company. She currently serves on the Board of the United States Green Building Council-Utah Chapter, is the College of Architecture and Planning Alumni Alliance president, and serves as interim Vice President of the Vest Pocket Business Coalition.

For up-to-date information on the Chevron cleanup effort visit <http://www.slcgov.com/emergency.htm>.

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