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**Salt Lake City Launches Mayor's Antidiscrimination Campaign**  
Campaign Educates Community About Workplace Rights

SALT LAKE CITY – With an eye toward increasing the livability and fairness of the Salt Lake City community, Mayor Ralph Becker will launch the Mayor's Anti-Discrimination Campaign Friday, August 13, at 10:30 a.m. at Library Square, 400 South 200 East. The campaign, created by Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker and the Office of Diversity & Human Rights, will create awareness about employee and employer rights and responsibilities; and maintain fairness in employment, especially among the city's immigrant and refugee communities.

In the first phase of the campaign, Salt Lake City will hold training and information sessions to those who wish to learn about employment law on the city, state, and federal level. The sessions provide information about best business practices to eliminate discrimination. Slated to launch in October, phase two will focus on the rights and responsibilities of employers.

"Salt Lake City is a progressive and diverse community where every individual is valued," said Mayor Ralph Becker. "The Antidiscrimination Campaign demonstrates our determination to foster an environment of good will and a community that ensures a fair and safe workplace environment."

"Workers Compensation Fund is excited to participate in the Mayor's workplace antidiscrimination campaign. We recognize the importance of keeping all workers safe and ensuring they understand their rights under the law," said Workers Compensation Fund's Director of Public Relations and Community Outreach Greg Summerhays. "We are confident that through this campaign more workers will be kept safe and also empowered with the knowledge to be treated fairly."

The Mayor's Antidiscrimination Campaign is a collaboration of the Office of Diversity & Human Rights, the Utah Labor Commission, the ACLU of Utah, and the Utah Workers Compensation Fund. Training session presenters come from each of these four organizations. In addition, the campaign's partners include the Salt Lake City Human Rights Commission, Utah Latin American Chamber of Commerce, the Society for Human Resources Management, the United Way, the Utah Office of Ethnic Affairs, and the Utah Minority Bar Association.

“This campaign meets a need for our community,” said Yolanda Francisco-Nez, coordinator of the Mayor’s Office of Diversity & Human Rights. “Our efforts aim to offer real-world examples of fair and sensitive practices in the workplace that help to protect the rights of employees and employers.”

For a schedule of the training sessions, visit [www.slcgov.com/equalor](http://www.slcgov.com/equalor) call 801-535-7704. To schedule a training session for yourself or your group, email the Office of Diversity & Human Rights at [odhr@slcgov.com](mailto:odhr@slcgov.com) or call 801-535-7734. For more information about the campaign, or to learn about the partners or presenters, visit the campaign’s website at [www.slcgov.com/equal](http://www.slcgov.com/equal). To report workplace discrimination, call 801-521-EQUL (3785).

**Dates for upcoming public workshops include:**

Bilingual presentation in cooperation with Comunidad Unidas

Tuesday, August 24, 2010

6:00 p.m.

Unity Center, 1383 South 900 West

English presentation in cooperation with United Africans of Utah

Saturday, September 4, 2010

6:30 p.m.

The Horizonte School, 1234 South Main Street

Spanish presentation in cooperation with Coalition of LaRaza

Tuesday, October 5, 2010

6:30 p.m.

Centro Civico Mexicano, 155 South 600 West

**About the Office of Diversity & Human Rights:**

The mission of the Office of Diversity & Human Rights is to support diversity, promote inclusion, and ensure basic human rights throughout Salt Lake City. The Office engages in policy development, education, outreach, and advocacy efforts so that all members of the community can live free from discrimination. For more information, please visit <http://www.slcgov.com/mayor/divHR/default.htm>, or contact the Office of Diversity & Human Rights Coordinator Yolanda Francisco-Nez at [yolanda.francisco-nez@slcgov.com](mailto:yolanda.francisco-nez@slcgov.com) or 801-535-7734.

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