



## **For Immediate Release**

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### **Mayor Names New Chief Prosecutor**

*Veteran Prosecutor Padma Veeru-Collings Replaces Sim Gill*

SALT LAKE CITY – Mayor Ralph Becker is pleased to announce the appointment of the City’s new Chief Prosecutor, Padma Veeru-Collings.

Veeru-Collings steps into the post vacated by Sim Gill, following Gill’s successful campaign last year for the office of Salt Lake County District Attorney.

Veeru-Collings has served some 13 years in the City prosecutor’s office, and has spent the last decade specializing in cases of domestic violence and stalking. She also chairs the Utah Domestic Violence Resource Center and has trained volunteers, prosecutors and law enforcement officers on domestic violence-related issues. In her new role, Veeru-Collings will oversee the 16 attorneys who make up the prosecutor’s office.

In addition to a juris doctorate from Brigham Young University’s J. Reuben Clark Law School, Veeru-Collings holds a master’s degree in public administration as well as degrees in organizational development and intercultural communication.

She was chosen for recommendation from a field of 18 candidates by a six-person selection committee, consisting of City personnel, a justice court judge, a Utah Bar member and a member from the public-at-large.

“Padma Veeru-Collings is an extraordinarily well qualified and experienced attorney who has proven herself in years of service to the residents of Salt Lake City,” said Mayor Becker. “We are lucky to have her in this important leadership position in our prosecutor’s office, and look forward to continued excellence.”