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Salt Lake City Group Joins National “Occupy” Movement

Protest will not disrupt weekend City events at downtown’s Pioneer Park

SALT LAKE CITY – As a gathering of “Occupy Wall Street” protestors in New York City continues to attract national media attention, dozens of similar events are now taking place across the country including an “Occupy SLC” gathering at downtown Salt Lake City’s Pioneer Park.

The vast majority of these events are being conducted peacefully. Representatives of the Mayor’s Office, Salt Lake City Police Department and City public services have reached out to the Salt Lake City group, encouraging them to obtain appropriate permits and communicate with officials about planned activities to ensure a safe, peaceful and lawful protest.

Like all large, public events on City property, the activities at Pioneer Park are being monitored by City officials and protestors are under a requirement to make a daily commitment, throughout the course of their gathering, to abide by rules established to accommodate their free speech event.

All previously scheduled activities at Pioneer Park, including the regular Saturday Farmer’s Market and a special event on Sunday will occur as planned. Members of the protest group have agreed to conduct their activities in a way that will not interfere with other park events.

Mayor Becker stands in support Salt Lake City residents’ right to protest and exercise their free speech rights and encourages all participants in this event to do so peacefully and with respect to the rights of others. And, as with every political gathering, the Mayor believes the most effective way for participants to deliver their message is through a peaceful and respectful event.

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