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Momentum for Utah Performing Arts Center Continues to Build

Sandy Mayor voices support for new downtown theatre

SALT LAKE CITY – Sandy Mayor Tom Dolan joins a growing list of government leaders, businesses and arts organizations poised to welcome the Utah Performing Arts Center to downtown Salt Lake City.

In a letter delivered to Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker this week, Mayor Dolan cited his enthusiastic support of the proposed new venue.

“I congratulate you, and the Salt Lake City Council, for your bold vision in recognizing the significance of not only reinforcing past commitments to the arts and culture but taking the next step to firmly establish the prominence of Salt Lake City as the cultural and artistic center of the Intermountain West,” Mayor Dolan wrote.

Last month, the Salt Lake City Council approved up to \$18 million in funding for the initial design and development of the Utah Performing Arts Center.

The UPAC project also received unanimous support from the Salt Lake County Cultural Facilities Advisory Committee, which included \$25 million in capital support for UPAC as part of its recommendations late last year for the Salt Lake County Cultural Facilities Support Program. The Salt Lake County Council is expected to vote on the funding package in early 2012.

Mayor Dolan is the latest civic leader to join “Friends of the UPAC,” a collection of individuals, arts organizations and businesses supportive of the proposed downtown cultural facility. Co-chaired by Wells Fargo executive David Golden and Emmy Award-winning composer Kurt Bestor, the non-profit “Friends of the UPAC” was established in October 2011 to support, and advocate for, the Utah Performing Arts Center.

For more information about the Utah Performing Arts Center, and to read the complete text of Mayor Dolan's letter, go to www.utahperformingartscenter.org.

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