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Through my years in public service. I have learned and strongly believe that communities are strongest when residents understand and participate in the civic process and have access to good, clear information. Transparency compels those of us in government to be accountable for our words, decisions, and deeds. As officials, a transparent government and an active public helps keep us on our toes by reminding us who we are working for and how we should conduct ourselves. Perhaps most importantly, a transparent government encourages participation and collaboration, thereby improving and directing our decision-making.

This new initiative will build on what Salt Lake City is currently doing to provide easy access to information regarding its actions. Please, I invite you to explore this site, and the many other areas of www.slcgov.com to learn what the City is currently doing to be transparent. I also strongly hope you will also think of times you wished you had more information and wanted to better understand Salt Lake City government. Providing us with your experiences will help us improve our current activities and create a more responsive, collaborative and accountable government.

On behalf of Salt Lake City, I look forward to a healthy discussion of transparency policy through the online forum, our open house workshops today, and any form of communication people wish to give input through. In advance, thank you for your participation.

Sincerely,

Ralph Becker
Mayor
