

Honorary Membership Nomination  
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Dear Members of the ASLA Executive Committee,

It is with great pleasure that I submit Salt Lake City Mayor Ross C. Anderson for consideration as an Honorary Member of the American Society of Landscape Architects.

During the past 6 years, Mayor Rocky Anderson has provided enlightened and dynamic leadership in the area of sustainable landscape design and regionally-appropriate landscapes, all part of a distinct philosophical shift that places considerable focus on adopting practices that protect the environment. Recognizing that environmental matters are a worldwide concern, Rocky has not limited his advocacy within city boundaries, serving as an expert and promoting environmental preservation throughout the world.

In 2005, Salt Lake City was recognized by the World Leadership Forum as the recipient of the World Leadership Award for the **Salt Lake City Green** program, which was launched by Mayor Rocky in 2001 to promote environmental responsibility and ensure a healthy and sustainable future for Salt Lake City. The approach is to make City government operations more environmentally-friendly and to extend opportunities for environmental stewardship into the community.

The first step of the program determined how Salt Lake City could promote environmental responsibility through its own actions. The City completed a "Sustainability Inventory", cataloguing environmental and economic resources before prioritizing challenges and opportunities for improvements. Other initiatives of the Salt Lake City Green program include:

- Zero Waste and Recycling –An approach to using and reusing all natural resources through recycling and reconditioning, the impact has been resounding. The City's Fleet Division alone sends 10,000+ gallons of used oil to be recovered and recycles more than 600 batteries, 1,700 tires, and 134,000 cubic feet of cardboard annually.
- Energy Conservation – By converting 3,000 traffic lights to LED, the City achieves an annual estimated savings of more than \$53,000. City Hall lighting was changed from incandescent bulbs to compact fluorescent bulbs, and saves an additional \$33,000. These savings have been reinvested in purchasing wind energy, making the City the largest purchaser of wind energy in the State.
- Climate Protection –The City committed to abide by the Kyoto protocol and has achieved 106% of this goal through relatively simple energy conservation projects.
- High Performance Buildings – The City has adopted a High Performance Building Ordinance requiring all City-funded building projects to meet the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental (LEED) guidelines.
- Open Space – An Open Land Advisory Board was created to assist the City in prioritizing purchases of land to preserve as open space.

