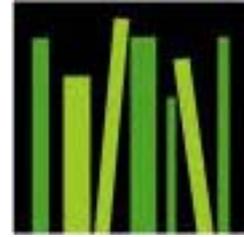


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Salt Lake City Public Library

Carolyn Mitchell  
Coordinator of Honors and Awards  
American Society of Landscape Architects

Dear Ms. Mitchell,

I would like to add my enthusiastic support for the nomination of Mayor Ross Anderson for Honorary Membership in the American Society of Landscape Architects.

Residents of Salt Lake City take great pride in the leadership of our Mayor in the areas of environmental protection and sustainability. During his tenure as Mayor, he has lifted both the reputation of the City and the application of responsible principles for urban planning to unprecedented and award-winning levels. He speaks with passion and conviction about the great importance of protecting our natural resources and being wise stewards of natural resources. Most importantly, he practices those values directly through the consistent leadership he has shown in policy development and administration.

The development of Library Square is an excellent example of his vision and tenacity. He fought to ensure that the acreage adjacent to our new Main Library and plaza be preserved as open space with water wise landscaping. It has developed into one of the most popular and significant public spaces in our city. Add that to the clear leadership he has shown in areas of transportation, walkable and livable communities and water conservation and you have the perfect candidate for this award.

It is rare to find a public figure so devoted and so courageous in his positions. Please give every consideration to this nomination. He deserves it.



Sincerely,

Nancy Tessman  
Director



SALT LAKE CITY CORPORATION  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES  
URBAN FORESTRY DIVISION

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To Whom It May Concern:

From high atop the Wasatch Mountains, hundreds of square miles of beautiful landscape in Salt Lake City can be seen in a single glance. A remarkable urban forest spreads across a valley that was virtually treeless just 150 years ago. And thousands of species of native and introduced plants are growing everywhere.

Far less apparent from this unique perspective of elevation are property lines, boundaries and separations. In fact, from the mountain ridge the City appears to be one big garden.

Yet the garden is extraordinarily vulnerable to damage from expansion of highway construction, deterioration of air quality, increasing pressure on water supplies, loss of open space, and adverse impacts to human health from environmental degradation.

To be a champion for the garden requires a person of unwavering passion, commitment and leadership. Salt Lake City Mayor Rocky Anderson is such a person. His landmark environmental initiatives have achieved national and international acclaim including the Distinguished Service Award from the Sierra Club, the Climate Protection Award from the Environmental Protection Agency, and, most recently, the World Leadership Award for the Environment. He has also received an award from the Intermountain Turf Promoters Association for efforts to conserve water and foster a healthy landscape.

The Mayor has spoken at numerous national and international conferences on the environment, including the United Nations COP 8 conference on climate change in New Delhi, and at the Business and Sustainability Summit in Melbourne, Australia. He also served as a consultant to assistants for heads of state in London, in preparation for the 2005 G8 Summit, where British Prime Minister Tony Blair designated climate change as one of two main agenda items.

Under Mayor Anderson's leadership, the Salt Lake City Public Utilities Department and the City's Water Conservation Coordinator reduced water consumption in Salt Lake City by 21% since the Mayor took office. The City's cable television channel also airs a weekly "Garden Wise" program during the summer, which gives helpful information about reducing residential water use. Notably, on the eve of the 2002 Winter Olympic Games, Mayor Anderson committed Salt Lake City to reduce global warming gas emissions in its municipal operations in accordance

with the Kyoto Protocol. Last year, the City met its Kyoto goal, seven years before the Protocol's 2012 target date.

Not only has the Mayor called to action Salt Lake City, but thanks to his far-reaching influence he has inspired countless others throughout the world to be better care-givers of the earth and one another.

Just like the members of the American Society of Landscape Architects, the Mayor's greatest contribution will be to future generations, when landscapes you have created are mature, the air and water cleaner, and people more at peace.

Thanks for all you do and for this opportunity to celebrate a man whose work has made such a vital and positive difference to Salt Lake City and the world.

Sincerely,

Bill Rutherford  
Salt Lake City Forester