

Mayor Ralph Becker

Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker is the popular, two-term Mayor of Utah's Capital City. He was elected in 2007 and re-elected in 2011 by a wide margin. A visible and highly regarded national leader among U.S. mayors, Mayor Becker currently serves as President of the National League of Cities and recently completed work as one of a small group of municipal leaders on the White House Task Force on Climate Preparedness and Resilience.



As Mayor, he has been an advocate for expanding Salt Lake City's mobility and transportation options, sustainability, equality, social justice and enhancing the artistic and cultural life of the City. During the great recession (which began the year he took office) Mayor Becker led Salt Lake City government in addressing the largest budget gap in the City's history without raising taxes, reducing core City services or implementing significant layoffs.

"Mobility, or how we get around, is very important. A lot of people know me as the Mayor who rides his bike to work. It's true, I ride my bike all over the city... I've worked pretty hard in recent years to make biking easier and safer in our city." 2015 State of the City Address

"We want walkable neighborhoods throughout the city and vibrant neighborhoods where people have easy access to services and feel included." Georgetown University panel discussion, November 2014

Before serving as the chief executive of Salt Lake City, Ralph was a member of the Utah State House of Representatives, highlighted by five years as the House Democratic Leader. Mayor Becker is currently the President of the National League of Cities, where he advocates on behalf of more than 19,000 local governments.

Born in Washington, D.C., Ralph received his B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania, his J.D. from the University of Utah College of Law, and his M.S. in Geography/Planning from the University of Utah. Ralph is an attorney and planner (Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners), and also is an Adjunct Professor at the College of Architecture and Planning, University of Utah.

Away from work, Mayor Becker is an avid outdoorsman who seeks as much time in Utah's wildlands as he can find. He and his wife Kate can often be found backcountry skiing, hiking, camping, running rivers and cycling.

