

## A JOINT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING BID PROPOSALS TO HOST THE 2012 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

- WHEREAS, *every four years the national political parties convene in a city within the United States, for the purpose of nominating Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates; and*
- WHEREAS, *a national convention will bring an opportunity for Salt Lake City and the region to participate and engage in our most fundamental of national elections, which may reinforce citizen and community involvement in our democratic process; and*
- WHEREAS, *these conventions result in intense national and international focus on the host cities and states; and*
- WHEREAS, *these conventions may result in significant economic development opportunities and benefit the host city; and*
- WHEREAS, *these conventions can attract in excess of 20,000 attendees; and*
- WHEREAS, *Salt Lake City, the metropolitan area, and the State of Utah have requisite facilities and accommodations required by the national political conventions; and*
- WHEREAS, *Salt Lake City proved during the 2002 Winter Olympics to be capable of providing reliable security for large scale events; and*
- WHEREAS, *Salt Lake City has hosted conventions in the past ranging from the Grand Army of the Republic in 1909, the Winter Olympics in 2002, the National League of Cities & Towns in 2002, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars in 2005; and*
- WHEREAS, *Salt Lake City has been a successful venue for events including The Outdoor Retailer Tradeshow, The DEW Tour, and the NCAA Men's Division I Basketball Tournament; and*
- WHEREAS, *Salt Lake City International Airport is the largest airline hub in the Western United States; and*
- WHEREAS, *several public transportation projects are scheduled to be completed by 2012; and*
- WHEREAS, *Salt Lake City's downtown will have a new billion dollar private investment project offering a great variety of shopping and dining opportunities to convention goers; and*
- WHEREAS, *Salt Lake City has established a legacy of successfully ensuring the logistics of large-scale events, including the expertise of security, infrastructure, city staff, and is renowned for exceptional volunteer services;*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

*that the Salt Lake City Mayor and the Salt Lake City Council shall support the solicitation and hosting of the Republican National Convention in the year 2012.*

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*Ralph Becker  
Salt Lake City Mayor*

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*JT Martin, District Six  
Salt Lake City Council Member, Chair*

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Salt Lake City Council Member, Vice Chair*

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Salt Lake City Council Member*

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