Arts Council Board Appointment: Helen Peters

INTRODUCTION:

Mayor Becker is recommending the appointment of Helen Peters to the Arts Council. If appointed Ms. Peters will fill a vacancy on the board and serve a term extending through July 1, 2013.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Helen Peters resides in District 7 and is employed as a Transportation Planner at InterPlan. Ms. Peters has worked on various land use projects throughout the valley and served on the Sugar House Community Council. She would like to serve on the Arts Council because of her interest in public art.

RESPONSE DEADLINE:

If you have any objection to this appointment, please let Amber know by October 5, 2010.

CURRENT COMPOSITION OF ARTS COUNCIL:

There is no City residency requirement for members of the Arts Council. The board may consist of fifteen to twenty-five members, each serving three-year terms. In general, members possess a background and/or enthusiasm for the arts, although no professional experience is required.

Members of the Salt Lake City Arts Council are also board members of the Art Council's non- profit organization.

Current members include: Allison Barclay, District 1; Rebecca Guevara, District 3; John McCarthy, District 3; Candice Colby, District 4; Laura Dupuy, District 4; Bruce Miya, District 4; Michael D. S. Mack, District 5; Lynn Hoffman-Brouse, District 6; Jeanette Sawaya, District 6 and Brent Schneider, District 7.

BOARD STRUCTURE:

The Arts Council is the City's advisory board in all matters pertaining to the arts and cultural development of the city. Its primary objectives are to promote and encourage public art programs; further the development and public awareness of and interest in the fine and performing arts; provide for the assessment of the artistic needs of the community; provide the means for the development of a comprehensive citywide plan to encourage and strengthen artistic and cultural resources; develop programs in the arts which seek to introduce visual and performing arts to city residents who have previously not participated in such activities; encourage existing organizations to develop new ways of reaching the community; and provide a forum of communication between representatives of the community and the City Council.