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Salt Lake County Mayor Hires New Economic Development Director

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Salt Lake City, UT—Salt Lake County Mayor Ben McAdams today announced that he has hired Christina Oliver as the county's next Economic Development Director. Oliver replaces Dale Carpenter who recently retired. Her arrival marks the first of several structural changes that will bolster McAdams' priority of providing premier regional service on economic development to the 16 cities and the unincorporated county.

"Bringing in new businesses and helping existing businesses expand are the top priorities for me. The best way to balance the county's budget is through private sector growth and more well-paying jobs," said McAdams. "I'm excited to have Christina Oliver's expertise and impressive list of accomplishments added to my team. I'm confident she'll help ensure the county puts its best competitive foot forward in creating a first-rate business environment."

McAdams said Oliver comes to the county from a job with the Utah Transit Authority (UTA). She and her team worked to facilitate economic and transit-oriented commercial, retail and multi-residential development along UTA's transit corridors. Prior to that position, she was Director of Corporate Recruitment and Incentives at the Governor's Office of Economic Development. In that capacity, she represented the State of Utah in relocation and expansion project development with Fortune 100 companies such as Goldman Sachs and Nelson Laboratories. Oliver also worked closely with prominent Utah companies such as Merit Medical Systems and MediConnect Global in pursuing major expansion.

"I'm thrilled to accept this opportunity with Salt Lake County. I'm confident that under the mayor's vision I can work collaboratively with both the private and public

sectors to establish the county as the best region in the U.S. to open or expand and operate a business," said Oliver. "As the place I grew up, and where I'm raising my own family, I know well the many advantages Salt Lake County offers—its strong work ethic, talented workforce and wonderful quality of life."

McAdams said Oliver begins work today.

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