



Hello, Salt Lakers.

Thirty-three days ago, Governor Cox, Senate President Adams, and House Speaker Shultz sent me a letter asking Salt Lake City to swiftly produce a plan that addresses public safety concerns and makes clear recommendations to improve the system. Plainly put, we have not done enough in Salt Lake City. And that responsibility lies with me.

I'm grateful our city has been afforded this enormous opportunity to harness collective momentum to address public safety, homelessness, and systemic inefficiencies challenging capital cities nationwide.

Today, I submitted our [Public Safety Plan](#) to State leadership.

This Plan is built upon new interventions and some current foundational work by state and county partners that have not been fully executed.

There is a critical need to address homelessness not as solely a criminal matter but as a humanitarian crisis that criminal justice alone cannot remedy. Our strategic plan takes a system-wide approach to lessen the humanitarian crisis and public costs our City, state, and residents in need suffer every day.

I want to call attention to a few key public safety actions the City will take immediately:

- Salt Lake City will expedite the creation of more shelter beds by offering up a City-owned property for a campus facility for up to 24 months if operating costs can be allocated by the State and philanthropic partners.
- We will improve public safety by intensifying the Salt Lake City Police Department's presence downtown and in higher-crime areas. To do this, the SLCPD will launch the Community Impact Division and deploy the Violent Crime Apprehension Team to crack down on drugs, specifically fentanyl, and firearm offenses.
- We will increase the consequences for repeat offenders through more coordination and severe prosecution. As part of this, partners must address jail overcrowding and frequent pretrial release.

These are only three of the 50 total actions and recommendations that the Plan includes. I encourage all Salt Lakers to read the full plan.

Salt Lake City cannot act alone for this Plan to be effective. Each level of government, each individual function, must hold one another accountable, or the system will remain fragmented and inefficient.

My top priority is creating and maintaining a safe city where families and individuals live, work, and thrive. Salt Lake City must do better. And we will.

Read the plan

As always, feel free to reach out to me at mayor@slc.gov.

Your friend,



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