



Leadership in Climate Protection

Ross C. "Rocky" Anderson, Mayor, Salt Lake City, Utah

12 – 1:30 p.m. Thursday, September 13, 2007
Grand Theater, The Columbus Athenaeum,
32 N. Fourth Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215

Since taking office in 2000, Mayor Anderson has been an outspoken advocate for protecting the environment. He committed Salt Lake City, in its own operations, to abide by the Kyoto Protocol. By 2005, Salt Lake City far exceeded its Kyoto goal, seven years before the Protocol's 2012 target date. To date, in its municipal operations, Salt Lake City has reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 31% from 2001 levels.

In 2003, Mayor Anderson received the Climate Protection Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In 2002, he received the "Political Leader of the Year" award from the Utah chapter of the Sierra Club and received the Distinguished Service Award from the national Sierra Club.

Under Mayor Anderson's leadership, Salt Lake City received a Green Power Leadership Award from the EPA. In November 2005, Salt Lake City won the World Leadership Award for the environment for its Salt Lake City Green Program, perhaps the most comprehensive environmental program in the United States. Mayor Anderson was also named by *Business Week* as one of the top twenty international figures working to combat climate change.

In October 2005, Environment Business Australia sponsored Mayor Anderson to speak about sustainability and means to combat climate change, as part of the organization's 2005 Business and Sustainability Summit.



Along with Robert Redford and the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI), Mayor Anderson founded and hosted the Sundance Summit in July 2005 and again in 2006. The Summit has brought together seventy mayors from across the U.S. to discuss and plan action on climate change. Mayor Anderson serves as a member of the *Newsweek* Global Environment and Leadership Advisory Committee, and on the steering committee of The Climate Group.

Mayor Anderson is a proponent of transit-oriented urban housing and walkable, mixed-use neighborhoods that do not perpetuate dependence on the automobile or further sprawl development. He has implemented an extensive pedestrian safety program, which garnered Salt Lake City the Surface Transportation Policy Project's 2004 award for most improved city for pedestrian safety, and the 2006 America Walks "City at Your Feet" award.