



# UNIFIED POLICE

GREATER SALT LAKE

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Mayor Silvestrini,

The Unified Police Department of Greater Salt Lake has worked tirelessly over the last five years to increase transparency and provide the best possible public safety to all its members. As you know, a component of that service is countywide law enforcement provided by UPD for the benefit of Salt Lake County residents collectively. The UPD provides the highest quality countywide services through the efficiency of a shared model. My primary concern, as Sheriff of Salt Lake County and CEO of UPD, is ensuring that fundamental public safety services like Metro Gangs, Canyon Patrol, Metro Mental Health, and Extraditions serve the residents in Salt Lake County.

Some elected leaders and a few Salt Lake Valley police chiefs have raised questions about whether UPD, operating under the leadership of the Sheriff, should be the host agency for these services, and, whether the provision of these countywide services creates "double taxation" for a municipality that does not elect to officially use a particular service. To ensure the public safety of residents and visitors in our county, I believe now is the time to bolster efforts of providing everyone the same information about countywide services while addressing misunderstandings or disagreements openly and productively.

I am formally requesting that you convene a workgroup of stakeholders with the intent of examining these relevant questions. I will ensure my staff are prepared to support your workgroup with any documentation or exhibits that you feel would be helpful to reach conclusions and to proffer any recommendations.

I have always appreciated your collaborative and thoughtful approach as a leader when dealing with complex, multifaceted issues.

Respectfully,

Sheriff Rosie Rivera

CEO, Unified Police Department of Greater Salt Lake