



## News Release

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### **Inaugural SMOKE-FREE SLC a Resounding Success:**

#### Public Shows Support for Smoke-free Clubs and Work Sites

(Salt Lake City, UT) – Thursday, April 8, 2004, signaled the inaugural Smoke-Free SLC, and it was a rousing success. Salt Lake City Mayor Rocky Anderson proclaimed April 8 as Smoke-Free SLC Day. In support of the event, many of Salt Lake City’s top private clubs, bars, and several work sites voluntarily went smoke-free for the day.

“Currently, six states and hundreds of cities have passed smoke-free workplace legislation, including restaurants and bars,” said Heather Borski, Tobacco Prevention and Control Program (TPCP) Manager, Utah Department of Health. “We commend the local businesses that went smoke-free for the day and urge the community to show support for these establishments and their efforts to protect the health of their employees and patrons.”

In addition, a group of more than 50 ex-smokers and their families and friends held the first-ever Smoke-Free SLC Tour to the participating clubs and eating establishments in a show of support. Community partners included The Bayou, Sky Bar, Club Bambara, Third and Main Bar and Grill, Fiddler’s Elbow, Jacobsen Construction, Sahara, Inc., The Tavernacle, The Red Door, Iggy's, and Fat's Grill and Pool.

“The best kind of smoke is no smoke,” said Del Vance and Mark Alston, co-owners of The Bayou. “We really enjoyed the fresh air in here. It was a positive experience for the majority of our customers.”

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All the private clubs involved that generally allow smoking reported very positive feedback from many of their customers and staff.

“Both patrons and employees deserve clean air,” said Lena Dibble, of the TPCP. “We are delighted with the success of Smoke-Free SLC, and look forward to seeing smoke-free workplaces for all workers in the future.”

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