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Press Alert

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Mayor to Host “Freedom from Prejudice: Utah’s Middle Eastern Voices”

Event will occur Wednesday, December 13 from 7-9 PM at the City Library

What: Mayor Rocky Anderson will host a Freedom Forum this Wednesday on Utah communities of Middle Eastern descent. The forum, “Freedom from Prejudice: Utah’s Middle Eastern Voices,” will explore the experiences of Utah’s Middle Eastern communities after the events of September 11, 2001, raise awareness about the rich diversity of these communities, and tackle the question of how tensions and conflicts involving Middle Eastern groups overseas affect community relations in Utah.

Who: Mayor Anderson will give opening and closing remarks at the Forum. The event will include a panel discussion of experts with a wide range of perspectives on the Middle East, with ample time for questions from the audience. A KCPW reporter will moderate the discussion. The panelists are:

Noor Ul-Hasan – Member, Mosque Khadeeja

Peter Sluglett – Professor of History and faculty member at the Middle East Center, University of Utah

Kilo Zamora – Executive Director, National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) of Utah

Ron Zamir – CEO of Allen Communication Learning Services

Ghulam Hasnain – Organizer, Salt Lake American Muslim Cultural Festival

When: **Wednesday, December 13, 2006**
7-9 PM

Where: **Main Library Auditorium**
210 East 400 South
Salt Lake City, UT

Media: The event will be broadcast live on KCPW (1010 AM, 88.3 FM, 105.3 FM). The forum will also be taped for later broadcast on SLC-TV, Cable Channel 17. To see a complete list of programs and watch the station in streaming video format, visit www.slctv.com.

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