

DEBBIE LYONS

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PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- A proven leader with over 28 years of experience developing, implementing and managing policy and programming in the government sector. Twenty years of experience in leadership, team development, and supervision.
- Expertise and experience in climate, energy, air quality, waste and recycling, food policy, equity and community outreach.
- Advocate for social justice and bold climate action.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SALT LAKE CITY CORPORATION, Salt Lake City, Utah

1995 – Present

Sustainability Department

Director

2021 - Present

- Directs a team responsible for developing and implementing policy and programs to achieve ambitious goals to reduce pollution and waste, slow climate change, improve air quality, increase resilience of the food system and equitably engage the community.
- Responsible for managing \$30 million annual budget, which includes the City's Waste and Recycling curbside collection programs.
- Serves on the Salt Lake City Mayor's Cabinet and advises elected officials, department directors and City personnel in all matters as they relate to sustainability and compliance with environmental regulations.

Deputy Director (promotion)

2017 – 2021

Program Director

2013 – 2017

- Oversaw development of the City's first climate action plan and spearheaded effort that led City leadership to adopt goals to commit to achieving 100% renewable energy for the community by 2030 and reduce overall community greenhouse gas emissions 80% by 2040 compared to 2009 baseline.

Recycling Manager

2008 – 2013

- Assisted in creation of Salt Lake City's first Sustainability Division including development of the mission, goals, objectives and budget.
- Facilitated adoption of the City's first Zero Waste Joint Resolution.
- Led initiatives to implement the City's comprehensive waste diversion plan, including recommending and implementing recycling and waste policy and regulations.

Public Services Department, Office of the Director

Health and Safety Program Manager/Recycling Manager

2001 – 2008

- Developed safety policy, programs, procedures and training for Public Services Department to ensure compliance with OSHA regulations.

Environmental Analyst

1995 – 2001

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Utah Clean Cities Coalition, <i>Board Vice Chair</i>	2017 - Present
Urban Sustainability Directors Network, <i>Active Participant</i> North American network for city and county sustainability managers and staff.	2012 – Present
Western Adaptation Alliance, <i>Co-Chair</i> Regional network for city and county sustainability managers and staff in intermountain western states.	2021 – Present
Salt Lake County Health Department- Environmental Quality Advisory Committee Member	2013 - Present
Salt Lake County Brownfields Coalition, <i>Board Vice Chair</i>	2019 - 2021
Wasatch Brownfields Coalition Revolving Loan Fund, <i>Board Member</i>	2014 - 2021
Utah Recycling Alliance, <i>Founding Board Member</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Board President</i>	2010 – 2015 <i>2012 – 2013</i>

EDUCATION

Master of Liberal Arts, Sustainability Harvard University Extension School, Cambridge, MA	2022
B.S. Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety Brigham Young University, Provo, UT	1996