

Lisa Adams
Salt Lake City Council Member
District Seven

Lisa Ramsey Adams was elected to represent District Seven in November 2013 and took the oath of office on January 6, 2014. In January 2016, Lisa's Council colleagues elected her to chair the Redevelopment Agency (RDA) Board of Directors. Lisa previously served as Vice Chair of the RDA Board of Directors in 2014 and 2015.

Lisa and her husband John are the parents of four grown children: Abigail Wiest (Scott,) Andrew (Sarah Pitts,) Catherine Wallis (Preston,) and William. They are grandparents to Andrew, Peter, Jane and Ella Wiest.

Born and raised in Salt Lake City, Lisa attended Wasatch Elementary, Bryant Junior High, and East High School. She graduated from the University of Utah with a B.S. in Mass Communication and B.A. in English. She also holds a certificate from Stanford University's Mass Media Institute. Lisa graduated from the University of Utah Law School (now the S.J. Quinney School of Law) in 1986.

Prior to attending law school, Lisa was the Public Relations Director for United Way of Salt Lake. She has worked in Criminal Appeals at the Utah State Attorney General's office, at Legal Aid, in her own private law practice, and as a private Guardian ad Litem.

Community service is in Lisa's DNA. Both of her parents have always been active in community activities and encouraged their three children to be participators, not spectators. Lisa began her service to the Salt Lake community as a "Candystriper" at Holy Cross Hospital and raising funds for the March of Dimes in its annual walk-a-thon. Volunteerism has been a part of Lisa's life at every turn. She feels strongly that volunteers are a key ingredient to a thriving, compassionate community.

Lisa has been actively involved in Salt Lake City's schools as a classroom volunteer, a PTA board member, Chair of a school community council, and President of the Salt Lake City Secondary Schools PTA Board.

As an alumna of the University of Utah, Lisa has enjoyed giving back to her alma mater by serving on the Alumni Board, chairing Homecoming, serving on the Community Leader's Board, the Board of Children's Dance Theatre, and the President's Capital Campaign Cabinet.

One of Lisa's favorite volunteer opportunities came in 2002, when she was a volunteer for the Olympic Winter Games. She served as personal assistant to the director of the International Skating Union.

Lisa served on the Salt Lake City Planning Commission from March 2012 to January 2014. She also served as a trustee for Utah Dispute Resolution from January 2013 to January 2015.

In 2013, Lisa was named "Woman of the Year" by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society for her fundraising efforts on its behalf.

Currently, Lisa serves as a member of the KUED Advisory Board and served as Chair from January 2011 until May 2014.

Lisa loves to spend time with her family anywhere, but especially in the mountains or on the beach. She enjoys a good book, an old movie, live theater, the Utah Symphony, skiing, running, playing tennis, watching PBS, and reading an actual newspaper.