

Erin Mendenhall
Salt Lake City Council Member
District Five

Elected to her first term in 2013, Erin Mendenhall took the oath of office as the Council Member representing District Five on January 6, 2014.

Erin has a decade of experience working in advocacy, education policy and legislation. She worked at Breathe Utah for six years, a local air-quality non-profit, where she collaborated with policymakers, city and state agencies, schools, and community members to improve air quality along the Wasatch Front. She received a certificate in Non Profit Leadership and Management from the University of Utah Non-Profit Academy for Excellence in 2012. A graduate of the University of Utah with a Bachelor's in Gender Studies. Erin is currently working toward completing a Professional Master of Science and Technology at the University of Utah.

Erin has lived in the 9th & 9th area for over ten years. She began her involvement in community issues as founder of a local neighborhood watch program and member of the school community council at her children's school. Erin cares about education and has worked with educators to create and teach environmental lesson plans that utilize academic disciplines of math, science, art, social and environmental studies for K-12 students. She wrote detailed curriculum about limiting emissions for high school driver education programs that has been implemented statewide. She helped establish the SmartTrips Salt Lake City program, which promotes active and alternative transportation that has reached 5,000 homes in Salt Lake City.

In her capacity on the City Council, Erin has advocated for improving local solutions to homelessness, affordable housing and neighborhood safety. She's interested in expanding transit options for all residents, protecting the health of Salt Lake City's urban forest, and encouraging growth while protecting the character of neighborhoods and business districts. She is focused on creating new paths toward alternative energy for our City and residents, while exploring ways to incentivize energy improvements to existing infrastructure.

Erin represents the Ballpark, Central City, East Central City, East Liberty Park, Liberty Wells, and Wasatch Hollow communities. She serves on the Utah Air Quality Board, Quality Growth Commission, and the Wasatch Front Regional Council's Transportation Coordinating Committee.

Erin, her husband Kyle, sons Cash and Everett and daughter Mila enjoy riding bikes around Liberty Park and to the 9th& 9th business district, baking cakes, and hiking in Southern Utah.