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**TO:** Salt Lake City Council  
Charlie Luke, Chair

**DATE:** July 21, 2014

**FROM:** David Everitt, Chief of Staff

**SUBJECT:** City Council approval of appointment of Gina Chamness as Salt Lake City Finance Director

**STAFF CONTACT:** David Everitt, Chief of Staff

**COUNCIL SPONSOR:** Exempt

**DOCUMENT TYPE:** Appointment

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the City Council, pursuant to Utah Code Annotated section 10-3b-202 and 10-3-1105(2)(v) that gives the Mayor the authority to appoint each department head subject to City Council approval, approve the appointment of Gina Chamness as the Finance Director of Salt Lake City Corporation.

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:** Gina Chamness has over 23 years experience in budget development and policy analysis in her roles as the Budget Director and Senior Administrative Analyst for Salt Lake City, Director of Budget and Administration for the Sundance Institute, and Senior Fiscal Analyst for the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for the State of Arizona.

She has worked for Salt Lake City Corporation for the last eight years as the Budget Director and Senior Administrative Analyst. Her duties have included the following: leading the development of the City's annual \$800 million budget; integrating the Mayor's policy objectives in the budget; advising the Mayor on policies and activities related to the city budget, as well as potential financing mechanisms for city projects; presenting to City Council and community groups regarding budget and tax issues; and reviewing various city programs and developing recommendations to improve the efficiently and effectiveness of those programs.



She completed an Master of Public Administration in Policy Analysis and a Bachelor's of Arts in Political Science at the University of Utah, and PhD Coursework in Public Policy a the University of Colorado, Denver.

Please see attached resume.

# Gina Guarascio Chamness

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## Experience

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### **Budget Director, Salt Lake City**

**2008-present**

Reporting to the Mayor and Chief of Staff, leads the development of the City's annual \$800 million budget, integrating the Mayor's policy objectives with available revenues and potential new revenue sources. Reviews all departmental budget submissions, including mid-year budget adjustments. Leads the effort to implement, refine and report on program budgets. Works collaboratively with a wide range of city staff to ensure budgetary policies and procedures are followed. Presents to City Council and community groups regarding budget and tax issues. Advises the Mayor on policies and activities related to the city budget, including real property, employee compensation, benefits, labor agreements, and grant program management. Advises the Mayor on potential financing mechanisms for a wide range of City projects.

### **Senior Administrative Analyst, Salt Lake City**

**2006-2008**

Reporting to the Chief Administrative Officer assisted in the development of the City's annual budget. Reviewed various city programs and developed recommendations to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of those programs.

### **Director, Budget and Administration, Sundance Institute**

**2003-2006**

Responsible for directing the development and management of a non-profit organization's \$20 million multi-program operating budget, as well as directing the information technology and administration functions of the organization. As a member of the Institute's Senior Leadership team, redefined organization's mission and vision, developed a strategic plan and key performance measures. Responsibilities include working with various program managers in building and managing each program budget, providing budget reports to the Managing Director, Program Directors, and the Board of Trustees, and managing the overall budget for the Institute.

### **Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Legislative Budget Committee, State of Arizona**

**2000-2003**

Developed budget recommendations totaling \$1 billion for the Arizona Department of Health Services, which includes public and behavioral health programs, two capitated Medicaid programs, and the Arizona State Hospital. Managed development of legislative funding recommendations, including supplemental needs and budget reduction options. Analyzed agency requests for funding, proposed funding strategies, projected revenues for agency funds, developed performance measures to evaluate program outcomes, drafted legislation, analyzed the fiscal impact of proposed legislation, testified in legislative committees, conducted oral briefings, monitored implementation of the agency's budget and legislative directives and responded to a variety of legislative requests.



**Health Care Management Analyst, University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics 1998-2000**

Provided management, program, and financial analysis to executive management team. Supervised development of over one hundred individual department budgets and developed systems to monitor over \$225 million in annual operating budgets. Formulated detailed operational analysis of individual departments designed to improve program and budgetary performance. Worked collaboratively with hospital and university staff on a variety of projects and contracts, including the negotiation and purchase of air ambulance services.

**Health Program Specialist, Bureau of Managed Care, State of Utah 1997-1998**

Responsible for oversight and program analysis for the State of Utah's Medicaid mental health program.

**Investigative Analyst, Bureau of Medicaid Fraud, State of Utah 1996-1997**

Analyzed billing trends of health care providers to identify potential areas of fraud and abuse. Participated in a multi-jurisdictional task force investigating major national health care provider, which resulted in charges.

**Senior Evaluator, US General Accounting Office, US Government 1991-1996**

Reviewed the efficiency and effectiveness of a variety of federally funded programs, including the Resolution Trust Corporation's Affordable Housing program, cost and quality issues associated with federally funded nursing home programs, and the development of a high level nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada. Employed a variety of data gathering techniques, including case studies, interview, focus groups, and questionnaires. Summarized results of analysis, developed conclusions, and formulated recommendations for changes in program management and organization in written reports.

**Education**

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**PhD Coursework, Public Policy, University of Colorado at Denver 1993-1996**

**Presidential Management Intern, US Government 1991-1993**

**MPA, Policy Analysis, University of Utah 1991**

**BA, Political Science, University of Utah, 1989**  
*magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa*