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The Salt Lake City Council today released the following letter:

Dear Salt Lake City Citizens:

We are sure you will join us in expressing our deepest heartfelt thoughts in support of the victims of Hurricane Katrina in the states of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida. Many thousands have had their lives upset by this catastrophic natural disaster. Many hundreds of communities have been devastated. People have lost everything and they need our help.

Salt Lake City residents have proven themselves to be compassionate and caring individuals, who have always reached out to victims of disasters in times of need. We encourage everyone to make a generous contribution toward this urgent need to help those who are faced with the difficult challenge of rebuilding their lives, homes, and community.

Let's unite as a City and to assist our fellow citizens and friends during this difficult and challenging time. For a list of organizations that are providing assistance for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, go to the Federal Emergency Management Agency website at: www.fema.gov and click on 'volunteer or make a donation'. We urge you to contribute to the Red Cross or a reputable organization of your choosing.

As residents of the Gulf Coast States seek refuge in Utah, we encourage active community efforts to welcome, clothe and feed these guests to assist them in overcoming the affects of what is being labeled as one of the worst natural disasters in our nation's history.

Your generous and kind contributions are deeply appreciated.

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