

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AFFORDABLE AND
ACCESSIBLE HOUSING FROM OLYMPIC HOUSING**

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STATE OF UTAH

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATURE SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO DEVELOP OLYMPIC HOUSING THAT CAN BECOME PERMANENT, AFFORDABLE, AND ACCESSIBLE HOUSING FOR UTAHNS.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

WHEREAS Utah is experiencing an acute shortage of affordable and accessible housing;

WHEREAS the 2002 Winter Olympic Games present the state with a tremendous opportunity to assist the broader community in creating a legacy of benefits, including permanent, affordable, and accessible housing;

WHEREAS an Olympic village for athletes' housing will be constructed for the 2002 Winter Olympic Games using Olympic revenues and bonding authority of the University of Utah;

WHEREAS the Salt Lake Organizing Committee for the 2002 Winter Olympic Games has assured that athletes' housing for the Games will be available after the games as student housing for University of Utah students;

WHEREAS the Salt Lake Organizing Committee has recognized the opportunity to develop housing for media personnel and has issued a Request for Proposals to construct up to 3,000 rooms proximate to downtown Salt Lake City to house media personnel; and

WHEREAS the per diem allocations given media personnel for their housing expenses during the 2002 Winter Olympic Games represent an important potential source of revenue that the Salt Lake Organizing Committee could target to help provide housing for media personnel to use during the Olympics but which could, after the Olympics, be used as permanent, affordable, and accessible housing for low and moderate income Utahns:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature urges the Salt Lake Organizing Committee to assure that media housing constructed in conjunction with the 2002 Winter Olympic Games include an appropriate and substantial mix of units along the Wasatch

front, with special consideration for proximity to Olympic venues, that, after the Games, will be available as affordable and accessible housing accessible to low or moderate income Utahns or people with disabilities, for the long-term benefit of the citizens of the state.