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**Senator Escamilla Exclaims - Sad Day for Salt Lake City, its Residents and its Leaders**

**Salt Lake City** –Senator Luz Escamilla voices overwhelming frustration with location announcement by the Prison Relocation Commission and issues the following statement:

"I am truly disappointed with the news that the Prison Relocation Commission has selected Salt Lake City as the site for the building of the new state prison," exclaims Senator Escamilla. "The residents and leaders of Salt Lake City have been loud and clear when opposing this possible west side relocation site."

"I feel a big mistake is being made to build a state prison in this limited available space area when we should be developing this area for economic development purposes. The west side of Salt Lake City has been a helpful and responsible neighbor and stepped up to house the only State Parole Violator Center (The Fortitude Treatment Center) and several halfway houses. Instead of this area being asked to bear the disproportionate burden of having these types of facilities in their community, the only fair choice would be that the rest of the state share this responsibility."

"I believe this matter is not finished, and I am hopeful members of the state legislature will consider the importance of a more appropriate relocation site for the state prison than the west side of Salt Lake City. I will be sure to remind them that this vote is a vote on the site and location, not on prison reform or our state's criminal justice reform."

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