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To all Provo residents,

A few days ago we rung in the new year with an inversion. For those who know and love Provo, they know that every winter we live through poor air quality, and often in the summer as well.

None of us likes it. It threatens our health, it makes us want to stay indoors, and it constrains our city's economic growth. No one drives into Provo and feels proud of the heavy, gray-brown haze that sits over our homes. But we can do something about it, and it's time for us to work together and do it. Our bad air days are a problem we can and should solve.

Today, Provo City launched the **Provo Clean Air Toolkit**. It's a website with specific steps everyone in Provo can take to start to clean up our air. **You can find it at provocleanair.org**. We encourage everyone to visit the toolkit, learn about what you can do to make sure our air is cleaner, and start to take action.

Pollution comes from a lot of sources, so there's no single solution. It will take each of us doing what we can to reduce our emissions to keep our air healthy for ourselves and our families.

Through a partnership with UCAIR, and with the facilitation of Envision Utah, the city held a series of public meetings throughout 2015 to find the most effective steps for achieving cleaner air. We feel the result is an ambitious toolkit that gives specific guidelines to everyone in Provo to improve our air quality—families, business leaders, students, educators, civil servants, and elected officials alike. The end result is a helpful website and an invitation to all of us to lift where we stand in improving air quality year-round. When Provo acts, Utah takes notice. Provo's example will show other communities what they can do to tackle this issue.

We as a city can make it our new year's resolution to clear the air. We invite and recommend every resident of Provo read and work to implement the recommendations in the Provo Clean Air Toolkit.

Sincerely,

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