

BEN MCADAMS

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Ben McAdams is the CEO and founder of the Common Ground Institute and Common Ground Impact Advisors where he advises city, county and school district leaders, community groups and mission-driven investors and developers through the Putting Assets to Work incubator on utilizing publicly-owned real estate to work to create affordable housing solutions, climate resiliency, and other vital community benefits.

McAdams served previously as Mayor of Utah's largest county, representing 1.1 million constituents and balanced a budget of \$1.2 billion while also securing and maintaining the county's coveted AAA bond rating.

In his public service, McAdams brought Republicans and Democrats together to find solutions to address homelessness, form public-private partnerships to improve education and health outcomes and promote evidence-based decision-making at all levels of government.

Prior to elected office, McAdams was senior advisor to the Mayor of Salt Lake City, Adjunct Professor of Securities Regulation at the University of Utah's SJ Quinney School of Law and attorney in private practice with Davis Polk in New York and Dorsey & Whitney in Salt Lake where he specialized in public and private securities transactions for U.S. and international issuers.

EDUCATION

Columbia Law School, JD, 2003

BA in Political Science, Minor in Sociology,
University of Utah, 2000

PUBLIC SERVICE

Representative, U.S. Congress, 2019-2021

Mayor, Salt Lake County, Utah, 2013-2019

State Senator, Utah State Senate, 2009-2013

Senior Advisor, Salt Lake City Mayor's
Office, 2008-2013

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Best Elected Official, 2018, 2019, 2020, City
Weekly

Jefferson-Hamilton Award for
Bipartisanship, 2020, US Chamber of
Commerce

Humanitarian of the Year, 2019, Circles Salt
Lake homeless services provider

Changemaker of the Year, 2016, United Way
of Salt Lake

New Ideas Challenge national awardee for
top public-private partnership, 2014, The
New Deal

RELATED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Led the nation's first Pay-for-Success (social impact bond) initiative for early childhood education, and additional Pay-for-Success initiatives to address homelessness and substance abuse.

Negotiated bipartisan support for the adoption of Utah's targeted adult Medicaid expansion that doubled Utah's behavioral health treatment capacity and gave thousands of Utahns an open door to overcome substance abuse and leave the criminal justice system.

Led efforts to secure public and private financing to:

- Rebuild a transit, pedestrian and vehicle viaduct to enable key redevelopment in Salt Lake City's downtown (\$80 million).
- Construct a 2,500 seat performing arts venue (\$119 million) and 24 story office tower (\$170 million) as part of a major downtown redevelopment project.
- Develop a 700 room convention center headquarters hotel (\$377 million).
- Extend Salt Lake City's streetcar into the heart of the Sugar House business district facilitating the redevelopment of Salt Lake City's "other downtown" and dramatically improve access between affordable housing, healthcare and employment opportunities.