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Alan Hansen was raised in Spanish Fork, Utah, where his five siblings still reside. He has been married to Elizabeth Card Hansen for 47 years. They have five children and twelve grandchildren. Two of their adult children: David and Robert both live in Salem. Alan earned a baccalaureate degree in Japanese and an MBA from BYU. In 2008 Alan earned a PhD in Higher Education Administration from Illinois State University. He has over twenty years of operations management and strategic planning experience and has been a college professor and administrator.

He and his family have lived in the Washington, D.C. area, Tokyo, Japan and central Illinois, but returned to Utah in 2007. Having lived in metropolitan, suburban, and rural areas Alan has a good perspective on the good, bad and ugly of urban development. There is no question that Salem will grow, the question is not if, but how. He wants Salem to grow smart rather than just fast. He believes some things can be done to direct the growth to improve the environment for individuals and families. He is also an advocate of business partnerships to draw more services to the city.