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Engagement Report

(Addendum April 25, 2018)





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Overview of Outreach

Website Visits:

- Unique Pageviews as of April 16, 2018 – 3,252
- Total Pageviews as of April 16, 2018 – 4,162

Survey Hits:

- 2,348 surveys completed as of April 25, 2018
- 351 direct responses from Qualtrics Community Feedback group
- 1,994 responses from FundingOurFutureSLC.com website link

Telephone Comments:

- 44 calls as of April 25, 2018

Email/Online Comments:

- 108 emails/online comments as of April 25, 2018

Qualtrics/Survey Comments:

- 2,348 as of April 25, 2018

Additional Meetings Attended:

- Gardner Policy Institute, Business Leaders Round Table - April 10, 2018
- Gardner Policy Institute, Newsmakers Presentation - April 11, 2018
- Bicycle Advisory Committee - April 16, 2018
- Downtown Community Council - April 18, 2018



To: Salt Lake City Mayor's Office and City Council Office
From: Dianne Meppen, Director of Qualitative Research and Deliberative Community Engagement
Date: April 12, 2018
RE: Deliberative Community Engagement with Downtown Business Leaders on Salt Lake City Critical Needs and Funding

Summary

At the request of Salt Lake City, the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute convened and facilitated a discussion with select city business leaders to solicit feedback on the city's proposal to fund critical infrastructure, housing and public safety needs. This technical memo provides a high-level summary of the theme and findings from this convening.

We utilized a process known as Deliberate Community Engagement to engage these business leaders. The process connects people with a variety of perspectives, provides them with a foundation of high quality information, and enables them to share perspectives that will lead to informed decisions.

Fifteen business leaders attended the deliberative session on April 10, 2018 at the Gardner Policy Institute. Discontent with the city's public input process emerged as the dominant theme. Specific feedback was given on the four critical needs and proposed funding mechanisms. Each of these is discussed below.

Discontent with Public Input Process

The primary theme from the discussion was discontent with the input process and that feedback was being sought about a plan that had already been decided. One participant described it as an announcement rather than an agreement. "There's not going to be the level of engagement that the city wants if it continues to be an announcement rather than an agreement." Others expressed concern that while their industry would be directly affected by the sales tax in particular, they learned about the proposed plan indirectly rather than being approached by the city as a key stakeholder in the issue.

The needs identified are of importance to this group as well, and they would have liked to have been involved in the problem-solving process. They wondered how much their input could be incorporated if input is being sought a week before the vote. "It seems like a sales job rather than a public process."

In this same vein, it was expressed that more time is needed for this input process, and that an issue as complex as raising and spending additional revenue requires a more thoughtful, transparent dialogue.

Those who had recently heard from a city representative tasked to inform and solicit feedback from the business community expressed that the representative did not have sufficient information. Or, it was assumed sufficient detail of these plans must not exist.

Participants said the lack of communication and transparency is not a new characteristic of the city's policy process. However, this perception can be altered by using feedback from this discussion as a way to improve future public policy deliberations. Another way to improve this public policy process is greater transparency, particularly regarding why new revenue streams are necessary rather than more efficient budgeting. The example cited is the mismanagement of road maintenance. Participants opined that road conditions got this bad due to budget mismanagement. There were concerns mismanagement would continue to happen with any new revenue stream.

Feedback on Critical Needs

The group agreed the four needs identified by the city are indeed critical, and that these needs have existed for some time. Homelessness was also brought up as critical need. They acknowledged two of the four needs seek to address aspects of homelessness, but concerns were raised that more police and affordable housing wouldn't sufficiently address this issue; police officers lack authority of the law to dissuade loitering and camping, and transitional housing isn't transitional for those who suffer from mental illness. Some worry the perceived lack of safety may start to affect their ability to recruit talent from out of state. The increase in Medicaid funding helps, but they wonder if it is enough to address the complex issue.

More generally, it was recommended that more specific plans with prioritized recommendations should be made available. For example, when \$5 million is being requested for housing when \$20 million is needed, what aspect is prioritized for that \$5 million and why?

It should be noted that some participants were familiar with the city's plans and recommendations, and others appeared not to know the city had conducted in-depth studies and plans altogether.

Feedback on Funding Mechanisms

Most of the discussion focused on the proposed sales tax. Participants seemed more open to the General Obligation Bond as the decision lies with voters with adequate time for feedback.

Concern with the sales tax mostly focused on its economic impact. Participants shared concerns that a sales tax increase would slow economic growth and impair economic competitiveness. They said the quick turnaround of the sales tax vote on April 17th would deter thoughtful dialog necessary for such an impactful decision, especially given the perceived lack of detailed information provided and lack of community engagement. For example, it was not communicated with the commercial community how the revenue mechanisms would affect their properties. The only information provided to the public is how much it would cost a household. Some noticed the city had involved their constituents in the process while "neglecting the economic engine, the business community."

It was recommended that the city convey funding mechanisms that have been tried but unsuccessful. This disclosure would help the public better understand how the city has come to the conclusion that a sales tax increase is the best option.

Additional concerns expressed include the following:

- \$67 million of state funding for Operation Rio Grande expires in 2019
- Overall tax rate if county transit tax is approved
- Why \$3 million is set aside for a rainy-day fund when the needs are so critical, especially since rainy-day funds can be used for unspecified needs

Some in the group believe that adequate funding already exists, but that finding efficiencies in the current city budget hasn't been prioritized. There was little feedback when pressed for alternate funding recommendations, but the following options were offered:

- Increasing density development to increase the tax base
- Considering state change to provide road funding based on square footage rather than linear foot

Methodology

Leadership from 24 companies around the city were invited to participate in the roundtable discussion. The list was generated jointly by Wilkinson Ferrari and the Gardner Policy Institute. Of the 24 invited, 15 attended. With the given time frame, the Gardner Policy Institute was able to allow invitees a two-week notice, and ensured a brief meeting given their busy schedules. Invitations were mailed to each recipient by the Gardner Policy Institute director. Follow-up phone calls were made to those who had not responded. Confidentiality was of particular concern to multiple invitees and so the deliberation included only Gardner Policy Institute staff.

Using information provided by Wilkinson Ferrari, the Gardner Policy Institute created a “placemat” fact sheet for the discussion outlining details and action plans for the four critical needs, and the two revenue generating mechanisms proposed to fund the action plans. Each participant was given time to review the fact sheet before discussion began.

Given the short duration of the conversation, the Gardner Policy Institute was able to collect a wide range of input, but did not have sufficient time to probe for feedback on each issue. This memo represents the general consensus as it was expressed during this hour. For each topic, there may have been some participants with viewpoints who chose not to share their perspectives.

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Additional Comments Received April 10 - April 25, 2018



Date	Source	Comment
4/5/18	FoF Email	I appreciate the invitation to give input on critical city issues. After having lived in Salt Lake City for over 40 years, I have been dismayed and discouraged about the potholes, huge cracks and uneven surfaces all over the City and particularly in the east bench, Sugarhouse and downtown areas. My husband and I have been living in Portland, Oregon for the past 1 1/2 years. With a very damp climate and much larger city and considerably more cars than SL, the roads there were in much better shape than here. Having been home for only a month, I am totally astonished and ashamed that the city administration has allowed such deterioration of many miles of roads. Before we moved in August of 2016, there were a few neglected roads(2700 South between 2000 East to 1300 East, for example). It seems the adding of bike lanes on many roads has been a priority of this administration rather than responsible maintenance of well-used streets. I implore the city administration make it a high priority to lay down new asphalt and not do the haphazard patching on street surfaces and keep Salt Lake the beautiful, clean, well-maintained city it has been!
4/6/18	FoF Email	Instead of having everyone subsidize rent for low income families (encouraging them to stay poor to qualify for the hand out), the officials should adopt form-based zoning for the entire city to allow the marketplace create options for all types of housing demands. But our city stubbornly keeps on trying to make us pay for a new bond to finance exceedingly expensive new construction 'affordable' housing scheme.
4/10/18	FoF Email	First, May I say I'm grateful for all you do to for this city. I know it must be hard. Secondly, Thank you for asking for our suggestions. Lastly, I would love to see better servicing and maintenance of our streets. On Princeton and 2000 East you practically bottom out trying to get through the intersection. It has multiple chuck/pot holes. I did notice that the chuck/pot holes one block away were recently patched a block away at Princeton and 1900 East. At 2100 East and 1250 South, in front of the Anderson Foothill library, the median is need of attention. I don't think it's on any scheduled servicing for upkeep. I just looked at it and the curb, weeds and debris have been painted yellow. The library's non grass areas needs attention as well. They are chronically weedy and always look neglected. I recognize that a lot of money, time and effort are spent on streets and the library. With routine checking and inspections and a stronger commitment to meeting a basic standard of functionality, safety and care, these items would not need to be brought to the city's attention by a citizen. Perhaps all the workers that are involved in servicing the area generally can communicate the needs better (landscape crews, street sweepers, construction inspectors, garbage collectors)? The newly replaced stamped concrete at 1900 East and 1300 is cute, but taking care of existing deferred maintenance and basic servicing is important. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss further.
4/11/18	Community Council	40% of sales tax still paid by SLC residents
4/11/18	Community Council	City needs to build trust
4/11/18	Community Council	How can the Mayor now support the sales tax when she campaigned against it?
4/11/18	Community Council	How will be held accountable for limiting use of money?
4/11/18	Community Council	How will the bond be paid?
4/11/18	Community Council	What about seniors already struggling with home values
4/11/18	Community Council	What housing initiatives will be implemented?
4/11/18	Community Council	What's considred affordable?
4/11/18	Community Council	Will affordable housing be spread throughout the City?
4/11/18	FoF Email	I live in Salt Lake City. We have a growing economy and sales tax revenues. I see no need to increase the sales tax rate.
		NO New Taxes!!!!
4/11/18	FoF Email	If you want to tax SLC, fine but don't tax the rest of us!
4/11/18	Kem Gardner Newsmaker Br	Address trails and parks, social problems beyond police
4/11/18	Kem Gardner Newsmaker Br	Communicate dashboard to non digital
4/11/18	Kem Gardner Newsmaker Br	How does City influence affordable housing development?
4/11/18	Kem Gardner Newsmaker Br	How will I see the changes in my neighborhood?
4/11/18	Kem Gardner Newsmaker Br	How will this benefit the entire city, including westside?
4/11/18	Kem Gardner Newsmaker Br	State of Culture in SLC
4/11/18	Kem Gardner Newsmaker Br	What's the timeline of projects? How shovel ready?
4/11/18	Kem Gardner Newsmaker Br	Why aren't boom times supporting needs?
4/11/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Address homelessness. Move homeless population away from neighborhoods and avoid building or instituting homeless shelters in private neighborhoods.
4/11/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Better management of current funds/budgets.

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4/11/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Better trails access near U of U
4/11/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Cutting expenses in other areas
4/11/18	Qualtrics-Funding	cutting the budget (for example: why do we need so many libraries - most of which cannot be maintained properly)
4/11/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Gas tax.
4/11/18	Qualtrics-Funding	impact fees on developers
4/11/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Increase property tax for .schools
4/11/18	Qualtrics-Funding	More affordable and safe after school and summer school/camp options for children preK-12th grade. More bike/walk routes in SLC
4/11/18	Qualtrics-Funding	More money towards education, teacher salaries and per-student spending.
4/11/18	Qualtrics-Funding	More public transit from east to west is needed and would be greatly utilized. SLC would also benefit from more affordable housing units.
4/11/18	Qualtrics-Funding	More trees! Parks. Beautification.
4/11/18	Qualtrics-Funding	No comment
4/11/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Police
4/11/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Promote tourism advertising outside Utah. Everyone knows about the parks of Utah, but besides skiing, most people don't know how fantastic the area is for all outdoor activities. Loosen the alcohol law to allow businesses to sell wine, and higher content alcohol beverage and collect taxes from it. Allow the entertainment industry (concerts, games) to sell wine, and higher content alcohol beverage than now (3.8% I think). Legalize some controlled forms of gambling and collect taxes from it. I am aware that it might not be possible due to state regulations, but the city should push for it.
4/11/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Reallocation of funds
4/11/18	Qualtrics-Funding	See how many citizens would donate money to get rid of crooked lying government representatives.
4/11/18	Qualtrics-Funding	taxing big corporations moving into our valley, bringing more people which clogs our air and roadways.
4/11/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Time to review the budget and cut the waste.
4/11/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Toll roads for nonelectric vehicles
4/11/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Using the private sector, since it is more efficient and better equipped to handle these problems.
4/11/18	Qualtrics-Funding	very strict and reflective expenditure reviews; would like to know how past budgets have met funding requirements after the fact; what happens to money left over from budget excesses....
4/11/18	Qualtrics-General	1. Have left arrows added to stop lights, help prevent the amount of people who run red lights 2. More police officers on the freeway and SLC streets to ticket speeders and those who run red lights 3. Decrease the amount of days public schools (K-12th) have off during the school year, every month there is at least 1 day off, this is beyond hard for working parents and decreases our children's education. The amount child care cost and the cost of living in the city is too high for parents not to both work. What do we do with children when they have so much time off from school 4. Increase the school times. Friday should be a full day, not a half day at public school. School time needs to be increased to ensure we can generate children that are educated and productive adults. If this mean increase pay then that should be on the next survey. 5. More affordable childcare options for children of all ages, K-12th. Children 7-12 need just as much positive supervision as younger children, this is lacking in SLC
4/11/18	Qualtrics-General	Dont waste tax dollars
4/11/18	Qualtrics-General	I support all aspects of this tax increase except the last facet--increased enforcement. This is likely a move similar to the Rio Grande Operation to build a bigger virtual fence along the I15 corridor to keep the homeless population away from downtown and and sequestered in the west side where they can continue to cause havoc without repercussion. Until this approach changes, I will not vote for a tax increase and I will persuade everyone I know to vote no until the enforcement strategy changes. What good is more police when homeless people have been "successfully" corralled into Rose Park and Glendale, with the highest concentrations around the previously promising Jordan River Parkway?
4/11/18	Qualtrics-General	I would like to see the city borrow now while interest rates are relatively low. I think it would be helpful for the city to prepare a plan showing a timetable for roads improvement. That way residents/voters can see where all the money will be spent and what roads will be given priority. I assume infrastructure will be upgraded in conjunction with road reconstruction.

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		If the sale tax is higher in SLC, I (and many others)will simply go to Costco in Bountiful (because groceries are a big ticket item); therefore the revenue will like not meet rosy projections.
4/11/18	Qualtrics-General	I also think this survey is horribly manipulatively worded to justify the outcome that the City wants people to say.
4/11/18	Qualtrics-General	Increase funding for tEachers and other low pay city workers to match the rate of increased cost of housing
4/11/18	Qualtrics-General	Invest in water conservation projects
4/11/18	Qualtrics-General	Keep up the good work!
4/11/18	Qualtrics-General	Maybe work for better management if the funds you already have and get rid of the 10% rainy day fund. Why would you take peoples money just to not use it?
4/11/18	Qualtrics-General	No comment
4/11/18	Qualtrics-General	not convinced that city government should take the responsibility for housing any particular segment of our population since such action automatically has an effect on the private segment of the housing market
4/11/18	Qualtrics-General	not specifically referred to, homelessness, addiction, and mental health street people are frightening and disconcerting. If these issues had been addressed when when smaller and less overwhelming, we would not be in the fix we are in.
4/11/18	Qualtrics-General	Please start drawing more definitive lines between church and state. The LDS Church has far too much influence on local politics.
4/11/18	Qualtrics-General	Should we all go to our boss and say "Gee boss give me more money to do my job and by the way I want a credit card that you can fund for me"! This is exactly what you are doing.
4/11/18	Qualtrics-General	Stop the big over size apartments all over the place. There nice now. but will turn into slums in a few years.
4/11/18	Qualtrics-General	This is not your money, please stop stealing from the masses.
4/11/18	Qualtrics-General	We can't sustain the growth-- I live at [redacted address] which is already gridlocked. I-15 is a nightmare any time of the day now in both directions. The inversion is awful and affects my health. How can we keep bringing people in when our infrastructure and natural resources can't support them?
4/12/18	Community Council	Doesn't like parks not included in sales tax and bond proposal
4/12/18	Community Council	Don't concentrate affordable housing in City only
4/12/18	Community Council	How much will bond cost?
4/12/18	Community Council	Is bond limited to streets?
4/12/18	Community Council	Live within your means
4/12/18	Community Council	Not more police, less crime
4/12/18	Community Council	Other critical needs
4/12/18	Community Council	Parks is what people want
4/12/18	Community Council	Property taxes didn't go down in 2008, why deferred maintenance?
4/12/18	Community Council	What about equalization in the future?
4/12/18	Community Council	What about sewer?

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4/12/18	Council Email	<p>As citizens of Salt Lake City, we are subject to city taxes, Salt Lake County taxes, and Utah state taxes and in recent years we have seen tax increases at all three levels. Yet the city is proposing another round of tax increases. While housing prices, rents, and the cost of living continues to outpace wage increases in Salt Lake City, now is not the time to raise taxes again on the citizens of Salt Lake City, who are already strapped for cash and fighting to make ends meet. Below is a list of some of tax increases that affected taxpayers across the state, taxpayers in Salt Lake County, and taxpayers in Salt Lake City in recent years.</p> <p>In 2015, a state property tax increase of 3% was passed that was used to equalize the spending of property tax revenue (SB97). Under SB97, every homeowner in the state saw a tax increase, but the \$75 million collected was distributed only to school districts that fell below a set funding threshold.</p> <p>Effective January 1, 2016 the state of Utah raised gas taxes by 5 cents with annual increases indexed to the price of gasoline thereafter (HB362).</p> <p>In 2017, the state of Utah assessed taxes on all purchases made on Amazon.</p> <p>In 2018, the state legislature raised fees and taxes.</p> <p>At the Salt Lake County level, we have seen property taxes increase in 2010 by roughly \$100 per homeowner and again in 2013 by approximately \$59 per homeowner.</p> <p>And at the city level, we have seen property tax increases in 2013 by approximately \$67 per homeowner, and in 2017 by roughly \$20 per homeowner.</p> <p>2017 also saw Salt Lake City pass the first of five sewer rate increases that will ultimately raise rates by 127 percent over the next five years. In 2018 and 2019, this equates to 10 and 15 percent in those years. Moreover the public utilities also increased the cost of water 5 percent this year alone.</p> <p>And now in 2018, Salt Lake City wants to increase the sales tax by a half a percent and property taxes yet again. Every time a tax increase is proposed it is meant to be the panacea to a problem but yet rarely goes away but leads to more and more unfulfilled promises. Living along the Wasatch front is becoming less affordable and increased fees and taxes do little to help struggling families and taxpayers. The question remains when is enough enough? How much money does our government need? All citizens have to live on a budget so why do all levels of government feel they should just increasingly enlarge their scope and place additional burdens on citizens?</p> <p>Please tell the city leaders that enough is enough. We all have to live within a budget. It's time that they do so as well and realize that more must be done to avoid the undue burden on the backs of the taxpayer.</p>
4/12/18	Council Email	<p>Go for it! We need to do something, now. Can't wait. Since the library bond will be retiring, people won't notice that very much, and the sales tax increase is a good way to get those who work in the city but don't live here to pay their bit.</p> <p>I also think you should look at a way to get the churches to pay for utilities. Like the way they pay the storm water fee, started years ago, that would make a BIG difference. I'm ok with not asking the schools to pay, although the U of U pays the storm water tax. Maybe you can make it a fee for churches, rather than a tax.</p>
4/12/18	Council Email	Salt Lake City has a growing economy and sales tax revenues. I see no need for an increase in the sales tax rate.
4/12/18	Council Voicemail	<p>Calling about a solution to save Salt Lake City money, the solution or recommendation is that Salt Lake City library stop funding they are called bathroom monitors and these people are people with mental illness basically is what I'm coming to understand and that being said not only are they being paid to monitor the bathrooms but because of their particular determent they are also in a position where they are able to make security recommendations immediately to people they may perceive as doing the wrong thing that being said these individuals are suffering from some type of mental impairment that it might be something they have construed in their mind this bringing upon the problem that: one we are paying these people to do this job, and two we are wasting the money on futile security endeavors that might all just be wrapped up in someone's mind. This all being said it might also be a good job that we save the City a lot of money from paycheck collectors of people that may be on these types of drugs etc. and so forth that we actually randomly on a regular basis test Salt Lake City employees for drug usage because they either might be able to act under the powers of these drugs or they might be someone not able to do their job because of these drugs that creating more of an impairment that costing the tax payers more money because basically a tax payer is trying to get a solution but you're dealing with someone that is highly not in the situation actually so those are my suggestions it has come to my attention these things are going on and it seems like a big money waster. Thank you.</p>
4/12/18	Downtown Alliance Merchant	Use city crews for reconstruction, consider profits
4/12/18	Downtown Alliance Merchant	Why can't we pay for impact fees
4/12/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Charging impact fees for large vehicles such as busses and sanitation vehicles

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4/12/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Citing that so many options have been already offered and all of them are off the table, I dont really see much change possible. Legalization of marijuana, lottery and gasoline tax should be viable options as they are in other states. Give us more options instead of negatives.
4/12/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Cut the mayor and city council people salaries. Cut administration salaries also. Increase impact fees. Increase other fees that the city collects (e.g. parking tickets, speeding tickets, and other fees).
4/12/18	Qualtrics-Funding	green open spaces, increased min. wage, affordable health care and housing, more local small businesses
4/12/18	Qualtrics-Funding	I think not wasting the money we already have would be a great place to begin! As a resident I can see where money is not being used wisely. Many of the funds that we are currently taxed for could be redirected to these areas if we could do some financial reconstruction.
4/12/18	Qualtrics-Funding	I think the city and the county need more public transportation and i think anyone crossing county lines should pay a toll.
4/12/18	Qualtrics-Funding	I would like to see a personnel audit of departments to see where there are unneeded employees. Some departments, such as forestry, are outsourcing almost everything and still so slow on the job, it's pathetic. This should be done by a local company with no ties to the city!
4/12/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Large size business license fee increases
4/12/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Later route service for UTA
4/12/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Live within your means. Budget and schedule an ongoing but consistent repair fund. Keep vehicles longer and quit trying to release every 3 yrs. Remind everyone it is a privilege to give public service not an opportunity to smooth with lobbyists. Line your pockets or figure another deep trough to feed at. Serve for honor not profit
4/12/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Look at where we cut expenses and salaries at a city government level.
4/12/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Pay City, county employees more money.
4/12/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Privatize some assets owned by the City and the County. For example, the Broadway Theater cost about \$112 million. It is owned 25% by the City and 75% by the County. It could be sold to investors and the proceeds could be used for roads and homeless.
4/12/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Raising taxes
4/12/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Spend less tax dollars elsewhere.
4/12/18	Qualtrics-Funding	State funding. Less giveaway to businesses that benefit from infrastructure projects.
4/12/18	Qualtrics-General	Affordable housing. Reduce tax breaks for corporations doing business in the city and use the money to invest in infrastructure.
4/12/18	Qualtrics-General	Can we please be treated as adults and have regular beer on tap, none of the theocratically mandated 4% drive?
4/12/18	Qualtrics-General	For the last 10 years inflation is 1.7%. My tax rates, including property taxes, has risen at a much higher rate. There is a disconnect of costs of the city projects and an increase in tax rates. One would think if more people are coming into SLC, they would also have to pay taxes. Thus having more money in the coffers for city projects. So why isn't the taxes covering for the cost of all of these projects?
4/12/18	Qualtrics-General	Get rid of any puppy mills.
4/12/18	Qualtrics-General	Housing for homeless and low income people is my top priority
4/12/18	Qualtrics-General	I think there need to be more public bathrooms for the homeless population to use. The hepatitis outbreaks are a public health hazard and we as a society should consider it a community health issue.
4/12/18	Qualtrics-General	if not being done now, I urge a concerted effort to reduce waste, both material waste from supplies, equipment, and furniture, as well as duplication of work by personnel
4/12/18	Qualtrics-General	Neighborhood police liaisons need to be switched out every so often. When an office is in the same area too long, he seems to get complacent.
4/12/18	Qualtrics-General	No
4/12/18	Qualtrics-General	Repairing roads needs to be the main priority! Our roads are deplorable!! Building new housing (large apartment buildings) needs to be scaled way back as our roads cannot accommodate the increased traffic. Sugarhouse is a mess! We also don't have enough water to support endless new apartment dwellers. Put money into roads, not new housing. Also the bus service should be increased if it is going to be useful. In other cities where people actually use public transportation the buses run every 10-15 minutes. No need for schedules because the next bus is always only a few minutes away. More convenient transportation options might cut down on the daily gridlock on Foothill Dr (maybe access to the U should be ONLY by public transportation??)

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4/12/18	Qualtrics-General	The homeless is really a "whole country" issue. It could be handled by moving people into Federal barracks like the military uses for basic training. Any advance we do here in Utah will be heard about in other areas, and their homeless would gravitate to Utah. Not a good idea.
4/12/18	Qualtrics-General	These filthy pigs take enough of our money already. They need to become more efficient instead of just a larger wasteful government.
4/12/18	Qualtrics-General	We need to increase maintenance
4/12/18	Qualtrics-General	You need a good independent auditor who's not affiliated with government to review all dept budgets and spending plans before it is submitted for approval
		<p>I am writing to voice my opposition to both the proposed sales tax hike and property tax hike. I note with amusement and frustration the headlines in the newspapers...."support for tax hike overwhelming". I must say that you are good at marketing and promotion of this idea that people are excited about the prospect of having their taxes raised. I view these headlines as mainly propaganda fed to a press corps no longer staffed with real journalists as the newspapers have become more like PTA bullitens with no investigation and no hard questions answered. Looks like the on line survey has only 1,600 respondents. This sample is certainly not a random sample and it also is way too small (in a City of over 200,000) to be statistically significant, yet it is being used by the City to say that "support is overwhelming". Very misleading, but way to go for the marketing campaign with a pre-determined message. I live in Charlie Luke's district and own and develop apartment property in Sugar House and downtown. Since 2014, property taxes on our apartment building in Sugar House have gone up by 30%. That means that City revenue has gone up by 30% even without raising taxes. And on top of the 30% increase in our taxes you want to raise taxes even higher? Really? In current times of high property valuation you should have all the increased revenue you need to run this city. You have already been given a 30% windfall in revenue just due to the good economy.</p> <p>How would you feel if government had just decided to "take" 30% more of your hard earned apartment revenue in just three years, even though rents have not gone up much? We paid \$27,000 more in taxes in 2017 than we did in 2014 without much of an increase in income. And now you want even more.</p> <p>Raising taxes is rarely a good idea. It amounts to expansion of government. Expansion of government should not be a sought after objective as such expansion puts heavier and heavier burdens on the backs of hard working tax payers. Earning money is very hard work. Taking it away from someone through taxation is easy. Before even thinking of a tax increase, wasteful and unnecessary government divisions should be eliminated. The city should keep the snow plows running, sewers working, parks maintained and provide for public safety. It is not within the proper City scope to delve into areas like "sustainability", "diversity", trying to intervene into housing markets, and other social engineering experiments. Soon there is a large bureaucracy that has far exceed its scope and mission statement, all while citizens are having more and more of their hard earned money taken from them to support this expanding bureaucracy that is out to solve all the world's problems.</p> <p>We need more police on the streets. We need the roads fixed. Find a way to do this with all the increased revenue you have and by cutting all the fix the world's problems programs. Affordable housing is a slippery slope. The City trying to alter the force of housing markets is a little like someone standing in the Colorado River trying to divert it. It won't really make a difference. In my view, increasing taxes on all citizens, rich and poor, to create a \$5 million annual revenue stream to try and intervene in housing markets is a dangerous experiment. Why should every citizen, rich and poor subsidize a select few that get to move into fancy subsidized housing? Many such taxpayers live in housing far inferior to what will be provided in the new "affordable housing" projects. If you really feel like you want to do something with affordable housing, let the RDA do it with dedicated money that has been generated from redevelopment etc. Don't start imposing a "housing tax" on everyone who pays taxes.</p> <p>Don't raise taxes. Don't expand government. Live within the means you have, which has been greatly expanding for years.</p>
4/13/18	Council Email	No one I know is excited at you tax increase plan.
4/13/18	FoF Email	I am not in favor of a super high sales tax increase that will put us at 7.4% sales tax. I am not in favor of a bond either. I question whether citizens are responsible for low income housing. The city receives plenty of funds at the current levels and increasing a sales tax only hurts businesses as it's difficult to pass on. You are hired to manage the budget strictly. Honestly I don't believe giving more money will help any of the issues you have mentioned. I am a democrat too.
4/13/18	FoF Email	<p>I say no to any tax increase-----look to use the money collected more efficiently. There is money that is wasted and embezzled etc. What about people that get paid and do nothing?</p> <p>Leek into all of those things first.</p>

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4/13/18	FoF Email	<p>I was one of the people who started the survey to immediately discover this was nothing more than an attempt to justify a tax increase. I have stated this time and again, these deliberately dishonest attempts continue to deteriorate any trust the public may have in their elected officials.</p> <p>if you honestly want to gain public support, then be honest, propose a budget with the express note that the mayor's proposed budget will require a tax increase and ask if the citizen agrees with it. Then if the answer is No, allow the citizens to weigh in on what project(s) to not fund. Then respect the tax payers and follow the proposals cutting the pet projects.</p> <p>Even as I type that I felt a bit silly, fully knowing the current administration has shown no desire to be honest but simply pushing their agenda on the public. Hopefully the next election will provide us someone who will actually listen to the public, take feedback and not show up at community council meetings with no ability to answer basic questions.</p>
4/13/18	FoF Email	<p>it's really ridiculous that the government can't perform (way beyond what it does now on less money).</p> <p>in my job I've been around lots of state, county and local entities.....the service is usually under par for the amount of money received. when you see the waste of tax payer money \$\$ it makes many of us sick, and frankly! shocked! by the waste.</p> <p>why does the staff of ALL government entities need to grow with population? if anyone had some balls they would go into the government workforce (undercover), see all the waste and worthless employees and dump it and then all for people and company's that produce for the tax payers. the money I think and see pissed away on furniture, equipment, décor, unneeded labor force, etc.....</p> <p>how many times have we been in a govt. office and listen to multiple employees shooting the sh*t for hours on end, bitching about their lousy wage, retirement, medical, vacation..... what a waste!</p> <p>tell us how important they are..... not!!</p> <p>we don't need tax increases we need SOMEONE in charge (whatever that means) to account to the tax payers for the waste!!</p> <p>increase alcohol and tobacco tax, are you shi@#ing me! how about cake and ice cream, you HIPOcrites!!</p> <p>how about people using all of "the stuff" pay their share instead of people who don't pay it for them??</p> <p>there's piles of money out there getting sent down the drain..... fix that crap first, then ask for more.....</p>
4/13/18	FoF Email	sorry about my spell'n I got educated here
4/13/18	FoF Email	Please do not raise sales tax. If the City wants to raise money through a General Obligation bond, that's fine. No more tax increases. Thank you.
4/13/18	FoF Email	Why do you ask for bonding after giving millions upon millions of tax breaks out for corporations, Plus no impact fees for years. But the residents are asked to keep paying. Only for you to move the money to where you want. Put the roads on a fee system so everyone in the city has to pay including the government and church buildings. Just like the city did for the lights and the water treatment plant improvements.
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4/13/18	Qualtrics-Funding	carbon tax
4/13/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Charge a \$1000 for a dog license. \$10,000 fine if your dog is off leash. \$100,000 to get your dog back from the pound. "Shared use" of parks doesn't work...segregate dog parks for human parks, and let dog owners pay for dog parks, not tax payers. It was their own choice to get a [redacted for language]ed dog.
4/13/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Cigarette tax, carbon tax, tax on gun and ammo sales
4/13/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Evaluate the budget line items elsewhere to see where cuts/sacrifices can be made in favor of dedicating adequate budgets to these four concerns.
4/13/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Fund more service providing projects
4/13/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Fundraising
4/13/18	Qualtrics-Funding	I don't know that there's that much SLC can do without the State. Frankly, just push as hard as you can on the State to help with these issues.

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4/13/18	Qualtrics-Funding	I feel very strongly that the city should be doing so much more to prepare the city against a major earthquake. The Fix the Bricks program is not enough. I think the city should very strongly consider investing in an early earthquake detection system, like many other major cities that are prone to earthquakes have installed. With the massive problem of unreinforced masonry, even a 30 second warning would likely save thousands of lives, whereas the important efforts to reinforce our old brick buildings is important, but ultimately far less likely to save lives when compared to an early detection system. That being said, investing in reinforcing our old brick buildings, in my opinion, should also be a high financial priority for the city. But an early detection system should come first.
4/13/18	Qualtrics-Funding	I would like the sales tax to be on non-food items, since food is essential for everyone. I would also like to see luxury items taxed more than essentials, so vehicle taxes are fine with me, particularly if transit improves.
4/13/18	Qualtrics-Funding	IDK
4/13/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Impact fee on new development.
4/13/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Manage the existing revenue better. Allocate the existing revenue to key needs of the city and benefits to the population at large rather than specially selected sub-populations. Stop the practice of providing premium everything for city functions. Why, for example, are all the fire stations and the PSB as nice as the Taj Mahal?
4/13/18	Qualtrics-Funding	More housing for normal people who make normal wages. Fair pricing. Stop low income housing in the city. Going to come back to bite you. They can move outside of the city if they need lower income options.
4/13/18	Qualtrics-Funding	None, you are putting a lot of burden on people by raising taxes when there is much waste in government.
4/13/18	Qualtrics-Funding	To water our lawn and garden, we have to use culinary water. I would love to see money invested to allow for water conservation and allow residence to use non-culinary water to water for gardens and lawns.
4/13/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Use existing tax revenues responsibly. Please be more responsible and less immoral.
4/13/18	Qualtrics-General	<p>a) If the state is requiring the city to fund infrastructure for an "inland port" but not allowing the city to share in the revenue, then we should tell the state to [redacted for language] off. Neither Salt Lake City residents, nor visitors, nor workers should be paying for a state project. Let the state pay for their own project.</p> <p>b) If the state wants to move the the state prison from Draper to SLC, then the state should pay all of the costs involved in that. Why exactly would the state allow the city to increase its tax rate because of the prison relocation if it didn't expect some of that money to be used to accommodate the move? Again, let the state pay the entire cost of their own projects, not SLC residents, visitors, or workers.</p> <p>c) Sure, increase transit services, but East-West is not the problem. Late night is the problem.</p> <p>d) No, don't charge SLC residents for increased road costs. Sales tax is the wrong way to fund this, and so are GO bonds. The GO bond proposal is absurd. These are not one time infrastructure costs. That is a dishonest way to find ongoing maintenance costs. Bottom line for me: Driving speeds are WAY too high in Salt Lake City residential neighborhoods. Smoothing out the roads will make that problem worse, not better. I say pay for roads using sky-high gas taxes and use fees on private vehicles. And let the streets disintegrate until people start driving a safe speed. Spend all road improvement costs of additional police enforcement and speed mitigation.</p> <p>e) Yes, make neighborhood police offices a routine sight. The lawlessness of speeding drivers, sidewalk-parking jerks, and selfish off-leash dog owners, and partying college students needs to be curbed at a neighborhood level.</p>
4/13/18	Qualtrics-General	As stated before, affordable housing for low income people does not come under the price tag of \$250K. The only way true affordable housing for low income people can be achieved (and now is the time) is for the City to buy land at an auction price so that the lots are affordable. Impact Fee's need to be waived as well and all other add on's. People deserve OWNERSHIP, not rental units!
4/13/18	Qualtrics-General	City utilities have already gone up considerably in the last year or two. This apparent rises in the City's operating costs across the board gives room for pause. Why/how has the City apparently been operating at current levels WITHOUT these increases for so long, if the tax and utility prices were so under where they should be?
4/13/18	Qualtrics-General	Don't hire any more police until you change the laws so that police who shoot unarmed or non-seriously threatening people are taken off the streets and have their guns withdrawn. Figure out why, with so many more people paying taxes into the city but essentially no new geography and few new streets, we don't have enough money to maintain the existing streets as well as they were maintained for the previous 3 decades?

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4/13/18	Qualtrics-General	I don't think tax-breaks for developers to build low-income housing is going to solve our problem. We need rent-controlled housing, we need mixed housing that doesn't segregate poor folks from rich folks, we need more creative housing solutions than folks who want to make money will build.
4/13/18	Qualtrics-General	We need the city, along with other cities, to be leading advocates at the Capitol for raising the minimum wage in the state.
4/13/18	Qualtrics-General	I see a lot of waste in spending by doing stupid bike trails that hardly are used when it should be used for road repair.
4/13/18	Qualtrics-General	It is disappointing to see that education is not one of the areas of consideration. It is common knowledge that higher rates of education lead to lower crime rates. Instead of hiring more police, I believe that an investment in education could be a long term solution to public safety.
4/13/18	Qualtrics-General	Maybe asking questions that are not "yes" or "no" questions. Perhaps all of this has gone through due public process in order to get to this point, and I am not as keyed in as I should be. But recognizing the nuance of problems in order to come up with effective solutions . For example: Making neighborhoods safer simply by adding police to the neighborhood is terribly flat response. What about the street design? Lighting design? Afterschool programming? Etc. I do support safe neighborhoods. I don't think adding police in the traditional sense is the answer. I vehemently support access to housing, but not if it's the kind of multi-family housing that is currently being built throughout Salt Lake - low-performing, cheap, and generally poorly designed.
4/13/18	Qualtrics-General	Not fair the people who are low income are getting all of these amazing new apartments built and those of us who arent, get old outdated [redacted for language] housing options at astronomical prices.
4/13/18	Qualtrics-General	Road markings should be raised and utilize reflective paint. Road markings are too difficult to see when the roads are wet.
4/13/18	Qualtrics-General	The Rio Grande plan was nonsense. You kicked everyone out of an area with no plan to help for over 2 years. And that's if the resource centers actually open on time. Plus, you're working with the State, who is actively supporting a Medicaid waiver that will add work requirements, time limits, and other things to those you're trying to help. This will not be better for those folks, and will only lead to problems. Stand up against that, please.
4/13/18	Qualtrics-General	And I said I didn't support the hiring of more police for safety because that's not the only option. I'm sure it would help, but I disagreed because I'd like you all to think of other options. Increasing services, and not making it harder for folks to access them, would also make streets safer. There are a ton of things that could be done, including, perhaps, hiring more police.
4/13/18	Qualtrics-General	To be clear, I'm a homeowner in SLC, and I was burglarized recently. I'd like safer streets, but I'd like you all to think outside the box a little bit.
4/13/18	Qualtrics-General	Moreover, your police officers were nice. But the folks, the administrative staff and other folks, at the public safety building are some of the most unpleasant people ever. Customer service could be improved. Just a thought.
4/13/18	Qualtrics-General	Tighten you belts.
4/13/18	Qualtrics-General	Use the new police to better enforce traffic laws (speeding in 25 mph zones, running red lights).
4/14/18	FoF Email	Concerning the proposed .5% increase in sales tax- In the 35 years I have owned my house, the water bill used to be so low that I believe it was sent out only every other month. Now the water bill has a host of other charges added, a sewer charge, garbage charge, streetlight charge (we bought the streetlights and the home the streetlight is in front of pays the electricity), and a franchise charge! Even in the winter the bill is \$80 to \$90 a month. Recently it was reported that the city donated \$200,000 to a variety of programs. The city is out of control. The proposed 7.3% increase will make it more expensive to live and work in Salt Lake City and discourage business activity in the city. The city needs to reduce it's budget, reduce the sales tax, and assume the proper role of city government.
4/14/18	FoF Email	Just what we needed was more tax. Tax is a joke. You can't earn, save, or spend money without being taxed. How many times can you tax the same dollar before enough is enough?
4/14/18	FoF Voicemail	[redacted for language]o I think that .5% increase on taxes would be a good thing considering all the taxes, maybe the idea would be easy to work out. I think it a good thing bye.

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4/14/18	FoF Voicemail	I'm just calling to let you know that I am against any new proposed taxes on anything. There is more apartments being built, thats more property taxes, that means more people are going to, that meaning more income coming into the city as it is. Because there are more apt. being built in my neighborhood. So no, no more taxes, there is not an an overwhelming, I am not overwhelmed for having more taxes put on my property. My husband heard that there was something saying that the mayor, she was saying she was having overwhelmingly approval but that is BS because I am not approving new taxes. Just wanted to let you know, thanks
4/14/18	Qualtrics-Funding	a communications tax on cell, internet, and cable providers
4/14/18	Qualtrics-Funding	A tax hike on gasoline would be appropriate since those buying gas are the ones using the roads which need repair.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Add \$5 to residential SLC service bills for \$60 per year regardless of property, rental, size. Waive this requirement for LOCALLY-OWNED brick-and-mortar business. All other businesses pay extra monthly up to \$1000 per year based on a sliding scale of the number of Utah employees they have.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Add to the hotel tax, and other hospitality revenue sources. People who visit from other places use the City services and generally find SLC more inexpensive than their hometown cities.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-Funding	At the moment, I have no suggestions.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Change water structure for businesses -- current AWC approach is inappropriate and does not foster conservation. Move to "one-side-of-street" for garbage/recycle/brown can to reduce both driver time and costs. More accurately monitor building permits and results, with appropriate fines when deviation. Fix watering schedules on city-owned property to avoid inappropriate consumption. Stop spending money on ineffective lobbying, like that regarding northwest quadrant, and get GOOD EFFECTIVE lobbying. Fewer city-paid travel jaunts. Cease "sham" citizen committees (e.g., RAC) when consultants make final decisions anyway without regard to valid input -- wastes citizens' time and raises amounts paid to consultants, and takes city staff away from real functions
4/14/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Charge a small/minimal tax on residential landlords that would go to support low income housing.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Charging a transportation utility fee
4/14/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Don't just add more money to the same problems. Add new ways to address the problems. For examole more efficient homeless housing options, with Murphy beds and shared cooking space. Flooding the housing market with subsidies will only worsen the housing situation in SLC. You need to differentiate.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-Funding	New road routes and shrinking the size of buses will reduce wear and tear.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Education
4/14/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Fines for companies/businesses not adhering to sustainable practices resulting in bad air quality.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-Funding	For affordable housing an ordinance should be in place to obligate developers to set aside a portion of new housing to low income people, attract the outdoor retailers back to slc, decrease law enforcement, collect tax on short term rentals and incentivize long term rentals, use toll roads in certain areas, higher gas tax during high smog days, cap city employee salaries to 100k, increase minimum wage to generate more revenue flow. There are a lot of options a city can do that would keep our taxes low and hold civil servants accountable.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Fuel tax
4/14/18	Qualtrics-Funding	I believe the bond is the right choice
4/14/18	Qualtrics-Funding	I think there should be more focus on green options... public transit, bikes, etc.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-Funding	IMPACT FEES!!!!!! Make Boyer, Cowboy Partners, et. al. pay for the development that they are inflicting upon us. Why should they get all kinds of breaks when they just take their profits to Davis County and Cottonwood Heights. City Wage Tax, Philly charges all of the suburb dwellers who come into the city and use their services everyday 5% income tax on their wages.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-Funding	income tax
4/14/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Increase property taxes
4/14/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Increase taxes on Airbnb rentals.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Increased automobile tax
4/14/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Inland port use fee, inland port property tax.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-Funding	live within their budgets
4/14/18	Qualtrics-Funding	More Police and raises for them
4/14/18	Qualtrics-Funding	More tax on unhealthy products like e-cigarettes

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4/14/18	Qualtrics-Funding	More Tracks and bus service
4/14/18	Qualtrics-Funding	My understanding is that developers will reap a major windfall in responding to housing needs (they already have). I guess thats just the way our system works.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-Funding	<p>Once again my proposal is to divest the city of the golf courses. These large green spaces serve a very small minority of our city's population. Golf is largely a sport of the past. Selling this prime property for development for low and moderate income property at fair market value would generate money to pay for road, street and sidewalk repairs. They money received from selling golf courses should go into a trust for road, street and sidewalk repairs. Such repairs would be funded with taxes at the level they are now funded; but the street, road and sidewalk repair unit of government could apply for all interest from the trust and use up the interest every year.</p> <p>Divest the city of the Leonardo. Close it and sell this property at fair market value. Use the money from selling the building the Leonardo is in to also put in the trust for road and street and sidewalk repairs. The Leonardo was a boondoggle from the beginning. The residents really didn't want it; it was forced on us.....sort of "snuck in." It does not serve the residents; the displays or whatever it is they call them are far too costly and not worth the time let alone the money. The staff perhaps not outright rude, are neither pleasant nor helpful. Close the Leonardo now and sell the property.</p>
4/14/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Panhandlers who occupy public space should be required to pay to use it - just like a parking spot - they generate revenue - it should be taxed.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Parks & rec
4/14/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Property tax increases if necessary to get ALL of the city's roads into excellent condition quickly and keep them that way.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Raise the meter fees but change the time to three hours so people can spend more time enjoying the downtown while spending more money while making more money for the city. A win win!!
4/14/18	Qualtrics-Funding	reducing programs
4/14/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Rent vouchers to partially subsidize rents for higher income individuals willing to move out of units with rents at least \$300 lower than their new unit.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-Funding	<p>Sales tax should all go to roads</p> <p>Sell surplus buildings for police & get paid & use funds from Pipeline bldg</p> <p>Use transit tax from next year for transit service not projects</p> <p>Affordable housing does need all of the bond and a form based State Street plan to encourage housing</p>
4/14/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Schools. More support for the Teachers
4/14/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Stop importing vagrants, illegal aliens and other low lifes that increase crime.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Support of homeless
4/14/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Tolls on major roads coming into the city at rush hour. Minneapolis does something like this.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Transportation utility fee
4/14/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Use the money the city already has more efficiently
4/14/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Using what funding it has more efficiently.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-Funding	We need more housing
4/14/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Why the [redacted for language] dont we have Lotto?
4/14/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Work on making city operations and budgets more efficient. Eliminate and manage cash flow before placing the burden on tax payers. Focus on running a great city as opposed to global issues. Tax the developers.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	One wonders if the mayor hadn't fired the public works director if our roads would be in such bad condition ? City has declined since she became mayor.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	Build small cabins or houses for the homeless and give them a job cleaning streets and picking up trash from the sides of the roads. This would pay for their small houses and give them money for food and clothing. And then I'd vote for a sales tax increase to help the homeless.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	By approving the sale of marajuana and taxing/controlling it much like Alcohol, we would generate slit of tax revenue for uses such as these.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	Deal with the homeless, it's a blight. Enforce the law on the books. Instead of more police look at mediator solution. Male leadership, female leadership, youth leadership. Mentors and counselors at street level.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	Do away with large bike lanes.

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4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	Do not use a tax increase for Erin to put a head on the snake
4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	don't raise taxes, having a hard enough time paying bills as it is with the low paying job that I have
4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	Everyone I know has a problem with petty crime like car prowlers, items (including Xmas decorations!) stolen, stolen packages and homeless people who leave messes including needles and human waste behind. Ive seen people lying on sidewalks, front yards and driveways, drunk/high or passed out. I live in a nice part of town. I wish SLC could do more to deal with the problem!
4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	Fix roads and let the bikers wait. Upper 2700 s is terrible !!!!!
4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	For every number of high density housing units, the developer must provide open space or financially support for low-cost , city-run recreation (percentage TBD)proportionate to the number of newly constructed units developed within a one-mile radius. Open space will be free of retail and commercial endeavors with the exception of city-run amenities such as aviaries, gardens, pools, concessions, and recreation centers. Make some "marketing free" zones for communities to exercise, play and meet thei neighbors. When people know their neighbors and take pride they n their neighborhood, crime, litter, and conflict are reduced.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	For me, the driving issue (sorry, that's punny) is the impact of increased traffic in the area. I live at 15th and 15th and have learned not to try driving on 13th E in early mornings or late afternoons. This is a big change from even just 5 years ago.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	Front runner needs a station at 2700 south. There is a huge gap between Murray and downtown SLC. Why invest in a trolley through sugar house that doesn't get you anywhere near front runner.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	Also what is going to take to get a North temple freeway offramp. Roads are getting torn up because there are not alternate routes. More traffic, leads to more braking which is harder on roads. Resurfacing the same roads is not the issue, creating new ones is more important. One downtown exit is embarrassing for a city of our size.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	GO JACKIE!!
4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	Homelessness is a problem still. Instead of being in the Rio Grande area now, weve just spread the problem to surrounding areas!
4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	I think that Salt Lake city should consider doing a REAL survey, not one that is clearly woefully biased towards generating the information that will support the ideas that you already have decided that you will implement. In the future I would suggest SLC considering NOT insulting the intelligence of your constituents/voters and consider asking objective questions with objective answering options (appropriate scales). Qualtrics is likely shaking their head at having to execute such a poor survey even as they are keen to have such a potentially lucrative customer.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	I think the sales tax and bond are good options to increase revenue. I just hope the city will focus on road improvements on the west side as much or more than the east side.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	If impact fees won't fly, make road and infrastructure investment an included part of all developments. If Boyer wants to build a 40 unit building then they will have to rebuild the adjoining roads and utilities as part of it. SLC is a desirable place to live, make those coming in pay to join us. People pay a premium to live here, if they don't want to pay the price they can live in South Jordan (aka suburban [redacted for language] or the stucco ghetto)
4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	In regards to the sales tax - the city needs to support MORE of the public (local and nationally) coming to our city for events and entertainment. Better use of space for events would include strong support of the Fairpark for events such as the Market, and better parking. I hear people say they don't come "downtown" because of parking. Meters were an awful idea and they seem to be a growing problem rather than encouraging people to come to SLC. We have lost the Outdoor Retailers and other events to Sandy and the South of the valley. People also have the impression that SLC and especially our dear West Side - are only full of crime and the "homeless" population. We need to do something "good" to address this image as well as the problem. What happened last year only spread the problem to other areas - did nothing to make it better.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	Increased tax on families with more than 2 children.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	Look at incentives to get higher income individuals to leave lower income units needed for low and very low income individuals.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	Major road repairs must be accompanied by a comprehensive maintenance plan. Many of our current problems could have been avoided or fixed for far less money if basic road maintenance had been a priority. We can't just ignore things until they're out of control.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	No at this time
4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	No.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	not handling homeless problem adequately, other states (Maine) do not put up with it

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4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	PLEASE FIX THE ROADS NOW!
4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	Please make sure the Urban Forester can oversee our beautiful trees.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	Please replace/fix the gutters and roads in Rose Park.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	Provide more bikes for use downtown- those bike paths are not being used nearly enough
4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	Quit giving tax breaks to private sports, they can support themselves, like REAL Salt Lake and the Jazz, big waste of money
4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	Really work on good and affordable transit! Out system costs as much as other systems that are much better.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	Sales tax is regressive. I oppose it in general, ESPECIALLY if cars are excluded. Why else are there car dealerships in otherwise prime development areas near downtown?
4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	slow the growth
4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	Stop encouraging growth by providing tax incentives for businesses to move here.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	Support the development of community policing, involving communities to become more communal and to share responsibility for knowing their neighbors, recognizing shifts in neighborhood patterns and working with SLC police to educate neighborhoods how to keep safe and hospitable.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	Thanks for your efforts!
4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	The city should consider joining with the Salt lake City School District and United Way to support a scaling up of public supported preschools in low income areas of the city.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	<p>The down town needs to be cleaned up. Again the street which has an old fabric store (The street, I think has the Judge Cafe) on it that has been closed for generations and is owned by an out of state owner who, I have been told, doesn't really want to rent it or lease it. Make that owner and other derelict owners of downtown properties clean up their street fronts. Or fine them very heavily.....to a discomfort level where they will sell.</p> <p>The homeless situation continues to burgeon. I recognize it is a nationwide problem; but SLC makes it and is continuing to make it quite desirable for them. I don't think that making the city desirable to the homeless is a good idea for the rest of the residents. One man and one woman (at different months) have broken into our condo and slept overnight. The man broke or jimmied the lock on the door. We have seen and our building manager has told us human excrement in our alley is common.</p>
4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	The funds raised by the increased taxes should be monitored publicly to be sure that they are used for the stated purpose, and not simply mingled with other funds.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	The more we strategically spend on early childhood education and services, and the more we offer affordable housing for ALL people who serve our city, the better off we will ALL be in the future.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	Too many road projects currently are unnecessary, appear not well managed. Traffic engineering could improve rush hour flow. Pass the laws allowing bicycles and autos to treat lights as stop signs. Housing situation could be improved by attracting out of state developers, giving them tax breaks and incentives to build multi-unit condos. SLC Police is one of best have experienced. Don't need more police just better capability to respond and coordinate with neighborhood crime watch and reporting.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	We are growing quickly and will continue to do so even more over the coming years. We must fund infrastructure and housing now before these problems become even bigger and more costly.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	We should not be promoting growth. In my view growth brings more negatives than positives. Growth equals more traffic, more pollution, more noise, etc.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	Why doesnt the city invest in better lobbieists, especially ones that dont have a shady past? Since we have seen a land grab from the governor how can our next move be to increase taxes? Increasing taxes should happen when community trust in government is high not low. Fight for our land then we will gladly give more to other projects. Dont underestimate the value of being territorial otherwise the administration will not last.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	Why is it the responsibility of a city (and its taxpayers) to provide housing? What are the consequences of encouraging and attracting a large population who cannot sustain themselves? Why should a taxpayer be asked to pay for the consequence of someone else?
4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	You don't need to hire more police to combat crime. Just stop allowing low lifes, illegal immigrants and homeless into our communities. Utah was safe and well kept until all the liberals moved here.
4/14/18	Qualtrics-General	You might also consider an increase on taxes on gun shows, gun and ammunition purchase, to be used specifically for better training and benefits for police and background checks.

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4/15/18	FoF Email	I, a senior, residing in the Glendale area, would like to share my voice on sale tax increase: 1. Food: please do not. 2. Non food items: .25%
4/15/18	FoF Email	Please consider other options to providing affordable housing other than contracting with large developers. Large developers have provided low quality housing which does not last, guarantees large profits for them, and leaves the city to clean up areas when the housing falls into disrepair. Please consider higher standards for the housing with public subsidies if necessary, and a defined maximum profit these developers can make.
4/15/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Allowing the lottery to enter. When we lived I Colorado, this is how they funded many of their park projects. I personally do not support the lottery, but I feel this could generate revenue.
4/15/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Because I said I agree things are problems DONT assume I support using the sales tax for that. SURVEY FLAW. Housing needs public / private partnership and philanthropy. That task force was very poorly handled. Someone besides the Mayor should convene a community conversation without the secret deals, confusion and poor staff work. Dont assume I support more tax dollars for housing.
4/15/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Construction and high capacity builders should be paying for the roads they destroy by their construction.
4/15/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Early retirements, salary re-evaluations, streamlining current department budgets, employee benefit cost sharing. Basically what the rest of us accept in the private sector.
4/15/18	Qualtrics-Funding	end tax exemptions for churches who have made the decision to inject their religious opinions in the public purview.
4/15/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Impact fees on new development and retroactive fees on more recent developments
4/15/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Manage what you've got.
4/15/18	Qualtrics-Funding	More mass transit to wider areas
4/15/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Nothing. No new taxes. Make do with what you have. Cut services everywhere else to fix roads.
4/15/18	Qualtrics-Funding	private funding and re-prioritize the city budget.
4/15/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Scratchy lottos. Toll booths for people driving into SLC. (I realize neither of those is realistic and/or likely...)
4/15/18	Qualtrics-Funding	unsure
4/15/18	Qualtrics-Funding	User fees
4/15/18	Qualtrics-General	Dont assume from survey that because I care about issues I will automatically pay taxes for them. My priority is public safety. You cant keep ignoring Neighborhood crime. It isnt going away. We need real follow-up.
4/15/18	Qualtrics-General	It is difficult to roll all of these issues in one bill. I can understand the need to maintain roads, although, I don't see this on a day to day basis. However, I have not seen enough evidence to support the other issues other than general comments. 1. Housing - How does SLC compare to other large cities in the West. I am sure we have better housing market than Denver, Portland, Seattle, and all large Cali cities. We have a very low cost of living compared to other similar cities. We seem to be catching up, not rocketing beyond. 2. Safety - I often see multiple police cars show up to a minimal traffic violation. We have safe streets by in large. Where is the data on officers per residents, increase in crimes per resident, etc. 3. Transit - I agree that we need improved public transit! However, the proposed changes does little to affect the day to day errands people run. I do not see how this will significantly eliminate cars and significantly help commuters. In the end, I have no concerns about raising sales tax. I have an issue with how the money is being spent and a mismatch between goals and proposed actions.
4/15/18	Qualtrics-General	If you have better data that supports these actions, please forward to [redacted email]
4/15/18	Qualtrics-General	Limit yourself to basic government functions. Cut services to homeless so they move away.
4/15/18	Qualtrics-General	More "noticeable" signs above intersections of running red or yellow lights!!! Penalties and/or dangers .
4/15/18	Qualtrics-General	No car zones
4/15/18	Qualtrics-General	Slc has done a terrible job taking care of the important things like roads and safety, theyve focused on ridiculous social programs that the majority dont agree with. The city has forced crime and unstable tenants into sugarhouse specifically and we are unsafe, unsure and angry. I look forward to voting you all out the next round.
4/15/18	Qualtrics-General	Stop building so many of the same effing apartment building. Add a liquor store and move the one from 200 W somewhere else. Stop making more and more 20 MPH zones- every street is not a school zone. Get rid of stop lights along 700 S- none of them work anyway, and stop signs would be plenty sufficient for the amount of traffic along that street.

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4/15/18	Qualtrics-General	While there might be a gap for affordable housing and those at the low-end of the income scale - rent is also rising significantly for those in the middle. The more affordable housing continues to increase the more likely it is that rent will rise for those outside of qualifying for affordable housing. The housing shortage and rent problem extends beyond the lower class. The problem identification of housing should be expanded to include a more comprehensive look at housing in the valley. Rather than the only focus on affordable housing. This problem is further perpetuated by the notion that everyone else will be paying to fix the problem.
4/15/18	Qualtrics-General	Why is the city not looking at liquidating surplus property to help pay for improvements?
4/15/18	Qualtrics-General	Work harder to get more housing built.
4/16/18	BAC	Are there specific projects being considered?
4/16/18	BAC	Does the road reconstruction overlap with future bike lanes?
4/16/18	Council Voicemail	I'm just calling to say I support a .5% sales tax increase and a general obligation bond to fund our street repairs more than anything else I know theirs other affordable housing and transit and all that good stuff but our streets are a nightmare so please let it go to that. Thank you.
4/16/18	Council Voicemail	Hi my name is [redacted name] and my phone number is [redacted phone number]you do not need to call me back but I am totally in favor of the tax increase if it's going to fix our roads not for other stuff just fix the [redacted for language] streets. Thank you.
4/16/18	Council Voicemail	I am an avenues resident I am calling about the proposed half percent sales tax increase and general obligation bond I support a bond for streets and taxes for streets but I think it ought to be limited to five or ten years and ought to go only for street we need to find ongoing ways to fund other programs such as increase in police put this particular tax ought to be a limited thing and only for streets. Thank you.
4/16/18	Council Voicemail	Yes calling the comment line in regards to potential solutions to save the City money. Idea of City wide employee random drug testing this being said as that some people appears to be functioning as a type of addict that either aren't on page when you are speaking to them or seem and appear to be somewhere else again random drug testing on all City employees. Thank you.

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		<p>As citizens of Salt Lake City, we are subject to city taxes, Salt Lake County taxes, and Utah state taxes and in recent years we have seen tax increases at all three levels. Yet the city is proposing another round of tax increases. While housing prices, rents, and the cost of living continues to outpace wage increases in Salt Lake City, now is not the time to raise taxes again on the citizens of Salt Lake City, who are already strapped for cash and fighting to make ends meet.</p> <p>Below is a list of some of tax increases that affected taxpayers across the state, taxpayers in Salt Lake County, and taxpayers in Salt Lake City in recent years.</p> <p>In 2015, a state property tax increase of 3% was passed that was used to equalize the spending of property tax revenue (SB97). Under SB97, every homeowner in the state saw a tax increase, but the \$75 million collected was distributed only to school districts that fell below a set funding threshold.</p> <p>Effective January 1, 2016 the state of Utah raised gas taxes by 5 cents with annual increases indexed to the price of gasoline thereafter (HB362).</p> <p>In 2017, the state of Utah assessed taxes on all purchases made on Amazon.</p> <p>In 2018, the state legislature raised fees and taxes.</p> <p>At the Salt Lake County level, we have seen property taxes increase in 2010 by roughly \$100 per homeowner and again in 2013 by approximately \$59 per homeowner.</p> <p>And at the city level, we have seen property tax increases in 2013 by approximately \$67 per homeowner, and in 2017 by roughly \$20 per homeowner.</p> <p>2017 also saw Salt Lake City pass the first of five sewer rate increases that will ultimately raise rates by 127 percent over the next five years. In 2018 and 2019, this equates to 10 and 15 percent in those years. Moreover the public utilities also increased the cost of water 5 percent this year alone.</p> <p>And now in 2018, Salt Lake City wants to increase the sales tax by a half a percent and property taxes yet again.</p> <p>Every time a time increase is proposed it is meant to be the panacea to a problem but yet rarely goes away but leads to more and more unfulfilled promises. Living along the Wasatch front is becoming less affordable and increased fees and taxes do little to help struggling families and taxpayers. The question remains when is enough enough? How much money does our government need? All citizens have to live on a budget so why do all levels of government feel they should just increasingly enlarge their scope and place additional burdens on citizens?</p> <p>Please tell the city leaders that enough is enough. We all have to live within a budget. It's time that they do so as well and realize that more must be done to avoid the undue burden on the backs of the taxpayers.</p>
4/16/18	FoF Email	
4/16/18	FoF Voicemail	I complete support the combo of 0.5% sales increase and a GO bond, we just need to fix our streets. So I support it. Just register me as supporting it.
4/16/18	FoF Voicemail	I totally in favor of the tax increase as long as it goes to fix our streets, which are horrible. Thank you, Bye
4/16/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Biking Infrastructure grants. I would also support a prop 1 type measure on the ballot. Davis counties bus stops are getting pretty nice
4/16/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Build better roads to start with? I don't know...
4/16/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Charge double (\$20) for Twilight Concerts and take the extra \$10/ticket sold. This would require reinvesting in bringing in amazing headliners.
4/16/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Cite more criminals and increase their fines. This city is nasty and ghetto. Stop bring more people here. Giving free stuff to homeless people makes the situation much worse.
4/16/18	Qualtrics-Funding	COuldn't we leverage more governments grants to increase our cities Green initiatives? Also, especially in the Sugarhouse area, I wouldn't be opposed to overnight parking permits. Salt Lake proper could raise millions issuing overnight permits in residential areas or in fines issued to people parking in the street overnight without a permit. My old hometown did it and it was well received by the majority. They also made it easy to call in and get "special" exceptions for overnight guests or extenuating circumstances by just calling parking enforcement giving the plate number and location. With the number of apt complex's going up, street parking even in front of my own house is becoming a challenge.

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4/16/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Eliminate wasteful programs and require the library to comply with requirements for receiving federal funding.
4/16/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Gas tax increase, consumption based taxes are paid by those who use.
4/16/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Helping the homeless population.
4/16/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Impact fees for otherwise nontaxable property (like SSD for streetlights); convince Legislature to create a payment in lieu of taxes for their properties in all cities including SLC for roads etc, convince Legislature to allow a services tax; gas tax portion, vehicle registrations and fees and federal \$ should be paying for roads not sales/property taxes so much; tax/fee on private parking stalls; a real estate sales tax and federal Section 8 and other funds should be paying for affordable housing.
4/16/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Infrastructure to alleviate the Eastside/Westside divide i.e. bridges, transit, beautification.
4/16/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Mass Transit and Street Repair, Water Infrastructure, Global Climate change readiness
4/16/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Reduce money spent on homeless
4/16/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Repair sidewalks in the neighborhoods and make it safer to walk. A lot of sidewalks are crumbling and uneven.
		Tax the new inland port and force it to have a traxx line paid for by the inland port.
		The route should start at the Gateway go up 4th W. Go west on 6th N. At the 215 it should go North in the space behind the houses between the houses and the freeway. Then have a stop at the soccer fields and then go across 21st N exit to the inland port and Loop through the port.
		Or go from 6N up redwood to NW middle school and over the freeway there.
		Also make the port pay for a line going south on redwood.
4/16/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Make the port developers pay for it.
4/16/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Tear down shady hotels on state street and encourage business to move in their place
4/16/18	Qualtrics-Funding	The problem with funding options is that they don't seem to be used for the purpose agreed to. I have no alternate options to offer.
4/16/18	Qualtrics-General	The main arteries going into the city i.e. Beck Street, 600 S. and North Temple should be beautified since these are the corridors that welcome visitors to the city.
4/16/18	Qualtrics-General	Allow bicycles to ride on the sidewalks (with pedestrians having priority) rather than creating special bike lanes or allowing them to mix with traffic on auto lanes. There are all kinds of 4-wheel service vehicles driving around downtown sidewalks, mixing with pedestrians, so why not bicycles. I wouldn't drive a bike in traffic with autos. It is not safe.
4/16/18	Qualtrics-General	Being a person who is low income, I'd like to see more affordable housing, etc, for this sector of our community.
4/16/18	Qualtrics-General	Complete streets. Make everyone feel welcome on the streets and sidewalks and bike lanes in Salt Lake City.
4/16/18	Qualtrics-General	Crack down on speeders on our city streets, especially during rush hour.
4/16/18	Qualtrics-General	Housing and transportation are higher priority than more police officers
4/16/18	Qualtrics-General	I am very disappointed in the increased housing / multi use building in small areas that can not sustain the traffic flow, Sugarhouse for example. When all those buildings are completed , how are those individuals car suppose to manage a already packed roads. It is absurd to me to post no idle signs when we sit in traffic idling more and more. No one is addressing air pollution with increase population.
4/16/18	Qualtrics-General	I grew up relying on mass transit and believe in mass transit. Actual use of UTA is a huge problem, everytime I have looked into taking trax or the bus I have discovered the time it take is not worth the effort.
4/16/18	Qualtrics-General	I wish more pressure could be put on Rock Mountain Power to have individual homes contribute to grid wide solar power production. Instead of being a hurdle to get Solar, it should be encouraged.
4/16/18	Qualtrics-General	In the proposal, the bond & tax increase is stated to funnel tax money toward affordable housing projects. If the bond and tax increase with strictly to repairing the roads and hiring more police officers I would vote in favor. However, it does not look like that is what the proposal will be for specifically.
4/16/18	Qualtrics-General	More protected bike lanes and have right of way through signals would make it so much easier for me to bike-commute!
4/16/18	Qualtrics-General	Only in favor of funding road if the include transit priority and/or road diets. Roads in salt lake are extremely wide, with most not needing to be that way (i.e. low traffic volumes).

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4/16/18	Qualtrics-General	People need to be responsible for themselves- no more subsidized housing or motel vouchers
4/16/18	Qualtrics-General	Please do not consider a trolley or other mass transit system on 1100 East!!!!
4/16/18	Qualtrics-General	Please do not give up the fight on the NW quadrant state legislature land grab
4/16/18	Qualtrics-General	The city should start to eliminate the City's Jeep fleet, we're using 15 mpg Jeeps to check parking meters vehicles that are expensive to maintain and pollute the environment. An electric Smart car would be a better alternative.
4/16/18	Qualtrics-General	The Google Fiber project is a joke. They have been working in our neighborhood for weeks and we see no progress other than our grass and sidewalks being dug up. In addition we have no information on timeline, expected completion etc.
4/16/18	Qualtrics-General	The roads are the MOST IMPORTANT thing to be repaired soonest. Additional police protection, neighborhood policing as the most pressing part of that, would be a reasonable cause for funding. Since the city is no longer providing the Neighborhood clean-up pick-up, where are the funds used for that going? I haven't noted a decrease in taxes with the decrease in services.
4/16/18	Qualtrics-General	The survey was too directive and didn't allow for "don't know" or undecided, etc. We do not need more police, we need much better funding for social services to address the real issues. I don't like the 4 main categories only for the sales tax revenues: we need to be more flexible than this, for example aggressive investments in SLC properties to move to net zero and help residents reduce carbon emissions, funding parks and trails; upgrades to water quality; land purchases in the watershed; cemetery upgrades including their roads, and more. Don't tie your hands here. Same with the GO bond, please make it more than just roads. Also, please update complete streets ordinance so as streets are repaired and resurfaced these redesigns happen - the 2100 S decision was a disgrace. Deferred maintenance is very expensive and its sad that it took this long to try to address it. I am upset that the city did not challenge the prison relocation and now we get a sales tax, too, and general pillage from the Utah Legislature - the inland so-called port is a terrible maneuver that must be challenged.
4/16/18	Qualtrics-General	Transit service should be every 15 minutes later into the evening, on weekdays especially. Your plan has 15-minute service until 7 pm, which is fine. 9 pm would be so much better. Also, probably no need to have 15-minute service before 8 or 9 am on a Saturday. Also, service until 9 pm on Sundays.
4/16/18	Qualtrics-General	We need more police. There are 1000s of criminals everywhere. Clean up the city. Lockup the criminals. Stop giving away free stuff. Bring jobs that pay a living wage. Make sure people are here legally. Tax large families more. Tax cigarettes more. Make a law to arrest or fine people distributing the peace at all hours (thumping music). Tax the rich and business more.
4/16/18	Qualtrics-General	Yes, concerning the question about hiring more police officers. I think an aspect of this is continuing to strengthen personal relationships with police officers with the community. In addition to having more on the force, supporting the force more strategically to foster more personal relationships.
4/16/18	Council Email	<p>Recently I have had the opportunity to attend various outreach events regarding the potential sales tax increase and prioritization of potential revenues. I greatly appreciate all of the work done so far, and the efforts you have all made to engage residents.</p> <p>My comment and suggestion here is procedural rather than substantive. I recognize that you have been taking formal comments and input from the survey and public hearings on this issues, as well as emails and other feedback. You have already have gathered a great deal of perspective from stakeholders, certainly. That said, I request that you defer a formal vote - and even a straw poll vote - until the next formal meeting on May 1.</p> <p>This is because I believe your staff need more time to compile all the feedback for you to carefully consider before you vote that has come in through today. Also, the council in past years has made it a practice to wait until the meeting following the final public hearing on substantive issues to vote. As someone who for a long time wasn't able to attend work sessions and didn't understand the straw polling, I was personally dismayed to learn that any comments in a hearing with a vote immediately to follow are essentially too late because you really can't take in new information and substantively change positions on the fly, even if it is legal to do so. That really makes the hearing moot, and you have to sit through it and listen to everyone even though you are ready to vote. I think that the "wait until the next meeting is best practice barring some crucial time crunch.</p> <p>A vote on May 1 should be plenty of time to finalize budget considerations ahead of the new fiscal year.</p> <p>Thank you for your service and your consideration of my comments.</p>

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4/17/18	Council Email	<p>I am discouraged to see the proposed increase in tax , transportation and housing. I took the city survey and felt it lead me to conclusions I did not agree with, to me it was misleading.</p> <p>The growth and traffic without considering traffic patterns is astounding. I find the no idle signs absurd as I sit in traffic jams, due to no planning.</p> <p>on several occasin I have looked into taking UTA and found the time it took was no worth the hassle, and I was raised and believe in mass transit.</p>
4/17/18	Council Email	<p>In the coming weeks the council will determine the best use of the increased tax revenue. The Deseret News reported that it will come down to streets, police, transit and affordable housing, which are all worthy causes. I would like to add to those options the idea of creating more urban green space. Liberty Park is great, but it feels like it's at capacity on the weekends and it lacks wide open space. I'm hopeful the work on the resource centers will create positive change to Pioneer Park and create a place on the west side of the city for people to gather. However, it's small in comparison to Liberty Park, which is small in comparison to 'major' city parks like Grant Park in Chicago, Zilcher Park in Austin, Golden Gate Park in San Fran, etc. These parks are sized for the growth the cities have seen. I fear Salt Lake is not prepared for the doubling of population that's expected in the coming decades. The canyons are similarly already full on weekends. Where will these people all recreate? Are our parks appropriately sized?</p> <p>Adjacent to Pioneer Park there are several large plots of land that are being offered for development. The larger parcel of ~9 acres is listed at \$22,000,000, while the smaller (3.5 acres) is just over \$9,000,000. There are other smaller parcels in that area that could be purchased to expand the project. If they city were to assemble these properties and extend Pioneer Park (for possibly three full blocks) they could create a legacy that would last for the duration. Development should ignite around these newly formed parks and the city would benefit from the tax increment. Additionally, people entering the city from 600 South (along the proposed Grand Boulevard) would pass by this unique feature.</p> <p>These decisions are not easy, and projects of this magnitude don't happen overnight. But the opportunity to create large parks like this don't come around often, and once these plats are sold and developed we've lost the chance for a large centralized park. If the sales tax revenue can't be used, consider bonding and/or fundraising.</p>
4/17/18	Council Email	<p>Thank you Charlie Luke for stressing the need to make sure the money goes where you are saying it is going to go...Past track record is not good. Everybody understand emergencies but to look a pot of new money and say where else can it go is past practices not to be repeated for trust.</p>
4/17/18	Council Email	<p>We have to live on a budget - why shouldn't government.</p> <p>Stop the waste before you increase taxes or issue bonds.</p> <p>There is plenty to work with, but you are to lazy and raising taxes and issuing bonds is easier. You just keep taking and taking and taking -STOP.</p> <p>You work for us and it is time you were all fired unless you can get government under control!</p>
4/17/18	Council Voicemail	<p>[name redacted] said he is against the tax increase and bonds for improvements. [redacted name] didn't request a call back.</p>
4/17/18	Council Voicemail	<p>[redacted name] I live within the city and I am unable to attend the meeting tonight however I did want to respond to some of the issues regarding .5 % sales increase that has been suggested for things such as street maintenance, affordable housing, transit, and public safety these are issues that should be in the budget to begin with, and I think if the budget money was used wisely that you would have it covered. We had enough to cover the bicycle routes under Mayor Becker's administration and he promoted the number of miles and bicycle routes in the City I don't ride a bicycle but personally I think they need a lesson on how to do it in some of these incidents, we also had enough money to continue with grant money included less than a mile of the Jordan trail in my city or in my neighborhood it cost 5 million dollars why can't we keep the streets in half way decent shape last year I watched as they re-closed down and then re-surfaced 10 residential streets starting 1 block west of my home heading west they paved every street after shutting it down they resurfaced every street totally residential yet 20th East which takes people through the golly under the freeway up to the University area has nothing but pot holes in it. I think it's ridiculous and I think which work is being done needs to be monitored and used more wisely I oppose this increase. Thank you.</p>
4/17/18	FoF Email	<p>Want to know if these funds are dedicated to the programs outlined or have provisions for moving funds in to ather areas (general fund) over time. also why are we not asking for a mil increase for each defined purpose.</p>

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4/17/18	FoF Email	<p>We are writing in response to the open public comment period for “Funding our Future SLC” on behalf of Decarcerate Utah, a group of concerned residents of Utah who recognize the deep harm of the criminal justice system, and seek to educate the populace about how we can better allocate resources to create safe, healthy, and thriving communities. We regret not being able to attend any of the public meetings in person, but hope that this written correspondence will be considered when going through the detailed work of presenting a final proposal for the use of funds from an increase in the tax rate.</p> <p>We agree with the city that there is a serious need for affordable housing. It is disappointing, however, to see that the proposed budget to supplement more affordable housing options is not even half of the amount of funding proposed to support the hiring of 50 new police officers late last year (a move we also regret was approved). Operation Rio Grande has done more harm than it has helped the homeless population in Salt Lake, and it will take years to undo the damage that was done in a few month’s time. We are of the belief that being caught in the web of the criminal justice system sets people back further from stability, or entirely prevents them from having an opportunity to reach such a state of life. Lack of affordable housing is one of the first indicators that a person will turn to illegal or unhealthy behavior in order to make ends meet, or just to make it through another day in life. Providing the support that people need in order to remain housed should be the first priority of any safe community.</p> <p>If the funding options are truly limited to the four categories as listed at fundingourfutureslc.com, we would feel much more supported by the city if the budget was dramatically decreased in support of the police officers, and allocate the majority of funds to a logical affordable housing proposal for Salt Lake. After all, when everyone can truly afford a place to live, they are much less likely to be involved in harmful behavior that would put them in contact with an increased police presence in the first place.</p> <p>We are happy to meet with officials in order to discuss these ideas in further detail. Thank you for taking the time to read this.</p>
4/17/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Actually spending money wisely. The ridiculousness of the notion that there needs to be X therefore Y needs to be increased is ludicrous. How about reviewing the budget and really driving out BS expenditures or reducing BS expenditures. Also curious, who wins the contracts? What kickbacks are being given, how about those kickbacks fund a portion of the infrastructure projects? Legalize MJ and drive tax revenue there. How about not spending so much money on a population of people that produce zero. With the growth, I am sure tax breaks are being given to large corps to come into SLC, etc. novel concept of no.
4/17/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Bring in an outside auditor to review your crooked books.
4/17/18	Qualtrics-Funding	budget reductions in other areas
4/17/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Funding from obligated developers of new housing projects/businesses
4/17/18	Qualtrics-Funding	I think the three mentioned funding options are appropriate at this time.
4/17/18	Qualtrics-Funding	None. This will just fund more political patronage jobs for expanding, unnecessary, ineffective government window dressing. This survey is skewed in it's distribution, with a biased small sample, misleading in it's intent and questioning . A scam already being used and cited by Biskupski as if it represented valid stats. Interestingly have seen most respondents supporting increased taxes have high incomes and are older than the general population of SLC. They likely can afford or are going to profit from increased taxes. So much for the mayor's botched to date efforts to throw money at general or specific low income and growth problems at taxpayer expense.
4/17/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Removing the current mayor from office.
4/17/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Sales tax to fund Public Safety Police, and road repairs only. Don't divert it to bike lanes, and housing.
4/17/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Start enforcing traffic laws such as stopping for stop signs and traffic lights, speeding, failing to signal, failing to stop for pedestrians, et cetera. Hopefully the resulting fines could plump up the city coffers.
4/17/18	Qualtrics-Funding	State funding, national funding
4/17/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Stay within available funds and consider cutting unnecessary expenses (the summer movie night in the park for example and I am sure there are plenty more).
4/17/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Tax increase on visitor services like hotels or car rentals.
4/17/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Under road repairs would specifically recommend attention be made to accommodate cyclists and pedestrians in order to improve access for that portion of our population.
4/17/18	Qualtrics-Funding	we need sidewalk & gutter repair paid by the government. People just don't care to fix the problems even with the 50/50 program.
4/17/18	Qualtrics-Funding	what other options are there?

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4/17/18	Qualtrics-General	Convert Main Street between South Temple and 400 South into a pedestrian plaza. It could be Salt Lake's version of Las Vegas's Freemont Street - only better because there is free train service right down the middle of it (you can walk a couple of blocks, and then ride the train back if you want to).
4/17/18	Qualtrics-General	Go back to california.
4/17/18	Qualtrics-General	hire someone qualified to review the city budget and recommend cost savings. Everybody else has to stay within their budget. Why not the city.
4/17/18	Qualtrics-General	I don't live in SLC and this is a scam survey. Total[redacted for language].
4/17/18	Qualtrics-General	Invest in curbing crime on/around State Street by reinvesting in this corridor (whether by tax incentives or other means that do not require tax increases for home owners). The fly-by-the night hotels are especially bad (e.g. Zion) spots for drugs, prostitution, etc. Maybe use the new development in South Salt Lake (multi-use space, breweries, etc) as a selling point. Also, the Trax line near 2100 is a good selling point for reinvestment in this area. There are many empty buildings (some seemingly abandoned) along State Street that could also help in luring investment. State Street, while improving, is a major blight and attraction for problems.
4/17/18	Qualtrics-General	It's always on the cusp of being great, Salt Lake City is still mired by politics, infighting, and special interest parties. Look to grow with who SLC residents are (liberal, educated, young, outdoorsy) and what attracts people here from the suburbs (independent stores/restaurants, not chains, FESTIVALS, parades, etc)
4/17/18	Qualtrics-General	Not to be funded by property tax increase
4/17/18	Qualtrics-General	Please provide more information about bicycle safety. What can bicyclists do ? Do they have to obey general driving rules?
4/17/18	Qualtrics-General	Sales tax revenue increases with growth and inflation. Property tax revenue has risen based on property value increases and growth. These tax rates SHOULD NOT be adjusted since the tax income has already increased.
4/17/18	Qualtrics-General	Sidewalks need desperate updating on 700 east between 2700 s - 1300 s and road updates should expand to have the same treeline design from 1300 s on 700 e to 2700 s. This would help improve traffic conditions/speeding and add a more congruent design to sugar house/liberty heights area. 2100 s between 700 e and 1300 e need major repairs. Unacceptable conditions! Developers of new apartments/business in sugar house should have paid taxes to the city to fund the increase in traffic from new residence=road damage, not a tax payer increase!
4/17/18	Qualtrics-General	some sidewalks and gutters and roads are deplorable; an embarasment to SLC
4/17/18	Qualtrics-General	The city has been using our tax money for projects that it wasn't intended for. Now it has caught up with us. No more bike lanes and street lane closure. No more social projects. They will raise our tax and then spend it on other things that we don't want!
4/17/18	Qualtrics-General	Traffic has become worse downtown, and it is only going to get worse. Roads that were two lanes were reduced to one lane when large unused sidewalks were placed in the middle of the road. I think we need to make our downtown more efficient. I live on [redacted address], and after 5pm on work days, the intersection becomes really congested due to the one lane on 300 south. It also can take up to 15 minutes just to get to the freeway due to traffic.
4/17/18	Qualtrics-General	Yes! take an active voice in bringing about some reasonable wine and spirit laws. We cannot get access to many products through our crazy system. Compare it to a library having the all supreme authority to decide what will be carried in our library system. Other aspects of the laws as they affect restaurants also need to be addressed. Why does the city stay silent??
4/17/18	Qualtrics-General	You are servants, not masters.
4/17/18	FoF Voicemail	I am a Salt lake city resident. I am calling response to the .5% increase for the purpose of street maintenance , affordable housing, transit, and public safety. I think that transit has received enough money through the city. People, public safety is and should also be supported through the funds that are set up. Street maintenance is a basic and so is affordable housing for the people who need it. I think the money that is being used, as I've watched 10 streets west of me, be closed down and resurfaced this last summer, and yet 20th East, a route up to the University Hospital and Campus had not been touched. The chuckholes are an abomination on 20th East, 21 East, 2700 S, and throughout the city yet we have been able to provide plenty of movement for bicycles both on cutting down on the width of our streets and in a \$5Million stretch of the Jordan trail, that was less then a mile long that was finished last year. If we can't put these things into our budget and take care of them, then we need new management. I oppose this.
4/17/18	FoF Voicemail	I don't really need a return I want to say that we have not been putting enough money into our city for a long time and we really need to provide low income housing it might help with our homeless pop. If we could get housing some people have housing so they are not ending up on the streets. And definitely our roads are in terrible repair. I am all in favor of tax increase and bond. I think we need to pay for the work that needs to be done we can't hide our heads in the sand. And I hope that other people agree and we get going on this.

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4/17/18	FoF Voicemail	Hi I am wanting to comment that I am absolutely positively opposed to have any sort of funding that has interest accruing to the public. We need to get rid of that all together we need to get rid of the way to have any type of proposal on the menu that has to be funding though future interest accruing thats going to add to our cost absolutely don't do it that way.
4/18/18	Community Council	Does TRAX expand with transit improvements?
4/18/18	Community Council	Need to be innovative in street design for reconstructed roads
4/18/18	Community Council	Protected bike lanes, not paint
4/18/18	Community Council	What's the price drop in property taxes if the new bond isn't passed?
4/18/18	Community Council	Will bike lanes be included in transit upgrades?
4/18/18	Community Council	Will City employ case managers?
4/18/18	Formal meeting	No Sales Tax Increases please obligation bond ok. Our sales tax is quite high already
4/18/18	Qualtrics-Funding	bake sale, silent auction, and other fundraising techniques that organizations use.
4/18/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Interesting the City wants more regressive taxing to support more patronage jobs for expanding bureaucracy. This bogus survey seems indicate support for regressive taxes by higher income earners.
4/18/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Now the county wants a regressive sales tax as well. How about taxing those companies and developers now clogging our roads with growth?
4/18/18	Qualtrics-General	home owners seem to pay for it all. How about charging every business, renters, mobile home owners, churches, schools, and home owners pay since we all use the roads in SLC, Utah.
4/18/18	Qualtrics-General	Since the past general obligation fund is now almost paid off, there will be more money in the budget to put towards road improvements.
4/19/18	Council Email	<p>1. Raising revenue for City homeless issues, affordable housing, transportation and roads should use a COMMUTER TAX approach not by a general sales tax increase. Commuter taxes could be paid via monthly parking passes parking meters, etc and dining which still raises revenue without taxing City residents excessively in their daily lives.</p> <p>2. Additional Transportation and road maintenance revenue appears to be double or triple taxed (City sales tax increase & \$85 million bond), in addition to the proposed increases in County and state taxes (gasoline tax, transportation UTA, etc). This represents excessive taxation on 1 issue.</p> <p>3. The inland port will required large funding to build numerous road for its function. So will the new prison Since the State has claimed eminent domain in those two developments-THEY MUST PROVIDE THE FUNDING FOR THOSE PROJECTS, not SLC residents.</p> <p>4. Despite identification of 4 main issues to be funded by the proposed sales tax increase, MORE CLARIFICATION of WHAT projects in each category must be provided. City Residents are weary and leary of misappropriated revenue to projects not identified with lack of oversight(e.g. UTA funding)</p>
4/19/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Better management, less waste
4/19/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Congestion tax on commuters to fund transit and roads. Affordable housing can be funded out of permitting fees for developers-they will be undeterred in the current market.
4/19/18	Qualtrics-Funding	None, cut programs.
4/19/18	Qualtrics-General	Cut taxes
4/19/18	Qualtrics-General	<p>Of the priorities given, only one seems to me essential: roads maintenance, particularly on the east side. The others are more "nice to haves", and if the money does not exist to fund them, we might safely do without.</p> <p>Further, the specification for the use of funds here seems unacceptably vague given the magnitude of the increase in taxation (bond issues are taxation as well!). Money to expand bus service might be justifiable; money to pursue vanity transit projects with low efficiency (e.g., Sugarhouse street car) is not. If the city government cannot commit to a detailed plan of expenditure, and will not preclude diversion of funds (including existing allocations), then neither measure should be approved.</p> <p>Finally, the city had previously stated it would not avail itself of the sales-tax consolation prize for being sited with the new prison; given that this assurance was invalidated so quickly, it is easy to be skeptical of any but the most ironclad commitments. Who remembers when the ZAP tax was to have been temporary?</p>
4/20/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Address other traffic issues, many due to huge apartment complexes all over the city!!

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4/20/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Am tired of unnecessary road work clogging up traffic. Especially re-work on 13th South. If you want to create patronage jobs a public expense drop the pretense of being a government. Start your own contracting business raising public money using bogus surveys preferably out of state.
4/20/18	Qualtrics-Funding	I get harrassed by men on my way home from work at least once a week. I am taking an evening class as downtown at the Impact Hub. I do not always feel safe walking home. I shouldn't feel limited because of safety concerns. I have had homeless men harass me about my gender and the way I look. They tell me "I'm talking to you girl" at 5pm when I walk home. When I am 36 years old.
4/20/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Live within your means! Quite wasting the citizens money!
4/20/18	Qualtrics-Funding	raising impact fees and enforcing same
4/20/18	Qualtrics-Funding	ticketing those who violate leash laws in community parks, raise business tax, raise sales tax on cigarettes
4/20/18	Qualtrics-General	I am willing to pay (extra taxes etc) for good policies that help the housing market stay in tune with AML, I just want it to be proven that the city is using the money efficiently and with that purpose in mind.
4/20/18	Qualtrics-General	I really appreciate this survey. It shows me that the city is smart and creative. Today was disheartening walking home from work. I've moved here from San Francisco and get harrassed here in past 2 years as much as I was in the 6 years I lived in SF. I think it's because there are less people on the sidewalks and there are less consequences. In SF, if someone is being disruptive, there is so much of it in SF instead of jail, police will give a "courtesy" ride to drunk or dangerous people to alleviate the situation. Unfortunately mean and sick people exist all over and the only way to deal is by case by case and moment by moment. Finding glimmers of hope and maybe changing the path of one person out of a hundred to change for the better. There are 80,000 people in the Las Vegas Jail (learned that today). There is not an overnight solution for that but to a slow and gradual improvement of a life one day at a time.
4/20/18	Qualtrics-General	maintenance of public parks, clean restrooms, more UTA officers to enforce public transit laws, elect UTA officials rather than having them appointed
4/20/18	Qualtrics-General	Make it easier for the general public to talk to an officer in person. Where to go to talk with someone? Not just call 801-799-3000?
4/20/18	Qualtrics-General	The options that are presently identified are primary and sufficient for now!
4/20/18	Qualtrics-General	We need a competent Mayor to replace our incompetent Mayor.
4/20/18	FoF Voicemail	I live at [redacted address] received FoF note unfortunately we were traveling last week and we could not attend. Just one comment to share. We would like to see if the city can pull the resources together to fix the sewer lines. A few years ago we had incident of where the sewer line broke into our drive and cost a lot of money. And knowing that most of the sewer lines are so old in SLC, really in the Downtown area, we would love to see if we could all contribute some amount of money and have all the families chip in together and have the city treat as an initiative to replace the very old sewer lines
4/21/18	Qualtrics-Funding	I think toll roads might be an option. I watch cars stream in from suburb cities where they are paying less for huge homes and getting more from their taxes in the communities they live in (like great parks for their kids and less air pollution) I would love to see some kind of motivation for these huge truck driving individuals to think about car pooling or taking mass transit.
4/21/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Income tax
4/21/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Sales tax on expensive items rather than food
4/21/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Raise the parking rate to encourage transit usage.
4/21/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Support for homeless / mental wellness
4/21/18	Qualtrics-General	Cyclist safety
4/21/18	Qualtrics-General	Double down on Bike Share! More bike lanes!
4/21/18	Qualtrics-General	Fix 2700 south its been neglected for over 25 years. Not even maintained. 1300 e to 2000 e
4/21/18	Qualtrics-General	Get the homeless to work for their benefits, such as food and housing. Pay them with vouchers good to use at the resource centers where they spend their time. Work ethic is important. Continue with the effort to stop the drug, human trafficking in the Rio Grande District. Police are making a difference!
4/21/18	Qualtrics-General	I am concerned a sales tax will disproportionately burden low income people.

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4/21/18	Qualtrics-General	<p>I think there could be more done in our communities to try and keep families living within the city limits. Improving parks, and increasing walk/bike ability of neighborhoods. Also more of a community feel within neighborhoods, to get people walking outside and staying in town to shop eat out instead of driving somewhere outside of their neighborhood. I recently returned from Seattle where each of their neighborhoods have street fairs each week, increasing community support. Maybe there could be more of an effort to distinguish our neighborhoods as well instead of just being downtown and everywhere else there could be a campaign to support each small communities dynamic differences.</p> <p>One other thing I think its ridiculous that UTA fares are the same whether you are traveling from 10000 south downtown or 400 south to downtown. Also changing the 400 trap line again to be directed to city center, I think it might direct more east bench and university students into the city to spend money.</p>
4/21/18	Qualtrics-General	The over-wrought use of parking enforcement and trumped-up traffic violations as a source of income for the city needs to be curtailed. We certainly don't need even more cops.
4/22/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Make construction companies pay for the road they have destroyed while building multi-housing units & large commercial sites!!!!
4/22/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Rainy day fund from the State of Utah. We don't need hundreds of millions of dollars in that fund, period. It is built on the basis of over taxing state residents!
4/22/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Tax cigarettes and similar addictive substances like tobacco and e-cigarettes. Cigarettes are a choice and a big tax on them would discourage the habit making it good for everyone even our citys air.
4/22/18	Qualtrics-General	Create a southbound one-way street off of 2100 south to go onto (about 1050 East) to alleviate traffic congestion on 2100 South and 1100 East, pronto!
4/22/18	Qualtrics-General	I do not like the direction the mayor has taken this city.
4/22/18	Qualtrics-General	The taxes for those of us who live in SLC are already so much higher than the rest of the state. Find a way better way!
4/23/18	Council Email	<p>Thank you for requesting and getting more time to receive public input on the proposed tax increase. I agree that bounding the spending purposes on these revenues is utmost important because tax increases are rarely reversed. As the proposal currently stands, the mayor has requested that a portion of the funds be used for low income housing and homelessness. I am supportive of both these but have slowly evolved my thinking on this in the 30 years I have lived here. There are times and more recently, when I am thinking that Salt Lake City is being sometimes used by a homeless population that comes here because we provide resources. On the other hand, I know that many folks trending toward homelessness or becoming homeless can be and should be helped into housing as soon as possible. However, given the current legislature's taking of the Northwest Quadrant for an Inland Port gives me pause. There is a blatant problem with representatives from Hooper, Draper, or West Point as an example, that would take advantage of citizens of Salt Lake City but will never help the homeless or near homeless in their own communities. There are other "Christian" communities out there, right? Perhaps there will be an opportunity soon for you to express this.</p> <p>I fully support the portion of the proposal for hiring more police. In the current time frame, we have been experiencing a lot of front porch package thefts in our neighborhood. Some of this crime also includes auto thefts and burglaries. Please see if our district can get at least one full time policeman especially if it can be in the afternoon when the UPS and Fedex trucks are delivering. If you are a subscriber to "Next Door St. Marys" you will have seen a car driving off with someone's newly delivered boxed bicycle on the roof of their car. If you have not seen this, I will send the video to you. I refuse to have my packages held at some depot to be picked up because we can't get a handle on this spree of thefts.</p> <p>Finally, we have a state law requiring owners of automobiles to display their tags on the front and rear of the car. We are issued two plates for this purpose. One of the means we have in fighting the current burglary crimes in our areas is catching cars leaving the crime seen by home owner video cameras. However, I noticed for a long time now that about 1 in 4 cars is not displaying its front tag. You can see this all over the city. Could you see if the police would consider starting to crack down on this delinquency?</p> <p>Thank you for considering my thoughts and requests.</p>
4/23/18	Council Email	<p>Thanks so much for standing your ground on getting the Council to be real specific about how the \$ will be spent by the city!</p> <p>Yesterday I happened to drive a number of blocks on both 9th E and 11th E north of 21st , and they were in bad, bad shape. I also drove on 13th East from Sugarhouse all the way down to Cottonwood High, and it was in terrible shape almost the whole way! Our streets have got to be fixed! Do we really need 50 more police right now? How about 25 and spend the difference on the blasted streets , which need big bucks & immediate attention!</p>
4/23/18	Council Email	Thanks again for your efforts—you are the best!

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4/23/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Moving all utilities underground when re-doing roads
4/23/18	Qualtrics-General	FIX the streets and side walks. They are dangerous and extremely unfriendly for the handicapped!
4/23/18	Qualtrics-General	need more low income housing projects
4/23/18	Qualtrics-General	Parking in residential areas. You approve of these small business but there is no parking for them. You want people walking instead of driving. Well they park on residential streets and then they walk to the business. People in and out of my neighborhood drive their cars.
4/24/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Absolutely nothing, you should lower tax rates. Thieves.
4/24/18	Qualtrics-Funding	From the news it seems like we spend tons of money on pointless things. Ie the RDA agency spends millions speculating. Also the city quit collecting impact fees bc they couldnt spend the money fast enough. Fix that and dont raise taxes
4/24/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Impact fee on building permits needs to be reinstated. Construction is destroying our streets and impacting our infrastructure. And you are afraid of losing developers to other cities; Weak argument.
4/24/18	Qualtrics-Funding	It's my understanding, I could be wrong, that a relatively large portion of property tax goes to towards subsidized water rates. I feel that we should be paying the real cost of water usage in our bills. That portion of the property tax could be reallocated.
4/24/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Reduce spending instead of raising taxes. We need less government, not more.
4/24/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Tax the Mormon business
4/24/18	Qualtrics-General	Annual curbside waste pick up was one of the most efficient recycling programs in Utah and needs to be reinstated.
4/24/18	Qualtrics-General	Cut the waste
4/24/18	Qualtrics-General	I like that there is more high density housing going in. If anything, make them taller. Stop the spread. Don't let us be Phoenix!
4/24/18	Qualtrics-General	I want less government interference in my daily life, not more. Please stop raising taxes and expanding the city government. Taxation is theft.
4/24/18	Qualtrics-General	You will all be out next election if you raise taxes.
4/25/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Better city management? Why were impact fees were in a moratorium - these could have paid for street improvements, etc.
4/25/18	Qualtrics-Funding	More bike lanes, on streets without them. An incentive to have more people bike in the city. Somehow deter vehicles from parking and keeping their engines on, for ex, when I walk up by the Huntsman Cancer Research Center(for children) the shuttle van parked out front always has the motor on, waiting for passengers, even when it is not cold. They are not alone. A lot of people in Salt Lake park and keep their vehicles On, which adds to the pollution problem.
4/25/18	Qualtrics-Funding	Public art and more green spaces (even if they are small)
4/25/18	Qualtrics-General	More affordable housing. Love Salt Lake City, it's proximity to City Creek for walking, hiking, dogs, hearing the stream and Nature. What a gift for city-dwellers! Love the Public Transportation (Bus and Trolley) available to the public. I do not like the new OK to run a red light though...being a biker in the city and very aware of automobiles, having high speed cars running red lights feels dangerous. Thanks for what you all do to make SLC a great place to live.
4/25/18	Qualtrics-General	Would prefer less biased questions. Uninterested in more poorly-designed housing developments!
4/25/18	FoF Email	<p>One comment and a related question relative to the proposed sales tax increase and bond.</p> <p>Comment: from many indicators, the state of Utah has a growing economy. Consumer spending has been on the rise for years (https://jobs.utah.gov/wi/data/vizcentral/pce.html). With the rise in consumer spending, there should be a correlated rise in tax revenue for Salt Lake City. So my question is: why isn't the increased tax revenue being used to cover the infrastructure needs? I'm concerned that economic expansion doesn't last forever, but tax increases, in general, do. Thank you in advance for your response.</p>
4/20/18	FoF Email	<p>I have lived downtown (Marmalade neighborhood) for just over 3 years. I agree with your identification of major issues facing the city. You've done a good job of focusing on what the issues are and what would help fix them. I do have a few concerns with your proposed solution.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sales tax creates a disproportionate burden on those with low or no incomes, because they spend a larger portion of their income on goods to sustain life. When their transportation options are limited, they tend to shop at more expensive store (because that's all they can get to), thus paying even more tax for the same goods. 2. Public safety is the #1 responsibility of government; essential infrastructure (especially roads, sanitation & utilities) comes close after. Whatever funds you already have should be directed at these needs FIRST. 3. Housing is a market issue. The best way to help with that is to remove unnecessary barriers to providing truly affordable housing. This includes regulations and zoning. Government has no business directly interfering with the economics - to become a player means you are distorting the market and effectively chooses winners and losers. 4. Transportation is also a market issue. When government gets involved in funding, progress stops. As with Housing, eliminating regulatory barriers is an appropriate way to help, but subsidizing is dangerous. I would suggest reviewing regulations that create "barriers to entry" for people who would LIKE to help others solve their transportation problems (Uber is one current example; bike rentals would be another), and that "play favorites" (favoring one type of service (taxis) over another (ride sharing)).

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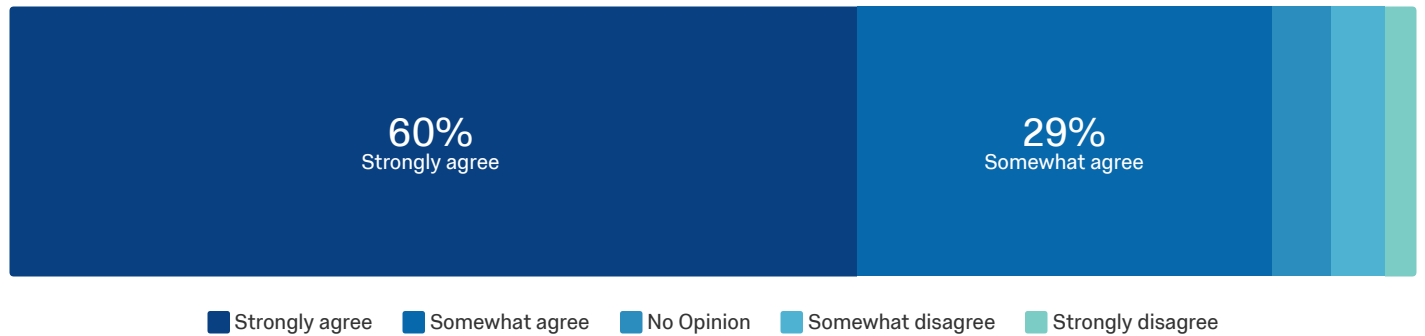


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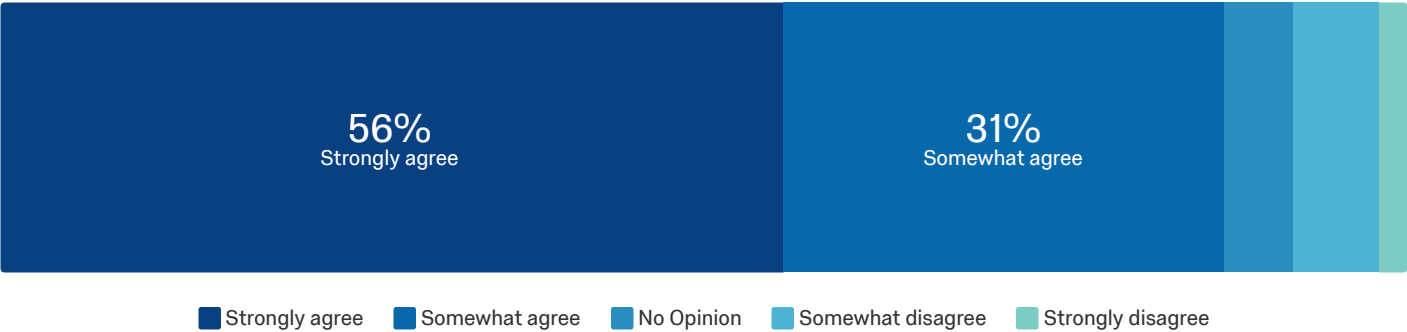
Q3 - Salt Lake City is growing and as a resident I am feeling the impact of growth.



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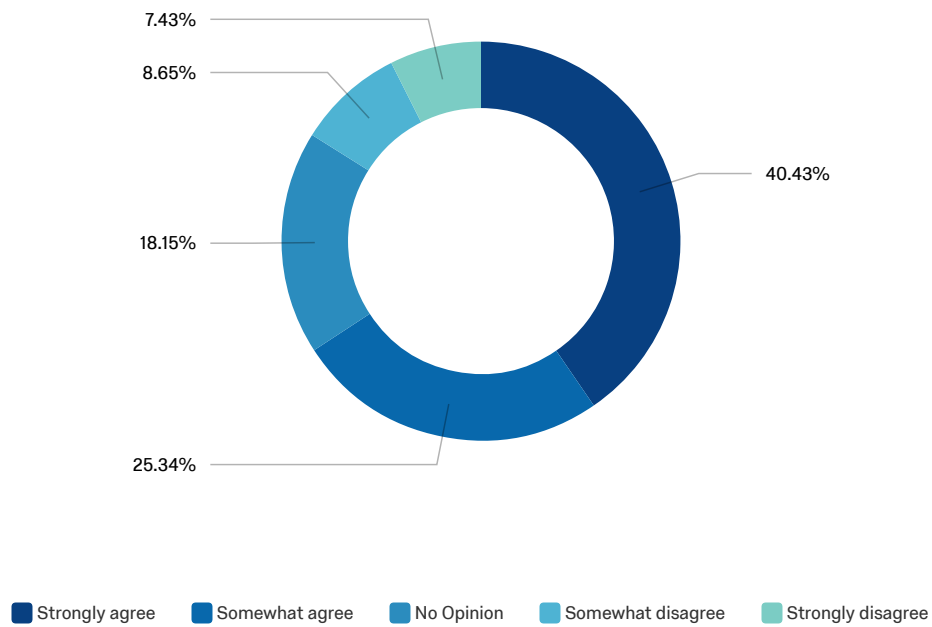
Q4 - Salt Lake City roads and streets are in need of repair.



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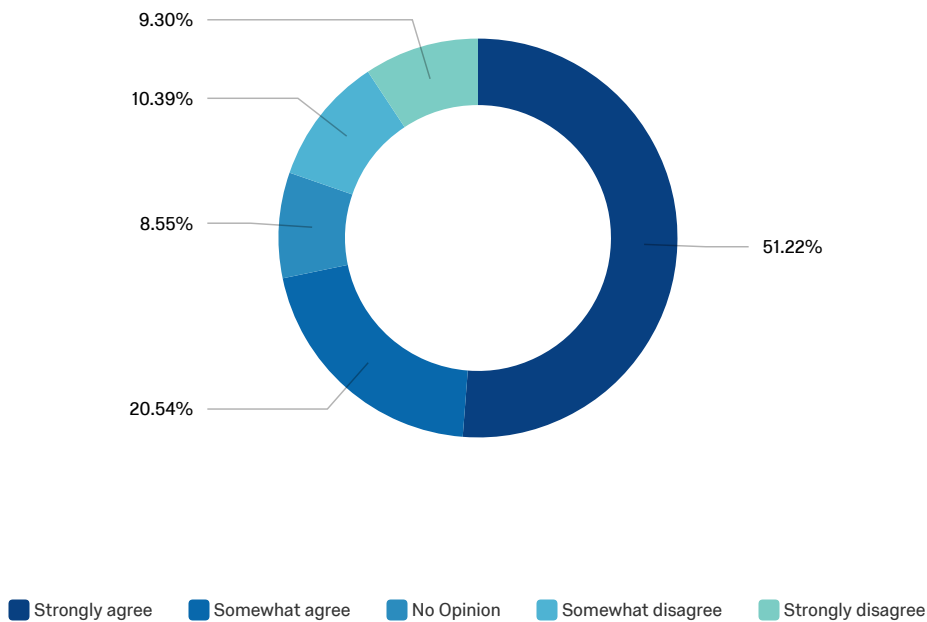
Q5 - Salt Lake City would benefit from more east-west public transit service.



#	Field	Choice Count	
1	Strongly agree	40.43%	860
2	Somewhat agree	25.34%	539
3	No Opinion	18.15%	386
4	Somewhat disagree	8.65%	184
5	Strongly disagree	7.43%	158
		2127	

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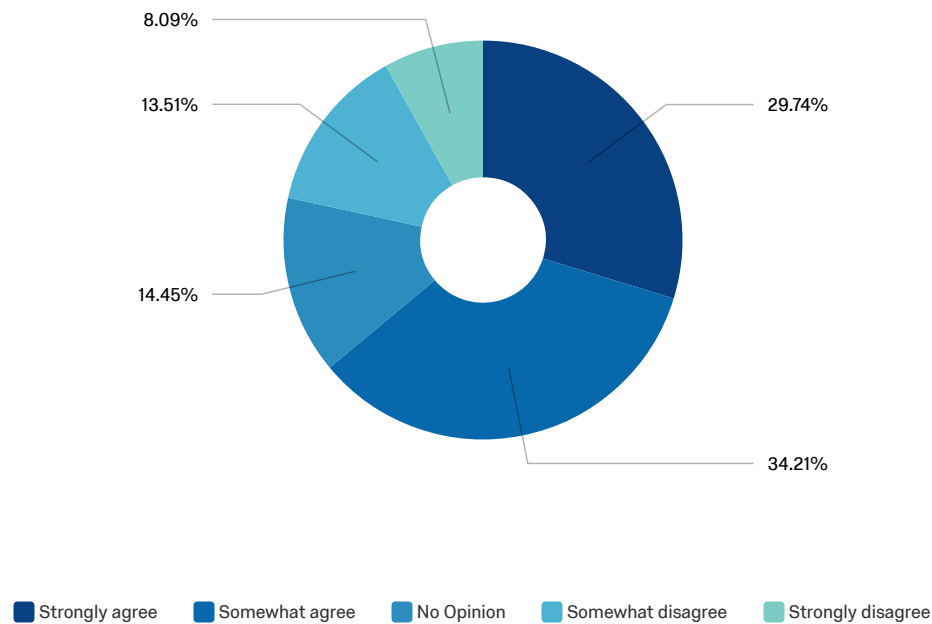
Q6 - Salt Lake City needs more affordable, good quality housing for low and middle-income earners.



#	Field	Choice Count	
1	Strongly agree	51.22%	1090
2	Somewhat agree	20.54%	437
3	No Opinion	8.55%	182
4	Somewhat disagree	10.39%	221
5	Strongly disagree	9.30%	198
		2128	

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Q7 - Salt Lake City needs to improve public safety in our neighborhoods by hiring more police officers.



#	Field	Choice Count
1	Strongly agree	29.74% 632
2	Somewhat agree	34.21% 727
3	No Opinion	14.45% 307
4	Somewhat disagree	13.51% 287
5	Strongly disagree	8.09% 172
		2125

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Q9 - Do you support or oppose the option to increase the City's share of sales tax collection?



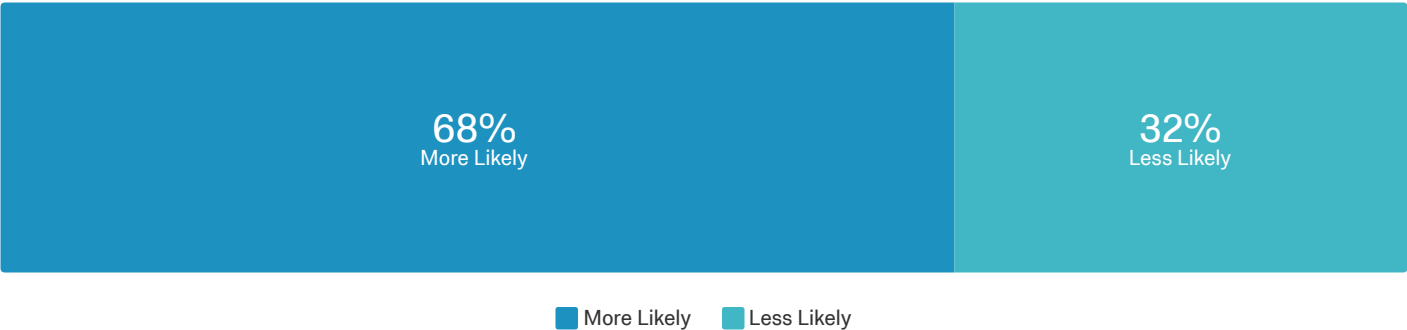
Support Oppose

#	Field	Choice Count
1	Support	67.76% 1427
2	Oppose	32.24% 679

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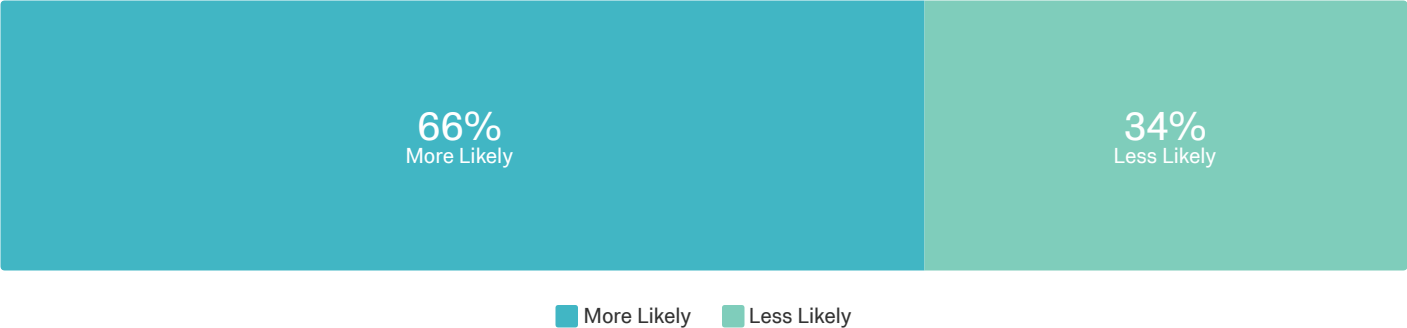
Q11 - A large portion of revenue generated by sales tax is paid by people who do not live in Salt Lake City.



#	Field	Choice Count
1	More Likely	67.73% 1375
2	Less Likely	32.27% 655
		2030

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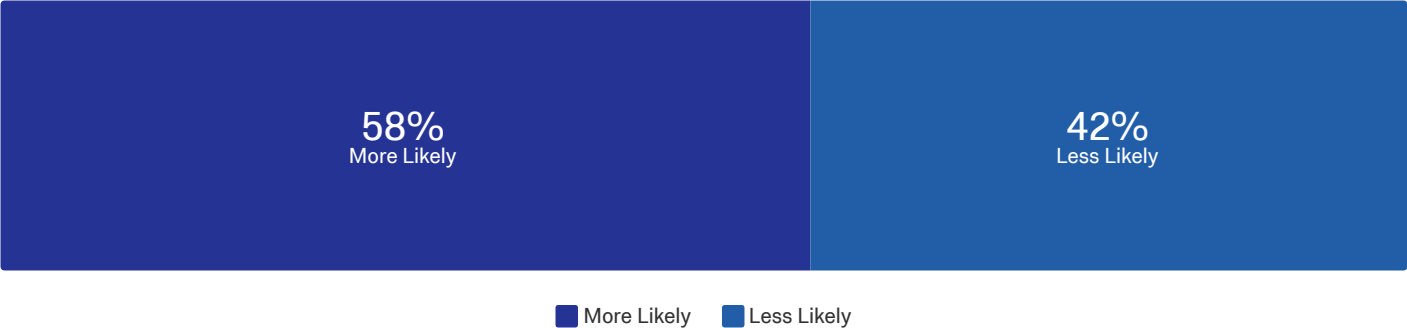
Q12 - The City has not raised its portion of sales tax in more than 20 years.



#	Field	Choice Count
1	More Likely	65.59% 1334
2	Less Likely	34.41% 700
		2034

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Q13 - The increase in sales tax will not be applied to big-ticket items like vehicles.



#	Field	Choice Count	
1	More Likely	57.56%	1176
2	Less Likely	42.44%	867
		2043	

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Q15 - Would you vote for or against a general obligation bond to fund road repairs?



■ Vote For ■ Vote Against

#	Field	Choice	Count
1	Vote For	67.79%	1366
2	Vote Against	32.21%	649

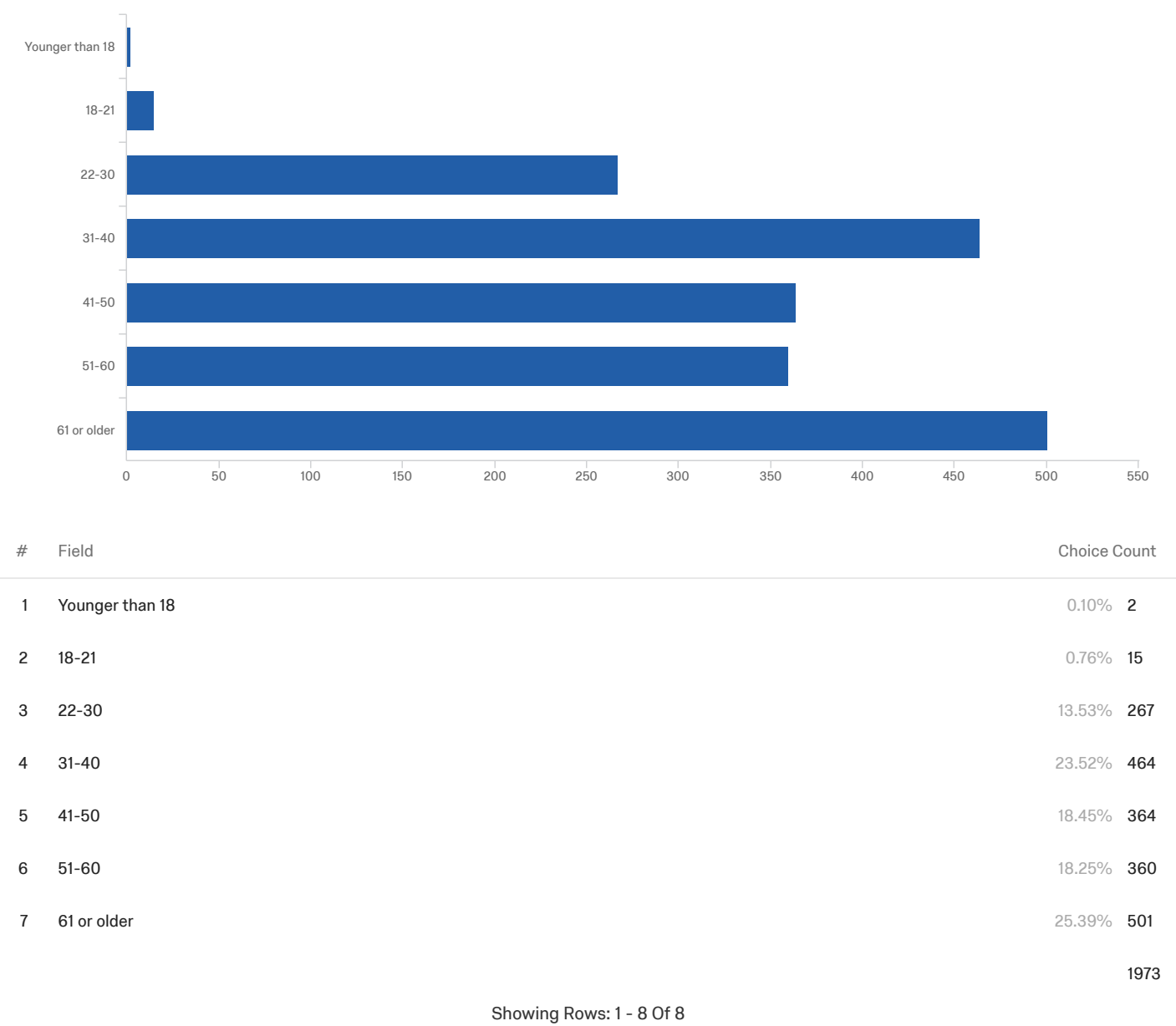
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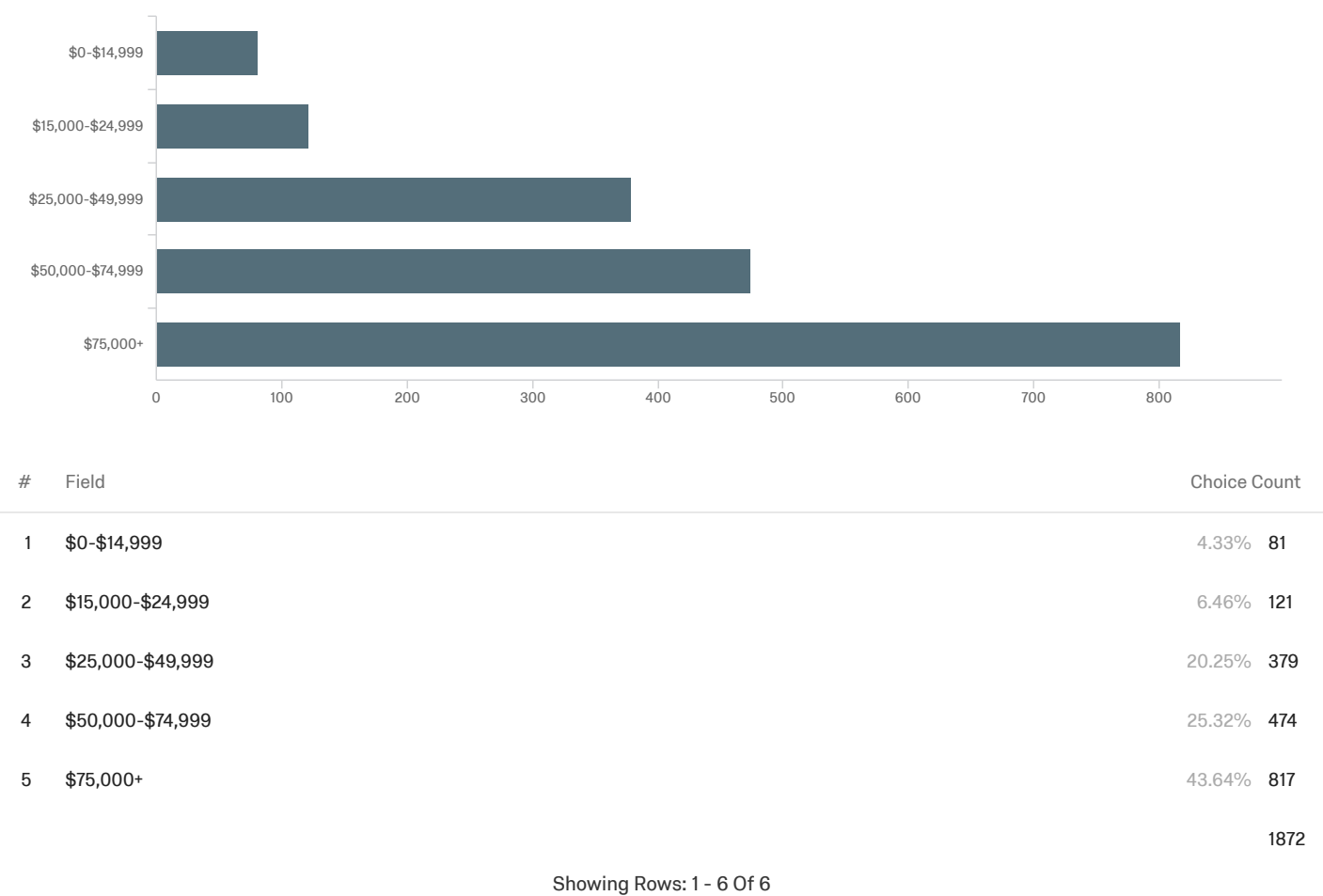
Q31 - What is your ZIP Code?



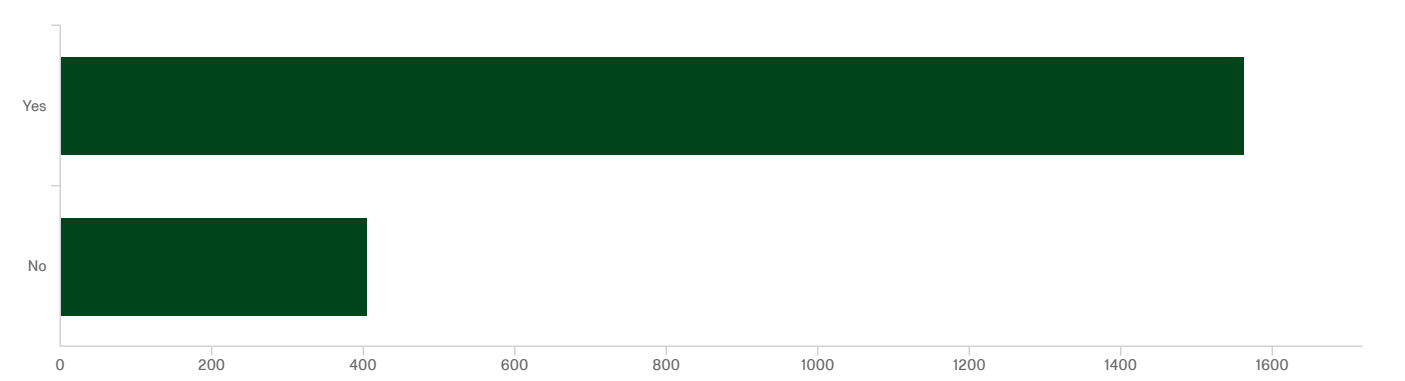
Q32 - What is your age?



Q33 - What is your individual income level?



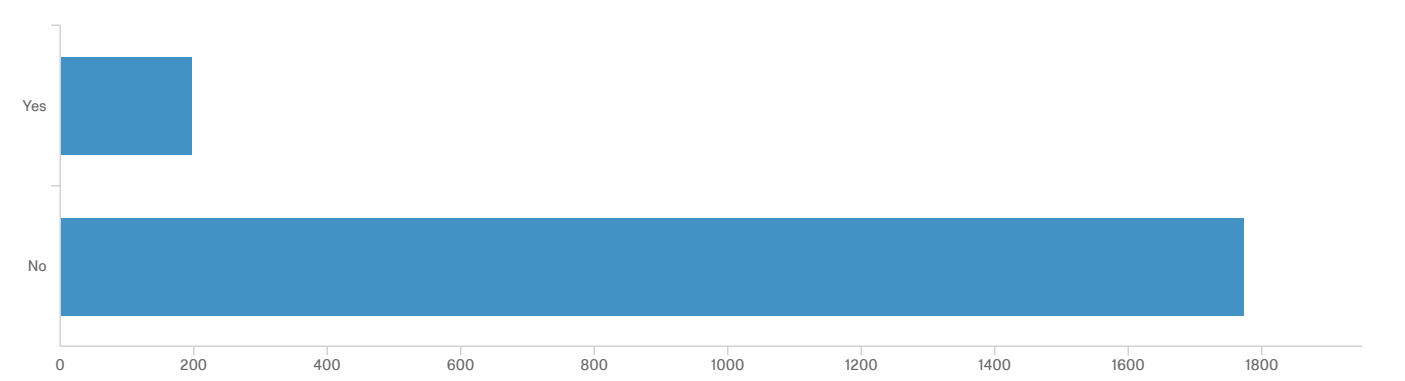
Q36 - Do you own a home?



#	Field	Choice Count	
1	Yes	79.43%	1564
2	No	20.57%	405
		1969	

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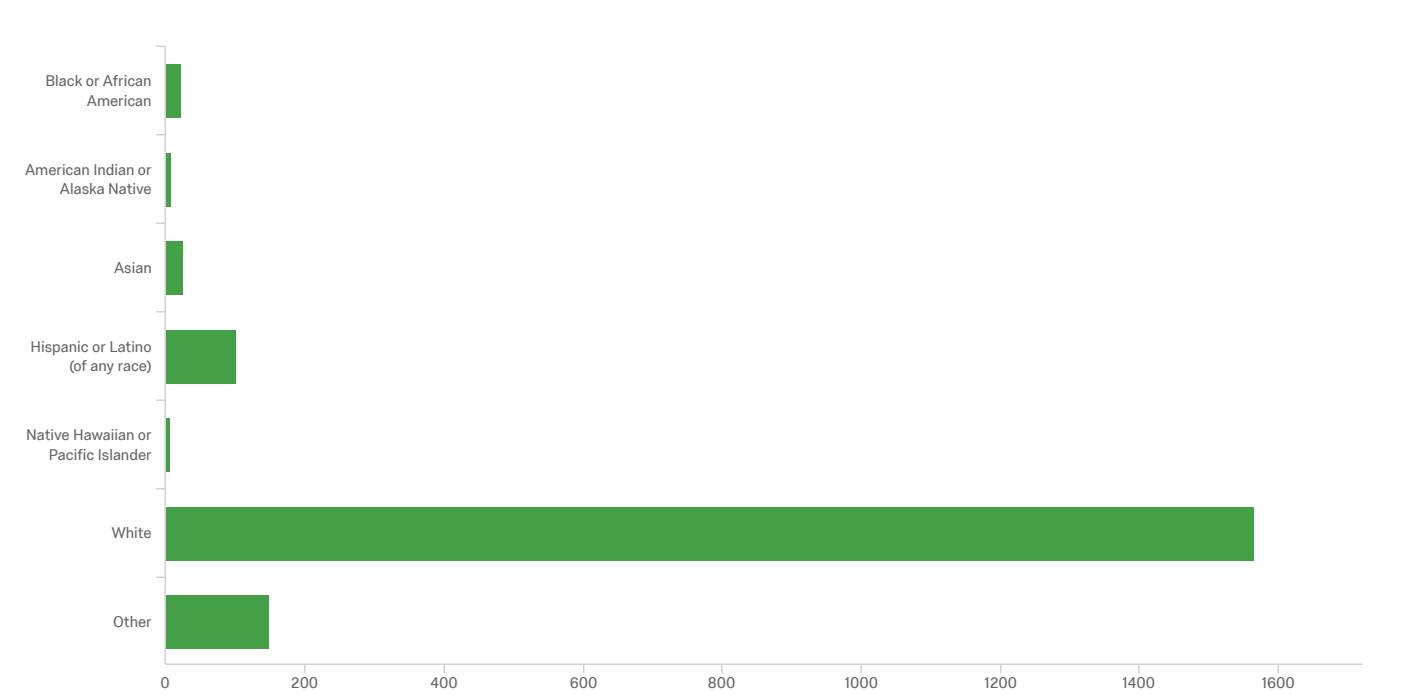
Q34 - Are you a student?



#	Field	Choice Count
1	Yes	9.99% 197
2	No	90.01% 1774
		1971

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Q35 - What is your ethnicity?



#	Field	Choice Count
1	Black or African American	1.17% 22
2	American Indian or Alaska Native	0.43% 8
3	Asian	1.33% 25
4	Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	5.38% 101
5	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.37% 7
6	White	83.38% 1565
7	Other	7.94% 149
		1877

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