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700 West Development	Zachary Dussault	Hello Ana, I am writing to urge you to support the rezone at 347, 353 and 359 North 700 West. I understand that this was a potential action item on the council's agenda for the 4/7 meeting but was postponed. There was a design review that passed the planning commission during the 4/8 meeting and I think that one of the commissioners Jon Lee made a great comment that the current lot sits vacant whereas with the rezone and new project, 24 new housing units will be constructed. (I may have paraphrased here a bit) I understand that the local community has significant concerns regarding gentrification and even submitted a petition opposing the re-zone. While I share the same concern about gentrification, I do not believe keeping a lot vacant will do anything to address our housing shortage. I also think that Rose Park's current low density makes things like a robust transit network, walkability, and future affordable housing more difficult. Again I hope you can support this rezone, I know it must be hard when neighbor push-back is so great. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like me to clarify anything. Thank you for your time, Zachary Dussault District 4 Resident	4
Consolidated Plan 2020-24 Guiding Use of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Funds	Deanna Dee Taylor	Greetings! I am the secretary of the Fairpark Community Council. We are wondering if there is a representative from your office that could come to our meeting on February 27 meeting to provide a summary of the Consolidated plans and answer any questions from our council members? I have provided the links for people to read in advance of our meeting. We have allotted from 7:20-8:00pm for Discussion and though the first part could be an overview by your office. Let me know - and thank you! Deanna -- Deanna Dee Taylor, M.S., M.Ed.	n/a

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Consolidated Plan 2020-24 Guiding Use of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Funds	Paul Cherewich	The people who worked on this plan are to be commended. The plan thoroughly lays out the issues faced by Salt Lake City, what the priorities are, and how they will be addressed. If I read page 143 correctly, all this work is to obtain federal funding equal to only \$5 million per year. One would have thought we were competing for a much larger grant. Two small comments. 1. I thought the references to the Inland Port on page 120 were well written. The authors were successfully neutral and avoided going into detail about various complaints about the plan. 2. There is a typo on page 49. The second line under "Homeless" states , "11% were Black OF African American." I believe it should read "11% were Black OR African American". Paul Cherewich Member, Housing Trust Fund Advisory Board.	n/a
Consolidated Plan 2020-24 Guiding Use of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Funds	Ernest Lloyd	While you are planning and budgeting for the many new housing projects are you planning any crime reduction to prevent the new developments from becoming a blighted slum ? I spoke to officer Greg Wilkings and the officers who attended coffee with a cop at the Horizonte curb side. They told me in their own words that they had given up on the drug trafficking on State street and 1300 S. I also had a lengthy conversation with the chief of the Highway Patrol Mark Z. He understood and said it was up to our city's police. We need a plan. Something like the Rio Grand Street Clean up. Their are to many children attending school in that 5 block area now and last year we had 4 murders . This has gone on for a long time now. With new leaders we expect a change . Why not start with mandatory jail time for drug dealers in an area of schools. Sincerely Ernest Lloyd Cox EHS	n/a

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<p>Consolidated Plan 2020-24 Guiding Use of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Funds</p>	<p>Vikram Ravi</p>	<p>Hi, Wanted to provide some feedback about the consolidated plan- I observed that "computer training/proficiency" was at the bottom. In my experience, this issue has never been seen as the most urgent issue across socio economic backgrounds. Wealthy/middle class take access for granted and many don't recognize the effects of the digital divide. Vulnerable communities recognize the issue sometimes. If they do, it's often framed differently than "computer proficiency, since tech is a means to another end such as homeless services (having a phone or public access points), disability services (using accessibility aids), transportation (feeling comfortable using Uber or Instacart), job or language training (accessing online programs), or healthcare (telehealth and using apps/sites to schedule appts and view records). Sometimes, because of fears they have with technology, these marginalized communities don't always identify it as a top issue as well. Just wanted to provide that context and hope that digital equity won't be overlooked or under addressed in this plan. Between the five priorities that were chosen, economic development, transportation, homeless services and housing have many relevant pieces related to digital equity including digital access and digital participation. And many vulnerable residents I know never learn about different programs and services SLC offers because they're made available or announced online thru channels that never reach them. Without addressing the digital participation divide, we can't make as effective strides in these other areas. I hope this will be considered and added in some way into the plan. Would be happy to discuss further in person or via phone at [REDACTED]. Give care, Vikram</p>	<p>n/a</p>

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<p>Consolidated Plan 2020-24 Guiding Use of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Funds</p>	<p>Moon Juice</p>	<p>Hello- I appreciate the contact and request for input. As a community organization the Mobile Moon Co-op is invested in the future health and safety of everyone. Here are a few things we noticed: Positive: The expansion of resources available to unsheltered individuals in the city is terrific. Thank you for considering this growing and important population. Also, public amenities are the lifeblood of cities. The more we can invest in vibrant public parks, libraries, and open spaces, the better everything will feel. The outline feels well-thought out and it is clear that a lot of thought and investment has been put into this process. Negative: This plan says nothing about environmental impacts and how we will work with natural resources in the area. The systematic rate at which Utahns consume water, energy, and fossil fuels is a serious problem. I would like to see language regarding the heating and cooling efficiency of housing, implementing solar power, and dry toilets, as well as separation of greywater for secondary use. Furthermore, to build on the importance of public space, I firmly believe we need more nature in the city. This means parks with native plants, community gardens, public food forests, and education centers. The connection between health and nature has been proven again and again and at this time we are more vulnerable than ever. Thank you for taking these comments into consideration.</p>	<p>n/a</p>

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Cleveland Court	Samantha Blackburn	<p>To whom it may concern, Unfortunately I was unable to log in for the hearing regarding petitions PLNPCM2019-00189 & PLNPCM2019-00190, but I would like to express my concerns and state that am I strongly against the zoning change that would allow for seven units to be built on the lot in question. Cleveland Ave. is a very narrow street that becomes easily congested when there are just a few cars parked on it, especially in the winter where there is little to no room to move snow. Even with its own parking lot, seven units likely means at least 14 drivers and 14 cars, plus guests. So there will be multiple cars that will regularly need street parking which would make Cleveland virtually unusable. I also feel that the proposed set back changes will put the property ridiculously close to the sidewalk/street and make this already narrow road feel even tighter.</p> <p>Additionally, I understand that this spot was has already been stretched with a manipulation of the property line of the neighboring property to increasing the zoning to allow for five units when it's really better suited for fewer. Even five units will present congestion problems on Cleveland Ave. but five is still better than seven. I have been a resident and home owner in this neighborhood since 2009 and while I appreciate new development, I feel this particular proposal will not enhance but will diminish the value of our neighborhood. I urge your vote against this proposal. Sincerely, Samantha Blackburn [REDACTED]</p>	5

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Cleveland Court	Matthew Bainsmith	<p>Hello - This is Matt & Dani Bainsmith - residents @ [REDACTED] 84115. - and we are against the current Cleveland Court development. We ARE in support of development on this corner - but have serious concerns about the setback reductions: A six foot setback makes sidewalk snow removal impossible on both Cleveland & 400E. Also the current design faces doors inward and gives no regard to the character of Cleveland. The current design approach is the equivalent of raising a fortification on Cleveland, and drastically changes the character of the street and ambiance for homes directly to the south. Given the current plans there is NOT enough space for the current overhead utilities - and there is no consideration or accommodation for trash removal. During the city council meeting earlier this year - the developer stated that one dumpster would be adjacent to the shared alley. However - there are three problems with this statement. First, there is not adequate space to load/unload a dumpster in this location. Second, no garbage truck is going to make the turn into the shared alleyway given the current setbacks. And third, how can they recycle with only one dumpster? Without a an adequate plan for trash removal what happens? These are basic design considerations that were neglected because they are NOT able to be addressed given the reduced setback. Thank You, Matt & Dani --</p> <p>Matthew Bainsmith [REDACTED]</p>	n/a

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Alley Vacation	David Iltis	<p>All,</p> <p>On the upcoming city council agenda for April 21, 2020 is another alley vacation Ordinance: Washington Street Alley Vacation</p> <p>The Council will confirm the date of Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 7 p.m. to continue to accept public comment regarding an ordinance that would close a City-owned alley located at approximately 1040 South Washington Street. The Council may consider adopting the ordinance on the same night of the second public hearing. The alley is 15 feet wide and approximately 253 feet long. It runs west of Washington Street toward an abandoned Utah Transit Authority (UTA) railroad line, where it becomes a dead end before reaching 300 West Street. The proposal would allow the petitioner to incorporate it into the seven of eight adjacent properties they own. Petition No.: PLNPCM2019-00400</p> <p>Why is this being considered when there is no city policy or plan regarding alley vacations?</p> <p>*Continued Below*</p>	n/a

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Alley Vacation	David Iltis	<p>*Continued Above* Alleys are important mid-block connectors for pedestrians and cyclists, and are important potential links to inner city trails. Mayor Mendenhall spoke about this when she was on the council, yet the city has taken no action on this, and the council is entertaining another ordinance to vacate another alley in a piecemeal approach that will not serve the city in the long run. I urge the Mayor to place a moratorium on alley vacations until a city wide plan for interconnectedness and utility is created.</p> <p>This particular alley could be a connector to a trail on the railroad line, and the council should consider that in its vote. The council should also consider that this alley has been blocked off for years, and that future uses of the property may benefit from the alley even if the current use does not.</p> <p>Regardless of the outcome of this ordinance, the city needs an alleyway plan, especially pertaining to pedestrian and bicycle use.</p> <p>Thanks, Dave Iltis Cycling Utah Salt Lake City</p>	n/a
CDBG 2020 - INN Between	Bill Rice	<p>Dear SLC Council Members,</p> <p>As someone who has seen first hand the tremendous good that The INN Between provides, I urge you to reconsider your CDBG funding decision for this remarkable organization. Any amount that you can fund will help the sustainability of their invaluable service to the homeless and less fortunate in our community.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Bill Rice</p>	5

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CDBG 2020 - INN Between	Laird Hensler	The INN Between is a wonderful and important resource. Please continue funding it via CDBG funding. It's so worth it! I live in SLC and feel the INN Between is an invaluable service	n/a
Street Crossing Lights	Hollie Pryor	<p>THello All:</p> <p>I have wanted to write this letter for some time and have procrastinated. I am a walker and walk all around the city; love being able to do this. One of my big issues aka pet peeves is having to push those button or whatever they are called to have the walking light/sign come on. Sometimes it will work without it other times not.</p> <p>To me it should ALWAYS COME ON; ALWAYS. There should be no reason to have those. Many of the intersections such as main street they just change downtown, so nice. I would really like to see this change and it becomes even more concerning now with the directives and mandates of being safe. Should we all really be touching these if we should be staying away from each other.</p> <p>I see no value for those and the current environment makes it more annoying and concerning. I can use my foot although many would not be able to do what I can do.</p> <p>I would appreciate you considering and making this change.</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>Hollie Pryor</p>	4
CDBG 2020	Heather Newell	<p>I just waned to say THANK YOU on behalf of the Backman Community for fully finding our bridge project and the open space connected to the river! This means so much to us and we so appreciate your investment in our community!!</p> <p>Heather Newell Principal, Backman Scanned By Microsoft EOP</p>	1

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Access to City Council Meetings	James Berensen	<p>Mr. Berensen is frustrated with the not being able to participate in public meetings because he doesn't have a phone or a computer. He is also frustrated with the City's decision to close the public libraries.</p> <p>Mr. Berensen left no call back number or other contact information.</p>	n/a
Virtual comment during Formal Meeting	Edwin Stafford	Comment re: Community Nutrition Hub Grant & General Comment on the current state of society	n/a