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4thAvenue Well	Dave Jonsson	Subject: (EXTERNAL) 4th Avenue Well/Chlorination plant This is my statement for the City Council. *Please see attachment*	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Aanda Bunning	Police budget request and demand defund the Police department budget. they do not need that much money to continue their operations. The money could go far for other resources.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Aaran Afalava	City Council, I am a resident of Salt Lake City in the City Council District 1. I'm aware the proposed budget includes increasing the budget for Salt Lake City Police. I am writing to urge our City Council to reconsider those important funds. In today's socio-economic climate, we are seeing the utter disregard for our fellow Black Americans, people of color, and other minority groups become victims to the violence by Salt Lake City Police. We should not be feeding into the very entity that upholds prejudiced views and violent tactics. Salt Lake City is a city of many diverse and vibrant peoples, who fall victim to violence in the hands of police way too often. Neighborhoods of low-income families and people of color are being over-policed. When we choose to prioritize a force that antagonizes these neighborhoods, we are indeed telling those residents their lives don't matter. We are telling those residents that money is best spent elsewhere, let alone to an entity that makes those neighborhoods feel imprisoned and oppressed. It's time that Salt Lake City prioritizes the people of our communities instead of the department that sees them as less than. It's time that we instead focus our efforts and funds towards the schools of this city. Focus on the health care facilities and workers that are working tirelessly during this very real pandemic. And let's focus on programs or organizations that can help our fellow Black residents find the justice and support they desperately need. Thank you for your time and consideration, and thank you for your service.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Abbey Casper	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely,	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Abbie Lopez	Demanding decrease in police budget. Direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Abby Carroll	Hello, My name is Abby Carroll. I'm reaching out in regards that I SUPPORT and STAND BY the demands proposed by Utahns AGAINST police brutality. I do not support the Mayor's recommended budget \$84,422,651 for SLCPD while IMPORTANT programs like housing, transit, education, rehabilitation and rape recovery don?t see HALF that amount. I do not support the SLCPD and I do not want to see my tax money supporting them. Thank you.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Abigail Riley	Salt Lake City Council- My name is Abby, I am a student at the University of Utah. I am from Salt Lake City and have lived here my entire life. While I am young (22) and white and have not been personally effected by the actions of police officers in SLC, I am engaged in the discussion around the issue of excessive force used by Police and Police brutality that occurs everyday disproportionately affecting our residents of color. I want you to consider what is at stake as you discuss next years budget. We are at a crucial moment in American history. People are scared and outraged and are desperately trying to change the narrative around Police brutality, and that starts with policy reform which is directly effected by the funding SLCPD receives. It is now common knowledge that you plan to give SLCPD \$84 million. Ask yourselves, will this amount of money lessen the severity of excessive force or will it encourage the misuse of power that is heightening the polarity? Consider the lasting effects. Instead, I ask that you fund community led public health and safety initiatives to further the movement towards a more humane and safer Utah. My mom is the Principal at Rose Park Elementary, she has informed me that the proposed budget for next year will cut funding to education by 2, 5, or 10 %. I felt the need to include this because it hails such a stark comparison of where values lie in Salt Lake leadership. It is so backward that I am asking my elected officials to examine the inhumanity of their actions. You have power in this moment to change them. Ask yourselves, what should Salt Lake City look like a year from now. Do something about it. Thank you.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Adam Anthony	You are elected by the people and the dignity of a response to the people is warranted. On Jun 3, 2020, at 9:50 AM, Adam Anthony wrote: Council Member: How can you support this city's police chief and department? An officer shoves an elderly man down to the ground, and it is caught on video. CLEAR AS DAY. This man had a cane and was walking away, as instructed. And yet, said officer is still working and being paid while there is an internal investigation (done by his own colleagues in the SLC PD!!) and subsequent review board hearing!? If a nurse did that to a patient and was caught on video, he or she would be fired that day!! This is ZERO accountability, ZERO leadership. THE INSTANT THAT VIDEO CAME OUT THE OFFICER SHOULD BE FIRED. THIS IS EXACTLY WHY PEOPLE DO NOT TRUST THE POLICE TO POLICE THEMSELVES. I hope you have the guts to reply. Adam Anthony	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Adam Borgione	Hello my names Adam Borgione and I demand for an immense cut of funding to our police, while other areas in our community(s) scrutinizing for financial support, and it seems police enforcement get a high majority of where our money goes. what are they accomplishing as of now with this tremendous amount money being funded to them? I really hope you take this into consideration along with the hundreds of other emails you're receiving about the concern today. Thank you Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Adam Tarr	As a Salt Lake City Business owner and resident, I would like to formally suggest that an increase in police budget is not what Salt Lake city needs, in fact, I demand a decrease in the police budget. I believe I speak for many when I say that Salt Lake City needs a budget increase in the homelessness community, an investment in the treatment of minorities, education for our people, housing for our people, and healthcare for the lesser fortunate. Please do not bring more guns, more jailing, and more injustice to our beloved city. Best, Adam Tarr Peek Creative L.L.C. Salt Lake City, UT, 84102 (802)-598-4026	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Adayla VanLeeuwen	Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Addie Hansen	Decrease in budget by at least 30 billion. Until we can find a way to hire socially responsible police officers. Increase salary for officers to attract the right kind of people into the force. The issue isn't quantity, it's quality. Hiring freeze for SLCPD for at least a year. Instead of an investment in policing, let's invest in our communities. Ie: food, housing, transportation, and public health.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	AddiLynne Elizabeth	Hello My name is Addilynne and I am writing today to express my concerns with the possible \$84 million budget that will be given to the police. I believe the police department is already funded enough. I don't believe there is the need for 20+ new officers to be hired and I believe there should be a freeze in hiring for the next year. That money can be distributed in more troubled parts of our community such as the homeless community with providing shelter, supplies, food, etc. or even education especially towards p.o.c's education. I would advise a \$30 million dollar budget and the remaining money would be distributed. Thank you for your time.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Aden Garity	Im concerned about the funding of the SLCPD. I encourage the Council to use all 84 million dollars of the purposed budget back into more holistic and regenerative means of keeping our community safe. Including education, job training, and renewable energy that can be more resilient to change and reduce our reliance on fossil fuels.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Adrian Lambrinos	Honorable Council, In the the wake of police violence seen nationwide and in Salt Lake City, which I believe to be clear escalations made by SLCPD toward the city's multi-racial community, there is an immediate need for revisionary leadership to include how public funds are handled. I join my neighbors in SLC in demanding that the Salt Lake Council divest from SLCPD and redirect resources to the health and safety of members of the Black, Latinx, and Indigenous community as well as the homeless community. This can accomplished via the following: 1. Implement a SLCPD hiring freeze 2. Vote no on any increase to SLCPDs existing or future funding and budgeting 3. Propose the \$30 million colored for SLCPD funding be instead redirected to COVID-19 shortfalls, housing crisis, and rise of unemployment 4. Repurpose same funding for the following: community lead health and safety strategies, rent relief for lower income families, fund more city libraries, train professionals in de-escalation tactics, etc. 5. Compel the council to demand SLCPD and other local law enforcement agencies immediately cease violent cohesion of community members Thank you for your attention to this matter,	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Adrien Speigal	Demand a decrease in SLCPD budget. We aren't using funds to encourage a community based system. Move funds to grassroot organizations that help homelessness, drug rehab to do better for our people. This is very important and need to take it seriously.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Aida Uzeirbegovic	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Thanks.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Aidan Croft	Hi there, My name is Aidan Croft I live part time in Salt Lake City as well as Escalante, Utah. I am demanding that the SLCPD's budget be reduced by a minimum of \$30 million. That money could go to so many better resources than to militarizing a brutal police force that we have repeatedly seen abuse their power. I also demand a hiring freeze on the SLCPD for a minimum of a year. The officers abusing their power need to be fired and new ones cannot fill their places until a better training system is developed. I demand that this time and money be invested into the local community. Especially people of color within the community. Thank you, Aidan Croft	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Aimee	To whom it may concern, The people of Salt Lake City demand a decrease in police funding regarding the ongoing budget conversation. Instead that funding should be allocated to community outreach programs, non-profits supporting the black lives matter movement, and other organizations that work to unite our city and foster equality. Thank you.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Ainsley	Salt Lake City does not need more police officers. Distribute to hiring of mental health professionals and crisis resources for those experiencing homelessness. SOLVE the problem at its core: HELPING those in need with mental health treatment, not PUNISHING them for being alive in public.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Alana Burman	I am sure I am not the only one calling to speak out on the additional \$10 million being allocated to the police who, I think we can see, already receive more than their fair share of city resources. The allocated funding for 50 additional police officers is clearly unnecessary especially in comparison there is only \$6.3 million being allocated to affordable housing, which is clearly a much larger concern in our city. I think the governing framework by which more resources are being put towards the police than the direct resolution of city issues is a mistake for our city, and I would like it to be taken out of the budget. They can do the same with what they have. And affordable housing, homelessness outreach and support services clearly should be receiving more of our funds. Thank you.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Alanja Oliver	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Alanja Oliver	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Alec Gehrke	To my elected officials, I am calling on you to defund the Salt Lake City Police Department and reallocate those funds to programs and professionals who are adequately educated and trained to protect and serve. The proposed 84-million-dollar budget for the Salt Lake City Police Department could be instead used to sponsor actual community advocates and mental health professionals capable of serving their own communities. Based on the in-state tuition cost provided by the University of Utah (roughly \$50,000 for a 6-year degree), the proposed 84-million-dollar budget could instead create over 1500 qualified professionals with advanced degrees. Mental health professionals are required to complete 6 years of education before they can begin working on supervised hours towards earning their license. The process takes this long because it is demanding to adequately learn how to NOT do harm to the people they are serving. While mental health professionals are doing one of the more dangerous and deadly professions, they do not regularly murder people. Why are the police not held to the same standards in this City? If you find yourself scoffing at this idea, I simply ask you, what do the words serve and protect mean to you?	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Alex	Resident of SLC for 10 years Reduce Budget for PD. Over spending on military equipment. If you do not do this it will be clear which side you stand on.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Alex Cooper	Hi, I implore you to move funding away from SLCPD based on their recent actions. Yes, protests have gotten out of control but the level of violence and careless disregard for the protection of our citizens is outrageous. Buildings can be repaired, paint can (and has already been) removed, and yet you are willing to cause long term injuries because people are wanting accountability. How on earth can you support this level of police violence when this exact type of violence is what incited the protests in the first place. It is acting out of fear. We want police to be held accountable for using excessive force and killing. Violence is the LAST resort and police should be required to act in a more upstanding way than the average citizen. The anger, eagerness for escalating situations, and violence I've seen from SLCPD shows me that this is not the case today. It is a dishonor to the badge and to the motto "serve and protect". Please allocate these funds towards homeless shelters, community building projects, infrastructure, unemployment benefits, and other social safety nets that ensure even if Utahns fall on hard times, they are supported enough to get back on their feet and contribute to society. Thank you	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Alex Foulger	SLC has always, to me, been a city that embraces community and works together. As we all saw many people cleaning off paint all over, for free. Tourists I've met always say how nice and approachable people are in this city, that's how slc has always been to me as well. After seeing the heavy, aggressive, armed, and constant police force I've seen the last few days has never made this city more divided. They're taking our right to protest with curfews and riot shields, on unarmed Utah citizens. This infringes our First Amendment right Protest, Petition, and Press. We need to demilitarize the Police so they can't forcefully divide our city, arrest our people, or worse kill our people. Our healthcare systems and hospitals are a joke compared to how armed and funded the police force is. So many tax dollars are going to the police and you're failing the community by letting that happen. Doctors, nurses, teachers, city workers, etc etc could use that in way to build the community. The police are spending it to break down and divide the community. Thank you for taking the time to read this. Sent from my iPhone Alex Foulger	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Alex Groebstein	Alex Groebstein, I am a resident of Salt Lake City zip code 84101. I would like to request a decrease in your annual budget for the police department by at least \$30 million and I hope you will consider a hiring freeze rather than more police force. I think that money could be better served in the community. Hope my wishes will be heard as representatives of my gov't. Thank you.	4
Budget 2020-2021	Alex Hyes	Dear Council Members, In the wake of police killings across the country as well as in Salt Lake City, and the Salt Lake Police Department's escalated violence against the city's grieving multi-racial community, Salt Lake is in desperate need of visionary leadership. We are calling on the Salt Lake City Council to become these visionary leaders by pledging to defund the Salt Lake Police Department and invest in the resources that really keep us safe and healthy, especially in Black communities, Indigenous communities, Latinx communities, and communities of color. We have called on them to commit to the following during the public hearing on the proposed city budget: Demands: 1. Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring 23 new officers, as has been proposed. 2. To vote no to any increase in police funding or to increase the police department's budget. 3. To propose and vote for a \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget as the city responds to projected COVID-19 shortfalls, a housing crisis, and rise in unemployment. 4. To protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police. 5. To do everything in their power to compel SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members. Now is the time to invest in a safe, liberated future for our city. We can't afford to keep funding SLCPD's attacks on our community. Here are some proposed alternatives where funding could go instead to promote community wellness: 1. Provide rent relief and quality housing opportunities for those living at or below the poverty line 2. Invest in more events, free resources, and skill sharing at city libraries 3. Provide free public transit and increase the length of bus time schedules and routes. 4. Invest in trained mental health professionals to de-escalate, transport, and connect those in need with resources. 5. Invest in more outdoor spaces and public parks in lower-income neighborhoods. Sincerely, Alex Hyes -- Alexander Hyres Alexander Hyres	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Alex Lines	Dear Council Members, Please do not increase funding for the Salt Lake City Police Department. As events in the country and the city show, the police do not actually keep us all safe. The brutality, aggression, and escalation tactics I have witnessed from the SLCPD in the last week is abhorrent. Please use that money to invest in services that actually increase community safety: Education, crisis responders, safe needle disposal programs, public parks, mental health services, restorative justice programs, etc. You have an opportunity to begin dismantling institutionalized racism in our city, rather than continuing to fund it. Do not waste that opportunity. Alex Lines Salt Lake City	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Alex Nygaard	I am a resident who demands a better use for police funding. Pay fewer officers more to do a better job. Do not spend another 84 million on a broken system.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Alex Paomino	Hello Representative Mano, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly \$85M for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving \$23M, and transit is receiving \$4.7M. This is unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here in the face of peaceful protest. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. The question at hand is, how can we allocate funding towards equitable community transformation and justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? We know that this is an intersectional issue (housing, transit, equity, access, environment), that cannot be solved by the SLCPD. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Sincerely, -Alex -- alejandro palomino linkedin.com/in/alejandropalomino/ Researcher, SMART Energy Lab, University of Utah [REDACTED]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Alex Pilger	Calling to demand decrease to PD budget. Frustrated there was an increase proposed, while education and other social services are being cut. Request to decrease PD budget and reallocate funds towards social services that affect our communities of color.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Alex Powelson	mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Alex Roth	Hello, I am a concerned citizen who was born and grew up here in slc and I have lived here for most my life. I attended Saturday's protest and what I had hoped to be a protest against police brutality and violence against people of color turned into a display of force. I saw people thrown to the ground, beaten, and shot by rubber bullets in the face and throat regularly. I learned Monday night that one of the officers who was shooting rubber bullets behind the safety of a police shield formation was also responsible for the death of Cody Belgard here in SLC. This is completely unacceptable. That fact that an increase in budget and officers is being considered is being considered is an insult to the people of this city. Do we really need more aggressive and callous officers who's response to mourning and calling for justice is intense violence. Do we really need more funding for people whose institution has a quota for officers to make arrests and give tickets doing financial harm to the community? I would ask that you take the money being allocated to the police and spend it in stead on resources for the homeless in Salt Lake. It stead of paying officers to antagonize homeless spend money on facilities that can get people off the streets with professionals that can help with mental health. This would be a true service to the Salt Lake City community and would change peoples lives for the better. Thank you, Alexander Roth-Glasscock	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Alex Walker	Call to express his concern on the proposed increase to the Police Department budget. Please consider establishing stricter oversight on PD to deescalate situation and decrease violence. Invest more in social services to help build stronger neighborhoods. No call back was requested. I'll add this to the pd budget matrix for the full council.	5
Budget 2020-2021	Alexa Fitzgerald	To Whom It May Concern, I am writing to you today to discuss public funding for the future of Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the Mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely and wholly unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police. They are violent in the face of non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources, which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension as is our current situation. Our communities deserve better than this. We deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take action in the past to support its residents, and now is the time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents and residents of color feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and equality. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. Please review the police budget and remove funds from the increase to strengthen and change the Community Advisory Board to a Community Review Board that takes the power and onus of disciplinary action stemming from complaints out of the hands of the police and in the hands of the citizens. Currently the Community Advisory Board simply has power to advise the Chief of Police while he holds the final say on discipline. This must be changed. Criminals do not write the laws for criminals. The police department is acting as judge, juror, and executioner. This must change. Upon further reviewing the budget, I noticed that only 8 hours are listed for Fair and Impartial Policing/Implicit Bias training. Please explain and justify your decision in how 8 hours is sufficient time to make up for the fact that Latino men are 2 times more likely than their white peers to die at the hands of the police and that Black men are 3 times more likely than their white peers to die at the hands of the police. 8 hours is not enough. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. I urge that you do not let Salt Lake City fall on the wrong side of history.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Alexa Hall	To whom it may concern, I would like to voice my opinion that I am against the proposed allocated police budget. Please allocate more to affordable housing and education. Thank you, Alexa Hall	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Alexander Vincent	Hello, I am writing to you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systematic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, A CONCERNED CITIZEN	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Alexandra Parvaz	I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Alexis Fuell	To whom it may concern, As an active and tax-paying citizen of Salt Lake City, I demand a decrease in the SLCPD budget. Allocating over \$84 million dollars to the police in the city while other vital resources such as housing, education, transit, and rape recovery to name a few, aren't receiving half that amount is grossly negligent and unfortunately very telling of where the current values of our city lie. I demand a decrease by at least \$30 million. I demand a hiring freeze for SLCPD for a year. I demand that those funds be allocated with guidance from the community to departments such as housing, food, transit, and public health. Investing in our community enriches countless lives and protects our citizens in ways policing absolutely cannot. With conviction, Lexie Fuell	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Alexis V. Arczynski	To Whom It May Concern: I am writing today as a resident of Salt Lake City to call for a reduction in the funding of the police department in the 2021 budget by 30 million dollars. This great city will not be made safer by funding an increasingly militarized police force. That is like treating a symptom, rather than treating the virus itself. We must use our budget to address issues that contribute to SLC's rates of crime, especially agencies of civic support, such as transitional housing, local small business grants, and social service agencies that address the mental and physical health of our people. In this pandemic, we need more funding for programs that address the impact of systemic racism, which has more adversely impacted Black and brown communities within the city (e.g., "Build a More Equitable City" program, mortgage assistance, and other programs to help those experiencing record levels of food insecurity, job loss, under-employment, and the threat of losing their homes). Our budget should help our most vulnerable to find safety and security for themselves and their families, rather than making them subject to increased criminalization and brutality. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration, and for your values-driven leadership over the years. However, the pain of our city cannot be healed by the status quo. We must decrease the SLCPD budget and increase funding for programs that create real and lasting change. Sincerely, Alexis V. Arczynski Proud Sugarhouse Resident When we trip and stumble, we can affirm how precious we are in our distraction. When we are inarticulate, we can affirm how precious we are in our excitement. When we are forgetful, we can affirm how precious we are in our preoccupation. When we make a mistake, we can affirm how perfectly imperfect we are and love ourselves for it. -Sue Gibson.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Alice Pugh	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Alice Pugh	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Alicia Chen	My name is Alicia Chen and I live in the Liberty Wells neighborhood of district 5. I wanted to send you a quick email to thank you for seeming engaged and attentive through the city council meeting last night. It's unfortunate that we are in a time when council members can hide behind their videos, are able to tune out, look at their phones, and have side conversations for over an hour. How different last night's meeting could've been if we all showed up in person and you had to look at each of our faces. I was one of the hundreds that called in to make my voice heard and though it was a long night, I'm appreciative to you for your resolve and representing district 5 in a manner I was proud of. I truly hope you will take to heart all of the stories and pleas you received last night to stand up for and represent your constituents. Thanks for your time.	5
Budget 2020-2021	Alicia Fillerup	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Alicia Fillerup	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Alisha Aravena Alonso	Hi! I am writing to submit my comment regarding the SLC's proposal to allocate \$84 million to the police and hire 23 new officers. I would like to request that we decrease the police budget and put that money towards organizations that help our community at critical levels. We should invest that money into non-police solutions for problems that impoverished Utahns face low-income housing, employment and healthcare. We could also use funds to help support our youth with school counselors, after-school programs and restorative justice programs. By supporting these initiatives, we can foster a safe, healthy and happy community that doesn't necessitate policing and police force. Thank you, Alisha	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Alison Kimball	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Alison Kimball	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Alison Sebesta	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Alison	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Alli Matyja	My name is Alli Matyja and I want to share my concern on the projected budget for FY 20-21. Firstly, over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation is an example of systemic racism. To take action against this we need to reconsider what the budget could mean for our community. The proposed budget for the Salt Lake City Police Department is \$84,422,651 while only \$23 million will be allocated for housing and \$4.7 million for transit. This is unacceptable and does not speak to the needs of the people. This would be a 16% increase in police funding since 2018, which is unnecessary. There is a global pandemic and we are facing incredibly high rates of unemployment and a housing crisis. There are better places to allocate the money outside of the SLCPD. Money that is put towards resources that will actually help people will inspire better change. I want you to vote no to any increase in police funding. I want you to propose there be a \$30 million cut to the Salt Lake City Police Department budget and it be invested in community led health and safety strategies instead. They are best suited to responding to the needs of the people in our community. This could look like: providing free public transit, providing rent relief and quality housing for those at or below the poverty line, increasing the funding of public defenders (who had no increase from last year) and investing in trained mental health professionals to de-escalate, transport and connect those in need with resources. I want you to suggest that the money that does go to SLCPD should be invested in de-escalation training and funding for a victim advocate, not towards surveillance, which only incites police violence. I send this message with utmost love for this community and its people. I want to see these changes in the budget because it would mean positive changes within our city. Sincerely, Alli	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Allie Kunz	City Council, The proposed police budget of \$84 million would create a more prominent and important influence among those who matter the most, the people, if that money was invested otherwise. To benefit those who need it most, the money would be best spent in infrastructure, protecting the homeless population, and welfare programs. To help and protect those who cannot protect themselves, I am encouraging those on the council to consider lowering the proposed police budget substantially. Furthermore, I ask that SLCPD considers going on a hiring freeze this year. These are the times and events that our children will learn about in school. Do you want to have to tell them you did nothing to protect the people who need our protection the most? You, council members, have the power to create change. Please utilize it. Allie Kunz	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Allison	Allison called to say no to an increase in the police budget and to use the money for social services/public services. She thanks you for your work.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Allison Bagley	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Allison Bagley	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Allison Billmeyer	Direct link between racism and over policing. Redirect funds from PD to our communities, libraries, affordable housing and transportation. Without basic necessities people cannot succeed of live dignified lives. Successfully, change will never happen unless money is allocated towards resources that will help communities thrive and heal rather than meet violence and confrontation.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Allison Harden	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Allison Harden	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Allison Spehar	To whom it may concern: I am writing to address the fact that Salt Lake's proposal to give \$84 million to the police and hire 23 new officers is egregious and unnecessary, and in fact worsens the problem of police violence and police distrust in this city and the Salt Lake Valley. Drastically increasing the police budget is not a forward-thinking way to work towards police accountability and remediating racial injustice. It should be no surprise that communities of color do not trust the police to keep them safe. Police departments are informed by white supremacy and disproportionately carry out state-sponsored violence against folks of color. In the Salt Lake area, the deaths of Bryan Pena Valencia and Bernardo Palacios demand further investigation. On Saturday, police officers needlessly tackled a man with a cane who posed no threat whatsoever. All over the country, unwarranted police violence against citizens of color demonstrates that change is past due; militarized police officers are ineffective at keeping peace and de-escalating tension. Secondly, this money would be so much better served in other places. Currently, Salt Lake is facing a deepening crisis of homelessness and income inequality. In March, Salt Lake City's new homeless resource centers faced a \$3 million shortage. Only \$24 million is currently proposed for housing--less than one-third the proposed increase for the police department. As you likely know, Utah has ranked last in the country in funding education for almost two decades, spending \$5000 less per student than the national average. This should be embarrassing, and Salt Lake City can lead the way for Utah by prioritizing the support of its education system. Working towards better air quality, a stated goal of Mayor Erin Mendenhall, is another issue that demands our city's attention and resources. Furthermore, some of this money could go towards supporting community organizations that work towards police accountability (such as Utah Black Lives Matter), as well as expanding funding for crisis outreach services and Psychological First Aid. Other less costly, evidence-based strategies towards reducing police violence include demilitarization, working towards more accountable police union contracts, putting more restrictive use-of-force policies into place and, as said before, investing in mobile crisis response and training citizens in Psychological First Aid. To summarize, such a large increase in Salt Lake's police budget is not only irresponsible, it shows this city's refusal to consider alternatives to a system that no longer works.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Alyssa Henderson and Michael Wall	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Alyssa Henderson and Michael Wall	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Alyx Skousen	I am writing to discuss the public funding for Salt Lake City. I strongly disagree with the massive budget proposal for the SLC police which surpasses \$80 million dollars. This is unreasonable and unconscionable Salt Lake City is prioritizing throwing people into jails while simultaneously underfunding social services that cannot currently and adequately aid the public amidst a pandemic, housing crisis, and rise in unemployment. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. SLC demands change! 1- There MUST be a decrease in SLCPD funds by 30 million at MINIMUM 2- There MUST be a SLCPD hiring freeze for the next year 3- There must be a divestment from policing and investment in our community I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Alyx Skousen	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Amanda	Defund the SLCPD and institute a hiring freeze instead of hiring new officers. There should be no increase in the SLCPD funding or its budget, and there should be a cut of \$30 million to make up for COVID-19 losses. The money should go into housing and rent relief for those living under or at the poverty line.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Amanda Maxfield	Hello, I am writing to you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face of non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systematic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Amanda Maxfield, a resident of Salt Lake City	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Amanda McGarry	Hello, I am a resident of Salt Lake City and have been for almost 10 years. I have seen a lot of good change in our community but I know more can be done. I think it is important to put money into truly helping our communities and NOT put more money into the police force. We we be so much better off putting that money into education, homeless resources, affordable housing and other things that actually truly help people. Not the police. They do not function to protect citizens they function to uphold the ruling class. The time for change is now. Thank you Amanda McGarry Amanda McGarry	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Amanda Parranto	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Thank you, Amanda Parranto	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Amber Braberry	I am a former resident of SLC currently living it Layton but will be moving back soon. I am calling to let you know I am in support of de-funding the police department I am also in support of the protest for black lives matter. Please allocate more money to non-profit issues and less to the police force.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Amber Lawvor	In the wake of police killings across the country as well as in Salt Lake City, and the Salt Lake Police Department's escalated violence against the city's grieving multi-racial community, Salt Lake is in desperate need of visionary leadership. We are calling on the Salt Lake City Council to become these visionary leaders by pledging to defund the Salt Lake Police Department and invest in the resources that really keep us safe and healthy, especially in Black communities, Indigenous communities, Latinx communities, and communities of color. We have called on them to commit to the following during the public hearing on the proposed city budget: Demands: 1. Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring 23 new officers, as has been proposed. 2. To vote no to any increase in police funding or to increase the police department's budget. 3. To propose and vote for a \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget as the city responds to projected COVID-19 shortfalls, a housing crisis, and rise in unemployment. 4. To protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police. 5. To do everything in their power to compel SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members. Now is the time to invest in a safe, liberated future for our city. We can't afford to keep funding SLCPD's attacks on our community. Here are some proposed alternatives where funding could go instead to promote community wellness: 1. Provide rent relief and quality housing opportunities for those living at or below the poverty line 2. Invest in more events, free resources, and skill sharing at city libraries 3. Provide free public transit and increase the length of bus time schedules and routes 4. Invest in trained mental health professionals to de-escalate, transport, and connect those in need with resources 5. Invest in more outdoor spaces and public parks in lower-income neighborhoods 6. Funding for after-school programs and providers, and for more meals for students in public schools	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Amelia Dyck-Mccrary	Dear Erin Mendenhall My name is Amelia Dyck-Mccrary and I am a registered voter in Salt Lake City, Utah I am writing to you today to ask what you are doing, as the Mayor to ensure that your officers are not abusing their power and are held accountable for their actions. After witnessing the death of George Floyd at the hands of the Minneapolis Police Department, I am left feeling outraged, frustrated, and hurt. The system has failed yet another black man and we are anxiously waiting to see if the officers responsible for his death will face consequences. As a resident of Salt Lake City, I want to make sure that my local police department is taking the necessary preventative measures to ensure that incidents like this will not occur in the future. So I ask: Are the police officers in the Salt Lake City police department being trained to de-escalate altercations by using peaceful conflict resolution strategies? Are the police officers in the Salt Lake City police department forbidden from using carotid restraints (chokeholds, strangleholds, etc.) and hog-tying methods? Furthermore, are they forbidden from transporting civilians in uncomfortable positions, such as face down in a vehicle? Are the police officers in the Salt Lake City police department required to intervene if they witness another officer using excessive force? Will officers be reprimanded if they fail to intervene? Are the police officers in the Salt Lake City police department forbidden from shooting at moving vehicles? Is there a clear and enforced use-of-force continuum that details what weapons and force are acceptable in a wide variety of civilian-police interactions? Are the officers in the Salt Lake City police department required to exhaust every other possible option before using excessive force? Are the officers in the Salt Lake City police department required to give a verbal warning to civilians before drawing their weapon or using excessive force? Are the officers in the Salt Lake City police department required to report each time they threaten to or use force on civilians? Are the officers in the Salt Lake City police department thoroughly vetted to ensure that they do not have a history with abuse, racism, xenophobia, homophobia / transphobia, or discrimination? Are the officers in the Salt Lake City police department trained to perform and seek necessary medical action after using excessive force? Is there an early intervention system enforced to correct officers who use excessive force? Additionally, how many complaints does an officer have to receive before they are reprimanded? Before they are terminated? More than three complaints are unacceptable. Statistics have indicated that by enforcing these policies, there is a significant decrease in civilian complaints and injury due to excessive force. If any of the policies are not currently in place, then what is being done to ensure that they are going to be enforced in the near future? What can I do, as a concerned citizen, to set these policies in motion? I also want to increase the level of trust between the police department and the community. To establish trust, there has to be transparency. I would like to see the Salt Lake City police department's collect and report data on civilian deaths that occurred in custody and as a result of an officer's use of excessive force. The data should be broken down by demographics and should showcase the race, gender, sexuality, and religion of the civilians. Allowing the public access to this information will show us where we, as a community, fall short. Thank you for your time and I hope that we can work together to protect the Salt Lake City community. I refuse to let the next hashtag come from here. Sincerely, Amelia Dyck-Mccrary	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Amelia Howe	Dear Salt Lake City Council Members, In the wake of police killings across the country as well as in Salt Lake City, and the Salt Lake Police Department's escalated violence against the city's grieving multi-racial community, Salt Lake is in desperate need of visionary leadership. I believe we have the potential to create change that will serve as an inspiration for other cities. We are calling on the Salt Lake City Council to become these visionary leaders by pledging to defund the Salt Lake Police Department and invest in the resources that really keep us safe and healthy, especially in Black communities, Indigenous communities, Latinx communities, and communities of color. We have called on them to commit to the following during the public hearing on the proposed city budget: Demands: 1. Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring 23 new officers, as has been proposed. 2. To vote no to any increase in police funding or to increase the police department's budget. 3. To propose and vote for a \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget as the city responds to projected COVID-19 shortfalls, a housing crisis, and rise in unemployment. 4. To protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police. 5. To do everything in their power to compel SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members. Now is the time to invest in a safe, liberated future for our city. We can't afford to keep funding SLCPD's attacks on our community. Here are some proposed alternatives where funding could go instead to promote community wellness: 1. Provide rent relief and quality housing opportunities for those living at or below the poverty line 2. Invest in more events, free resources, and skill sharing at city libraries 3. Provide free public transit and increase the length of bus time schedules and routes 4. Invest in trained mental health professionals to de-escalate, transport, and connect those in need with resources 5. Invest in more outdoor spaces and public parks in lower-income neighborhoods 6. Funding for after-school programs and providers, and for more meals for students in public schools Thank you for your time and energy. Please continue to support marginalized communities in Salt Lake. All my best, Amelia Howe	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Amsly	I think there is better ways to use the funding that you've been giving to police. I think growing a better community will create less crime.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Amy	Comments: Please do not give my money to the police. Please do not. I do not want to fund the murder of innocent people. I don't want to fund a terrorist organization	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Andre Joseph	Good evening council members, My name is Andre Joseph, a resident of SLC District 1. I would like to open by thanking Councilman Rogers for his continued support of the Fairpark community. I do not believe an increase in funding is warranted for the SLCPD. The funds the Mayor has requested for the police department would be of far greater use supporting affordable housing, education, transportation, mental health and public parks. Chief Brown has shown an extreme lack of candor in his handling of the recent protests and I do not believe he has the confidence of the community to properly execute on the current budget, let alone an increased one. General Comment: I love this city and have interacted with a number of incredible officers. We need to lift them up and actively weed out those that do not support the values of our communities. As a person of color, I have not felt more unwelcome or less supported by executive leadership as I have the past 3 days. Please return to the values you preached in your campaign Mayor. Regards, Andre Joseph	1
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Budget 2020-2021	Andrea Shay Morrison	Attn Mayor Mendenhall and Salt Lake City Council, Until the people of Salt Lake City have strong evidence to trust that our Police Department is capable of upholding it's vision and it's mission statement, it should not move forward with the proposed \$2,186,922 increase in budget for 2021. In the interest of systemic reform, in the interest of establishing public trust, and because black lives matter, following through with this proposed budget is both irresponsible and disgraceful. SLC Police Department Vision Statement We will build upon the noble traditions of integrity and trust to foster a culture serve, respect, and compassion toward our employees and the community we serve. SLC Police Department Mission Statement We will serve as guardians of our community to preserve life, maintain human rights, protect property, and promote individual responsibility and community commitment. Andrea Shay Morrison	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Andrew L. Franks	Hello, I am writing this email to discuss the allocation of public funds for this place I have known and loved for years, Salt Lake City. I have read that the projected budget for FY 2020-2021 is funding the Salt Lake City Police Department with an allocation of \$85 million while vital aspects of city life like housing and transportation are given significantly less. Given recent events, along with the longer history of the victimization of people of color, people in poverty, and homeless people at the hands of the police and the government overall, I would ask that support be directed where it is actually due towards issues faced by people of color, by people in poverty, and by those who are homeless. Though the police have a place in our communities, they too often make the issues faced by the marginalized even worse. Operation Rio Grande, as was noted by several organizations including the ACLU, pushed a significant number of people further down into the hole of poverty and instability, and the police intervention served real estate interests first and foremost. The war on drugs, as should be well-known, is a long-term process that has functioned to crush poor communities and communities of color, and the police have been essential to its operations to the operations of this war being levied against this country's own people. The militarization of police forces which the people of this country have been witnessing first hand as to its extent is a part of this and should not be allowed to proceed. Furthermore, it is well-known that the police across the country tend to serve landlords over their tenants. Instead of furthering the ability of the police to serve the interests of landlords, allocate funds to rent relief, to quality housing, and to public defenders (who have only been allocated \$1.3 million). The role of the police should not be to protect the interests of people by merit of their property and affluence but to protect those who need protection. The desire of the people who have been protesting is to arrive at transformative justice. Those who have been proclaiming that "Black Lives Matter" and who have been protesting in Salt Lake City want that. We wish to see communities of all colors no longer divided and struck with state violence, and that cannot be achieved with an expansion of Salt Lake City's police department. In fact, we believe it will further the divisions and suffering, and so we ask that the funds go elsewhere. We ask this with the kindness of our souls guiding us and with the wisdom of the history behind us. Sincerely, Andrew L. Franks	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Andrew McGuire	My name is Andrew McGuire, I've lived in Salt Lake City my whole life. I've spent the past four years working in schools and youth programs around salt lake city. It's crazy how the police presence in the south side is overwhelming and targets refugee communities and communities of color in general. Defund the police, they do not need a raise, do not hire more police. These communities are overpoliced.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Andrew McGuire	Andrew McGuire, long time SLC resident and consistent voter, called to urge the council to defund the PD budget. He has worked with Youth and Family Services with Salt Lake City Corporation for many years as well as with the SLC School Districts. He wants you to know that he thinks the Police Department has way more money than they need, and that communities are way over policed. He is asking you to raise your voice against giving more money to the PD. No call back requested.	5
Budget 2020-2021	Andrew Verkouw	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Andrew Verkouw	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Andy Savar	Nearly 85 million dollars will be allocated to SLCPD, while housing will be given 23 million, and transit given 4700 dollars. This disparity is unacceptable. We've seen in too many cases that police intervention result in death, violence and trauma, especially those who are most at risk. Police are asked to do too much in this City, stuff they're not trained to do. I purposed we invest more into specialized programs that will help our communities. Education, transit, housing, green space. If we invest in these programs we will not need to invest so heavily in the police. I purpose a cut of 40 million dollars to the police budget and I demand that no additional police be hired. Professional alternative: Funding to promote community wellness - Quality housing opportunities for those at or below poverty line, free transit, trained mental health professional, free hire education, more outdoor space in low income neighborhood, after school programs and healthier meals, increase public defenders budget, free health clinics, green energy, skill sharing at city libraries. Lets embrace the pioneer spirit and get this done.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Angela Warnick	My name is Angela Warnick and I would like to speak up against this budget proposal. The budget should not be 84 million it should go down to 30 million. We need to freeze all hiring until the police already in place have proper training that includes the fair treatment of all with non-lethal practices. The police also need to be held accountable for taking an oath to protect and serve. We need laws in place that will hold them accountable when they do not uphold this oath. The remaining 54 million dollars should be invested in our Community! This money should be put back into our public health and safe, housing, food, public transportation, education and energy reform. As a Utah Citizen of 29 years I demand my voice be heard .	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Angelica Bolanos	I would like to make a comment live. Resident need youth programs that make a difference and fair housing, no more She is worth it building no more money to department that don't lead to the change this city needs. I would like to see a reduction in golf department funding, a reduction in police department funding and a shift in moneys from youth city to help make SLC a more equitable city. Let's lower funding in those departments and creat a better future for our residents. Angelica BolaÃos Sent from my iPad	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Angelique Strachan	To The City Representatives at Salt Lake City, I am writing this to express deep concern in this years police and public safety budget. I believe that before this budget is put into place a line item by line item list of the items the police department intends to purchase should be released to the general public. I also believe that, if not in place already, the police department uses any amount of budget adopted to buy body cameras for each officers it employs and the infrastructure that is needed to run these body camera with this proposed budget. I would also like to know why policing is way more important than our Public Works department which keeps our streets, sidewalks and city infrastructure running, parks and recreation department which provides us with services that bring together our communities, and fire department which saves the lives and property of those injured and in need. These are the services humans need, not more policing. Thank You-	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anita Marquez	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place Sincerely, Anita Marquez	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Ann Day	Hello, My name is Ann and I am a local resident. I am writing to tell you how ridiculous your \$84 million fund for the SLCPD is. It is absolutely abhorrent. Not only is it a gross amount of money, it is going to an organization that blatantly murders people without repercussions, and by funding the police with that much money you are blatantly ignoring vulnerable communities and other institutions that create real change. For example, many school districts across the state and nation are cutting teacher salaries by up to 10% and defunding important programs such as special education, clearly showing the state's lack of importance on education. I would hope that Salt Lake believes differently. Now more than every, teachers need support. They have gone without the support of this state for long enough and your inability to provide them with the proper resources, which yes, includes money and salary because they have to buy all of their classroom supplies, shows that you simply do not care about education. Do you know who teaches the youth of America about rules, laws, and civil obedience? Definitely not the police departments! Teachers do, that is who! If you truly cared about this state and Salt Lake, you would reallocate that money to different programs. Specifically some diversity training for your racist and prejudice police department. May I also suggest reallocating some of those funds to after-school activity programs for children who live in low-income, disproportionately people of color neighborhoods. Studies show that when students have extracurricular activities to attend they are less likely to fall into trouble with the law, clearly you don't care about lowering Utah's crime rates because you do not care to adequately fund any of the programs that help keep youth out of crime and therefore lower the crime rate. Can you not see that providing proper educational and extracurricular funds to the youth of this state are where it starts? I strongly urge you to reconsider who you choose to pay, the racist cops of SLC, or the people who determine the future of our youth? That \$84 million is better served at the hands of people who will use it in the name of justice, not in the hands of people who will use it in the name of prejudice. Sincerely, Your Constituency Ann Day	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Ann Jenkins	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Ann Jenkins Salt Lake City resident and voter	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anna Ehrlich	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Anna Ehrlich	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anna Merrill	Hi, my name is Anna Merrill. I agree with the demands proposed by Utahns Against Police Brutality. I do not agree with or support the mayor's proposed budget in which the SLCPD receive \$84,422,651. There are more important programs like housing, transit, education, rehabilitation, and rape recovery that don't receive half that amount. I do not support the SLCPD and I do not want to see my tax dollars support them. Thank you.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anna Rasmuson	Hello, I am writing to ask the Salt Lake City council to defund the police as part of their budget meeting. I am asking them to move the allocated \$84M for police budget to support housing for the homeless, education, addiction, social services, and air quality improvements. Respectfully, Anna Rasmuson Lifetime Salt Lake City Resident.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Anna Tang	I strongly urge the City to reconsider funding the Police at such an extent. Rather than increasing the Salt Lake City Police budget to \$84 million and hiring 23 officers to perpetuate the police state and criminalize people, consider reallocating that money elsewhere. This money could be reallocated to many sectors that would greatly benefit. For example, this money could be used to fund public education, work towards solving the housing crisis, etc.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Annabel Lee	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Annabel Lee	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Annalyn George	The governing powers in Salt Lake, The protests and unrest have been caused by police. It is unwise and unjust to them turn these efforts toward an increase in police force and power. Please decrease the budget significantly, by at least \$30 million. An excessive police budget only adds fuel to the fire of police brutality. we need to sort out the issues regarding them before giving them more power and more influence. Thank you for your time and please consider the wants and cries for help from the people you are responsible for. Annalyn George (West Jordan, Utah)	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anne	Recently moved here, committed to community. Asked to implement hiring freeze on SLC PD. Vote no on increase in Police Department budget. \$30 million cut from Police Department budget to help pay for COVID 19, housing, unemployment and other ongoing issues such as homelessness, air quality, evictions. Protect and expand investment in community led health and safety strategy instead of police. People will have less incentive to commit crimes if they are taken care of. Please compel SLC PD to cease enacting violence on community members. Its hard to watch a fully uniformed officer pushing on community members. Want to see the money diverted towards rent relief, education, air quality, addiction recovery programs, free public transit. Less money to Police Department, more money to the people. Disturbed the Police Department done have community oversight. Want more community oversight of Police Department.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anne Charles	Hello, I am a resident in the Sugarhouse area and have been for the past 3+ years. I am writing in regards to the city council meeting tonight. I read about your most recent budget proposal and the \$84 million that would be allocated to policing. I would urge you to better utilize services for community resources that would reduce the need for policing, such as housing, treatment services, mental health services, etc. In light of recent protests and how the police responded, I do not think an increase in spending would send a message that Salt Lake City residents like myself would support. Thanks, -- Anne Charles	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Annie	Hello! My name is Annie Desantis and I am writing from downtown SLC. I am excited to virtually attend tonight's meeting and would love to have my voice and concerns heard and considered. Please stop voting to increase police funding or the police department's budget. I would love to see these funds go into the pockets of non-profits/community-led organizations which will in turn decrease the need for police protection in the city. I would also like to stress the importance of doing EVERYTHING in your power to compel SLCPD to immediately cease enacting violence on community members and to re-evaluate each and every training that may cause harm to a community member when it is not needed. Thank you so much for hearing me out and for your time, Annie	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Annie Avila	We want the \$84M allocated to the police department for next year to be directly invested in our most vulnerable communities.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Annie Barton	Dear Salt Lake City Council, Today you meet to determine and amend the budget of the city. As a citizen who has lived in this city her entire life, and has great pride in being from Salt Lake City, I urge you to defund the SLCPD and move the \$84 million elsewhere so that it can benefit the community and improve Salt Lake City for the better. The BLM movement is one that is sweeping the nation, but is in no way a new fight. For years, POC, especially members of the Black community, have been victims of police brutality and have suffered injustice at the hands of an organization put in place to protect them. Personally, this issue became more prevalent when it happened on a local level. Bernardo Palacios was murdered at the hands of SLCPD. Although previously convicted of crimes in the past, Bernardo did not deserve to be killed on the streets by police. This cannot be allowed to happen, and it is embarrassing and shameful that we, as a community, have to peacefully protest the killing of innocent people in SLC in 2020. \$84 million is a hefty sum of money, and could be used effectively in many other ways in our community. Salt Lake City has a large homeless population, and I see no reason as to why some of the money could not go towards helping these people. This could mean housing and shelters, accessible and affordable mental health outlets, like therapy or counseling, or even using the money to feed and clothe people who are not prepared for the harsh weather that Salt Lake is prone to. Education is an avenue of society that could always use more funding, and while we are on the subject of avenues, infrastructure and public transportation could also benefit from more funding. There is no reason for SLCPD to have \$84 million of our budget when there are others who are suffering. Yesterday, policemen and the National Guard occupied downtown as a peaceful protest occurred, fully equipped in riot gear with tanks and batons and shields. There are people in Salt Lake who cannot afford to wear masks, there are doctors wearing trash bags and dish-washing gloves to work, there are people sleeping under trees outside the library, and our police force comes to a peaceful protest entirely outfitted in riot gear? That doesn't make sense to me, and it should change. Once again, I implore you to reconsider the budget and demand that you defund SLCPD. Our city should not support an organization that perpetuates murder and violence towards the citizens it is supposed to protect. The money could be utilized elsewhere and there is no excuse to not support POC when they are being persecuted and murdered due to the color of their skin. Utah, the Beehive State, was built on labor, labor from immigrants. We cannot honor the origins of our state while we simultaneously support and fund an organization that benefits from a curfew that negatively impacts the working class, a working class that is majorly POC. We have an opportunity to change, please use it. Thank you for reading this email and seriously considering the defunding of the SLCPD. Be on the right side of history. Thank you,	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Annie-Louise Holbrook	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. I have lived here all my life, 24 years, and my parents were also born in Salt Lake City. I care a LOT about this city. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. People NEED access to affordable housing and public transportation. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. We are asking for the money budgeted to be put towards programs and causes, like affordable housing, public transportation, and education, that will benefit minorities and people of color in Salt Lake, rather than towards the police budget, which statistically harms minority groups. Please listen to the voices of the protestors who have showed up the past few days to express their feelings about police brutality. Some of this brutality has happened right here in Salt Lake. It CAN happen here, and it will continue to, unless things change on a systemic level. Sincerely, Annie-Louise Holbrook -- Annie-Louise Holbrook	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Annika Machado	To whom it may concern, In the wake of police killings across the country as well as in Salt Lake City, and the Salt Lake Police Department's escalated violence against the city's grieving multi-racial community, Salt Lake is in desperate need of visionary leadership. We are calling on the Salt Lake City Council to become these visionary leaders by pledging to defund the Salt Lake Police Department and invest in the resources that really keep us safe and healthy, especially in Black communities, Indigenous communities, Latinx communities, and communities of color. We have called on them to commit to the following during the public hearing on the proposed city budget: Demands: 1. Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring 23 new officers, as has been proposed. 2. To vote no to any increase in police funding or to increase the police department's budget. 3. To propose and vote for a \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget as the city responds to projected COVID-19 shortfalls, a housing crisis, and rise in unemployment. 4. To protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police. 5. To do everything in their power to compel SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members. Now is the time to invest in a safe, liberated future for our city. We can't afford to keep funding SLCPD's attacks on our community. Here are some proposed alternatives where funding could go instead to promote community wellness: 1. Provide rent relief and quality housing opportunities for those living at or below the poverty line 2. Invest in more events, free resources, and skill sharing at city libraries 3. Provide free public transit and increase the length of bus time schedules and routes. 4. Invest in trained mental health professionals to de-escalate, transport, and connect those in need with resources. 5. Invest in more outdoor spaces and public parks in lower-income neighborhoods. Constituent of Salt Lake City, UT (84109)	n/a
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Budget 2020-2021	anonymous	please redistribute the \$84 million SLC PD budget. Focus money on community outreach programs. Decrease SLC PD budget. Freeze hiring for PD. Divest from the PD, invest in the community.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonomous	Asking Council Members to become visionary leaders. Implement hiring freeze. Vote not to increase funding to SLCPD. Cease in acting with violence on community members. 30 million, rent assistance, libraries, free public transit. mental health.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonomous	Against giving additional funds to SLCPD and hiring new officers. Believes current officers need additional training. Defund unless they are getting training to not use excessive force.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonomous	Howdy White Christian Males. Police Offices are a movement that will fail inevitably. (Obscenities from caller) Call ends.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonomous	Demand a decrease in budget by 30 million dollars. Demand hiring freeze for SLCPD for the next year. Demand a divestment from policing and an investment in our community.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	I am calling to discuss public funding. SLC demands change. More money does not keep our residents same. Look into Columbus real life situation. We do not need more funding for patrol, etc. We need to give money to ED and public funding. SLC needs less police funding. Take the money and put to housing and education. Free transit and after school programs.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Richard Holman Dorothy Owen	The following comments are provided by Richard Holman, Chair of the Westside Coalition and Dorothy Owen, Chair of the Westpointe Community Council. Questions/Comments/requests are as follows: Question 1: Where are the UIPA tax differential revenues in the City's budget as UIPA documents indicate such funding will be available in 2020? Is the City using the same revenue estimate? How is such funding being budgeted? How much are increased services to UIPA estimated to cost in upcoming budget year and how much of that cost will be covered by tax differential? Where is this covered in the budget? Are Department budgets and staff being allowed to expand to provide such services? What plans, if any, does the City have to cover such costs if anticipated revenues do not materialize? Question 2: The proposed budget does not appear to include continued funding for community-based organization mini-grants? Such funding has proven essential for CC to improve their ability to outreach and address diversity and inequity issues. ACE funding does not allow for communities to address these issues with these funds. These funds were made available to ALL city recognized community-based organizations to broaden the base of organizations able to address Westside community issues. Question 3: Where are the funds for the updating of the Westpointe Small Area Masterplan along 2200 West? Question 4: The Mayor has recognized tremendous inequities between the Westside and other parts of the City. Leaders from the Westside have met with the Mayor to begin characterizing these issues. Where are these inequities defined and where in the budget are the resources associated with addressing these inequities quantified? Request 1: Request City Council consider funding Planning and Zoning and other relevant city departments provide training and resources to Community Councils on how to review, discuss, analyze and comment on economic development/zoning/planning proposals. There is a high need for this training given the large number of proposals being submitted for review in the proximity of Westside neighborhoods. The Councils need to determine methods by which to do these reviews more efficiently and effectively. We use laypeople to respond to plans that developers have spent 10s of 1000s of dollars on lawyers to lay out their strategy. This is another inequity injuring Westside quality of life, we simply do not have the resources to deal with the onslaught of developer proposals and impacts.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	Defund the police.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	You're giving way too much of a budget to the police. Increase Medicaid and social services funds now. DCFS needs your help more than police do. They have riot gear, social workers have nothing but emotional trauma. Care about the children more than you do about violence and compliance	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	The police do not need that much money. It's ridiculous. Please allocate that money to helping the homeless, to clean energy, etc. There is no reason that you should be giving the police that large of a sum.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	anonymous	Seeing the police force of our city lined up with all kinds of expensive gear and weapons is extremely disheartening. Conflict can be resolved with words, no matter the time it takes. Our money should go towards education of our police force to work critically and peacefully instead of reactionary and violently. Thank you for taking the time to read these words.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	As a resident of Utah, I would love to see less money funneled into policing our communities - and more into actually helping them. These funds could be used for education, public transportation, or healthcare. It's obvious in our current world that the police mainly exist to keep the people in line, and less so actually serving & protecting them. Until they can figure out how to hire officers that actually care about our communities, why should we spend tax dollars helping them further? Please consider lowering the police budget and increasing the education budget. This would do a much greater service to the up & coming members of our society than the police can ever force.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	This constituent did not leave their name but they're demanding that the money for the police budget be reallocated into local programs and resources.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	This constituent did not leave their name but wanted to voice their opinion about taking some of the funds for the police and investing them back into the community	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	anonymous	This constituent wonders if the Council could reallocate a huge portion of the police force budget into the community to make them less reliant on the police force. She thanks you for your service.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	Hi, I am a resident of 84105 and would like to see a decrease of police budget and have that money allocated to supportive services other than the police. Thanks!	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	Calling to demand SLCPD defunded, "the police have too much money for what is going on to continue to happen"	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	Housing allocated 23 mil, transit under 5 mil, this is unacceptable. 16% increase in police funding, while residents have witnessed violence of police. Link between underfunded communities and police violence, change will happen when money is distributed to community programs rather than police. Library, transit, community centers need support. SLC has taken good action in the past, continue the trend. How can the city help black residents feel safer on their own streets? Need to understand systemic issues that have led to illicit these demands. defund SLCPD by 30 mil and fund public projects such as housing, transportation, green energy.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	Call for the Police Department to be defunded. As crime has gone down, police budget has gone up, disproportionately with inflation all around the country. Police has become militarized, largely contributing to the number of unjust executions of innocent people. The police should be thoroughly defunded to send a message and combat this issues. That is what SLC wants as evident from the huge turnout of protesters.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	Calling to urge the mayor to reconsider the very high budget she has proposed for funding the police, which is much higher than housing, infrastructure, and other important needs.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	Reduce Police budget to around \$64 million, implement a hiring freeze for new officers at SLCPD until we figure out reforms to fix things during this time. Put the funds back into our local community where we need them such as in schools, public health, public transportation where funding is currently lacking.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	Resident of SLC calling to ask the City Council to allocate the money to other community programs like transportation and housing instead of the police and also invest in public programs that would help the community.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	Calling about Council Meeting and the Budget - demand decrease of at least 3 million for the police department and hiring freeze for the next year. Divest policing and invest in our community, including food, housing, transportation, and public health in relation to environmental justice. Thank you. Black lives matter.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	Police does not need more money, they are supposed to defend and protect and that is something they are not doing. Money should be redistributed and sent to social workers instead. Invest less in the police and more in our community.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	This caller is begging you to hold off on hiring more police officers the system is broken and there needs to be a systematical change, proper training for police officers, and stop shooting to kill. Protest will only stop when the people feel heard.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	An anonymous constituent left a message regarding the budget she understands 85 million is allocated to the police department and feels like some of that funding could be used for mental health, after school programs, education and programs to help the community and people of color. Would like the money to go to areas that would have more impact and be meaningful.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	Stop funding for PD. Reinvest money in community. \$84M is excessive and unnecessary. The money should be invested in the community suffering from racism and other systemic problems.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	Essential reinvest \$30M in PD funding into community. Need hiring freeze for more officers. Evident we don't need more policing. Need money streaming back to community for housing and transit. Rethink budget distribution for next year. Put community first over violence.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	Implore you to redirect 84 million set to fund police to in 2021 budget. We have an epidemic of homelessness and drug addiction that needs to be addressed.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	more appropriate uses, education, roadside cleanup, services - anything but more police. Thank you.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	Call on the Council to: -Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring 20+ new employees. -Vote no to any increase in SLCPD funding or SLCPD budget -Propose and vote on a decrease of \$30 million cut from SLCPD budget as a response to COVID-19 shortfall, housing crisis, and rise in unemployment. -Invest in community resources instead of police and compel SLCPD to immediately cease acting violently towards community members.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	Defund the Police. They do not need more money to buy toys. Put funds towards education and something better for our city.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	The Constitution gives people the 1st amendment, one of the things that makes America great. There is a plague of brutality at the hands of the police force of SLC that is damaging those very rights. I urge you to stand up to the situation and do whats right. The police need reform, they need to be defunded, and we need to reasses our priorities as Americans.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	- Decrease police department funding - Increase community funding. - People commit crimes when they feel desperate. Putting the money into schools, job programs, and programs for people experiencing homelessness would better benefit the community	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	84 Millions dollars is far more than the SLCPD need. This money should go to housing, transit, and other local community resources.	n/a
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Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	I am researcher at the U of U and a lifetime resident of SLCO and I am not satisfied with the behavior of our police department. I have see far to many black and brown people be killed at the hands of our police officers. I think that needs to be addressed and changed now in the budget for the upcoming year. The 84 million allotted to the police department is far to high when we consider our current investment in our community. Im particularly concerned about the quality of our Air and part of that is due to the lack of renewable energy. I think 30 million could be taken away from the police budget and invested into the community. I also do believe we should be hiring new police officers but rather investigating the ones that are already on the force.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	Here is another one of your constituent who is against the increase in the police budget. 84 million dollars is an obscene amount of money to go towards anything that isnt community building - as far as education, housing, community and public health go and alleviating homelessness. The police do not do any of that so its probably not a good idea to give them that kind of money.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	I demand a decrease in the police budget by at least 30 million and demand a hiring freeze for the SLCPD for next year. I think that there needs be a divestment from policing in our community and we need to reinvest those funding streams into more preventative services such as food, housing affordability, transportation and public health services. I urge the Council to decrease the police budget in SLC.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	Demand 84 million from PD be redirected into local programs. Invest in our community, not in people that do not protect us. Please deliver justice.	
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	I'm demanding that the 84 million that is allocated to police is redistributed to local programs and recourse for poor black and minority.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	I would like to demand a divestment of the police and an invest back into our black and brown communities. 84 million recommended budget is absolutely absurd compared to the kind of allotment that is there for food, school, housing, transit. We do not need more police officers hired, they're not the solutions to the longstanding solutions. Instead reinvest back into our communities.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	I'm calling as a Salt Lake City citizen. I demand a decrease of the SLCPD budget of at least 30 million dollars so that money can be allocated into other areas of the public that would better serve our safety. I would like to demand a hiring freeze for the next year too. Work with the staff you have dont hire more officers. I want to see a divestment of police and reinvesting it into housing, food, transportation and public health. Its very important for the future of SLC.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	I Insist SLC never again votes to increase SLCPD funding. Instead invest in allocating resources to community and formative justices, especially for black indigenous people of color, LBGQIA, refugees and new american neighbors. Compel PD to immediately cease enacting violence on community members. Demand release for body cam footage of murder for Bernardo Paleceous Cabejo.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	Insist defund PD, invest instead in transformation justice. Do everything in your power to compel SLCPD to immediately cease enacting violence on community members.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	I think the SLCPD budget is wildly inappropriate. I think these resources would be better used in literally any other way.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	Absolutely demand the PD budget be decreased. We are now living in militarized state. Fear for friends and family being brutalized by the PD. Decrease the PD budget now.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	Decrease the police budget. \$84 is a lot of money. Use the money for feeding the homeless, education anything other than the police. The PD budget is absurd.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	Does not support increase budget to PD. Hopes funds instead go to social services department.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	Decrease PD funding. Budget for the year housing and transit receive a significant amount less. Request decrease in PD funding.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	\$84 million for PD disagree with the decision. Money should be focused on de-escalation training.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	Decrease funding for police.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	1. Hiring Freeze on SLCPD. 2. Vote no to increase the PD budget. 3. Propose and vote to cute \$30 million from budget as a response to Covid 19 shortfall, housing crisis and rise in unemployment.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	Demand decrease in budget for \$30 million from PD budget. Would like to to go to food, housing and public health to take better care of our community.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	Does not support mayors budget to allocate \$84 million to SLCPD. Redirect funds to community programs towards equity for all people.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	Demands the SLC Council decrease the budget for the PD by \$30 million and put a hiring freeze on a hiring new officers for the next year. Demands a divestment from police and instead direct to food housing and public health.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	Defund police by \$30 million.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	I am demanding that the \$84 million currently allocated to the police for next year be instead invested directly into Salt Lake's most vulnerable communities. As well as other areas that need the funding more like medical services and our education system. Thank you	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	Outraged at the \$84 million budget given to local police while other services are getting an abysmal amount. But we're still militarizing police that are willing to shoot peaceful people, after a curfew violating people's rights. I am placing trust in you guys to fix it.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	Defund the Police, defund the police force. It may seem like they're the keeper of the peace, it may seem they are the protector of the people. But if there is one thing the last week has shown is that they instigate violence and they target individuals who challenge their authority and power. They're trying to destroy the very fundamental rights we have as Americans. Defund the police, it needs to end and it needs to end tonight.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	No American in their right mind want you to give the police force so much money. It is absolutely appalling that the state of affairs that they receive such a large budget. The police are using their budget to suppress the very fundamental rights we have as Americans, you must reform the police, defund the police. More money needs to go to housing, more money to go to arts, more money to education, more money to health. Its incredible it took us half a year to get COVID-19 facilities set up to test anyone who needs it and yet in the span of days the police have been weaponized, militarized and set on the city to enforce a curfew.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	One of the most foundational documents that separates the USA from other countries throughout the world is the Constitution. Which endows its citizens with certain rights. Which include the right to protest, to vote, to assemble, to document and share speech. That is what makes america great. As I'm sure you're aware there is a plague of brutality at the hands of the SLCPD that is damaging those very rights. I urge as leaders in our shared community to stand up to the situation and do what is right. Police have proven themselves to be agents of destruction and abuse. They need reform, they need to be defund, and we need to reassess our priorities as Americans or we're nothing more than hypocrites.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	In the wake of police killings across the country as well in SLC and the SLCPD escalation of violence against SLC's multi-racial community. SLC is in desperate need of visionary leadership. We call on the SLC Council to become these visionary leaders by defunding the SLCPD and invest in the resources that really keep us healthy and safe, especially in black, indigenous, and Latin-x communities. We've called on them to commite the following on the SLC budget. We would like to see a hiring freeze, vote note on an increase to the SLCPD budget,take away 30 million dollars away from the SLCPD budget, to protect and expand current investment in community led health initiatives, and to call upon SLCPD to stop committing violent acts on the members of our community.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	Before you hire 23 new officers I would hope you train the ones we have now. More so to set an example because I've only experienced negative things from police officers here in Utah. We need better trained officers before we hire 23 new ones.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	Lets not increase the police budget and try to funding education for the first time in this State's history.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	The caller believes the budget increase to the police is wrong and we do not need more police in our City.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	I was looking through the Mayor's suggest budget and I want to know why the Police budget is so high to begin with when the neighborhood budget is so low. The police budget seems to big compared to the community and neighborhood budget. I ask the Council to reallocate some of the funds away from the Police budget.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	I demand you decrease the Salt Lake City Police budget by at least 30 million dollars. I demand that you implement a hiring freeze for the SLCPD for next year. I demand that you invest more money into neighborhood resources.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	I'm calling in response to the City Budget meeting tonight. I'm calling about the Police 84 million dollar budget. It is way to high. It needs to be reallocated. I would like to see it moved to education, housing, transit, and social services. Also create a community over-sight board.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	Due escalated violence against the city multi-ethnic community, SLC I s in need of visionary leadership. Council should defund the PD. Invest in resources that keep us safe and health, especially in black, indigenous, Latino and communities of color. Commit to hiring freeze on PD, don't hire the proposed 23 officer, vote no to PD funding increase, cut \$30 million from PD budget. Invest in community health and safety strategies, compel SLC PD to immediately cease enacting violence on community members. Now is a time to invest in safe future for the city. Use funding for rent relief, quality housing opportunities for people at or below poverty line. Invest in free resources/skill sharing resources at libraries, place more resources in libraries. Provide free public transit, increase length of bus times/routes. Free public transit is vital. It's good for environment, creates opportunities for people, helps get people to jobs. Length of bus time schedules makes it hard to use transit late at night. Invest in trained mental health professionals. Invest in more public parks in lower income neighborhoods, after school programs and meals for kids. Increase funding for public defenders.	N/A
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	Mayor has proposed \$84 million for the PD, hosing only getting \$23 million and transit \$4.7 million. That's a 16% increase in PD funding from 2018. Most black residents, residents of color and LGBTQ residents have witnessed violence and carelessness of SLC PD. Systematic racism linked to over policing of impoverished neighborhoods and underfunding of housing and transportation. Those are needed to live dignified lives. Communities deserve better. If the City cares, they will address these issues. Libraries, housing, transit and social welfare center and community centers need more funding. Now is time to do more. Help black residents feel safer in their streets, it's a geographic equity issues that needs to be addressed. Police brutality and lack of accountability should be a central topic in the equity discussion. Please listen to the demands for a just society.	N/A
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	Give more money to schools and stop funding the police. Lift the curfew. Don't be tyrannical. Get the pd off the streets, put money into schools. Don't put a dollar into the evil police force. Kids need to be educated.	N/A
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	I am a resident of Salt Lake City and I am calling about the recommended budget for 2020. I am looking at the amount that is going to the Salt Lake City Police Department and compared to the amount that is going to housing and transit. The police department is four times the amount for housing. We have people who cannot pay rent and you can't find a place to live. From what we are seeing lately, policing is not helping the problems we are facing in Salt Lake City. Please consider looking at the amount of money going to policing and see if some of it can be allocated for housing or for transit. Things that will help our population on a day-to-day basis. I really encourage you to rethink this. Please.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	As a Salt Lake City resident and teacher in this community, I would like you to defund the police. All that money should not go to them. You can put that money anywhere else; helping the homeless, putting more resources in our classrooms instead of taking away money from the students. Please listen to the community. We're the ones who put you in office. Please defund the police. We are tired of the police brutality	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	I am a Salt Lake City resident. Why in the hell are y'all trying to put even more money into police budgets when it is clear there are lots of other issues. You have closed down resources for homeless folks and we have homeless people on the street. When it is clear police have been abusing and misusing all their power, all across the nation right now. Why the fuck are you expanding that? Like, seriously? What the hell? I have had so many experiences with officers in this valley and in the city who have just been absolutely fucking power mad. Like, listen, I get that you are both part of the government, but you do not need to keep saying yes to these people, to these fascists. Seriously, what the fuck? How many more police abuse cases does it take for you to stop giving them money when there are so many better things we could do with the city of Salt Lake, this lovely city. Why is this where you are spending your money? Why is this where you are spending my money? What the hell?	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	To whom it may concern, In the wake of police killings across the country as well as in Salt Lake City, and the Salt Lake Police Department's escalated violence against the city's grieving multi-racial community, Salt Lake is in desperate need of visionary leadership. We are calling on the Salt Lake City Council to become these visionary leaders by pledging to defund the Salt Lake Police Department and invest in the resources that really keep us safe and healthy, especially in Black communities, Indigenous communities, Latinx communities, and communities of color. We have called on them to commit to the following during the public hearing on the proposed city budget: Demands: 1. Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring 23 new officers, as has been proposed. 2. To vote no to any increase in police funding or to increase the police department's budget. 3. To propose and vote for a \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget as the city responds to projected COVID-19 shortfalls, a housing crisis, and rise in unemployment. 4. To protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police. 5. To do everything in their power to compel SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members. Now is the time to invest in a safe, liberated future for our city. We can't afford to keep funding SLCPD's attacks on our community. Here are some proposed alternatives where funding could go instead to promote community wellness: 1. Provide rent relief and quality housing opportunities for those living at or below the poverty line 2. Invest in more events, free resources, and skill sharing at city libraries 3. Provide free public transit and increase the length of bus time schedules and routes. 4. Invest in trained mental health professionals to de-escalate, transport, and connect those in need with resources. 5. Invest in more outdoor spaces and public parks in lower-income neighborhoods.	n/a
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Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	Hi Council Members I wanted to request a defunding or for the SLCPD not to have an increase in their budget which would otherwise be used to police people of color unfairly and instead use the money to focus and allocate more resources for mental health service and education and outreach services that are specified for communities in need. We are facing a 10% budget cut for school and education in the state, and it is appalling to think in this time of crisis. Thank you very much and I hope you consider this message.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	Hi I just wanted to call on you to decrease the budget for the police of the proposed budgt of over 80 million is way too high we don't need military gear for the police to oppress protestors we also don't need more officers hired for the next year we hae enough already. Instead I propose speding that money on our community such as public health, housing, food and transportation, should take precedence over militarizing the police. Thank you.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous	Hi I am calling to leave a comment about the 2020-21 SLC police budget, I'm a Westminster alumni and U of U graduate student, I believe the budget should be reduced by at least \$30 million and should be used for including after school programs, housing and transportation. Thank you for your time.	NA
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous Caller	This is from an anonymous caller. The caller asks for the Council to reconsider the amount their going to give to the Police budget. She believes the City does not need more officers but rather needs better trained officers.	N/A
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous Caller	This caller did not leave her name. She would like to see funds that were going to the Police budget redistributed to other areas of the budget such as mental health.	N/A
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous Caller	She is demanding that the budget be redone to support housing rather that the police.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous Caller	This constituent would like to see the police defund or have their budget reduced. She would like to see that money be invested into community resources and ending homelessness.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous Caller	This call did not leave his name but ask that the Council take the funds for the Police and place them into neighborhood resources.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous Caller	This constituent did not leave her name but left her number 801-750-2582 . She would like to see the police defunded. She would also like to see more minorities on the police force. She believes there are too many white cops.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous Caller	This constituent did not leave her name but would like to see the funding for the police redirected to other community programs and the funding needs to have more community control over it.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous Caller	This constituent would like to see the budget for the police redirected to better serve the people of Salt Lake.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous Caller	This constituent would like request that the 84 million dollars used to fund the police be reallocated to other social services, specifically the coronavirus.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous Caller	This constituent would like the funding to the police taken away and put into things like homeless shelters and free public transit. She is also not pleased by the activation of the National Guard.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous Caller	This constituent did not leave his name but would like it if the Council did not give all the money to the police force and gave it to the kids instead.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous Caller	This constituent did not leave their name but they would like to see the police budget be redirected to into local programs and resources.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous Caller	Demand a decrease in police budget. Defund demilitarization in the City	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous Caller	Called to say not to increase SLC police budget. Need to defund the police. It's better used for social welfare programs such as helping the homeless and mental illness. Need to demilitarize the police.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous Caller	Defund the police. Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD. Say no to any increase in funding to police. Decrease SLCPD budget by 30 million. Need to stop the violence and oppression.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous Caller	85 million is too much for the police. Give the money to public transit, housing, social services, and a board to oversee the police dept. Disarm, defund, demilitarize the police	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous Caller	85 million should go towards housing, public transportation, social services. Should work for the people not against. defund	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous Caller	Wants the Police budget relocated to other services	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous Caller	Demand do not put 83 million to police or hire new officers. Decrease the budget. Redirect funds to homeless shelters and social workers. Decrease the police.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous Caller	Defund the police by 30 million dollars. No new racist cops being hired. Want a change in the system	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous Caller	Demand SLC PD budget defunded by at least 30 million. No hiring of cops for the remainder of the year. Put funding into housing, public transportation, after school programs, public health.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous Caller	Demand a decrease in police force budget by at least 30 million. Demand a hiring freeze. Invest in our community during this pandemic. Put money away from police into something helpful and healing	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous Caller	Demand decrease in SLCPD budget by 30 million dollars. Demand hiring freeze.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous Caller	Request to reconsider allocation of resources to not militarize police. Divert resources to diversity meetings and resources	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous Caller	Budget proposal unacceptable. Increase in police funding by 16% since 2016. Housing and public transportation is underfunded. Community deserves better. Libraries, housing, transit, social welfare systems need support.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anonymous Caller	Zip 84102. Wants the SLCPD budget decreased by at least 30 million dollars. Demand a hiring freeze. Demand divestment from police and invest in low income housing, homelessness.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Anthony Johnston	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Anthony Johnston, Salt Lake City Resident	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Anthony Snow	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Anthony Snow	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Aranza Tellez	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Aranza Tellez	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Arcadia Payne	Good afternoon, I am a Salt Lake City resident, having grown up in Sugarhouse, attended the University of Utah, and participated in various local community organizations. In the wake of the protests demanding systemic change to respond to ingrained racism in our national, statewide, and local institutions, I am writing to demand action from the Salt Lake City Council. I support decreasing the budget allocated for the SLCPD by at least \$30 million, instating a hiring freeze for SLCPD for this next year, and ultimately divesting from policing in order to support restorative programs and resources that will directly help SLC's communities of color (including investing in public health, food access, affordable housing, transportation, and mental health resources). Resources that show the successes of community investing can be found at the links below: https://divest.nfg.org/#what-ishttp://bcrw.barnard.edu/publicationsview/the-crisis-of-criminilization/ Let's the black communities, indigenous communities, Latinx communities, and other marginalized and underrepresented groups in Utah that we are putting our money where our mouth is and are taking action to break the cycles of violence within Salt Lake City. Sincerely, Arcadia Payne	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Aria Burk	Hello, I am writing to you today concerning public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. After looking at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving \$23,248,016 and transit is receiving \$4,700,000. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. I firmly believe that allocations to Public Services should surpass that of the SLCPD. By doing so, we are investing in Salt Lake's infrastructure and providing more resources to Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents who have been shown to suffer disproportionately in terms of COVID-19, homelessness, etc. By prioritizing Education, Public Transportation, and Sustainability, we can create a better Salt Lake City for our future generations. Council, we have the opportunity to become proactive in reducing crime rates by ensuring people have the resources they need and the appropriate means of acquiring them, to lead longer, happier, and more productive lives. To accomplish this, I ask you to divest at least 30 million dollars from the Police Department and invest these funds further into Public Services. For example, teachers are grossly underappreciated and underpaid and as COVID-19 permeates into Fall, we must ensure that our school district has ample resources to reach every student and give them the education they deserve. We must address shortcomings in the budget where COVID-19 hits hardest. Secondly, I ask that a hiring freeze be implemented for the SLCPD. In light of national events, we need to guarantee that our hiring standards are rigorous at vetting out anyone expressing sociopathic and or racist tendencies. We absolutely must have safe streets on both sides of the badge and officers that can Protect and Serve every member of our community without the risk of violence or apartheid. Lastly, I ask that we protect and expand our current investments in community-led health and safety strategies. I believe that this community is strong, beautiful, and capable enough to recognize its needs while making sure that every dollar is well spent. Thank you very much for your time, Alec Burk	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Ariana Fonzo	To Whom It May Concern I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Ariana Fonzo Sent from my iPhone	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Arianna Stucki	Hello, I write to urge the Salt Lake City government to decrease the police budget, and allocate those essential resources to other essential community needs. I was raised in Salt Lake City, and will always view this city as home. We do not need 23 new officers and millions of dollars given to an already sizable police-force. That money could be used to help marginalized communities in Salt Lake City in a variety of ways, from providing essential funding to SLC schools, to providing more aid to the homeless, to helping communities through social programs rather than law enforcement. Nothing I am saying is new. The political unrest present throughout this country is. If we want the lawlessness to end in the streets, we must listen and make the changes to our justice system required. De-escalating the growth of the SLCPD, who has proved it threatens members of its community as much as it aims to protect others, is an essential change. Have the courage to make it. Decrease the SLC Police budget. Don't hire more officers. Help your community. All the best,	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Ariel Genovesi	Hello, I am writing to you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here. They are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. Additionally, they have shot citizens without due process and with out community input or oversight. This must not continue. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systematic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. This funds would be better appropriated to social services and transit services to serve our Black residents, residents of color, and impoverished residents. I ask that you prioritize these issues to show a deep care and support for all Salt Lake City residents. Sincerely, Ariel Genovesi Salt Lake City Resident	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Ariel Manwel	Ariel Manwel would like to see the police budget redirected back into education.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Arielle Gordon-Rowe	My name is Arielle Gordon-Rowe and I am a resident of Salt Lake City, Utah. I am writing to advocate my support for Utah's fighting against police brutality and to demand justice for Bernardo Palacios. The following are my and other's demands: 1. Never again vote to increase police funding or the police department's budget. 2. Vote for a significant cut to the police budget as the city responds to projected COVID-19 shortfalls. 3. Invest significantly in community-led health and safety strategies instead of the police. 4. Do everything in your power to compel the SLCPD to immediately cease enacting violence on community members 5. Release of the body cam footage of the SLCPD fatally shooting Bernardo Palacios on Saturday, May 23. Black Lives Matter. Justice for Bernardo. Sincerely, Arielle Gordon-Rowe, A concerned citizen	NA
Budget 2020-2021	Arsalan Dezhm	To whom it may concern: I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Demands: Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring 23 new officers, as has been proposed. To vote no to any increase in police funding or to increase the police department's budget. To propose and vote for a \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget as the city responds to projected COVID-19 shortfalls, a housing crisis, and rise in unemployment. To protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police. To do everything in their power to compel SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members. Now is the time to invest in a safe, liberated future for our city. We can't afford to keep funding SLCPD's attacks on our community. Here are some proposed alternatives where funding could go instead to promote community wellness: Provide rent relief and quality housing opportunities for those living at or below the poverty line. Invest in more events, free resources, and skill sharing at city libraries. Provide free public transit and increase the length of bus time schedules and routes. Invest in trained mental health professionals to de-escalate, transport, and connect those in need with resources. Invest in more outdoor spaces and public parks in lower-income neighborhoods. Funding for after-school programs and providers, and for more meals for students in public schools. Increase the funding of public defenders, who are only allocated \$1,292,774, with no increase from last year. Sincerely, Arsalan Dezhm	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Asaeli Junior Matelau	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Asaeli Junior Matelau	n/a
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Budget 2020-2021	Asher Richards	Have the protests not been loud enough? We don't need shiny new guns and more racist police, this money is much better spent housing our homeless and reinvesting in our communities. Particularly our impoverished communities! The people don't want to fund the police!	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Ashlee House	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Ashlee	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Ashleigh Albrechtsen	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. Utah is once again LAST in the entire country for educational spending. This is a disgrace. As an educator myself, I've seen first hand how investing in our youth and schools can make a difference, even in Salt Lake proper. Class sizes, teacher pay, and before/after school resources are VITAL to protecting and nurturing our kids. Doesn't it make so much more sense to invest in them, than in violence and oppression? There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Ashleigh Albrechtsen	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Ashley Berkowitz	Hello, My comments are regarding public funding for the future of Salt Lake City. I received this information, have read through it, and support it which is why I am sending this now. For the projected budget of FY 20-21, the mayor has allocated nearly \$85 million for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving \$23,248,016 and transit \$4,700,000. Many Black and LGBTQ residents and residents of color have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here; they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society, starting here in Salt Lake City, that greets the plea for change with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Ashley Berkowitz SLC resident	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Ashley Cleveland	Hello, I am writing to you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. I am a single Black mother and I really care about my city. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. I suggest that the budget be decreased by 20 million. I think a serious conversation about restructuring police forces needs to happen in a way that doesn't vilify them. I would much rather have 20 million allocated to building robust systems around health, education, economic well-being and safety with residents. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, lasting change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systematic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Ashley Cleveland 84116 D3	3
Budget 2020-2021	Ashley Engeler	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face of non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Ashley Engeler	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Ashley Hardman	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Ashley Hardman	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Ashley Horiuchi	Dear Salt Lake City Council, My name is Ashley Horiuchi, and I am currently a resident of Salt Lake. I went to Ridgecrest Elementary, Hillcrest High School, and now I currently going to the University of Minnesota. Within the past couple of days, I have heard many first-hand accounts from my friends and peers in Minneapolis of how the Minneapolis police department has shown a blatant disregard for the communities safety. They are shooting residents on their porches. They are macing innocent bystanders. George Floyd is one of the countless black people murdered at the hands of police. MPD is showing to the citizen of Minneapolis that safety is not their concern. I am proud Salt Lake Resident and do not want to see the same behavior in my home town. I demand that the City Council's budget be redistributed to take preventative measures, ensuring the safety of all of its citizens, regardless of race, sexual orientation, or gender identity. And, I demand that the following changes be made: 1. There must be a clear and coherent list of where the Police Departments budget is going. It must be easily accessed by the public, if not publicized. 2. There must be a reallocation of at least \$30 million from the police budget for community-oriented models of safety. 3. There must be a hiring freeze for the SLCPD next year. City officials have promised reform in the past while citizens of the black community continue to die at the hands of the police. We are calling for the restructuring of a broken system. Thank you for your time and I hope that we can work together to protect the Salt Lake City Community, Ashley Horiuchi [REDACTED]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Ashley Johnson	\$85 million for PD. Housing only getting \$23 million and Transit 4.7 million. Unacceptable. represents a 16% increase for the PD since 2018. Most black residents, people of color and LGBTQ residents have witnessed violence and carelessness of SLC PD. Peaceful protests have been faced with violence. Use the \$85 million to do actual good for those in Utah.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Ashlyn Anderson	I know you are discussing the upcoming city budget and I wanted to state that I do not support the \$84 million that the city is planning to allocate to the SLCPD. Instead, this money should be invested in our city's most vulnerable communities. We need to defund and demilitarize the police and use our city's budget to truly serve the people.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Ashma Shrestha	First and foremost, I am shocked at how much money has been going in the police department. I understand that the department is here is to protect the citizen and most do follow that mission. However, the budget allocation is very alarming and seems questionable. The second highest department getting funded is the judicial department and they are getting half the amount of the police department. Does this mean that our city is investing 100% more in incarceration and arrests than restorative justice? My friends and colleagues and myself demand explanation. I have not seen any reasons to exhaust such large amounts in one department. What changes has the city seen to further increase that budget? As a citizen of this community, I demand a further disaggregated data. Please consider what the citizen have to say before finalizing this budget plan. Please consider other sectors that could benefit as well. For example, our city needs to work on funding resources for the homeless right now. I hope my opinions will be as validated by the city council as claimed. Thank you. -- Ashma Shrestha Pronouns: She/her Psychology BS I University of Utah McNair Scholar Paraprofessional I San Francisco Unified School District Mental Health Counselor I Fred Finch Youth Center Sexual Assault Advocate I I Bay Area Women Against Rape	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Ashton Marcoux	City Council, I have been a resident of SLC for two years now. After looking over your proposed budget of \$84 million for the police as well as the incentive to hire on 23 new officers, I believe it is not the best use of these funds by any means. Salt Lake City desperately needs more funds allocated to improving city infrastructure, assisting the growing homeless population by improving existing shelters as well as building new ones, and supporting disenfranchised communities. I urge all members of this council to vote against this proposal. The citizens of Salt Lake demand a decrease in this budget by at least \$30 million. We demand a hiring freeze for the SLCPD for the next year. We demand more funds be allocated towards our community and away from policing. If these demands are not met, it is almost certain you will be met with more protests, more anger, and more outcry than what you are experiencing now. Now is the time to support your citizens, not your police. Thank you, Ashton Marcoux	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Aubri Tuero	Dear Mayor Mendenhall and Members of the Salt Lake City Council, I respectfully request that the \$84 million allocated to the Police Department be reinvested in the community, namely: affordable housing, clean air, increasing voter participation, fully funding our homeless resource centers, protecting LGBTQ youth, and expanding mental health services. With what little money is left for the police, I suggest earmarking it for trainings on implicit bias, de-escalation, and crisis intervention; diversification of the department's leadership; the creation of tighter use-of-force standards; body cameras that don't fucking turn off; implementation of Citizen's Review Boards to hold the police department accountable; and an open record of complaints against office misconduct so that the public can hold you all accountable. Sincerely, -- Aubri Tuero American University MA Global Governance, Politics, and Security University of Utah (2015) [REDACTED]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Aubry Lines	Council, As I cannot attend this hearing, as a registered voting citizen and physics student of salt lake county I would like to share my input. I request a decrease in police budget and resulting direct investment in our communities in stead. Thank you, Aubry L.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Audrey Louise Gilgen	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Audrey Louise Gilgen	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Aurora Green	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here--they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Aurora Green	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Austin Holmes	Council, The proposal to budget \$84 million to SLCPD is absolutely reprehensible and inexcusable. The police department has served the interests of protecting property and maintaining the order of harmful status quo politics, while enacting violence upon the people, year after year. This is a time where we should be defunding police departments, and allocating those resources toward social services, toward the overall wellbeing of the people. To begin to make the transition toward ensuring safety and security for the people, swift progress toward enabling community control and oversight over a de-militarized police force should be the first steps that should be taken. Continuing to funnel egregious amounts of the budget into what the police department currently consists of structurally, is nothing more than blatant negligence for the safety of the people, and an overall act of violence in and of itself. The wanton and unprovoked use of this violence by police forces throughout the country that increases in severity daily is proof of this. There is already justified unrest among the people of the country, including Salt Lake City, regarding this violence, and giving such a vast sum of the budget to SLCPD sends the clear message that you do not care for their lives, that you condone this violence, and in fact encourage it, by continuing to fund its growth and militarization. It is unacceptable. I hope you will take these thoughts into account when making your decisions regarding this issue. Thank you for your time and consideration,	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Austin Whitehead	I think the police have too much money. They're flying helicopters around and walking around in full riot gear. There are lots of things that are under resourced and I would love to see some of the money redistributed to program that need the money more.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Ava Oertle	Dear Council, I am a citizen of Salt Lake City. I am writing to give my opinion on the projected police budget increase. The increase in funding to the police department would not be a good decision. Instead, you should use the \$84 million to increase funds to homeless shelters and help to fund the most vulnerable people in our city. For example, we could use that money to fund veterans assistant programs and drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs. The money can go to more productive and humane sectors of government. Thank you for listening to my ideas. Sincerely, Ava Oertle	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Avery Jackson Roney	Hello, I am writing to you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systematic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Avery Jackson Roney	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Bailey Bell	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Bailey Bell	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Bailey Lowe	Hello, My name is Bailey Lowe and I am a proud member of Salt Lake City. That is, until a few days ago. I and digested and embarrassed by the way this city is being run in light of the Black Lives Matters movements and the police brutality at hand. For the upcoming budget of 2020-2021 for Salt Lake City, I DEMAND a decrease in the police budget by at least \$30 million. Additionally, I demade a hiring freeze for the SLCPD for the next year. Finally, this city demands and needs a divestment from policing and an investment into our community through food, housing, transportation, public health, and education. Thank you, Bailey Lowe	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Ban Naes	Hello, I am a resident of SLC, and I am demanding that the 2020-2021 budget completely decrease the funding to the Police Department by at least \$30 million. I also demand there be a hiring freeze placed for SLCPD for the next year. I demand that there be a divestment from policing, and an INVESTMENT in our community. Our community NEEDS food accessibility, affordable housing, affordable and accessible public transportation, and an immediate increase to Public Health. This \$30 million dollars needs to go to all of these, and including an increase for public Education, the most important and most sacred of places for our community. There is absolutely NO NEED to hire 23 new officers, and no need to give \$84 million to the SLCPD. This money can better serve OUR COMMUNITY in a much better way, a more sustainable and justifiable way. We as a community demand these changes. There needs to be someone who listens and helps us as a community.	N/A
Budget 2020-2021	Bayley Goldsberry	Dear SLC gov, I'm writing to add my voice in the people's DEMAND FOR DECREASED POLICE BUDGET. We do not need 23 new police officers, nor \$84m for police budget. We need: 1) hiring freeze on SLCPD 2) no more increases to SLCPD budget 3) \$30m cut from SLCPD budget to better respond to COVID-19 shortfalls (unemployment, housing crisis, etc.) 4) SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately CEASE VIOLENCE ON COMMUNITY MEMBERS 5) significantly more funding for education, low-income housing, more affordable public transportation, and did I mention EDUCATION The U.S. spends \$100b on policing. It would cost approx \$25b to eliminate homelessness and \$34b to provide free college to all. Please consider these possibilities as you make decisions to represent your people. Thank you. Bayley Goldsberry	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Becca	Defund PD funding. Invest in education, housing, COVID relief. Imploring Council to not fund this budget addition as it is not a top priority to citizens of Salt Lake.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Becca Levin	Hello, Please consider how resources are distributed in our community. Are there places where we can reduce or remove support, like policing, and instead distribute support in more meaningful ways? Can we consider increasing support to welfare, healthcare, education, rent assistance or other means in our city? How can we use our city and county budget to reduce inequality for all? Please consider carefully whether that \$84M for police will really lead to better lives for all of Salt Lake residents. Thank you, Becca	
Budget 2020-2021	Becke Slater	Hi, my name is Becke. I wanted to leave a comment showing my support and solidarity with the concerns other Utahns have posed about next years budget. I do not want \$84 million to go to our police force. We do not need a powerful police force. I want those funds to be allocated to more important resources, such as housing. I want to see our BIPOC communities healing at a time like this. Funds should be applied towards resources that heal and help the people of Utah. I trust that our counsel will hear our concerns and listen to the community needs being voiced by Black people right now, as well as our homeless and other minority members who feel unsafe, scared, and hurt. Thank you for your time and consideration. Becke Slater	

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Budget 2020-2021	becky tucker	Hi there council members, I hope today finds you well. I'm writing to express my strong opposition to funneling more money into our police force. What this community needs is money going directly to disadvantaged areas and businesses. We do not need another 23 officers on the force. That money could be reallocated to directly help the community in other ways that are much more effective at actually helping the community. Sincerely, a concerned citizen,	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Ben Coles	Putting 84 million into our police force is utterly ridiculous. We need to invest in our own community organizations. Please decrease the police budget! Sincerely, Ben Coles	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Ben Finling	I am asking for no increase in the police budget and have a portion of the police budget be diverted to social services. Thank you very much.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Ben Hagenhofer Daniel	Hi, I've emailed in the past about fairly standard things like zoning and cyclist safety. I've been generally supportive of your tenure on city council and have thought SLC city government has been mostly on the right path in trying times. However, If the response to a righteous call for police reform is an increase in spending on law enforcement, you will lose all of that support and good will from this voter. Every dollar we spend on yet more training or yet more body cams with footage the public never sees, or another "dialogue" is a dollar that isn't spent on housing the homeless, helping people deal with substance abuse, funding real mental health professionals in our community, connecting the out of work with employers, etc. The measures that are effective in preventing police violence are about providing real oversight and real consequences. Just buying cops more tech or hiring more officers under the guise of "community policing" without these measures is hollow and a waste of precious resources. Instead of just increasing the police budget, cut it and direct some of those funds to a citizen oversight board with real authority to subpoena and investigate misconduct and discipline and fire officers. We need consequences with teeth independent of the police department. We don't need to be spending any more \$\$ on the police without real accountability. While I haven't been involved with the organization other than attending a few rallies, I'd recommend reaching out to: https://www.facebook.com/UtahAgainstPoliceBrutality/ to help guide you in the ongoing budget process. They have concrete and specific policy asks that they have been working on for years. Ben HD	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Ben Jones	I'm a constituent of your who briefly joined the Liberty Wells community zoom a couple of weeks (feels like a lifetime) ago and appreciated your presentation. I'm writing to encourage you to defund the SLCPD during the upcoming city budget. The police budget is slated to increase and being balanced by not filling Victim Advocate and social worker positions? That's exactly the opposite of where our priorities should be. I strongly encourage you to direct money to parts of the budget that actually HELP the people in SLC: affordable housing, healthcare, education, etc. Especially after the police provoked violence (and assaulted the citizens they're supposed to protect!) over the weekend, it's clear that giving them more money will make citizens of SLC less safe, especially since that money could be better spent on vital services. * Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring 23 new officers, as has been proposed. * To vote no to any increase in police funding or to increase the police department's budget. * To propose and vote for a \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget as the city responds to projected COVID-19 shortfalls, a housing crisis, and rise in unemployment. * To protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police. * To do everything in your power to compel SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members. * Encourage the mayor to rescind the curfew which only exists to delegitimize protest	5
Budget 2020-2021	Ben Spaunhorst	I would like to see lower police spending in the fiscal year 2021 budget. Police spending is the single highest category, and accounts for 26% of allocated general fund expenditures. It has increased each of the last two years, and in the current FY recommended budget is being increased again. During the same time, spending on public services has remained generally flat. Police budget dwarfs spending on other programs, and nearly doubles the recommended budget for public services. I believe that police are a necessary, and vital part of living in a safe and prosperous city. But I also believe that funding for city programs could be more evenly distributed, and have greater effect on the lives of Salt Lake City citizens than more police spending can. Thank you for your consideration.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Ben Tanner	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Ben Tanner	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Benjamin Carvajal	SLC Demands 1. Decrease the budge for the SLCPD by at least 30 million 2. Hiring freeze for SLCPD for the next year. 3. Divestment from policing and an investment in our community	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Benjamin Carval	I agree with the demands of Utahans against police brutality. These funds should go towards more transportation, housing and rape recovery. I do not support SLCPD and do not want to see my tax money going towards this recommended budget.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Benjamin Penrasium	Benjamin Penrasium is a resident in in Sugarhouse and is concerned about the money being allocated to be the police. He believes that the police do no serve everyone in the community. He would also like to see this money invested into the community rather than law enforcement.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Benson Oldsebee	I would like to see not an increase and new hires I would like to see a decrease. I would like to see more of an active community organizations in the community. An higher budget would not be good for the peace in this town.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Beth Yetter	Hi, Please consider these comments for the public hearing tonight for the 2020-2021 budget. Particularly, I see the mayor has allocated 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing will receive just over \$23 million, and transit will receive just below \$5 million. This is absolutely unacceptable, especially seeing the police force armed in tactical gear up to their eyeballs during the protests. I am very disappointed in the police being violent in the face of non-violent protests, and the double standard of how the police respond to certain citizens, based on their appearance the color of their skin. In the wake of police killings across the country as well as in Salt Lake City, and the Salt Lake Police Department's escalated violence against the city's grieving multi-racial community, Salt Lake is in desperate need of visionary and accountable leadership The unequal treatment of citizens by police was perfectly exemplified this past Saturday, May 30, when one of the few people who brought a weapon to the protest, the ignorant man who pulled out a bow and arrow and pointed it at protestors, wasn't even ARRESTED and was walking around giving interviews that night. And the only reason I can think of that he wasn't arrested is because he is an old white guy. Assumed to be harmless because of his appearance, particularly the color of his skin. If he had been black, he would've been shot dead; do not pretend that would not be the case. And then I watched many peaceful protestors get arrested due to a last minute curfew that I can only think was put into place to incite fear. THIS IS THE ISSUE. You can't have it both ways. A white guy brandishing a weapon is let go and giving interviews that night, and protestors trying to protest peacefully are arrested for being out past 8pm. I am fed up. Police need to be held accountable, and need to treat all citizens equally. I am calling on the Salt Lake City Council to have BACKBONE and be an example for communities near and wide and send the message - ENOUGH is ENOUGH. We are holding all accountable now. The thin blue line mentality has to end, and being immune from real prosecution due to a uniform and badge is not ok, and never was ok. I am demanding the equal treatment of citizens. I am demanding proper policing. I am demanding accountability for the police. You can help start this change! And many will applaud you and support you. This cannot be about politics anymore, this is affecting people's lives and families - people are dying; people are losing family members to senseless murder. Isn't someone's life worth more than keeping politicians happy? I would hope so. But I do not believe it based on what I am seeing. The Salt Lake City Council has the power to make change and defund the SLC Police Department and invest in other resources that can help keep the community safe and healthy. I don't know anything that speaks louder than money in today's world. We also need to focus on those communities we have ignored for too long - Black communities, Indigenous communities, Latinx communities, and communities of color. I myself am a white female who recognizes my own privilege and how it has played into my interactions with the police - I have never feared for my life while doing something mundane because of the color of my skin. It has personally been a hard reality to swallow, but it is the reality we live in - as was exemplified on Saturday as mentioned above. And I am not serving anyone in playing into my privilege because I know I won't be treated differently because I am white. As a concerned citizen, I am demanding: Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring 23 new officers, as has been proposed; To vote no to any increase in police funding or to increase the police department's budget until they can prove they can police correctly and justly; To propose and vote for a \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget as the city responds to projected COVID-19 shortfalls, a housing crisis, and rise in unemployment; To protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police; To do everything in your power to compel SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members. Fighting violence with violence is senseless. We need to invest in safety and look toward the future of the city. What an opportunity to be an example for the nation, in holding our police force accountable. Here are some alternatives for the proposed funding: Provide rent relief and quality housing opportunities for those living at or below the poverty line; Invest in more events, free resources, and skill sharing at city libraries; Provide free public transit and increase the length of bus time schedules and routes; Invest in trained mental health professionals to de-escalate, transport, and connect those in need with resources - the police should ALSO have to take proper de-escalation training and be provided mental health resources. Invest in more outdoor spaces and public parks in lower-income neighborhoods; Funding for after-school programs and providers, and for more meals for students in public school; Increase the funding of public defenders, who are only allocated \$1,292,774, with no increase from last year Thank you for considering my comments. Here is to a better Salt Lake. Beth Yetter	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Bethany Holcomb	Decrease budget by at least \$30 for police, hiring freeze for police, and take those funds and invest them into the community for food,housing, transportation, and public health.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Beverly O'Neil	I hope you are actually listening, and that you also watched the LA police department commission meeting that happened as well. Those voices were much angrier and harsher than those of us, if there is no change we will be just as angry. Please remove the national guard.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Bianca Montes	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Bianca Montes	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Blaine Whitford	I am asking you to take a risk. To forget about the spectacle of politics and do what is right. To set an example in our state and nation of how we can create a change in our communities and save black lives. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Blake Thomas Newman	Dear council members, I am writing you to discuss public funding for the future of our Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,000. This is absolutely ridiculous. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Blake Thomas Newman	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Blueper Duper	The Salt Lake City Police Department does not deserve and/or need anywhere near the amount that they are given yearly. Last years city budget was around 331,000,000 dollars and and the police department received nearly 1/3 of that funding. Put this money into something that gives to the community, not something that oppresses it. Blueper Duper	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Bo Hancoch	To Whom It May Concern, I am writing to you today to discuss public funding for the future of Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the Mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely and wholly unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police. They are violent in the face of non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources, which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension as is our current situation. Our communities deserve better than this. We deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take action in the past to support its residents, and now is the time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents and residents of color feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and equality. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. Please review the police budget and remove funds from the increase to strengthen and change the Community Advisory Board to a Community Review Board that takes the power and onus of disciplinary action stemming from complaints out of the hands of the police and in the hands of the citizens. Currently the Community Advisory Board simply has power to advise the Chief of Police while he holds the final say on discipline. This must be changed. Criminals do not write the laws for criminals. The police department is acting as judge, juror, and executioner. This must change. Upon further reviewing the budget, I noticed that only 8 hours are listed for Fair and Impartial Policing/Implicit Bias training. Please explain and justify your decision in how 8 hours is sufficient time to make up for the fact that Latino men are 2 times more likely than their white peers to die at the hands of the police and that Black men are 3 times more likely than their white peers to die at the hands of the police. 8 hours is not enough. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. I urge that you do not let Salt Lake City fall on the wrong side of history. Sincerely, Bo Hancoch Sent from my iPhone	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Bobbi Fosburg	I am a taxpaying voter who has lived in Utah for 25 years. I am requesting that the 84m allocated for the police be please put toward community social interventions that address police brutality rooted in racism. Please. We need to address the roots of these criminal problems rather than putting expensive bandaids on militarization. Thank you.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Bonnie Cooper	Dear Council Members, It has come to my attention that the city plans to allocate around 84 million dollars to the SLCPD in the next fiscal year. While I understand that keeping Salt Lake City a safe place to live is a top concern, I implore you to look at creative ground up approaches to community safety, rather than contribute to the further militarization of our police force. Furthermore, expanding the number of officers on our police force does not make me feel safer as a citizen. I would much rather the police department spend the money they do receive on continued training in deescalation, and addressing their implicit bias. Instead of increasing the budget for the SLCPD I would love to see that money be invested in a more deserving area such as community and neighborhood development. I am proud to be a citizen of Salt Lake City, and I love living here. My hope is that you will keep moving the city forward in a more positive direction by divesting from SLCPD and directing those funds back into the communities that make Salt Lake City a wonderful place to live. Thank you for your work on behalf of our communities. A concerned citizen, Bonnie Cooper [REDACTED]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	boone hogg	To Whom It May Concern: My name is Boone. I live in Salt Lake City, Utah. I am writing to demand that the SLPD be defunded In the wake of the current state of US citizens' relationship with police force, it has become obvious to me and the majority of Americans that police force must be defunded... specifically in this case the Salt Lake Police Department. We need to the 84 million dollars that is allocated to the SLPD to be invested into our most vulnerable community. We must disarm and demilitarize the SLPD. We must do better as a community and defunding the police will be a major component of this. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Boone [REDACTED]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Brady Burrows	The SLCPD budget needs to be cut back significantly. There should also be specific limitations on SLCPD acquiring military equipment. Excess spending, past pay and basic services, should go towards de-escalation training that is approved by a community-based non-police panel. Police should be our friends and allies and not a feared-military-esque organization and should be budgeted as such. Brady Burrows	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Brandon Morgan	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Brandon Morgan	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Brandon Ong	To whom it may concern: Hi, my name is Brandon Ong, and I'm a constituent living in West Jordan. I am writing to you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the project for FY 2020-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving \$23,248,016 and transit is receiving only \$4,700,000. This, to me, is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most black residents, residents of color, and other marginalized groups have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here, especially in recent days. The police have been violent in the face of non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safe in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I now that mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systematic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Brandon Ong	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Breanna Bozzuto	To whom this may concern, I want the \$84 million that has been allocated to the police force for the next year to be used elsewhere. The fact that you are prioritizing authority over the rights of the people is not okay. I would like you to be proactive with that money instead of funding the police. Prevent crime by funding schools and education, mental health institutions, building affordable housing, and shelters. Do not increase funding to the police force. Thank you, Bre	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Breanna Granger	I am sure you guys are seeing a huge surge of emails, calls, and comments at this time so I would like to say thank you for reading this and your hard work during this time. I think more funding should go towards the police, especially in the form of training for de-escalation and then into body cams (with the hope that they would be used at all times). And then once those things are completed, I would like to see their pay raised. Thank you	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Brianna Burton	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Brianna Burton	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Brianna Moreno	I, along with many other Salt Lake City residents demand that the police be defunded. The money should be going towards education and vulnerable communities instead. I will no longer be ok with my tax money going towards fear-based training. Reform the entire system. Care about your residents of color. Brianna Moreno [REDACTED]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Brianna Villaseor	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Brianna Villaseor Sent from my iPhone	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Brijette Mulvy	Brijette Mulvy called to demand that the police budget be redirected into local programs and resources, specifically mental health and not into our militaristic police force.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Brittany Hansen	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Brittany Hansen	n/a
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Budget 2020-2021	Brock Dickson	Demand decrease to PD budget. We are already over policed. Police are not doing the correct things. Should decrease PD budget by \$30 million. Waste to put that money into PD. It should be used on schools, youth centers, libraries -things that educate people. Freeze hiring for next year and probably 20 years. Put money towards food, housing, transportation, public health	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Brody Phoenix	Hi, The biggest issue are how militarized the police are. We need to stop spending so much on police. We don't need more police. We need to start training police to be kind. How to help citizens feel safe. How to take down an offender non violently. How to not turn off the body cam before someone gets killed. More police and more aggression is just going to cause a revolution. A lot of people have had enough and I'm worried the "strong arm" is what is causing such an uproar. When the police were nice on Monday's protest, the protesters responded with cooperation. You're Rawsome! Brody Phoenix phone: [REDACTED]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Brooke Larsen	Dear Council Members, My name is Brooke Larsen and I'm a Council District 4 resident. I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving \$23,248,016 and transit is receiving \$4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. In the wake of police killings across the country as well as in Salt Lake City, and the Salt Lake Police Department's escalated violence against the city's grieving multi-racial community, Salt Lake is in desperate need of visionary leadership. Please be these visionary leaders by pledging to defund the Salt Lake Police Department and invest in the resources that really keep us safe and healthy, especially in Black communities, Indigenous communities, Latinx communities, and communities of color. Please commit to the following: 1) Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring 23 new officers, as has been proposed. 2) Vote no to any increase in police funding or to increase the police department's budget. 3) Propose and vote for a \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget as the city responds to projected COVID-19 shortfalls, a housing crisis, and rise in unemployment. 4) Protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police. 5) Do everything in your power to compel SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members. Now is the time to invest in a safe, liberated future for our city. We can't afford to keep funding SLCPD's attacks on our community. Here are some proposed alternatives where funding could go instead to promote community wellness: 1) Rent relief and quality housing opportunities for those living at or below the poverty line 2) More events, free resources, and skill sharing at city libraries 3) Free public transit and increase the length of bus time schedules and routes 4) Trained mental health professionals to de-escalate, transport, and connect those in need with resources 5) More outdoor spaces and public parks in lower-income neighborhoods 6) After-school programs and providers, and for more meals for students in public schools 7) Increased funding of public defenders, who are only allocated \$1,292,774, with no increase from last year There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society. Greet our pleas for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place and investment in programs rooted in community care and transformative justice. Sincerely, Brooke Larsen	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Brooke Lowrie	Decrease the Police Department budget - militarization of our police force is outlandish, unnecessary and harmful. Reallocate to building our community through economic development and protecting the Wasatch.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Brooke Stanislawski	Hello Darin, Thank you for speaking at the last LWCC meeting. I enjoyed getting to know you. I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here - they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Furthermore, I am a white resident who relies on public transportation for environmental and economic reasons. I am asking you to devote more of the budget to public transportation, not just as a racial issue that impacts people of color, but an issue that impacts both white and BIPOC residents. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Brooke Stanislawski	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Brooke Walrath	City Council, I am a resident of Salt Lake City and have been living in District 4 for several years. I see that the mayor has requested a budget of \$84.4 million dollars to the SLCPD for fiscal year 2020-2021, and I am writing to voice my concern with that number before the budget meeting this evening. More and more of late, we are seeing militarized police actions where community resources should be called in. Especially considering how often police in this country get away with harassment, badgering, and murder of citizens, especially among our Black and brown communities, I ask the councilmembers to consider slashing that \$84 million down as well as pushing for real accountability of police officers as a small part of much-needed, larger reforms. Thank you for your consideration, Brooke Walrath	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Bruno Lopez	I'd like to add my two cents that SLC should not increase the police budget by \$84 million and/or hire 23 more police officers. Our police force is heavily militarized and dangerously weaponized; this goes against the protection and service spirit that officers of the law are meant to project. Instead, this goes towards a bloated administrative structure that profits from the bureaucracy of keeping its citizens oppressed. Make changes to the structure of the department to demilitarize and institute training programs across the board that will decrease profiling and stop the senseless violence against Persons of Color instead of buying everyone a shiny new gun to use against their people. Bruno Lopez Utah Resident	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Bryce Williams	Dear Council Members, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Bryce Williams	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Brynn Nelson	Do not set aside any more funding for police. Appropriate money for social services, health services and schools	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Cait Coplan	To the Salt Lake City Council Members, My name is Caitlin Coplan. I have been a resident of the greater Salt Lake City community for 8 years, attending public schools in the area and spending much time in downtown Salt Lake City. I have recently moved away from the area for graduate school but have so many loved ones in the area. I am devastated and enraged in the images I have seen in downtown committed by the Salt Lake City PD and other officers in Salt Lake City. To make up for these heinous actions, I am echoing the voices of the marginalized in these following demands: It is VITAL that we redirect the 83 million dollars that would go to expanding the PD and instead invest this money into those that are most vulnerable in our community. These actions can be carried out by: 1) Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring 23 new officers as has been proposed. 2) Vote No to increasing the police funding or increasing the police department's budget. 3)Propose and vote for a \$30 million dollar CUT from the SLCPD budget to take care of the projected city deficits due to COVID-19 response, the housing crisis, and rise in unemployment. 4) Protecting and EXPANDING current investments in community led health and safety strategies, rather than investing in the police. 5) And to do everything in your power to compel SLCPD and all law enforcement in the state to immediately CEASE enacting violence on community members. Now is the time to invest in the safety of our communities during this pandemic, rather than exacerbate tension in the community and necessitating the need for further protests. Listen to the voices from the community; bring black community members to the table, and divest from the SLCPD. Respectfully, Caitlin Coplan	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Caitlin Askey	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Caitlin Askew	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Caitlyn Banegas	Hello, My name is Caitlyn Banegas. I am a resident of Salt Lake City, Utah and I am emailing today to demand accountability for the racist murder of George Floyd. George Floyd should be alive today if it was not for the gross abuse of power and white supremacy that was exhibited. In the name of George and all people of color that have been wronged by the gross judgement of the police, I demand that we start providing more support towards community efforts and organizations outside of the police forces in order to prevent further violence, brutality and discrimination in our community, and so that we may be an example for our country.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Caitlyn Williams	Demand decrease the budget by \$30 million,. Demand hiring freeze for at least one year. Demand disinvestment from policing and investment in food, housing, transportation and public health.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Caity McKee	I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,000. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Caity McKee	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Cameron Feigel	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face of non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely,	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Carlos Fernando Ospina Trujillo	Hi, my name is Carlos Ospina. I agree with the demands proposed by Utahns against police brutality. I do not agree with or support the mayors recommended budget where police receive \$84,422,651. More importantly, there are programs like housing, transit, education, rehabilitation, and rape recovery that don't even see half that amount. There is a huge amount of vulnerable people in our community that need more care. I do not support SLCPD and I do not want to see my tax money support them. Thank you Carlos Fernando Ospina Trujillo	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Carly Rost	Good morning, My name is Carly Rost, and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. In the wake of the police murder of George Floyd and so many Black Americans before him, I am writing to ask you to show your commitment to justice by reallocating next year's \$84 million police budget to emphasize care, not cops. The People of Salt Lake City want the city to invest in universal needs like quality housing for all, universal access to healthy food, financial and economic support, climate justice, free and quality public transit, public health, and mental health support. They want the city to divest from traditional policing. We want the \$84 million allocated to the Police Department for next year to be invested directly in our most vulnerable communities. I want to make clear that your failure to listen to your constituents does not mean that we will give up. We will continue to make our voices known. Thank you for your time, Carly Rost	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Caroleine James	Hello, I am a citizen of Salt Lake City and as such I ask that the City Council defund SLCPD and cease hiring new officers. The violence and racism of the department will not be solved by reforms, tweaks and new training programs - historically these methods only pour money into police departments without decreasing rates of police brutality and racial profiling. Money spent on the police department would be better spent strengthening communities, providing for our homeless population etc. I ask that the city council vote for a police budget cut, commit to never again increasing the police budget, and invest in community led health and safety strategies. Best, Caroleine James	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Caroline M Wallace	As a resident of Salt Lake City I am calling for a re-allocation of proposed funds in the city budget. I want the \$84 million allocated to the police to be put into our vulnerable communities. Safety of community relies on taking care of the people, and we desperately need that money to go other places. We need it in our schools to take better care of our children, in our public transit, on our roads. Please I am begging you to begin really taking care of the people of Utah. I am proud to live in such a great state, but we have a lot of work to do, take care of your people.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Carolyn James	I am calling because I have heard there is a proposed budget increase for the Salt Lake City Police Department and proposed hiring of 23 new officers. I would like to strongly oppose that idea. I think we should be defunding the police department. I would like the City Council to commit to defund the police department and never increase the budget again. I think that money should go towards community led safety measures and assisting the homeless population with healthcare. I appreciate you hearing my input. Thank you.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Carson Ireland	To Whom It May Concern, I have been a Utah resident my entire life and I do not agree with Salt Lake City's economic idea on how to fund the future of our state. People cannot trust the police and this is not going to change. Many Utahns cannot afford rent and many unable to afford basic needs all the while the police are out of control and being corruptly over-funded. Imagine all the community good we can do by de-funding the SLCPD and allocating those funds to our communities investing into a supportive and regenerative economy. That is how you make real change and show that the communities here are important, not a militarized police force that the people do not trust. The recommended budget for the SLCPD is \$84,422,651. Compared to \$23,248,016, \$4,700,000 for transit. This is unacceptable. Carson [REDACTED]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Carsyn Hartwig	I demand a decrease in the funding of the Salt Lake City Police Depart. Rather than spending \$84 MILLION DOLLARS on the police department, who is clearly already MORE THAN WELL EQUIPPED - as we have seen the last few days - that money should be spent elsewhere, in areas of more value!!!! Perhaps to aid the homeless crisis in our city, or fund black and minority community services and improvements. Our people do NOT NEED more police funding. NO JUSTICE NO PEACE, NO RACIST POLICE. use your privilege and money with intelligence!	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Casey Van Portfleet	Council Members, I, Casey Van Portfleet, believe that it is your moral obligation to consider reallocating a portion of the proposed \$84,422,651 going to the Salt Lake City police department. These funds need to be used for the betterment of our community instead of being distributed to a police department that inflicts intimidation and violence on the population that it is meant to protect. Funding should be reallocated to social workers, who are educated on how to deescalate situations in a non-violent manner. Funds should also be used to bolster essential community programs including housing stability, public transportation, food and nutrition assistance, homelessness services, healthcare and mental health services, parks, arts etc. These programs will enrich the lives of your constituents, create a more united community, and will decrease our need for a violent police force. I do not support the SLCPD, and do not approve of my tax money supporting them.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Cassidy Clay	To whom this may concern, I am a lifelong resident of Utah, and resident of Salt Lake County. I am concerned for the community. I am concerned for the future of our children in this community. Salt Lake is a unique and breathing city with citizens who make it that way. The citizens who work for this city, take care of this city, and make this city so vibrant. Those citizens need more. They need more community programs. They need more outreach for the homeless. They need educational programs to keep our young ones curious and hopeful. They need outreach to people's of color. Those differences mean more and make more of an integral difference in our society than loaded guns. Mean more than armored vehicles. Do more than updated higher powered assault rifles. The 84 Million dollars set to fund the SLPD needs to go elsewhere. The people of Salt Lake, not just the privileged people with money, but it's black and brown citizens, it's low income families, it's homeless, it's LGBTQ community, COVID relief patients, those individuals need this money. The SLPD does not. What they do need is reform. For they protect the people, and the people do not feel protected. Thank you for listening, Cassidy Clay	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Cassidy Reeves	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 millions dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here they are violent in the face of non-violence and peaceful protesting. There IS a direct link of systemic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I sent this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Cassidy	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Cassie	Salt Lake City Council, I am demanding a decrease in the budget of at least 30 million for police! No more hiring cops! We need this money in other departments such as education, or for environmental issues such as our air quality. Not to mention, the non departmental budget for SLC hasn't put anything towards Black Organizations, rape recovery, domestic violence or human trafficking. This is unacceptable! These are the most vulnerable communities and we need to DO BETTER! Cassandra Harrison Sent from my iPhone	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Cat Mullin	To whom it may concern, I am writing to you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. It has been made clear that the funding for the SLCPD has been allocated nearly 85 million dollars while transit and housing are receiving SIGNIFICANTLY LESS. There is no reason that the police department should be receiving a 16% increase in funding since 2018 when those funds could be allocated towards resources that could help the communities thrive and succeed, rather than face hostility and further over-policing. The SLCPD's behavior towards peaceful protesters of all races has been despicable and deplorable. The residents of color in this beautiful city have witnessed continuous carelessness, violence, and racism in every day life but especially when protesting. There is a direct link of systemic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing. Something must change. The budget needs to be better allocated to bring that change. PLEASE listen to the residents in our beautiful city. We are speaking up in order to be heard, in order for changes to be made to move us in the right direction. Thank you,	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Catherine Crabtree	I demand in a decrease in the police budgt and increase the budget for community resources. It is time we transition into a country of freedom and justice for all not just property owners. Thank you for this space.	n/a
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Budget 2020-2021	Celia Dunn	Hello, I am writing as an SLC resident to voice my opinion regarding to the SLC police budget. I demand no budget increases for the SLC Police department. The money proposed to be used in the police budget increase (\$2.2 million) should instead be allocated to invest in our community: food, affordable housing, and transit. Thanks, Celia -- Celia Dunn PhD Student Department of Biomedical Engineering, University of Utah Center for Nanomedicine, Utah Institute of Nanotechnology	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Chad Whittaker	I want more money going to poverty alleviation and less going to the police department. Poverty is the number one driver of crime and it disproportionately effects people of color which fuels racists fires. We need to help our community and not police and intimidate them. Please appropriate money from the police fun into poverty alleviation. Thanks,	n/a
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Budget 2020-2021	Chanelle Christensen	Hello, First I want to thank all the police for keeping our city safe and being a wonderful partner to the division of child and family services where I work. I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Chanelle Christensen	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Chantel Cook	Hello, I am a resident of Salt Lake City and I wanted to leave my comments about the upcoming budget. Many people are calling to defund the SLCPD. While I wholeheartedly agree that resources that could be allocated to the police would be better spent growing, maintaining and improving the vibrant and beautiful communities of Salt Lake, I also think that how money is spent within the police department is an important topic. The show of expensive and unnecessary equipment at the recent protests was unsettling. Why do the police need military equipment? Are they planning to go to war? With whom? The citizens of salt lake? I believe funds would be better spend on re-education, re-training, consultation with experts on police reform, and hiring to replace officers that cannot or will not adapt to a new culture. I believe that higher pay for fewer officers would attract better candidates who would hopefully be more capable of making sound judgment calls in stressful situations and perhaps less individuals who see immunity to the law as a perk. Invest in people who care for their community and who demonstrate the ability to use good judgment, not on military equipment, or new recruits. The force needs to be better not bigger or more armed. Thank you	n/a
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Budget 2020-2021	Charlie Ramser	I live in Grand county Utah but former resident slc county ask that you all look to restructure how the police department is funding and how funds can be given to the Police department different. Give funding to education. Take action to defund the Polcie Department.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Charlton Graves	Delegate 84 million from PD back into community. Would love to see opportunities for people of color that do not get as much attention.	n/a
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Budget 2020-2021	Chris Haggqvist	Dear Council, I write today to discuss the public tax funded budget for the fiscal year of 2020-2021. Upon inspection I see that the mayor has allocated almost 85 million dollars to the SLCPD, while other, much more important programs receive far less funding. I do not believe that a 16% increase in police funding since 2018 is an important measure for our city. Do we need our police to have tanks, tear gas, assault weapons, etc? I believe the money would be far better spent on libraries, housing, transit, social welfare, community centers, and more sustainable and less violent forms of public safety. Excessive police department spending is a pandemic in this country, with police becoming para-military organizations; this leads to violence and very little accountability or transparency. Please, re-allocate the budget and use the taxpayer's money for better purposes. Listen to your constituents and make a change for the better that will help ALL residents. Thank you,	n/a
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Budget 2020-2021	Christina	Decrease PD budget. Will follow up with email.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Christopher Bond	Hello, I am a citizen of Utah and Salt Lake City and writing to share my voice that the SLC council DO NOT increase police funding and instead should slowly work to decrease police funding. Instead, trainings re the 4th amendment, implicit bias, and constitutional law, as well as de-escalation training, should be provided for those officers willing to learn. In generally, the Salt Lake City PD has done a better-than-average job and I appreciate their hard work and dedication, even during difficult moments (ALA ACAB unhelpful comments). I am hopeful we can continue this positive trend. But no matter what, please do not increase police funding for no apparent reason. Education and data-driven social programs (i.e. drug court, bias-training, non-prosecution of low lever "offenses" and victimless crimes) are MUCH more worthy. Thank you for listening, -Christopher Bond, SLC Utah.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Christopher Dewey	Hello, My name is Christopher Dewey, and I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Christopher Dewey -- Christopher Dewey [REDACTED]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	CHRISTOPHER NIELSON	Dear City Council, I believe the following demands and proposed funding targets will help us make our city a more equitable and safe community in the wake of COVID-19 and public demand for ending police brutality. Please consider these demands as you decide where to allocate our public funds: Demands: -Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring 23 new officers, as has been proposed. -To vote no to any increase in police funding or to increase the police department's budget. -To propose and vote for a \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget as the city responds to projected COVID-19 shortfalls, a housing crisis, and rise in unemployment. -To protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police. -To do everything in their power to compel SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members. Now is the time to invest in a safe, liberated future for our city. We can't afford to keep funding SLCPD's attacks on our community. Here are some proposed alternatives where funding could go instead to promote community wellness: -Provide rent relief and quality housing opportunities for those living at or below the poverty line -Invest in more events, free resources, and skill sharing at city libraries -Provide free public transit and increase the length of bus time schedules and routes -Invest in trained mental health professionals to de-escalate, transport, and connect those in need with resources -Invest in more outdoor spaces and public parks in lower-income neighborhoods -Funding for after-school programs and providers, and for more meals for students in public schools Please seriously consider these demands as you seek to improve our city. Thank you for your service.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Christopher S. Dudis	Dear council, This is the first formal letter I have ever wrote to any government institution. As a citizen of Salt Lake City and as a student of the University of Utah I demand the Salt Lake City Police budget be scaled back. What I have observed from our police force in recent days has mired my good faith in the institution of this city. Sincerely, a concerned city resident, Utah native and U of U student, Christopher S. Dudis	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Ciera Perry	As a concerned citizen of Salt Lake City, I would implore you to redirect the \$84 million set to fund the police in the 20-21 budget to other community programs. We have an epidemic of homelessness in our community aside from the current global pandemic. I would really like to see these funds used to educate, feed, and house our community. Also to fund programs aiding in mental health. Over the last week, we have seen how our police department does not need nor deserve these funds. The SLCPD not only does not act in the best interest of its citizens, particularly its black citizens and other citizens of color but instead use antagonism and violence toward them. WE DEMAND A CHANGE. Thank you for your time,	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	cindy	Hello, my name is Cindy Xu and I demand the the Salt Lake City Council defund the police. The money must go to providing resources and neighborhood development for Black communities, Indigenous communities, LatinX communities, and communities of color. The Salt Lake City Council must implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring 23 new officers, as has been proposed. There cannot be any increase in police funding or to increase the police department's budget. The Salt Lake City Council must protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police. It is disturbing to see that the Salt Lake City Mayor wants to spend \$84,422,651 for the police department when only \$31,840,515 on the department of community and \$56,621,181 on the department of economic development. You have chosen to sideline struggling small business owners by investing the majority of the city's budget to the police department. A \$30 million cut must be made from SLCPD's budget as the city responds to projected COVID-19 shortfalls, a housing crisis, and rise in unemployment. Finally, the City Council must do everything in their power to compel all SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Cindy Davis	My name is Cindy Davis and I live here in the great state of Utah. I DO NOT want my tax dollars to fund the Salt Lake City Police Department when there are a plethora of other causes that need our money much more: 1. 84 million dollars would SIGNIFICANTLY increase relief and rehabilitation to those that are trapped and/or hurt in the insane opioid crisis that we have here in SLC and across the state. 2. 84 million dollars would be SO MUCH better spent on the EMPLOYEES of winter recreation (ski resorts, Woodward Park City, Heliski tours, The Utah Avalanche Center, etc.) While these corporate resorts won't likely suffer much from COVID-19 wiping out their season, the EMPLOYEES who run these resorts have suffered greatly either in being furloughed from their jobs or more time being in between their seasonal work. (I work at Sundance Mountain Resort as a snowboard instructor. I've seen firsthand.) 3. 84 million dollars would be SUCH A BLESSING to the youth homeless shelter that Volunteers of America hosts here in SLC. That would supply more beds for more homeless youth, more medical attention when their days are harder than average, and would supply resources and staff that support and empower them to prove that change CAN BE MADE in their life when given the tools and right people in their corner. 4. 84 million dollars would be REVOLUTIONARY in changing and improving the Residential Treatment Industry (where I work as a life coach/student mentor/floor staff for the last 4 years of my career in residential treatment) as this state serves as a Mecca for the treatment needs of families from all across the country. THIS WOULD BE SO SMART TO INVEST SO MUCH MONEY INTO THE YOUTH THAT NEED HELP THE MOST. THEY ARE OUR COUNTRY'S FUTURE. 5. 84 million dollars would be life changing for survivors of rape and domestic violence. Enough said. Put it towards womens shelters and their children. I DO NOT SUPPORT THE BRUTALITY I HAVE SEEN COME FROM THE SLC POLICE DEPARTMENT. I DO NOT SUPPORT HIRING ANY NEW COPS UNTIL YOU CAN GET AHOLD OF THE DISGRACES TO THE BADGE AND TO THE PEOPLE OF SALT LAKE CITY THAT ARE ON YOUR FORCE. WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT CHANGES NEED TO BE MADE TO THE JUSTICE SYSTEM. WE NEED POLICE REFORM. I DO NOT SUPPORT MY TAXES GOING TOWARDS THE POLICE WHEN PEOPLE ALL OVER THE STATE LISTED ABOVE NEVER SEE 10% OF WHAT WE ARE WILLING TO GIVE TO THE CORRUPT. THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME A SPACE TO RAISE MY VOICE.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	CJ Sweeten	We don't need to expand our police force and militarize them even further. If their budget is increased it should be for better training and better vetting. Sent from my mobile	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	CK Miller	CK Miller called and has offered her services as a PHD candidate in the Economic department at the U. She believes that she could help the Council better redistribute the funds meant for the police into other community sponsored projects. Her number is [REDACTED]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	CK Miller	Comments: You are spending 84 million on policing and a combined 6 million on Justice courts and Economic development! Redistribute funds and jobs from policing to justice courts and economic development, it is a means-tested way to improve community outcomes! Police forces are not community endorsed, they only serve to increase the debt burden or poor and vulnerable. Economic development could serve to create job-training programs and to build up areas for housing using the unemployed who are often arrested for the crime of being homeless. Stop trying to save the police department and start thinking about ways to be a pioneer for the future, use that money to serve the people! Keep the jobs, transfer those individuals from the police department to different public services. If their identity is caught up in being a police, question the legitimacy of that identity! Be true public servants, eliminate waiting times in justice courts, lower bail bonds for non-violent charges, and move that money. Questions: Is there any way to shrink the police budget or redistribute it to other departments? Is this something the city is considering at all? I am an economist at the University of Utah and study political economics and social movements, I would love to advice the city council on how to accomplish a transition away from policing but if they aren't planning to then we need to vote these people out of office. So my question is, is there any way at all given current circumstances that the budget for the police could change?	n/a
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Budget 2020-2021	Claire Russon	Dear Councilwoman Fowler, I am writing about the intolerably high rates of police brutality against Black Americans and the responsibility of the Salt Lake City Police Department to be trained against racism and violence and held accountable for their actions. Additionally, it is important that evidence-based de-escalation training is implemented into the Salt Lake City Police Department. Here is Seattle Police Department's manual as an example. De-escalation allows for the increased likelihood of a non-violent confrontation, which benefits both the officer and the person in question. "The Deafening Demand for De-escalation Training" by Dr. Robin Engel, Hannah McManus, and Dr. Tamara Herold states that the incorporation of de-escalation techniques can halve the number of fatal killings where the suspect does not have a firearm without compromising officer safety (pages 7-8). While de-escalation training is more common in nursing and psychiatric fields, police officers are often the first to arrive on a scene, so it is crucial that Salt Lake City officers are equipped to handle situations of emotional and physical crisis. Additionally, I understand that as of 2014, 250 body cameras were put into the field on Salt Lake City police officers. 567 officers are employed at the SLCPD, and frankly body-cams on only 44% is not enough. There have been countless cases of police brutality where the circumstances of a death or incident would have been clarified by reviewing tapes from police body cameras. The usage of body cameras are imperative to justice and every officer on the street of Salt Lake City needs to have one. I encourage you to read the referenced paper in full and implement comprehensive and evidence-based de-escalation training to your officers, as well as prioritizing body cameras and police accountability in the force. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely, Claire Russon	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Claire Tayler	Stresses to the Mayor and Council about the budget for the Police. Also look into Police reform. Please help meet the basic needs for the citizen because if they're met then we dont really need a police force.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Clare Chapman	It is time for us to defund the Police. AT LEAST MOST of the \$84 million allocated in 2021 for the police should be used towards our most vulnerable communities and community members. Defund the Police. Clare Clare Chapman [REDACTED]	n/a
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Budget 2020-2021	Cobia Goddard	Hello, my name is Cobia Goddard and I am a resident in Salt Lake City. I agree with the demands proposed by Utahns against police brutality. I do not agree with or support the Mayor's recommended budget where the SLCPD will receive \$84,422,651. More importantly, there are programs like housing, transit, education, rehabilitation, and rape recovery that don't see even half of the amount that is being allocated to the police. Allowing more funds to programs like these is a more helpful and practical way to serve, protect and invest in the SLC community. Below are a clear list of demands that we the people wish to see be met: - We demand a decrease in the police budget by AT LEAST \$30M - We demand a hiring freeze for SLCPD for the next year. - We demand a divestment from policing and an investment in our community. I DO NOT support the SLCPD. I DO NOT want to see my tax money going to support the SLCPD. -Cobia Goddard	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Cole Jones	Defund SLCPD.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Cole Kiser	I'm demanding that you decrease the police budget by 30 million dollars. I am also demanding that you place a hiring freeze on any new police officers for the next year. I would like to add my voice to defund the police. I would like to divest from policing and invest into our Salt Lake Community. Food, Housing, community health. There is so much better use for this money.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Colin Hancock	To whom it may concern in the Salt Lake City Council, Our city is facing a number of crises and yet its leaders are failing to address any of them. Not only are we refusing, in many ways, to combat COVID-19 effectively, but we have proven lethargic when it comes to housing those forced to live on the streets. And only now has the city paid any attention to the terrifying reality of growing police militarization. This issue, one which exposes blatant systemic racism, is being exacerbated, as was redlining, by our own City Council. Today, we risk another step in the wrong direction as the Council proposes to allocate \$84 million to the SLCPD. This amount of money could be used to improve our education system and appropriately pay our teachers, or it could go an enormously long way in combating our homelessness issue. Instead, it may very well go to funding the institution designed solely to terrorize residents of color - in other words, it is being proposed that we spend this enormous sum on growing and maintaining an environment of racist terror. I urge the council to decrease funding to police and put the saved money towards community issues that residents are suffering from. Sincerely, -- Colin Hancock (he/him/his) Chemical Engineering Student University of Utah e: [REDACTED]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Colin Young	I am writing to you today to request that the city government institute police oversight and reform in our community. The brutal actions around the country and the increasing militarization has led police to seemingly believe they are outside the law. They hurt, lie, and punish people with impunity, something which we can no longer stand for as a society. Specifically I ask you to: 1. Institute a community review board for all police disciplinary actions. I realize the State Legislature is working to ban this, but you must be a vocal advocate for the rights of this community to know about the history and actions taken by the police. 2. I ask you to significantly reduce the budget of the police department. More police with more advanced weaponry is not the answer. These funds should be routed to community programs, such as increased education and providing for basic necessities, with particular emphasis towards helping people of color. 3. To be willing to stand up to the police, in this city and around the nation, and denounce them when they are wrong. If our elected officials won't protect us then who will? 4. Renounce the curfew. The curfew gives a reason for police to use force on and arrest peaceful people. If you cannot be an advocate for the people against the police, then you will have lost my support as a constituent. You have an opportunity as a council member to enact change in this community, and I ask you to stand up for the most vulnerable in our community.	5
Budget 2020-2021	Colt Robbins	Demands cutting PD budget by at least \$30M, PD hiring freeze for at least next year. Use \$30M to expand food, housing, public transit and public health initiatives.	3
Budget 2020-2021	Connor	Connor lives in the Marmalade district. He would like the funds for the police redirected into other areas that actually benefits the community like housing and schools and community activism projects.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Conrad Tallackson	Dear SLC Council, Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Conrad Tallackson	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Corrin Rausch	Hello, My name is Corrin Rausch, and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. After seeing the proposed budget of \$84 million for the police, I demand that there is a decrease in this budget by at least \$30 million. As a former employee of the Board of Pardons and Parole, I understand the need for policing, but strongly oppose the militarization of our police force against citizens and innocent protesters. I strongly oppose the use of military weapons against any citizen, criminal or not. Thank you for your time, Corrin Rausch	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Cortland George	Decrease the police budget Revoke qualified immunity Ban the use of military grade weaponry by the police force	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Courtney Bill	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Courtney Bill Sent from my iPhone	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Craig Delman	why on earth would you be putting 84 million for slcpd when 56million going to Ed 31 to CAN and just 16 million to green energy and sustainability. This is not okay. I will not stand for this.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Craig Elman	I do not want any of my tax dollars going to the Police Department. We should be going more of a green route and non racist route.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Cyan Larson	Hello, I am writing to request to defund police. It is unfair that police get a proposed 3% increase in funds from last year. It would only be \$23,248,016 for housing and \$4,700,00 for transit vs 84 million for police. We need to worry more about housing vulnerable people and getting better public transit for people than to police our community. It is pretty imminent now that police terrorize and do not protect communities. In the constitution it says they are not employed to protect us, but to rather protect property. Human lives are more important than this. Medical professionals deal with helping people live, not police, so it should be obvious that they need funds for PPE and for helping decrease the impact of the COVID-19. Please allocate funds towards housing, transit, and PPE/ medical professionals instead of the police. Thank you for your time and please consider my request for the virtual public hearing. Cyan Larson	n/a
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Budget 2020-2021	Cynthia Banza	WE DO NOT NEED MORE POLICE. THEY DO NOTHING FOR OUR COMMUNITY ANYWAYS YOU GUYS DO NOT LISTEN AND ARE NOT WILLING TO HEAR US OUT. CUT POLICE FUNDING	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Cynthia Grissom	My name is Cynthia Grissom. I am a here representing two other university of utah students and district 4 residents (Brad and sydney) As several others have said before me, we would like to see a decrease in the salt lake city police department in the upcoming budget. Instead of an increase we would like to see several things! 1. Decrease in 30 million for the police department budget 2. Creation of a system in which officers who have been dismissed for use of excessive force cannot be hired in another precinct within our great state 3. An increase in funds to education, transportation, and general public spaces such as city parks General comment: I would like to disagree with Mayor Erin Mendenhall curfew. This 8pm curfew negatively affects those who already have so much against them. Also I would like to take a moment to recognize all the youth who have taken the time to call in today. It speaks volumes that so many young people have called in. Thank you Cynthia Grissom	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Dache Hasenberg	I want to love my home state for what its history has made it to this point. Being a place where we care and have strong moral issues. I want my tax dollar especially during these strange times going to protecting the weak. We want funding to not go to the police.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Daisy Virgen	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Daisey Virgen	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Dan L	To whom it may concern: Why on earth is SLC attempting to give \$83M to the police when the table is already stacked so heavily in their favor? On Saturday, I watched as military assault vehicles, meant for wartime, were rolled into the streets to push back members of OUR city. This money should be put towards the homeless, towards community outreach programs, towards ANYTHING but the hands of the arrogant police force of Salt Lake City. Mayor Mendenhall, I happily and proudly voted for you. I told others to vote for you. And you repay this city that lifted you up by setting curfews and taking the side of those with humvees and riot shields instead of the side of those with ideas and pain. Shame on you. And arrest that bow and arrow coward already. Sincerely, Dan L Salt Lake City Black Lives Matter	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Dani Calhoon	To Whom It May Concern: In the wake of police killings across the country as well as in Salt Lake City, and the Salt Lake Police Department's escalated violence against the city's grieving multi-racial community, Salt Lake is in desperate need of visionary leadership. We are calling on the Salt Lake City Council to become these visionary leaders by pledging to defund the Salt Lake Police Department and invest in the resources that really keep us safe and healthy, especially in Black communities, Indigenous communities, Latinx communities, and communities of color. We have called on them to commit to the following during the public hearing on the proposed city budget: Demands: 1. Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring 23 new officers, as has been proposed. 2. To vote no to any increase in police funding or to increase the police department's budget. 3. To propose and vote for a \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget as the city responds to projected COVID-19 shortfalls, a housing crisis, and rise in unemployment. 4. To protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police. 5. To do everything in their power to compel SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members. Now is the time to invest in a safe, liberated future for our city. We can't afford to keep funding SLCPD's attacks on our community. Here are some proposed alternatives where funding could go instead to promote community wellness: 1. Provide rent relief and quality housing opportunities for those living at or below the poverty line 2. Invest in more events, free resources, and skill sharing at city libraries 3. Provide free public transit and increase the length of bus time schedules and routes 4. Invest in trained mental health professionals to de-escalate, transport, and connect those in need with resources 5. Invest in more outdoor spaces and public parks in lower-income neighborhoods 6. Funding for after-school programs and providers, and for more meals for students in public schools Thank you,	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Daniel Krauss	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,000. This is absolutely unacceptable and I do not support this action. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. I do not believe police need more funding. In fact, I believe it should be defunded. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Daniel Krauss	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Daniel P. McMurray	Hello, I am writing as a Salt Lake City resident in regards to the projected budget for FY 2020-2021. I am extremely displeased at the increase in allocation to the Salt Lake City Police Department. There is too much funding going to the police while transit is only receiving \$4,700,000. I hold this to be unacceptable. I call for a reduction in the police department's proposed budget--along with a restriction on it's additional funding and voting to increase it. There are desperate needs in our community for libraries, housing, transportation, and during this pandemic especially, support for COVID-19 related damages. The money allocated for the SLCPD should be re-allocated to these needs instead. Everything that can be done to stop police violence in minority communities should be done. It is unacceptable that police mistreatment still exists in our state and city! Lastly, I respectfully demand that the police body camera footage be released from the police shooting of Bernardo Palacios Carbajal (approximately 2 a.m. on May 23, near 900 S. And 300 W.), and should any misconduct be found there for appropriate and immediate action be taken. I love being a son of Salt Lake City, and write with confidence and hope we can be a city that leads the way in the upright and equal treatment of all our citizens. Please listen to the people and make changes for good. Respectfully, Daniel P. McMurray	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Daniela Vazquez	The money for the police budget should go to helping our marginalized communities instead of additional money to a militaristic police force.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Danielle Arrivillaga	Hello, I am writing to you today concerning public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. After looking at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving \$23,248,016 and transit is receiving \$4,700,000. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. I firmly believe that allocations to Public Services should surpass that of the SLCPD. By doing so, we are investing in Salt Lake's infrastructure and providing more resources to Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents who have been shown to suffer disproportionately in terms of COVID-19, homelessness, etc. By prioritizing Education, Public Transportation, and Sustainability, we can create a better Salt Lake City for our future generations. Council, we have the opportunity to become proactive in reducing crime rates by ensuring people have the resources they need and the appropriate means of acquiring them, to lead longer, happier, and more productive lives. To accomplish this, I ask you to divest at least 30 million dollars from the Police Department and invest these funds further into Public Services. For example, teachers are grossly underappreciated and underpaid and as COVID-19 permeates into Fall, we must ensure that our school district has ample resources to reach every student and give them the education they deserve. We must address shortcomings in the budget where COVID-19 hits hardest. Secondly, I ask that a hiring freeze be implemented for the SLCPD. In light of national events, we need to guarantee that our hiring standards are rigorous at vetting out anyone expressing sociopathic and or racist tendencies. We absolutely must have safe streets on both sides of the badge and officers that can Protect and Serve every member of our community without the risk of violence or apartheid. Lastly, I ask that we protect and expand our current investments in community-led health and safety strategies. I believe that this community is strong, beautiful, and capable enough to recognize its needs while making sure that every dollar is well spent. Thank you very much for your time, Alec Burk	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Danielle Nives	Hello City Council, My name is Dani and I am a resident of Salt Lake City currently living in Sugar House. I am writing to you today to state that I disagree with the increase of funding the Salt Lake City Police Department is projected to receive. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 2020-2021, I see that the mayor has recommended an allocation of nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department. This is unacceptable. I do not agree with a 18% increase in funding since 2018. Housing is projected to receive under \$24 million and transit is projected to received under \$5 million. In our currently climate we need to turn toward the residence that need our support the most - black residents, residents of color, residence experiencing homelessness and LGBTQ residence. They will benefit most from resources like housing and transportation Please consider defunding the police until we are able to put a system in place that keeps ALL of our residence safe. Not just those who are white privileged and own property. Thank you for your time. All the best, -- Dani Nives She/Her [REDACTED]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Danielle Waters	Hello, I love our Salt Lake City and am grateful to be a part of it. I've lived downtown for over 10 years and over this time it has grown to be such a wonderful home to me and my family. I am writing to you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved City. Thank you for listening. Taking a look at the projected budget for the years of 2020-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is unacceptable to me. This doesn't make sense to me. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Quite alarming for me to realize this actually, as I had no idea how our budget operated until it was recently brought to my attention. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. I myself as a white middle class woman, have had my own unacceptable encounters, experiences and witnessed first hand others encounters with the Police of our City. It is of my own opinion and belief that our Police for too often are not protecting and respecting the innocent civilians of our city, which is their difficult duty to always uphold the highest interests of us, the people of Salt Lake. This worries me, this makes me feel sad and unsafe. I would never in almost any instance feel comfortable with calling the SLC Police when I was in danger or needed help. I also would like to add that there is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. This is an important issue I remember learning in my undergrad at college, and am outraged to see and feel a continued obviousness to the unacceptable structure of our over-policed city. This is simply not okay, it is time for changes. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. I believe that change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. This is so obvious to me, so vitally important. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents, especially those of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systematic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Thank you so much for your time! Sincerely and sending all the best, Danielle Waters	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Danny	calling today disagreeing funding for police department. This is completely unacceptable. This is a 18% increase since 2018. Please consider defunding the Police until we can put a system in place.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Dara Jones	Dara Jones has asked the SLC would e to see the Council defund the police. She would like to see these funds for next year be redirected into the most vulnerable communities.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Darrah Jones	Hello, I am writing to demand a decrease in the police budget. Please put these funds towards lifting up our community and making Salt Lake City a safer and more peaceful place for black people to reside and exist in. "In Utah, the African Americans comprise just 1.06 percent of the population but they accounted for 10 percent of police killings over the past seven years - a disproportional rate of 9.21 times. Utah is by far the most deadly state for Black folks. This money can be put towards enriching our communities. \$84 million dollars is an obscene amount of money to provide to an institution that cannot do their job correctly, who have proved that they cannot serve and protect black lives. They are ill-equipped and unable to do so. We do not need 23 additional officers. No. As a citizen of Salt Lake City, I, and so many others, demand that the police be defunded and that the money is reallocated to enriching our community and making it a safer and more joyful place for black people. *https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/interactive/2020/05/mapping-police-killings-black-americans-200531105741757.html -- Regards, Darrah Jones, MSW They/them/theirs She/her/hers ██████████	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	David Jones	The budget for the Salt Lake City Police should (1) include funds for monthly diversity training for every police department employee; 2) be decreased at least 17% from the current FY budget, which is just the same percentage decrease as the State intends to cut state budgets this month due to the economic downturn, (3) prohibit funds for the purchase of military style weapons, tanks, vehicles, armor, or clothing, and (4) include funds for mandatory meetings between police officers and Salt Lake City residents, especially people of color - something like a mobile Open House Tuesday that involves food trucks and police and picnic tables on the streets or parks in a wide variety of neighborhoods in Salt Lake City. The budget should be a vehicle to drive some reforms. The discipline for Police Officers who have used excessive force in order to do their job should be termination for cause. If a teacher uses excessive force to do his/her job their teaching license is revoked for good or suspended for a long period of time. The same should be the same with police officers. Please contact me at ██████████ Thanks. David Jones ██████████ Salt Lake City, Utah 84105	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	David Schmitt	Lives in Liberty Park neighborhood. Does not support the increase in SLCPD budget. Said they seem to be doing fine with what they have. Divert funds to social services and addressing racial injustice. Do the work in the City and serve the needs of everyone.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Dawson Jenkins	Comments: The spending on education, housing and access to public medical services needs to be boosted in a time where our health has been compromised as a city. The funding of agitators who don't protect any needs of the individual do not need more funding. Defund the police	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Daya Woodruff	- Support defunding of the SLCPD - Decrease the budget and redistribute the money to the communities they're supposed to be protecting - Hiring freeze for the police department - Divestment from policing, and investment in the community	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Daycy De Gamez	Dear SLC Government, I would like to add my voice in demanding a DECREASE IN THE POLICE BUDGET. I am AGAINST hiring 23 new officers AND having an \$84 million dollar budget for our police. Instead we should.. 1) Cut the proposed budget by \$30 million and use that for EDUCATION, LOW-INCOME HOUSING, OR UNEMPLOYMENT DUE TO COVID-19 The only way I see an increase to the budget necessary is if the increase in funds are to be used for required police training on diversity and inclusion, and the police treatment of people of color in general circumstances and when de escalating a situation. I believe the SLCPD budget does not have to increase at \$84 million to have such required training on the treatment of people of color. We can still have quality training for our current officers without this budget increase. Please consider these options as you seek the welfare of the people of SLC. Thank you. Daycy De Gamez Sociology Brigham Young University	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Deirdre Murdy	Dear SLC gov, I'm writing to add my voice in the people's DEMAND FOR DECREASED POLICE BUDGET. We do not need 23 new police officers, nor \$84m for police budget. We need: 1) hiring freeze on SLCPD 2) no more increases to SLCPD budget 3) \$30m cut from SLCPD budget to better respond to COVID-19 shortfalls (unemployment, housing crisis, etc.) 4) SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately CEASE VIOLENCE ON COMMUNITY MEMBERS 5) significantly more funding for education, low-income housing, more affordable public transportation, and did I mention EDUCATION The U.S. spends \$100b on policing. It would cost approx \$25b to eliminate homelessness and \$34b to provide free college to all. Please consider these possibilities as you make decisions to represent your people. Thank you.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Denise Cartwright	Hello, I'm a lifelong Salt Lake City resident and small business owner. I'm writing to request our police budget be re-examined, and that the funds toward our police be reduced dramatically and reinvested into our communities that need it most. \$84M for our local police force is an abomination when police brutality is clearly not being enforced enough and our communities have so many more systemic needs that could be better prevented through proper community investment. Thank you -- Denise Cartwright Founder/CEO ██████████ Forbes The Founder Of Clean Skincare Brand Crude Wants You To Stop Using Soap	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Derek Chang	Dear SLC Council Members, My name is Derek Chang, and I'm a second-year medical student at the University of Utah School of Medicine who resides in your city. I know our city is facing serious budget shortfalls as a result of the pandemic. And we have all seen on video this week that our police departments are not using the massive resources that we give them to protect or serve us, but rather to attack us with impunity. From a public health perspective, the physical or verbal violence produced by law enforcement officers has long been shown to be correlated to adverse health outcomes. For instance, one study in 2016 published by Sewell AA, Jefferson KA, and Lee H (https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/27155224/) showed that an increased police encounters is associated with elevated stress, anxiety, blood pressure, diabetes, and asthmaall resulting in potentially fatal complications. Also, despite all their funding, our police department has an embarrassingly low rate of solving actual crimes. For example, 67.75% of murder cases in the jurisdiction of the Salt Lake Police Department in the last 10 years have gone unsolved. What will you do to refocus police work from violently enforcing petty crimes towards detective work that actually protects us? I would like our city's next budget to prioritize services that truly help peoplesuch as education, health care, public spaces, and transportationand to focus policing on solving violent crimes instead of policing nonviolent offenses, which will both reduce police workloads and decrease the risk of dangerous interactions. Can I count on you to fight for cutting the police department's budget by at least as much as that of these other services? Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Derek Chang	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Derek Clark	This community is demanding that we divest from the SLCPD and put money into other vital and neglected parts of our communities. I want to see that \$84,422,651 allocated to universal aid and crisis management, resources for communities of color, resources for homeless communities, funding for free testing and tracking for the inevitable spread of COVID-19, healthcare, transportation, housing, libraries and education, as well as investment into sustainable/green energy to combat climate change.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Derek Robinson	Demand that money that is going to be allocated to police be redirected to local programs and resources.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Derek Wetenkamp	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Dev	Does not support Mayors declared budget for PD. Other groups are not being supported with have as much that would support our community better.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Dev	Does not agree with Mayors budget of \$84 million. Does not want to support the police with her tax dollars.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Devin Boyle	With more black men killed everyday by police, as well as the escalated violence committed by the SLC Police Department against our multi-racial community, we are in need of a change. I am calling upon the SLC Council to pledge to defund the SLCPD and instead reinvest this money into resources that will actually keep us safe and healthy. Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring 23 new officers as has been proposed. Vote NO to any increase in police funding or increase in Police budget. Propose and vote to cut \$30 million from SLCPD's budget and instead reinvest in community housing, public transit, trained mental health care workers, parks and recreation, after school program funding, and increase funding of public defenders who have received no budget increase from last year.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Devin Zebelean	Dear Erin Mendenhall, My name is Devin Zebelean and I am a registered voter in Salt Lake City, UT. I am writing to you today to ask what you are doing, as Mayor, to ensure that your officers are not abusing their power and are held accountable for their actions. After witnessing the death of George Floyd at the hands of the Minneapolis Police Department, I am left feeling outraged, frustrated, and hurt. The system has failed yet another black man and we are anxiously waiting to see if the officers responsible for his death will face consequences. As a resident of your city, I want to make sure that my local police department is taking the necessary preventative measures to ensure that incidents like this will not occur in the future. So I ask: Are the police officers in the Salt Lake City Police Department being trained to de-escalate altercations by using peaceful conflict resolution strategies? Are the police officers in the Salt Lake City Police Department forbidden from using carotid restraints (chokeholds, strangleholds, etc.) and hog-tying methods? Furthermore, are they forbidden from transporting civilians in uncomfortable positions, such as face down in a vehicle? Are the police officers in the Salt Lake City Police Department required to intervene if they witness another officer using excessive force? Will officers be reprimanded if they fail to intervene? Are the police officers in the Salt Lake City Police Department forbidden from shooting at moving vehicles? Is there a clear and enforced use-of-force continuum that details what weapons and force are acceptable in a wide variety of civilian-police interactions? Are the officers in the Salt Lake City Police Department required to exhaust every other possible option before using excessive force? Are the officers in the Salt Lake City Police Department required to give a verbal warning to civilians before drawing their weapon or using excessive force? Are the officers in the Salt Lake City Police Department required to report each time they threaten to or use force on civilians? Are the officers in the Salt Lake City Police Department thoroughly vetted to ensure that they do not have a history with abuse, racism, xenophobia, homophobia / transphobia, or discrimination? Are the officers in the Salt Lake City Police Department trained to perform and seek necessary medical action after using excessive force? Is there an early intervention system enforced to correct officers who use excessive force? Additionally, how many complaints does an officer have to receive before they are reprimanded? Before they are terminated? More than three complaints are unacceptable. Statistics have indicated that by enforcing these policies, there is a significant decrease in civilian complaints and injury due to excessive force. If any of the policies are not currently in place, then what is being done to ensure that they are going to be enforced in the near future? What can I do, as a concerned citizen, to set these policies in motion? I also want to increase the level of trust between the police department and the community. To establish trust, there has to be transparency. I would like to see the Salt Lake City Police Department collect and report data on civilian deaths that occurred in custody and as a result of an officer's use of excessive force. The data should be broken down by demographics and should showcase the race, gender, sexuality, and religion of the civilians. Allowing the public access to this information will show us where we, as a community, fall short. Thank you for your time and I hope that we can work together to protect the Salt Lake City community. I refuse to let the next hashtag come from here.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Devon Cantwell	Hello- My name is Devon Cantwell and I live on [REDACTED] in your district. I'm a PhD student in Political Science at the University of Utah and I'm writing today with three demands: 1. That charges be brought against the officer(s) involved in the heinous treatment of the individual pushed to the ground during SLCPD's botched attempt at controlling originally peaceful protests. 2. That charges be brought against the man, Brandon McCormick, who drove his vehicle into the crowd and aimed his hunting bow at members of the public. 3. That the public funds allocated to the SLCPD (nearly \$85MM, an 18% increase since 2018) be instead distributed to our underfunded housing programs and public transportation systems that ensure impoverished communities of color can succeed and live dignified lives. These changes will help communities thrive, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Libraries, affordable housing, public transit, social welfare programs, and community centers in Salt Lake City are in dire need of financial and tangible support that is instead funding the over-policing of marginalized communities. Thank you, Devon Cantwell 84105	7

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Budget 2020-2021	Dina Dersee	Dina Dersee called to oppose the police budget and request the Council put the funds elsewhere. She mentions statistics that show that defunding the police and placing those funds in other areas can have really positive impacts on the community.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Diya Shah	Hello, I am writing you today as a concerned citizen to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Diya Shah	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Dominick Ducote	Hello, I'm writing this email in support of the movement to defund the SLCPD next year. \$84 million can be spent in an infinite number of ways, and all of them are better than spending it on tear gas, tank-like vehicles, and the salaries of people who don't care about the lives of anyone who doesn't have the same skin tone as them. Funnel that money into things that will build Utah up, rather than beat it down. Dominick Ducote [REDACTED]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Doug Wortham	Dear Councilman Wharton, I am surprised by the shortsighted and foolish calls to defund in whole or in part our SLPD. Having called our police department occasionally over the course of life, I know how important they are for our safety, protection, and civil peace. If you are tempted in any way to cut back funding for our police department, please write to me and let me know why. I do favor more city council oversight of how the money allocated to the SLPD is spent within the department. I would love to talk about that! Your constituent and quite literally, your neighbor, Doug Wortham [REDACTED]	3
Budget 2020-2021	Douglas Morris	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing. I hope to see some change in our community as soon as possible. Thank you, Douglas Morris	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Dr. Thomas Pilger	Thanks council members for their service. In favor of not increasing the PD budget until they can show they are working with community and dedicated to serving and protecting instead of hurting community. Now is the time to get something done. Open forum, community based dialogue is necessary. Would support withholding all funds until that can be done should be done within a week.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Drew Landerman	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Drew Landerman	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Drew Zieff	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Drew Zieff Writer & Content Creator Instagram // [REDACTED]	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Dustyn Smith	Hello - I'm disgusted with what has happened in this great city over the past week. I was annoyed and disgusted to read about all these demands from the less than 1% of the population to cut funding for the Salt Lake City Police Department. I have zero doubt that most of these people angry with the police have little regard for law and order. I was happy to read about most of your responses, which seem to support public safety and not decreasing funding, especially after this past weekend. I appreciate the Mayor FINALLY allowing the police to do their jobs and STOP the violence, looting, etc. When the first rock is thrown, that person should be arrested immediately. There should be ZERO tolerance for crime. Thank you for the curfew and sticking to it. You wouldn't let your own child throw rocks at people or through your home windows. Nor would you let your child graffiti profanity all over your home. You would put an immediate stop to it - unless you were a crappy parent. If you want crime to increase, cut or de-fund the police department. If you want good, law-abiding citizens to become extremely upset and then vote you OUT of your current position ASAP, cut or de-fund the police department. If you want less crime, increase funding & increase the number of officers on patrol. If you want happier citizens, increase funding for more training. As educators, we have to go through diversity training. I'm sure officers already do that. From the article: Valdemoros said she ran for office because I believe we can work on solutions towards justice and equality. I strongly reject attempts to make me choose a side or politicize this issue, she said. Demanding that we pick a side is a big reason why we are in this mess. There are no sides. It's not an either or proposition. It is not ~us versus them.' It is just us. Valdemoros said she's committed to ending those antiquated systems and processes that result in discrimination and racism. It is 2020. We should be so much further along, she said. Perhaps, Ms. Valdemoros, we ARE further along. Racism still exists, and likely always will, but it does not exist to the extent that has caused this current mess - at least not here in Utah. If you really reject choosing a side then STOP giving all the respect to the BLM movement and give some to the majority of police who are doing an excellent job. How about encouraging people to obey the law and comply when an officer is doing everything the right way, but the perpetrator continues to make threats and be non-compliant. Please show me several examples of excessive force used when a perpetrator was compliant or law abiding. Good luck. Support the police. Support public safety. The man who said in the council meeting that all police are bullies is an idiot. The large majority of police officers are heroes - and it takes a special kind of person to be willing to wear that badge and deal with the crap they have to deal with. If you've never been on a ride-a-long with an officer, I highly suggest you do it before making any decisions regarding the force sworn to protect and serve you. If you even read through this - thanks for your time.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	D'yani Wood	Hello, It is by now well researched, documented, and proven that police cause more harm than good as an institution in modern society. The creation of the police institution was never meant to "protect" people, it was meant to protect property. Asking our cops to do the things they are asked to do is morally reprehensible when these people thought they were signing up to "protect and serve". The same "protect and serve" goal can be accomplished WITHOUT police, using specialized help groups targeted and trained for whatever purpose we need (examples: on-call specially trained non-violent groups for incidents regarding drug use, mental illness, suicide, theft, etc). SLCPD funding can be better used elsewhere. Demands: 1. Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring 23 new officers, as has been proposed. 2. To vote no to any increase in police funding or to increase the police department's budget. 3. To propose and vote for a \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget as the city responds to projected COVID-19 shortfalls, a housing crisis, and rise in unemployment. 4. To protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police. 5. To do everything in their power to compel SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members. Now is the time to invest in a safe, liberated future for our city. We can't afford to keep funding SLCPD's attacks on our community. Here are some proposed alternatives where funding could go instead to promote community wellness: 1. Provide rent relief and quality housing opportunities for those living at or below the poverty line 2. Invest in more events, free resources, and skill sharing at city libraries 3. Provide free public transit and increase the length of bus time schedules and routes 4. Invest in trained mental health professionals to de-escalate, transport, and connect those in need with resources 5. Invest in more outdoor spaces and public parks in lower-income neighborhoods 6. Funding for after-school programs and providers, and for more meals for students in public schools Thank you for considering my comments as a member of this community. - D'yani Wood, resident of SLC, 84104	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Dylan Griffin	To who this concerns, I've been made aware that you will be voting on whether to increase the budget and add more police officers. As a proud citizen of SLC, this is absolutely the wrong thing to do. This is a matter of public safety. It's impossible to ignore the outburst of violence that police have inflicted on the public this past week, including in our own great city. We cannot continue to fund blank checks with little to no oversight to the police and continue to neglect better uses of those funds such as reopening homeless shelters and improving public transit. The police force must be demilitarized, simple and plain. SLC has a chance to be on the forefront of this movement in doing the right thing and defunding the police department. I would love to be proud that my city did the progressive thing to help actually protect its citizens. Do not give more public funds to the police. Do the right thing, Dylan Griffin	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Dylan Knight	As a member of Salt Lake City who is outraged by the continued abuse we see from the police across the nation and state. For me make them earn the money. If they want it make the laws more strict on police killings by having more thorough investigation and stricter laws to punish cops who break the rules. Thank you Dylan Knight	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Eden	Request money currently allocated to the SLCPD in the FY21 budget be funneled to other community resources.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	edward belka	Police reform has done nothing to stop police violence and will do nothing to stop police violence in the future. The only answer is to defund the police. I demand that the 84 million allocation to the police for the next year be redirected into local programs and recourses. I also demand that no new officers be hired. Please do the right thing here and show people of color that you actually care about their well being. Thank you, Edward S. Belka	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Edward Borland	Dear Salt Lake City Budget council, My name is Edward Borland, and I reside in South Salt Lake. I am pleading for you to defund or, at the very least, greatly reduce the budget for the Police Forces in Salt Lake City and around Salt Lake County. Those funds would be much more beneficial in other areas such as : - Mental Health Workers - Counselors/Mediators - Environmental workers - Firefighters - After-School Programs Furthermore, you should implement a hiring freeze for SLCPD instead of the proposed additional Officers. You should vote for at least a \$30 million cut instead. The city should invest that into the above examples. Between the current issues of the Covid-19 (mental health support is needed), our current climate (with the lack of snow and rain we are looking at a lot of wildfires in the upcoming months), and the racial injustice that has been openly demonstrated by our police forces, this should be obvious. Please do the right thing and Decrease or Defund this budget towards SLCPD - Edward Borland	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Edward Hannan-Canete	I voted for you, Ana Valdemoros, to be my Council Member for District 4. I am a homeowner in Central City/Liberty Wells. Please vote against giving more funding to the police. You are Argentinian, so your parents must know what it is like to live under a military junta. Please don't let Utah turn into a police state. We do not need anymore police officers, and we should not give \$84 million to the police department. Please don't let our elected leaders use the mostly peaceful Black Lives Matter protest as a pretext to subjugate the citizens of Salt Lake City with additional martial law and fear tactics.	4
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Budget 2020-2021	Elena Papanikolas	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Elena Papanikolas	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Elisa Torres	Elisa Torres demands the Council redirect the funding for police into local community resources.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Elisabeth Andersen	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Thank you. Best, Elisabeth Andersen	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Eliza	Decrease Police budget, we do not need more officers, we need more education and training.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Eliza Mckinny	Eliza Mckinny called to ask that the City divest from police funding and enact a hiring freeze for the police force. She asks that you stand with your City and listen to your constituents.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Eliza Seymore	Impliment hiring freeze in SLCPD - Vote against police budget/funding - \$30 million decrease in SLCPD budget - Instead, protect and expand upon community lead health and safety strategies - Compel and enforce law enforcement to immediately cease acts of violence against community members - Alternatives: rent relief and quality housing opportunities - Events, resources, and skill sharing at city library - Free public transit with increased bus schedule and routes - Trained mental health professionals to de-escalate situations - More public parks and activities in low income neighborhoods - Fund more after school programs and providers, as well as more meals for children in public schools	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Eliza Van Dyk	Hello, My name is Eliza Van Dyk, I live in the Sugarhouse neighborhood in Salt Lake City and want the following comment on the record: As a resident of Salt Lake City, I'm calling on the Salt Lake City Council to act with moral courage and propose a vote to decrease funding by at least \$30 million to the Salt Lake Police Department for 2020-2021, and enact a hiring freeze on new officers. Those funds should be reinvested into services and programs directed by the public through accessible and democratic decision-making processes. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Eliza Van Dyk	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Elizabeth Johnson	I urge you all to reconsider the current budget allocation for the Salt Lake City Police Department. There can be no possible way that the department needs 85 million dollars cover overhead cost, salaries, and trainings. If they do "need" that amount to function then each budget line needs to be addressed on record and a case needs to be made for why it costs so much to run the police department in Salt Lake City. This money need to be allocated in positive ways to the communities that these officers have committed to serving.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Elizabeth Mathis	- Request that funds currently allocated to the Police Department go to areas like Education or infrastructure. -Militarizing our police and equipping them like soldiers when we can't equip teacher or social workers shows wrong priorities. -City is safe not necessarily due to police. Protest got violent once police were involved, specially police outfitted in a militarized manner. -Use Funds to tackle homelessness, bolster education, improve public transport and infrastructure	3
Budget 2020-2021	Elizabeth Ruelle	I am appalled to learn that an increase in the slc police budget is on the docket. In fact, I insist there ought to be a decrease in the budget. By at least \$30 million. Also a freeze on any new hires to the police force for the next 12 months. The budget should be used to increase our community. Food, housing, public transit. Not to increase the police, who are working to harm the community in Salt Lake. Elizabeth Ruelle 350 S 400 E Salt Lake City 84111	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Ella Moss	Please divest funds from the SLPD and Unified Police to programs that will help our communities instead of perpetuate violence. I live and work in Salt Lake City and would love to see more mental health programs especially. Thank you, Ella Moss #BLACKLIVESMATTER	6
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Budget 2020-2021	Elliott	Name: Elliott Email: [REDACTED] Phone: Comments: Defund SLCPD! There are countless people living in your city without shelter. Support them. There are continual budget cuts, specifically with special needs programs in schools. Support them. We are in the middle of a pandemic and people can't afford to live. Support them. Black Lives Matter. Questions: Why do you continue to financially support a police department that does not care about black lives? Why do you continue to financially support a police department that does not care about homeless lives?	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Ellison Goodrich	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Looking at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Ellison Goodrich	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Ellora Staker	Hello, I am writing to you today to discuss public funding for Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. We most definitely don't need 23 new police officers. Those funds instead should be allocated to actual effective solutions. Why do we always have more money in the budget for police, why is their scope and power always being expanded when they consistently prove to be ineffective at best? Please listen to us, a one day "sensitivity training" for police won't cut it. Hiring more police and increasing their budget shows you're not acting in the best interests of the community, especially LGBT+ people and people of color. Thank you, Ellora Staker	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Elly Baldwin	Dear Council Member Fowler, I am writing to urge you to listen to the voices of your constituents, of which I am one, and the voices of residents across the city on issues of police funding. We cannot ignore the connections between police militarization and violence against communities of color, especially our Black community. Salt Lake City is no exception to the patterns we have witnessed for years and years of the brutalization and dehumanization of Black bodies. Tonight's city council meeting is a critical opportunity (one of many) to lead hard conversations about our ethical responsibility to disrupt systems that serve to harm human beings and stand up for life, for Black lives. I respectfully reach out to ask you to oppose increasing the SLC Police Department budget, and instead push for increased funding for affordable housing, health care, and other needs that our community is desperately asking for. I look forward to listening in on the meeting, looking for your current and future actions, and continuing to engage in conversation with you about this important issue. Sincerely, L-E Baldwin	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Ellyse Simons	Good evening, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,000. This is unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most black residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here- they are violent in the face of non-violence and peaceful protesting. Please consider investing in the following: 1. Implementing a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring 23 new police officers, as has been proposed. 2. To vote no to any increase in police funding or to increase the police department's budget. 3. To propose and vote for a \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget as the city responds to projected COVID-19 shortfalls, a housing crisis, and rise in unemployment. 4. To protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police. 5. To do everything in their power to compel SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members. Thank you, Ellyse Simons	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Elmera Azadpour	As a resident of the state of Utah, I would like to formally express my demand for a decrease in the \$84 million planning to be allocated for the police budget. This amount of money can be entirely allocated for education, public health measures (more testing resources for COVID-19) and transportation funding (roads, buses, highways). We do NOT need more cops, we need a city council that cares for its citizens and allocates money where it benefits our community the most. Please, let's work together to put an end to police brutality and gun violence. And that begins with allocating funding towards more useful public efforts.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Elsa Dillman	Hello, I am Elsa Dillman. Current resident of the lower avenues. I'm writing with regards to the SLC budget proposals for 20-21. I am particularly concerned about the increase in police funding. 85 million is far more than is allocated to transit, housing, and education. With current events and the history of police, I think we should look into other ways to protect our city. There is a direct link between systematic racism and over-policing communities of color and under funding affordable housing/public transit. If we are going to fund the police with continual increases, we need to change what it means to enforce laws. We need better options, so that calling the police doesn't result in death or injury. Many instances need deescalation rather than the too often violence that occurs when police are called. We need social workers, not armed police whos mere presence escalates many situations. Further - social workers can improve lives on a more long term basis. Our libraries, housing, social welfare programs, and community centers are in need of support - financial support. SLC has in the past aimed to support its residents with these programs, and we must continue to do so. Especially now. We need to allocate funds toward the community - the whole community - and towards justice. We need to let everyone feel and be safe on our streets, especially our LGBT+, black, and brown, residents. We can continue this goal by funding the institutions that help all of our residents, which unfortunately does not include the police.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Elsa Osborne	SLC Council, I am emailing to encourage that you defund the police. The \$84 million that is currently invested in the police department should be directly allocated to our most vulnerable communities. We need to demilitarize our cops in order to keep Utah a safer place. Thank you for taking the time to read this. Sincerely, Elsa Osborne (18 year old Utah resident)	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	elsey Eisenberg	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Kelsey Eisenberg	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Emilie Jordao	Hello City Council, I canvassed for Amy Fowler and Erin Mendenhall. I was so sure Erin was on the right side. But after hearing about your recent actions and proposed police budget, I'm deeply concerned about her priorities. Police should be defunded in \$30 million, at the very least, and this money invested in education, transit (I thought this a big one for you!), education, and homelessness resources. I urge a hiring freeze for the police department, de-escalation training, body cams, and most importantly to fund the areas that create the conditions of inequality. I'd also like to express my disapproval of the recent curfew that was enacted by the mayor. Enacting a curfew 1 hour before it is supposed to be in effect, and only sending it via phone and English is highly exclusive and unfair. This basically gives the police the green light to arrest anyone in demonstrations, peaceful or not. Yesterday's demonstration was peaceful, but protesters were still met with rubber bullets. Thank you, Emilie - Salt Lake City resident -- Emilie Jordao Jacobs GIS Analyst Geospatial Group	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Emily	Agree with demands by Utahans against police brutality. Don't support mayor's proposed budget to fund PD \$84 million while others services such as housing, transit, education, rehabilitation services don't receive half that amount. Don't want tax money to support the brutal tactics of the SLC PD. Demand no increase in PD budget, demand \$30 million decrease and demand an end to the violence the PD is enacting against communities of color and peaceful protesters. Want money to go toward community lead health strategies, such as rent relief, quality housing opportunities for people at or below poverty line. Invest in free resources/skill sharing resources at libraries. Provide free public transit “ increase length of bus times/routes. Invest in trained mental health professionals. Invest in more public parks in lower income neighborhoods, after school programs and meals for kids. Increase funding for public defenders. Before giving more money to PD they should answer for unjust use of force and answer for violence. Funding for training and victim advocates is a better use of money.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Emily Albrecht	Hello, In listening to the council meeting over the course of the night, it has become clear to me that the City Council is either unwilling or unable to make the budget cuts to the police force that have been proposed by constituents tonight. If the Council will not make those cuts this year, I ask that a commitment is made immediately to defunding the police force in future years in favor of public transit, community advocates, affordable housing, and education. If you cannot make the changes that so many of your constituents are asking of you right now, at the very least you can make a commitment to making the changes that we so desperately need. In addition, I've been incredibly disappointed in the attitude and actions of Mayor Mendenhall in the face of these protests, and I ask that she listen to her people and halt the curfew. Best, Emily Albrecht	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Emily Andrews	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Emily Andrews	n/a
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Budget 2020-2021	Emily Firth	I oppose the proposed increase of almost \$85 million to the SLCPD for FY20-21, and demand a decrease by at least \$30 million. 1. Provide rent relief and quality housing opportunities for those living at or below the poverty line 2. Invest in more events, free resources, and skill sharing at city libraries 3. Provide free public transit and increase the length of bus time schedules and routes	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Emily Larsen	The Salt Lake City Council needs to consider reducing the police budget and making a firm plan and stand for reform within the police department. Funds should be put towards e common-good causes that will build up our community, like dealing with our homeless/unsheltered community and building affordable housing for those who need it. Money currently being allocated to the police can go to supporting community programs (pandemic-related relief, housing, food, public health, transportation) that will do more to alleviate poverty and crime in our community. Salt Lake City should: IMMEDIATELY CEASE VIOLENCE on community members reduce the police budget Re-allocate that budget into an investment in our community (food, housing, transportation, and public health). Thank you, Emily Larsen, Utah resident	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Emily Lyver	Dear Salt Lake City Council, I am writing to you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police herethey are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. As a concerned resident, I demand that you drastically decrease the budget for the police, by at least 30%, and reallocate that money for material services for this city's residents, prioritizing communities of color. Sincerely, Emily Lyver	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Emily Nicholiason	85 million needs to be used differently. Some suggestions are: Public transportation, sustainability, local programs and resources. Please do not increase the police budget or hire new officers.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Emily Preib	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,000. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here “ they are violent in the face of non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systematic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Emily Preib	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Emily Pyle	Hello, I am a resident of Salt Lake City and I love our community. I am writing you to discuss the public spending for the future of our incredible Salt Lake City which is home to many beautiful diverse people. The projected budget for FY 20-21 is insanely disproportionate. 85 million dollars goes to the SLCPD? Where does this money go? Why doesn't it go to public education which Utah ranks 51st in spending for in the US! You could budget some of that money for the UTA which would not only help citizens lives but help with our increasing pollution and climate change issues. Our growing housing problem is only receiving 23 million when that is an issue every resident looks at in the face everyday. Please consider redistributing the money back into the people instead of hurting them by weaponizing and building up a police force that doesn't make it's residents feel safe. There are black people, POC, and LGBTQ+ who have been victimized and continue to feel unsafe in the hands of the SLCPD. I believe in Salt Lake and what this community could look like with less policing and more power to the people! Sincerely, Emily Pyle	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Emily Schaumann	Redirect money from the SLPD to homeless shelters and social workers!	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Emily Snow	I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Emily Spacek	In the wake of police violence erupting throughout the country, including within Salt Lake City, which itself has followed the police KILLINGS of Black and Brown people, I call to my city council to to defund the Salt Lake Police Department and invest in resources that really keep us safe and healthy. Demands: 1) Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring 23 NEW officers. 2) Vote NO to any increase in police funding or increase to the department's budget. 3) Propose and vote for a CUT from SLCPD's budget by \$30 million so that... 1 the city can respond to COVID-19 shortfalls, a housing crisis and the massive rise of unemployment. 2 specifically, the city will invest in COVID-19 testing for uninsured AND undocumented individuals and families. Our Black, Indigenous, and Latinx communities NEED more COVID resources. They have been hit harder by the virus. Latinx have especially been hit hard. SL Tribune headline: "Utah Hispanics now account for more coronavirus cases than whites" (Link: https://www.sltrib.com/news/2020/05/27/utah-hispanics-now/) What is Salt Lake City doing about that???????? I propose a much needed service: Free testing to undocumented individuals and families! PLEASE, educate yourselves on the barriers to access to healthcare in Utah for the Latinx community and make this happen now! Thank you so much for the work that you do. I am passionate about this and I need my voice to be heard loud and clear. HOI POLLOI - The People	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Emma Brain	Hello, I hope that you all are doing well under the current circumstances. My name is Emma Brain, and I just graduated from Utah State University with degrees in English Literature and Political Science. I was the USUSA Student Body Officer that oversaw our student-run Service Center during my time there. I have grown up in Holladay from the time that I was 8 years old, and love living here. I am troubled lately, though, because of the lack of action from my local representatives for my fellow Black citizens/non-citizens in Utah. You are all in a special position of privilege and power in our community. If I were you, I would not sit idly by while protesters practice the peaceful measures that you specifically asked them to and then sic an entire national guard and fully armored police to bully and manipulate these entirely constitutional, lawful, and vitally important shows of peaceful protest. The silence we've heard from you is disgusting. I am sorry for my strong language, but if you were truly seeing what I am, you would use it too. First of all, please consider lifting the curfews. You couldn't lift a finger when the global pandemic was sweeping at its peak, but as soon as you see something that makes you feel scared or upset, you shut it down. Second of all, say the name Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal. He was twenty-two years old when he died on May 23, 2020. I am twenty-two years old right now, and I can confidently say that an officer would never shoot me as I was surrendering, because I am white. He was shot and killed by the SLCPD, one of YOUR officers. It is completely absurd that you wouldn't have investigated this and fired the officer. I will persistently contact you about this until I see change. Best, Emma Brain (she, her, hers) [REDACTED]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Emma Gleave	To whom it may concern, As a citizen of Salt Lake City, I implore you to redirect a significant portion of the 84 million dollars allotted for police in the 2020-2021 budget to other areas of funding. In this city, we deal with a number of pressing yet underfunded issues like homelessness, dismal education funding, and more recently unemployment and economic uncertainty from COVID-19. Rather than over-scaling police funding, it would be most effective to see these dollars provide mental health services, education, food, and housing to our neighbors experiencing homelessness and to those negatively impacted by economic uncertainty from COVID-19. Our state and local financial priorities ought to be focus on drastically boosting the welfare of the most vulnerable in our community, not aiding those already in positions of power. We demand change. I look forward to seeing these issues addressed at the virtual hearing this evening, and finding more practical solutions to our city's ails. Best, Emma Gleave	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Emma Hoenes	In the wake of police killings across the country as well as in Salt Lake City, and the Salt Lake Police Department's escalated violence against the city's grieving multi-racial community, Salt Lake is in desperate need of visionary leadership. We are calling on the Salt Lake City Council to become these visionary leaders by pledging to defund the Salt Lake Police Department and invest in the resources that really keep us safe and healthy, especially in Black communities, Indigenous communities, Latinx communities, and communities of color. We have called on them to commit to the following during the public hearing on the proposed city budget: Demands: 1. Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring 23 new officers, as has been proposed. 2. To vote no to any increase in police funding or to increase the police department's budget. 3. To propose and vote for a \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget as the city responds to projected COVID-19 shortfalls, a housing crisis, and rise in unemployment. 4. To protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police. 5. To do everything in their power to compel SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members. Now is the time to invest in a safe, liberated future for our city. We can't afford to keep funding SLCPD's attacks on our community. Here are some proposed alternatives where funding could go instead to promote community wellness: 1. Provide rent relief and quality housing opportunities for those living at or below the poverty line 2. Invest in more events, free resources, and skill sharing at city libraries 3. Provide free public transit and increase the length of bus time schedules and routes. 4. Invest in trained mental health professionals to de-escalate, transport, and connect those in need with resources. 5. Invest in more outdoor spaces and public parks in lower-income neighborhoods.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Emma Hunt	SLC City Council: Amid the urgency of the ongoing police brutality crisis, Mayor Mendenhall's proposed budget provides an alarming window into the priorities of Salt Lake City leadership. The obscene proposed amount allocated to SLCPD of \$84 million for the hiring of dozens of new officers and the purchase of enhanced military-grade equipment stands in stark contrast to the comparatively paltry \$23 million for housing amid a severe affordable housing crisis, as well as a deeply inadequate amount of \$4.7 million for transit that could save Utahns from the ever-worsening clean air crisis and could open exciting new doors of employment and engagement for disadvantaged communities. This disparity is unacceptable. I ask the city council to consider what could be accomplished if funds were more compassionately allocated. Yes, police do important community service work. But no amount of welfare calls and professionally handled violent crime cases could accomplish what affordable housing, clean air, health care access, food security, and economic development to combat rising unemployment could. Conversely, nothing could accentuate the desperation of people affected by these issues than underfunded public programs and an overfunded police force saturated in the kind of systemic racism that drives killings and discrimination against black people and other minorities. In Crime rises in proportion to the desperation of a city's residents, and when crime rises, police get to say, "Look, they need more of us than ever! And so police budgets continue to rise while community-building budgets continue to fall in a frightening, self-reinforcing cycle. Please let Salt Lake City be an example of where this cycle comes to a halt. Instead, I ask that you propose and vote for a hiring freeze for the SLCPD. Please consider the powerful impact of using those funds approximately \$30 million to mitigate the housing, food, and employment insecurity generated by the COVID-19 crisis. Please consider the long-term effects of a climbing 20% unemployment rate that disproportionately affects communities of color, and consider whether it makes any sense at all to withhold any resource available to help people most in need bounce back from this pandemic. Separate from budget issues, please take immediate, meaningful action to descalate SLCPD violence against people protesting the murder of George Floyd and other unarmed black people. The protests are an inevitable response to deep, legitimate pain, and escalating police brutality at these events only serves to prove that police have a brutality problem. Sincerely, Emma Hunt 84111	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Emma Ireton	The police do not need as much funding as they have and should have less. Please direct funding to social services or other community based organizations. Thank you, Emma	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Emma Roberts	Agrees with demands of Utah Against Police Brutality. Does not agree with Mayor Mendenhall's proposed increase of the police budget. Does not want her tax money funding the SLCPD and their brutality.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Emma Sargent	Dear Salt Lake City Council Members, I am a Salt Lake City constituent writing to express that our city must reconsider the inflated funding attributed to the Police Department. Police officers in our community are sworn to serve with integrity, but too often resort to excessive force when interacting with the public, particularly black and indigenous people of color. Until the Police Department demonstrates distinct progress in promoting deescalation tactics as well as combating implicit bias among its officers, it is inexcusable to provide them with funding that allows them access to weaponry intended to inflict harm. I mourn the death of Bernardo Palacios to police violence. I am struck by the harm done to other members of our community when SLC police officers failed to use their training to peacefully navigate interactions with civilians. Additionally, I am gravely disappointed by the performance of the SLCPD at the protest held downtown this past Saturday. Police responded to peaceful protestors by firing rubber bullets and holding groups of protestors who were trying to leave, contributing to the escalation of what was originally intended to be a peaceful protest. I ask that you consider decreasing SLC's policing budget by at least \$30 million. I also ask that the council place a hiring freeze on the Police Department for the next year. Not only will this prevent further harm, but the leftover funds could make a huge positive difference for our community if allocated to education, public health, food, housing, or public transportation. Thank you for your time and consideration. Best regards, Emma Sargent	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Emma Shipley	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here—they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Emma _____ Emma Shipley [REDACTED]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Emma Wood	I want to say that we should allocate the resources and the funds that the City is currently planning on giving to police to social programs such as social workers, schools, and educational outreach. I hope the police doesn't get this amount of funding and they can go to more social programs.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Emmaly Anderson	An increase in budget for the SLPD is unnecessary and harmful. The police need to be defunded and demilitarized so that innocent Black and brown Americans are no longer criminalized, threatened, and terrorized regularly. Funding that would otherwise go towards SLCPD should be invested in the community. Police presence and force harm our communities, whereas putting more state funding into food, housing, transportation, and public health will empower and uplift us. At least \$30 million should be cut from the Salt Lake police budget and put towards helping our communities heal instead, especially in the wake of COVID-19. Funding should instead go towards rent relief, quality affordable housing, free and improved public transit, training mental health professionals to attend to de-escalate situations and provide resources, investing in more outdoor/public spaces in lower-income neighborhoods, after-school programs and meals for public school students, and increasing funding of public defenders. We are urging you to reconsider police funding if you are truly invested in the wellbeing of our local communities. Thank you, Emmaly Anderson	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Emmalyn Chin	Hello, I am writing today to discuss my concern for the public funding in Utah and the distribution of the funds. Salt Lake is seeking to give a budget of \$84 million to the police as well as hire new officers, which would be a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. The budget is only seeking to give 23 million to housing and 4.7 million to transit, which would be more beneficial to our community in providing needed infrastructure that would provide stability in people's lives. It is proven and regularly discussed in academia how over policing and under-funding marginalized communities contributes to systematic racism by further subjugating people of color by way of denying us necessary resources, such as housing and transportation. We need money to be allocated toward things that will actually benefit Salt Lake City and its inhabitants' daily lives. Our libraries, community centers, housing, transit, and social welfare programs deserve to have funding so that these spaces can continue to provide and increase the resources that are given to people in the community who utilize these resources - especially Black and brown members of the community. We have seen funding provided to these spaces in the past, and are only asking that this be continued and that this issue of increasing the police budget be addressed. Our city does not need an increase in the policing budget. The lack of accountability police have faced when misusing their power against marginalized people should show that policing does not have to be a solution to address the issues in our community. Our city needs to be focused on creating equity in the community. We need to be focused on how we can serve our most vulnerable populations. We need to ask ourselves what other alternatives there are for us to seek out that are community-driven and how transformative justice can potentially play a part in that. I love this state and only am wanting a safe place and future for my own community that is focused on us and is by us. I hope that my concerns are taken into consideration. Thank you, Emmalyn Chin	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Emmett Wilson	Hello, My name is Emmett Wilson and I reside in District 4, represented by Analia Valdemoros. I have seen the proposed budget for FY 20-21, including \$85 million in public funding allocated to the SLC Police Department, while housing will receive @23,248,016, public transit will be given \$4,700,00, and other essential public programs will only receive a fraction of these amounts meant to sustain them. This is unacceptable. Funding the SLC Police department means funding the killing of Bernardo Palacios, Patrick Harmon, Elijah Smith, and so many more. Funding the SLC Police department means funding officers trained in combat to be dispatched to people experiencing mental health crises and subsequently terrorizing people in need of advocacy and mental healthcare. Funding the SLC Police department is funding abject violence. I propose a cut of at least \$40 million to SLCPD's budget, and I demand that no additional police officers be hired. Instead, please put funding towards: - Rent and quality housing for those living at or below the poverty line or on the streets. - Free public transit and increased hours thereof as well as higher wages for public transit drivers. - Trained mental health professionals to de-escalate, transport, and connect those in need with resources to get mental healthcare. - Victim's advocacy in domestic violence cases. - Free higher education including Salt Lake Community College who has done so much work to uplift and host Black scholars and organizers at their institution. - After-school programs and providers, and healthier meals for students in public schools. -Free health clinics - Green energy In the face of nationwide protests standing up to racism and police brutality, the COVID-19 pandemic, and subsequent economic crisis, it's a prime time to embrace the 'pioneering spirit' that Utah is known for and show the world that Salt Lake City is a leader in real, impacting change and healing. With love, Emmett EMMETT WILSON EW, THE DANCER pronouns: they, them, theirs [REDACTED]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Enma Cruz-Montoya	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Enma Cruz-Montoya	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Eric Geels	Calling about violence due to police brutality “ injustices to black community. Minority community is being negatively impacted by PD. Only option to help solve problem and work with PD is to defund or drastically reduce payment to police department. Would prefer defunding “ but need to drastically decrease PD pay until they comply with calls for reform to stop violence. Want to speak further, reach out if you have questions.	n/a
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Budget 2020-2021	Erica Bindas	I am a constituent of district 4 of Salt Lake City and have some concerns about the proposed budget for 2021. Primarily with regards to the expansion of the police department budget. I see that in the midst of a pandemic, where the city has lost revenue in many areas and is being forced to make many cuts and financial concessions, we are expanding the police department budget once again. I do not believe we need such a strongly funded police force, especially when militarizing them takes funding away from communities that need housing improvements, medical support, and food, in addition to supporting more testing and contact tracing efforts to keep the COVID19 outbreak under control. Despite being low risk in much of the state, the recent new case numbers clearly show that Utah does not have the pandemic under control. Additionally, the choice to leave eight full time positions on a hiring freeze to achieve the savings necessary to increase SLCPD funding appears completely irresponsible to me. We should be adding jobs during this time of economic downturn, especially jobs as essential as victim advocate, LCSWs, and forensic scientists. These are resources the community actively needs to support victims of sexual assault and emotional traumas. I ask that you please push back on this proposed budget increase, and additionally seek to decrease the SLCPD budget in order to fund community based initiatives that could supersede the need for police such as employing mental health experts and social workers to de-escalate domestic disturbance, mental-instability disturbances, and welfare check-ins. Thank you both for your time and service. I look forward to listening into the formal session tonight.	4
Budget 2020-2021	Erica LH Wood	I know this comment is late but I hope it can still be heard. there are so many more worthwhile causes for government spending. make the slcpd prove that they will be better first. make them be better. please instead redirect their money to: black lives matter native and indigideous orgs adult ed esl programs DACA programs refugees alternative high schools public schools teacher supplies head start mural aid orgs community health clinics homeless shelters street teams recovery programs USARA UCASA Rape recovery center YWCA food truck start ups local businesses clean air public transit recreation clean parks better stake areas cleaner splash pads public arts project wetlands protection trail maintenance thank you, Erica LH Wood	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Erik Markowitz	This is eric markowitz. I'd like to request a decrease in the police budget and an end to the curfew. Thank you.	n/a
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Budget 2020-2021	Erika Wynn	Hello, my name is Erika Wynn. I agree with the demands proposed by Utahan's Against Police Brutality. I do not agree with or support the Mayors recommended budget where police receive \$84,422,651. More important programs like housing, transit, education, rehabilitation, or rape recovery don't even see half that amount. I do not support SLCPD. I do not want to see my tax money support them. Erika Wynn	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Erin W	Salt Lake City needs to stop spending so much money on the police. Decrease the budget by \$30 million and put a freeze on hiring new cops. Take that time to root out those who racially profile and use undue force (among other things). Get them off the force. Take that money and INVEST in our community! Public transportation, child care centers, community gardens, well thought out low income housing, bike lanes - things that will REDUCE the risk of violence, homelessness, drug abuse, etc in our community. Policing does not keep people safe. Address the root of the problem to keep people safe. Erin W	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Esra Aadil	I demand a decrease in the police budget. I demand the city of Salt Lake prioritize humanity before it's police force. Your proposed budget and hiring is not approved by the citizens of SLC. That money should be spent on your citizen's education, mental health, physical health, homelessness, and protecting our environment.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Esther MeroÃ±o Baro	Hello, My name is Esther MeroÃ±o Baro, I live in the Liberty Wells neighborhood in Salt Lake City and want the following comment on the record: As a resident of Salt Lake City, a mother, a survivor of domestic violence, and a person of faith and conscience, I'm calling on the Salt Lake City Council to act with moral courage and propose a vote to decrease funding by at least \$30 million to the Salt Lake Police Department for 2020-2021, and enact a hiring freeze on new officers. Those funds should be reinvested into services and programs directed by the public through accessible and democratic decision-making processes. The past few years, our community has made it clear through our comments and actions that we will not tolerate policies and development projects that undermine our values and target or leave behind community members from marginalized groups. In response to public outcry and justified civil unrest, the local police has become more militarized and violent against protesters. No act of property destruction warrants the violence and force used by law enforcement against our youth who are in the streets expressing their anger and despair at their friends and futures destroyed. As members of the City Council, you've signed up to represent our interests. Please, do your research, read up on the history of policing in our state and across the country, consider this moment in the context of the widening gap of inequality we're seeing so clearly through the pandemic crisis, soften your hearts, open your ears, expand your imagination, trust the people, and take action.	5

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Budget 2020-2021	Ethan Burkett	Hello to whoever reads this! I'm emailing in regards to the budget for the upcoming fiscal year and hoping my word can have an affect to help advocate an direction as to where funds should be more ideally distributed, considering thats where my money goes. When looking at the projected budget, the mayor has 85 million allocated for the SLCPD, while housing is at 23 million, transit is at 4.7 million which is almost an insult to the citizens. IN what city, other than extremely mismanaged ones like LA, spend such a disproportionate amount on their police force? There is 0 evidence there even needs to be an increase in funding, none the less 16% increase based on past. With such a disproportionate spending in funds, i think it would be appropriate to help the communities that have been systematically discriminate against who benefit a lot from some of your transit and housing budget. You're allowing an already overfunded, extremely welly equip force to continue to just upgrade to the shiniest new features while the minorities of our communities can barely access resources the rest of use utilize every single day, and that is a complete injustice. If resources are redirected, that will help some of the communities that are struggling most gain access to resources that will help them thrive, while they also are then able to contribute back to the community more. Just like you couldn't have helped make decisions when you were 10 because you lacked examples... education, experience, intuition, transportation, ethic etc, but as you got older and gained more resources, you could help make a bigger impact to the community(making huge budget decisions) because the access helped you become a more engaged citizen. Salt lake city has actively supported its citizens in the past with housing, transit, social programs that help overall wellness, welfare, and with those the city has the ability to thrive. Without those, it creates a tension that is also paired with systematic discrimination which both negatively play out upon our communities. Some suggestions could also be: -a hiring freeze to help reduce budget considering the hundreds of SLCPD officers ive observed over the last week with all the nice tools they showed up to use. -A community board to vote on police misconduct to help create a more fair and just system that hold officers accountable, other public authorities have review boards, how is it fair they have their own justice system while everyone else abides by a different one? -No increase in SLCPD budget, decrease it by 35 million to help alleviate the stress on the community due to Covid, -Review misconduct cases involving officers and consider if the action prior needs a more appropriate action....just like any other court finds more evidence down the road. -Put some of the SLCPD budget towards transportation and sustainability that will help support the cities future rather than promote an already succeeding enterprise. Im sorry if the way I explained some topics isnt as clear as they could have been, there are many to ideas of where I would rather see funds allocated.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Ethan Edwards	Hi! This is from a very concerned citizen. I think it's obvious to everyone that we need to defund the police as quickly as possible, after disarming them, and then eventually dissolve them. I applied for unemployment towards the beginning of April, and my claim is still being processed. But the cost breakdown of a riot gear could sustain that claim for weeks. The money that should be used for citizen security is used to beat those citizens endlessly. Honestly, I'm not even sure why I'm writing this email when I'm sure that rioting, and burning police structures to the ground will be the quickest way to dissolve the military state anyway. It's easier to imagine the end of the world then the end of capitalism. I guess that's a warning then. I would suggest the leaders of Utah read Fanon, Faucult, Davis, and the likes of them, but it's hilarious how far outside of science, literature, and theory that policy is made. So what would it matter. My last thing is that Salt Lake City is too beautiful to have cops in it. It ruins the beauty, and makes it one of the uglier cities in the country. Stop outsourcing police labor to from other cities at least. I couldn't imagine claiming power in a community I'm not a part of. It's delegitimizing, it's inhuman. Policing was founded as a way to control slaves, and later to enslave those freed after the civil war through the thirteenth amendment, and the prison industrial complex. Get cops out of my city they're all ugly, I'll pee on their cars. Start representing your constituents, and basic humanity, or keep funding monstrous systemic violence through the maintenance of police structures. The only way to beat systemic racism is through disarming, defunding, and dissolving police, and the prison industrial complex.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Ethan Perkins	As I'm sure the government knows there have been protests in Salt Lake City centered around continued police brutality in the state of Utah and America. Wether violent or peaceful the public has been very clear that we will not accept the status quo any longer. The proposed \$84 million set to go to SLCPD is a threat to public safety in SLC. If salt lake officials care at all about their constituents especially the black, brown, and homeless ones who are disproportionately affected by police violence then it's time to 1. Cut police funding, by at least half this year and commit to cutting it even further in future budget proposals. 2. Freeze police hiring. We don't need more cops in SLC. 3. Invest the funds that would have gone to SLCPD into community resources to help people struggling with issues that are worsened by strong police presence. This could include resources for the homeless. Resources to fight the growing opioid epidemic. Resources for sexual and domestic violence victims. Resources to underserved communities in the city. Investment in infrastructure, or frankly any other institution than SLCPD. Utahns and the people of SLC are ready for the government to make the hard step and begin to defund the police and move us toward a safer City.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Evan Braithwaite	The Salt Lake City Council needs to drastically reduce the police budget and divert funds to more common-good causes that will build up our community, like dealing with our homeless/unsheltered community and building affordable housing for those who need it. It's clear from how police have responded to recent protests in the city that more money and more hiring is only going to support the status quo of police treating Salt Lake citizens as the enemy, rather than the community it is sworn to serve and protect. Money currently being allocated to the police can go to supporting community programs (pandemic-related relief, housing, food, public health, transportation) that will do more to alleviate poverty and crime in our community than a militarized police force enacting violence on citizens who question why our police force is free to commit violence on people without retribution. Salt Lake City should: reduce the police budget by at least \$30 million, if not more use the money that would have gone to the police budget for: COVID-19 relief -- unemployment, food, helping the homeless/unsheltered community; education, low-income housing, and public transportation impose a hiring freeze in the police department until existing policies are drastically changed to serve, rather than actively harm, the community Re-allocate that budget into an investment in our community (food, housing, transportation, and public health). IMMEDIATELY CEASE VIOLENCE on community members Thank you, Evan Braithwaite - long time Utah and prior SLC resident [REDACTED]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Evan Pac	I would like the Council to decrease funding for the SLCPD this next year. I am concerned about the level of homelessness and inequality in our City. The weaponry the Police want belongs on the battlefield and not in our City. I will remember how you vote when I go to vote.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Eve Larkin	Hello, My name is Eve and I am a resident of SLC, UT. I would like to use my voice to support defunding the police and reinvesting this money directly into our most vulnerable communities. I am tired of seeing black men, women, transgender individuals, and PoC being killed and treated like second class citizens by the police. This is not okay with me and I do not want to live or support a community that treats anyone less than they deserve. The atrocities committed by the police against black men is unacceptable and demands justice. You can deliver justice (in part) by defunding the police and investing that money in what matters: our most vulnerable communities. I am committed to using my privilege to speak up and demand that these injustices be amended through the defunding/ reduction of funding to the SLPD. Black lives matter, so please show us that you believe that and defund the police. Thank you for your time and I hope you will do what's best for our community. Best, -- Eve Larkin Trinity '21 Chemistry Major [REDACTED] - [REDACTED] Eve Larkin	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Evelyn Haupt	I live in Council District 4, and I am writing regarding the proposed budget for 2021 in light of current and ongoing events. While I am not well-versed in politics, I would like to add my voice as a citizen and member of this city. In Mayor Mendenhall's words: "We have an opportunity and a responsibility in planning for our future to make it equitable." While it is a worthy goal, our community needs more than equitable & impartial actions. Our goal needs to be lifting those in our community that have been consistently marginalized due to the structures built excluding them, and better yet, rebuilding said structures. Below are some of the items that take precedence over funding our police department in achieving that goal: 1. Public School funding! 2. Homelessness 3. Healthcare - physical and mental 4. Cost of living 5. Sustainability 6. Support of the arts 7. Small business relief 8. Higher education & student debt We the people need leaders enacting real improvement in our day to day lives that lead to a healthier social environment. Not more officers to deal with the problems our faulty systems have/are creating. I cannot convey enough the importance of these topics and the loss, shame, and pain felt on a daily basis due to the lack of change in these areas. As a young mother, first-generation American, artist, professional and latina, I implore you to use your power to represent me and the concerns of our community. Please fund our community over the police.	4

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Budget 2020-2021	Finn Christensen	Hi my name is Finn Christensen a resident of salt lake city. i demand that the police funding be cut by at least 40 million dollars. i demand that no new officers be hired this year. there are so many other programs and places to put that money. we should focus on health, housing, transit. things the will help to heal the city and not inflict violence like the police do. thank you	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Fiona Marcelino	To Whom It May Concern, I'm a citizen of Salt Lake City, Utah writing in favor of decreasing police budgeting for Salt Lake City Police. Along side many SLC citizens we demand an IMMEDIATE hiring freeze for SLCPD for at least the next year, in addition to a decrease of the budget by a minimum of \$30 million. Lastly, we demand a divestment from policing and an investment in our community via public health, housing, food, and transportation. Listen to the voices of the community!	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Flannery Mack	Good afternoon, I am writing to share comments for the hearing today. I urge you to cut funding, or defund entirely, the Salt Lake Police Department. The events of the past week have revealed to the nation the ugly face of policing, and the issues of brutality, whit supremacy, and violence that are inherent in the organization. I urge you to put this money to peaceful, nonviolent alternatives. Money that funds the police is money that could be spent on affordable housing, mental health crisis responders and services, food for children, employment to revitalize struggling areas of the city, and community-based anti-violence programs. I work in homeless services, and have been appalled at the treatment of Salt Lake's homeless community by the police. Police violence against any citizen cannot be tolerated. Statistics show that Black Utahns are 9 times more likely to be killed by the police than white Utahns. This is unacceptable. Alternatives to policing that do not value property over human lives are possible! Defund the Salt Lake Police! Democratically yours, Flannery Mack -- Flannery Mack [REDACTED] Pronouns: she her hers	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Fletcher Klein	To whom it does concern: I am writing to you today to discuss public funding for the future of Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Thank you for your time. -Fletcher K	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Francis Lilly	Dear Mayor and Council, I'm a proud resident of Salt Lake City, and I live on 900 East near Millcreek, in District 7. I also work for the City of Millcreek, but that's another story you know well. Anyway, I just want to express my appreciation to you. I can't imagine what it's like to be in your position, having to address an earthquake, a pandemic, and momentary civil unrest in our city. I wouldn't wish it all upon anyone, yet here you are, doing the best you can. And I think you all are doing a good job. You are on the verge of having a series of difficult, heartfelt conversations that need to be had about law enforcement and equity. Thank you for leading those conversations as well. From where I sit, and for what it's worth, I think the early proposals I'm hearing from others to start by defunding the police may sound good, but I doubt that will really solve the problem, which is a problem of culture and respect for human dignity. If anything, it may necessitate committing more resources, not less, toward adequate training, and the development of procedures and appropriate equipment to move us toward a more just and equitable system of law enforcement in our community. Black lives do matter. I'm encouraged by some early signs from our police department, where they actively worked to de-escalate conflict in the last few days through heartfelt gestures that I hope and expect will be backed by a lot of self-reflection and some adjustments to how we do things as a community. Ultimately, that conversation needs to involve more than the police. It involves our district attorney, our courts, our legislature, and various folks at the federal level. It'll be hard and exhausting, but I'm glad you all are there to work through it. Based on what I've seen from you all so far, I have great confidence in you. So - thank you! Francis Xavier Lilly [REDACTED] Salt Lake City, Utah 84106 Mobile [REDACTED]	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Frank DeJong	Hello, My name is Frank De Jong. I went to school at Utah State University and am now living in Vernal Utah. I want to stay in Utah for a long time but I need the government to represent me better here. Please consider reducing police funding, specifically for weaponry. A police officer with a weapon makes me feel less safe then no police officer in the vast majority of circumstances. Please trust in your constituency to not take advantage of this. I know my friends and I would never kill anyone let alone a peace officer trying to help in a worrisome situation. Thank you for your time,	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Franny Gleave	Redirect SLCPD funds to other community programs. mean a great deal to see these dollars provide mental health services, education, food, and housing to our neighbors experiencing homelessness and those negatively impacted by economic uncertainty from COVID -19	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Gabriel Shuster	Dear Amy Fowler, I just wanted to reach out to you because you are my districts representative, and I have a few concerns about the mayors recommended budget. http://www.slcdocs.com/budget/mayor2021.pdf (this is the article I was looking at) I looked over the document and couldn't tell if or where funds for public education were. I'm not sure if that is even in the realm of the budget anyway. If it is please let me know. The main reason for me trying to contact you is that I believe of the 323 million dollars in the budget, 84 million should not be given to the police department alone. That is a quarter of the entire budget. In light of the last few days and weeks I believe they do not need the extra money. It seems as though they are not protecting and serving the people of this city, but instead are causing more of a divide. I believe the funds should be allocated to other branches of the city where it can be used more effectively. I would like to see a lot more funding towards the Department of Sustainability, Department of Economic Development, Public Service Departments, and educational departments (although I don't know if this last one is possible, as I mentioned earlier). This can be done by shifting the funds away from the police department and towards the others. I know the council has the power to review and change the recommended budget based on the people you represent, so I hope my plea is heard and my opinion respected. I also hope I'm not the only person you are hearing this from. I would like to talk to you over the phone that way we can have a better conversation, but I know you are very busy so whenever is convenient for you. Thank you for your time and consideration, I appreciate it. Gabe Shuster [REDACTED]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Gabriela A. E. St. Pierre	Hello, I would like to ask the Salt Lake City Council to become leaders in the community by pledging to defund the Salt Lake Police Department and invest in the resources that really keep us safe and healthy, especially in Black communities, Indigenous communities, Latinx communities, and communities of color. I ask that you commit to the following during the public hearing on the proposed city budget: Demands: 1. Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring 23 new officers, as has been proposed. 2. To vote no to any increase in police funding or to increase the police department's budget. 3. To propose and vote for a \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget as the city responds to projected COVID-19 shortfalls, a housing crisis, and rise in unemployment. 4. To protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police. 5. To do everything in their power to compel SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members. Now is the time to invest in a safe, liberated future for our city. We can't afford to keep funding SLCPD's attacks on our community. Here are some proposed alternatives where funding could go instead to promote community wellness: 1. Provide rent relief and quality housing opportunities for those living at or below the poverty line 2. Invest in more events, free resources, and skill sharing at city libraries 3. Provide free public transit and increase the length of bus time schedules and routes 4. Invest in trained mental health professionals to de-escalate, transport, and connect those in need with resources 5. Invest in more outdoor spaces and public parks in lower-income neighborhoods 6. Funding for after-school programs and providers, and for more meals for students in public schools Thank you	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Gabrielle Perenchio	To whom it may concern and members of the council, I am writing you today to as a resident of Salt Lake City, a place I have called home for 6 years during and after attending the University of Utah. I would like to address the public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face of non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. I love Salt Lake City and hope to continue my life here as the years go by. I want to invest and spend my money in a community that values not only me, a wealthy white woman, but all members of the community. I implore you to take these demonstrations under consideration in your discussion of the SLC PD funding for this upcoming year. Gabrielle Perenchio Sent from my iPhone	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Gaby Nunez	I would also like to know why policing is more important than our Public Works department which keeps our streets, sidewalks and city infrastructure running, parks and recreation department which provides us with services that bring together our communities, and fire department which saves the lives and property of those injured and in need. These are the services humans need, no more policing.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Gala Auslin	I'm calling into urge the Council to not hire new police officers or increase the budget. I urge you to use those funds for education for deescalation training and non-violent crowd control techniques. I also urge to use that money on other things like healthcare, food banks, coronavirus aid. What is happening in our city right now is terrifying and has left me speechless. It makes me sad for our state that this is how we're represented. Use the money to investigate to investigate the violence that has happened on our streets recently. We need to hold the officers to the highest standard possible for our safety and our society as a whole. It is heartbreaking to see.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Garrison Asper	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. Additionally there are extreme inequities of access to recreation and public lands among the residents of Salt Lake City, contributing to the broadening leisure gap of exclusive recreation and the creation of white spaces. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Garrison Asper (He/Him/His)	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Gene Leach	Don't support increase the PD budget or hire new officers. Over policing creates community distrust. Response to protest has been asymmetrical. Calling in the Guard and other cops to is overreaction. Proves points about sate of policing. Makes cops less safe. Encourages more extremism because people feel like they aren't being heard. Support decreasing the budget “ lay off cops “ we need less. Have less cops, pay them more, increase training, and hiring requirements “ make a more professional type of job. Outraged with response “ helicopters and Humvees. Everyone involved will have a hard time earning my vote. Decrease the police budge.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Genevieve Couldwell	To whom it may concern, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Genevieve Couldwell	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Genevieve Couldwell	I think there should be a 30 million dollar budget to the SLCPD as well as a hiring freeze. Due to covid there has been shortfalls as well as a housing crisis as well as a huge rise in unemployment. SO I think it would be wise to reallocate those funds to covid relief. I think getting more school councilors and social works in schools would be helpful. Investing in the community is a great use of funds particularly black and Latin x communities.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	George Chapman	Again there are clueless rioters in Salt Lake City. I have watched/attended or listened to almost all Council the meetings over the last 9 years and I have found that the Councilmembers and Mayors and SLCPD always pushed hard to decrease police violence and increase de-escalation. Each of you has done more to reduce police violence than all the rioters put together. I recommend one change in the budget. The August start of the SLCPD Park Rangers program (now using overtime) should use SLCPD in regular uniforms. You are right that a large demographic of our population is intimidated by police in uniform. But it is a sad commentary on our society if the first experience that a kid or citizen has with a cop is during a crime or criminal investigation. SLCPD in uniform patrolling parks will help police community engagement and understanding. Please allow the Police to wear regular uniforms on patrol. George Chapman SLC [REDACTED]	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	George Chapman	The SLC RDA should not be supporting so called affordable housing on Richmond Street. If you are building affordable housing that requires a car to safely go out, you are not building affordable housing. Although this appears to be a questionable done deal since you already gave a loan to buy the property, it is wrong to flush the Sugar House Master Plan down the toilet. This proposal DOES NOT FOLLOW Sugar House Master Plan policies or plan. There is no graduated zoning or buffer with the adjacent single family home area. R-MU-45 includes restaurants and they should not be next to homes (due to the smell) and lack of parking. There is a no parking sign 200 feet from the driveway! There should not be any parking on Richmond or the best north south safe biking route plan is dead. There is no barrier between the road and adjacent lower than road sidewalk which is actually pushed out into the roadway and is inches from high speed traffic. Sidewalk widths in R-MU-45 should be 10 + feet and above the road according to completer streets. SLC should not be evicting low income (again) to build a questionable project. If SLC wants affordable housing: Use the DI/old fire station property or Implement inclusionary zoning (you considered it in 2018) or sell all depot property and use for afforbable housing or Brickyard has plenty of underused/empty property that could provide a better affordable housing site or Take the local taxpayer contribution of \$200 mil for the S-Line extension and use it for affordable housing RDA should not approve this budget which includes a done deal rezoning without much more public input (the neighbors did not get notice of RDA's loan which made this a done deal). George Chapman SLC [REDACTED]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Georgia Alley	My name is Georgia Alley and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. As you know, George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, Tony McDade, and so many unnamed others have been killed because of our country's systematically racist criminal justice system. In light of these events, we ask that in today's review of the 2020-21 budget, you reallocate some of the funds currently directed toward the police department to other programs and alternative forms of policing, such as community policing, community development, or even a specific diversity, equity, and inclusion line item. Also, we demand that there is a hiring freeze on SLCPD for the coming year. We believe this is a small request to begin to address the massive inequities and systems of oppression that have been perpetuated by governmental inaction. Though this will not fix the problem, it will move our city in a positive direction and demonstrate a tangible commitment to addressing systematic racism. Thank you for all you do for the City of Salt Lake City and for your consideration.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Glen Christopherson	Glen would like for us not to slash the education budget and instead slash the police budget.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Grace Hawkins	Hello, I am writing to you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved SLC. I see for the F-Y 20-21, the mayor has allocated nearly 74 million dollars to SLC police department. This is unacceptable. Decrease the budget of the police by at least 30 million. Use that money to disperse it into other community resources. Invest in food, housing, transportation, and public health. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people and their demands for a just society. Sincerely, Grace Hawkins	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Grace Lee	We should defund the police and invest money elsewhere. Putting almost 85 million dollars into the police force is grossly counterproductive to the betterment of our City. I believe these funds should be allocated to life building things rather than life taking things. I think it should go to housing, public transit, and education. Giving the police this money would only further drive a wedge between us. SLC needs to show they stand with BLM and show that they're paying attention and want to progress as a City.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Grace Lee	I'm a resident of SLC. I'm calling in regards to the budget public hearing. I think we should divest from the police and reinvest in community resources and education. We need a massive change in the way we are spending our money. We cant keep giving the police such a massive budget, I hope that the Mayor steps away from such a large amount.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Grace Lund	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,000. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed violence and carelessness of the police here- they are violent in the face on non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed to dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with hope for a better future in Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systematic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Thank you, Grace Lund	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Grace Lundquist	I am a resident of Salt Lake City, and I am calling on my local government to defund the Salt Lake City Police Department. I want the \$84 million allocated to the Police Department to be invested directly in our most vulnerable populations. We need to disarm, demilitarize, and defund the police to keep our citizens safe. Grace Lundquist	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Grace Mathews	Council Members, My name is Grace Mathews and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. My address is [REDACTED], Salt Lake City UT 84102 (if you need proof). I am asking that you please defund the police. Maybe instead put the money towards building up communities with rec centers & other resources that will actually help reduce violence & theft in our neighborhoods. PLEASE BE VERY THOUGHTFUL WITH YOUR DECISION. Thank you, Grace Mathews	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Gray Cristian	Seeing the police force of our city lined up with all kinds of expensive gear and weapons is extremely disheartening. Conflict can be resolved with words, no matter the time it takes. Our money should go towards education of our police force to work critically and peacefully instead of reactionary and violently. Thank you for taking the time to read these words. Work with people, instead of against them.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Gretchen Devine	Comments: We need to invest more in public transportation to combat global warming and inequality. Free bus fares and Trax fares would encourage more usage.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Greyson Gyllenskog	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Greyson Gyllenskog	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Guillermina Pelaez	Dear City Council, I am an SLC resident and I wish to comment that the Mayors proposed SLCPD's budget is absurdly and grossly large when compared to others. This includes housing, transit planning, public services, community and neighborhood development and even economic development for the entire city. This tax payer money could be used for: Offering free diversity and inclusion training's to SLC businesses and school and the SLCPD Offering loans to local POC owned business's Sponsoring community gardens, fixing potholes and generally improving urban design and climate resilience. Offering greater public services, such as glass recycling, to all residents in SLC. Expanding public transit Increasing access to affordable housing I request that you take great consideration into overhauling this current budget and invest in this City's people, it's taxpayers, and it's Black and Brown people, who suffer the most at the hands of an unqualified police force. We all deserve to live in a vibrant and safe city. Thank you,	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Gunar Cottle	Hello My name is Gunar Cottle and I live on Indiana Ave. in your district; I'm writing today with three demands: 1. That charges be brought against the officer(s) involved in the heinous treatment of the individual pushed to the ground during SLCPD's botched attempt at controlling originally peaceful protests. 2. That charges be brought against the man, Brandon McCormick, who drove his vehicle into the crowd and aimed his hunting bow at members of the public. 3. That the public funds allocated to the SLCPD (nearly \$85MM, an 18% increase since 2018) be instead distributed to our underfunded housing programs and public transportation systems that ensure impoverished communities of color can succeed and live dignified lives. These changes will help communities thrive, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Libraries, affordable housing, public transit, social welfare programs, and community centers in Salt Lake City are in dire need of financial and tangible support that is instead funding the over-policing of marginalized communities. Thank you, Gunar Cottle 84104	2

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Budget 2020-2021	Ha Le	To whom it may concern: My name is Ha Le, and I'm a second-year medical student in Salt Lake City. I know our city is facing serious budget shortfalls as a result of the pandemic. And we have all seen on video this week that our police departments are not using the massive resources that we give them to protect or serve us, but rather to attack us with impunity. From a public health perspective, the physical or verbal violence produced by law enforcement officers has long been shown to be correlated to adverse health outcomes. For instance, one study in 2016 published by Sewell AA, Jefferson KA, and Lee H showed that an increased police encounters is associated with elevated stress, anxiety, blood pressure, diabetes, and asthmaall resulting in potentially fatal complications. I would like our city's next budget to prioritize services that truly help peoplesuch as education, health care, public spaces, and transportationand to focus policing on solving violent crimes instead of policing nonviolent offenses, which will both reduce police workloads and decrease the risk of dangerous interactions. Can I count on you to fight for cutting the police department's budget by at least as much as that of these other services? Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Ha D.H. Le Ha Le [REDACTED]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Hailey Thomas	As a concerned citizen of Salt Lake City, I would implore you to redirect the 84 million set to fund the police in 20 21 budget to other community programs. We have an epidemic of homelessness in our community aside from the current global pandemic. I would really appreciate seeing these dollars used to educate, feed, and house our community! Over the past week we have seen how our police department does not need nor deserve our funds. The SLCPD does not act in the best interest of its citizens, particularly its Black citizens and other citizens of color, but in direct antagonism and violence towards them! We demand a change. Respectfully Hailey Thomas	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Haley Stanley	Hello, My name is Haley Ann Stanley I am 24 years old, I have lived in Salt Lake City my whole life and I love my beautiful community. I work full time as an office administrator. Today I was educated on something very disturbing and seeing that I cannot personally attend tonight's council meeting, I am writing in my comments ahead of time so you will all heavily consider the concerns of our people. I would like to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Haley Stanley	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Halthe Products	Decrease the police budget. Cops are harming peaceful protesters, the president is having tear gas thrown at protesters just so he can walk down the street. ACAB DECREASE THE POLICE BUDGET DECREASE THE POLICE BUDGET DECREASE THE POLICE BUDGET DECREASE THE POLICE BUDGET	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Hannah Brinkies	Hannah Brinkies why is that slc wanting to spend 83 millions dollars in housing, healthcare. If you want slc be a safe place for people defund the police and spend the money on healthcare.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Hannah Dhonau	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving \$23,248,016 and transit is receiving \$4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here--they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Hannah Dhonau	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Hannah Emery	Seeing the Salt Lake City police force lined up, in expensive gear and weapons in hand, defending the racism in our country broke the hearts of many Utahn's, including me. Conflict should be resolved with words and support from eachother. The large amount of money that you are going to put into this violent system should be placed elsewhere. Not in the hands of policemen who have been abusing their power in suppressing people of color. I believe this funding should decrease by at least 30 million dollars. Thank you for reading, work with the people you are hired to serve and protect, rather than against them.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Hannah Freudenberger	To whom it may concern, I have long been a follower of systemic racism and injustice in our country yet, being white, I have not always felt I had a place speaking out about it. As we are now in a new era of protest and black voices being heard I now know I must use my voice, as it is often louder than our black brothers and sisters, to share what they are saying. I find it incredibly insensitive that you would hold a meeting to propose a new bigger budget and hiring of more officers when it is being shouted around the country that we do not and cannot continue to have our police and other law enforcement systems work the way they do now. Adding to the problem is not the way to fix it. Instead of holding a public hearing to benefit the police in this time hold a hearing about how to solve these protests peacefully, let people come forward and share why we are so incredibly outraged at what has been continuously allowed to happen in our country. I urge you please to lower the budget of these cops. I attended the peaceful protest yesterday. I felt threatened and scared the second we started marching as we were met with armed cops and the national guard loaded with shields, batons, and I'm sure many more weapons that were not visible. I am white and I was scared. I couldn't even imagine how scared POC were in the same situation. Now is the time to hear us and listen to us and change what is happening. Be on the right side of history and do not support this system that the people are very clearly hurt by. Please do not hire more cops. Lower the budget by at least 30 million and put that into low income programs. Allocate the left over funds to RETRAIN and enforce antiracism in the police. Ensure that when one of your men does something wrong he/she is held accountable and if it happens again they no longer get to serve and protect because they clearly are not the best of the best and our country cannot have anything less protecting us. Thank you, Hannah Freudenberger	n/a
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Budget 2020-2021	Hannah Mohammed	I want the 84 millions dollars that is being proposed to be used for the SLCPD be allocated elsewhere such as libraries, housing, medical care, education, youth programs.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Hannah Orrock	To whom it may concern: I'm writing this email to assert that the proposed police budget increase is not in the best interest of the people of salt lake city. The increased police presence in our city the past couple of days has made me feel anything but safe. The money proposed to go to the police force could be used in MANY more productive ways, namely education and resources for individuals experiencing homelessness. The police need less power, not more. Please listen to your people. Thank you, Hannah Orrock	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Hannah Stevenson	Dear council, In the wake of police killings across the country as well as in Salt Lake City, and the Salt Lake Police Department's escalated violence against the city's grieving multi-racial community, Salt Lake is in desperate need of visionary leadership. We are calling on the Salt Lake City Council to become these visionary leaders by pledging to defund the Salt Lake Police Department and invest in the resources that really keep us safe and healthy, especially in Black communities, Indigenous communities, Latinx communities, and communities of color. We have called on them to commit to the following during the public hearing on the proposed city budget: Demands: 1. Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring 23 new officers, as has been proposed. 2. To vote no to any increase in police funding or to increase the police department's budget. 3. To propose and vote for a \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget as the city responds to projected COVID-19 shortfalls, a housing crisis, and rise in unemployment. 4. To protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police. 5. To do everything in their power to compel SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members. Now is the time to invest in a safe, liberated future for our city. We can't afford to keep funding SLCPD's attacks on our community. Here are some proposed alternatives where funding could go instead to promote community wellness: 1. Provide rent relief and quality housing opportunities for those living at or below the poverty line 2. Invest in more events, free resources, and skill sharing at city libraries 3. Provide free public transit and increase the length of bus time schedules and routes. 4. Invest in trained mental health professionals to de-escalate, transport, and connect those in need with resources. 5. Invest in more outdoor spaces and public parks in lower-income neighborhoods.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Harper Hancoch	To Whom It May Concern, I am writing to you today to discuss public funding for the future of Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the Mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely and wholly unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police. They are violent in the face of non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources, which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension as is our current situation. Our communities deserve better than this. We deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take action in the past to support its residents, and now is the time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents and residents of color feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and equality. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. Please review the police budget and remove funds from the increase to strengthen and change the Community Advisory Board a Community Review Board that takes the power and onus of disciplinary action stemming from complaints out of the hands of the police and in the hands of the citizens. Currently the Community Advisory Board simply has power to advise the Chief of Police while he holds the final say on discipline. This must be changed. Criminals do not write the laws for criminals. The police department is acting as judge, juror, and executioner. This must change. Upon further reviewing the budget, I noticed that only 8 hours are listed for Fair and Impartial Policing/Implicit Bias training. Please explain and justify your decision in how 8 hours is sufficient time to make up for the fact that Latino men are 2 times more likely than their white peers to die at the hands of the police and that Black men are 3 times more likely than their white peers to die at the hands of the police. 8 hours is not enough. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. I urge that you do not let Salt Lake City fall on the wrong side of history. Sincerely, Harper Hancoch	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Harris Wright	To the members of the Salt Lake City Council, I hope that after the past week you realize the importance of this budget meeting and it's potential consequences. That's why I'm emailing you today to ask that you divert funds from the Salt Lake City Police Department and give them to local nonprofits and other city organizations instead. Firstly, there's significant data showing that the most widespread policing solutions don't work. There is no research suggesting that bias training or teaching methods of de-escalation ever lead to a permanent change in police behavior. Additionally, body cameras don't have the deterring effect they were previously thought to have, but no need to take my word for it, here is a link to the research: https://www.pnas.org/content/116/21/10329.short?rss=1 . A large area of the budget I don't believe police need is the segment for military grade weapons. There is sufficient evidence that police forces that receive military weapons from the federal government kill more people. If you want to take a look at that research, you can find it here: https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/2053168017712885 . Next here are the types of practices and organizations that I believe those funds would be better used in: 1. Invest in community oriented organizations and nonprofits- Research shows that for every 10 types of these organizations the murder rate goes down by 9%, the violent crime rate goes down by 6%, and the property crime rate goes down by 4%. https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0003122417736289 2. Establish a non-police response for 911 calls involving mental illness, and especially applicable here in SLC, homelessness. At least 1 in 4 people killed by police suffer from a mental health problem, so why not try to greet them with help instead of hostility? Just a uniform mixed with past experiences can be triggering to those suffering from mental health problems. In Eugene, OR a program just like this has had wild success. https://www.wsj.com/articles/when-mental-health-experts-not-police-are-the-first-responders-1543071600 3. Give the funds to healthcare and substance abuse treatment. It's shown that investment in expanding medicaid at the county level decreases crime levels annually by 3%, which amounts to an average savings of about \$13 billion. https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3042267 If you'd like to read up on any further research, I've found these studies as well as many others here: https://www.joincampaignzero.org/research . Finally, while I have your attention, I'd like to express my disdain for H.B. 415. Police oversight by civilians is something that, if wielded properly can be very useful. I implore you all not support members of the Utah State Legislator in passing legislation that would make them illegal. Thank you for your time, Harris Wright [REDACTED] Salt Lake City, UT	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Harrison	Police brutality is real. The victims in the black community including George Floyd can attest to this. The whole system Needs a total reform in my opinion but the police system is especially damaged. It's an institution based on suppressing the average joe and protecting the 1%. All these protests and the aggression of the police in response has made it clear that we need to defund the police department everywhere including Utah. Please do the right thing and cut the budget. Please spend more money on homeless shelters, affordable housing, and schools. Black lives matter	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Hayden Callaway	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Hayden	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Hayden Warren.	To my City Rep. Chris Wharton, Mayor Mendenhall, and the rest of the my City Council: My name is Hayden Warren; I live within Salt Lake City's 3rd district. Last night I saw my peers requested, demanded, and begged for your solidarity. I am emailing you to reiterate these demands and my support of every constituent who asked you to reevaluate your budget so that it serves community interests, not militant contracts, ineffective police training measures, and systematic racism. Chris, Council, and Mayor Mendenhall: Do not turn your back on your constituents. Show us solidarity by complying with these requests: 1. Hold a special session to address the public comments you received last night. I would like to hear each member and the mayor describe how they will exercise the will of their constituents. Allow the public to comment and ask questions after your statements. Additionally: 2. Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD and outlaw the use of rubber bullets and other methods of excessive force/militarization on the citizens of SLC. 3. To vote no to any increase in police funding or to increase the police department's budget. 4. To propose and vote for a \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget and reallocate this money for programming that addresses COVID-19 shortfalls, the housing crisis, homelessness, public transit, and rise in unemployment. 5. To protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police 6. To do everything in their power to compel SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members, in part by repealing Mayor Mendenhall's curfew. Chris and others, thank you for taking the time to read this. Please let your constituents know what actions you will take to make Salt Lake City safe. Hold yourselves and peers accountable. Work with us, not against us. Show your solidarity, and remember: there are no good cops in bad systems. Chris, Mayor Mendenhall: You have power in this system. Do more. With frustration and hope, Hayden Warren.	3
Budget 2020-2021	Heather Mahler	Heather Mahler We demand that you defund the SLCPD by at least 30 million! We demand that you have a hiring freeze in the SLCPD for a year! The funds for the police could go to our healthcare and our hospitals! Invest in what our community actually needs! thank you for your time. - HM -- Sent from Heather Mahler's iPhone	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Hillary McDaniel	Hello, My name is Hillary McDaniel, I live in the Marmalade neighborhood in Salt Lake City and want the following comment on the record: As a resident of Salt Lake City, a member of the LGBTQ+ community, and a community organizer who believes that black lives matter, I'm calling on the Salt Lake City Council to propose a vote to decrease funding by at least \$30 million to the Salt Lake Police Department for 2020-2021, and enact a hiring freeze on new officers. This freeze should remain in place until community-led police reform is considered. On Monday, May 25th, 22-year old Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal was shot and killed by police officers. The body camera footage has yet to be released. Bernardo is just one of many local victims to die at the hands of the police. Police brutality is a local issue and until policing policy is reformed, we should be investing in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police. I encourage the council to do everything in their power to compel SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members. In Solidarity, -- Hillary McDaniel (text)	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Hillary-Anne Crosby	Hi! Sending along an email just in case the queue of commenters doesn't get to me since it's getting late in the evening and I just heard there's still 207 commenters to go (which is great!). Regarding the FY 21 budget and in light of the state of policing both in Salt Lake City and across the nation, I want to urge the council to not only not increase the SLC PD budget to \$84 million, but to de-fund the department by (at least) \$40 million and divert those funds to services that actually serve our community. Looking through the Mayor's proposed budget, I see recommendations for a \$2 million increase to \$84.4 million for the Police Department but only \$31.8 million for community and neighborhood development. The Salt Lake City Police Department is of more harm to the communities of Salt Lake City than it is good. Video of SLC PD officers in taxpayer-funded riot gear pushing a senior citizen with a cane to the ground made its way onto our local screens and those around the country. I've passed armored trucks on the way to the grocery store. I've had to shout over the sound of helicopters to have productive, caring, respectful conversations with my neighbors. How is that serving our community? It's certainly not protecting us. The SLC PD seems to think it's at war with us, and offering \$84.4 million for them to continue to assault us is a disgrace and deeply disrespectful to those community members that do live and serve here with honesty and integrity. Fund our community, housing, transit, and social services fund them to the tune of \$84.4 million and de-fund an unethical, ineffective, brutalizing police department. For my general comment, I want to say how incredibly disappointing it is to hear and see city leaders applauding the police department for their restraint. I hope that no one ever has to applaud me for managing to do my job without maiming or killing anyone in the process. And I hope you'll do your jobs too in holding them accountable. Thank you, Hillary-Anne Crosby District 3	3
Budget 2020-2021	Hope Cooc	Hello, I am a Salt Lake City resident who is deeply distraught at the presence and actions of the city's police force during the Justice for George Floyd protests. This proposal about funding the police has to stop immediately. Please decrease the budget by \$30 million and freeze hiring new police officers. The proposition of spending nearly \$100 million on an already too plentiful and well-equipped force for social control is absurd! Allocate as much money as possible away from the police department and instead in local social services such as food distribution, transportation, and public health! You will have a stronger community by doing so and less need for police stepping on minorities' necks and killing them! The police did not make me feel any more comfortable especially with the bow and arrow vigilante still at large and the white supremacists roaming the city! As a minority I do not feel safe leaving my house, I feel targeted! I don't want to have to look over my shoulder when I'm walking for my own safety! The police do not make me feel safe and they do not do anything to help minorities when they are in need of help!	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Hunter Clapsadl	I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place.	4
Budget 2020-2021	Hunter Murphy	I live in your district, and from what I understand you and your council will be looking at budget amendments tonight, some of which could direct funds towards de-escalation training. Please support the use of funds for purposes such as de-escalation training and community building and not for purposes such as surveillance or acquiring armament. Thank you for reading. I look forward to reaching out more.	4
Budget 2020-2021	Hunter Tuesday-Heathfield	Hello. My name is Hunter Tuesday-Heathfield, and I have been a proud resident of Salt Lake City for the past 20 years. I propose a DECREASE in the proposed \$84 million to be allocated to the police department. I notice that our police department appears to be fully equipped with riot gear and assault weapons, yet teachers have to buy classroom supplies out of their own pockets. Bernardo Palacios Carbajal, a citizen gunned down by the police last week, was shot 30+ times in the back by three officers as he ran away from them. Our tax dollars paid for those bullets. Is a man running away from three officers a threat necessitating firing 30+ rounds? On Saturday, one of your officers (decked out in full riot gear paid for by our taxes) knocked a peaceful elderly man to the ground, unprovoked. On Saturday, your police department did not detain Brandon McCormick after he threatened peaceful, law-abiding protestors with a lethal weapon. Until you can prove to the citizens of Salt Lake that your police force is capable of addressing systemic racism and acting responsibly, peacefully, and justly, they do not deserve an increase in their budget. The above three instances illustrate gross police misconduct and an inability to act with peace and restraint in times of high tensions. I want our tax dollars to fund training programs for your officers in order to prevent the senseless violence and aggression that has taken place in Salt Lake City. I do not approve of increasing funding for your officers to brutalize and kill our fellow citizens until you can demonstrate that they are capable of conducting themselves in a professional manner befitting the duties of their chosen job. Thank you for considering my opinion - I trust you to make the right decision.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Ian Kilgore	The money this city spends on militarized police could be put to better use in public housing or other social programs. This is your moment to act. History will judge you poorly if you fail to stand up. Ian Kilgore	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Ieuan Thomas	To who this may concern, I am writing to express that I am opposed to the increase in the police budget. A better use of this money would be to support alternatives to police response, such as social work. I would also like to request that the creation of an independent review board for the police. Currently the police are responsible for checking themselves. The police union also attacked the Mayor when she asked citizens to report use of excessive force, they are clearly not responsible enough to regulate themselves. -Ieuan Thomas	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	India Brittany	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, India LaPlace	n/a
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Budget 2020-2021	Iris Comstock	Hi, my name is Iris Comstock. I am a resident of Salt Lake City and I agree it's the demands proposed by Utahns Against Police Brutality. I do not agree with or support the mayors recommended budget where police receive \$84,422,651. More importantly, there are programs like housing, transit, education, rehabilitation, and rape recovery that don't even see half that amount. I do not support SLCPD and I do not want to see my tax money support them. Thank you, Iris Comstock	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Isaac Griss Salas	Hello my name is Isaac Griss Salas. I have been a Salt Lake City Resident in district 2 for my entire life. I will keep my comment simple and short. I advocate for the decreased budget of the Police by the tune of 30 million dollars. This money can be well reallocated to other causes such as housing and outreach programs to our prevalent homeless community. There should be a hiring freeze for police officers there should not be a hiring of another 23 officers. For my general comment. I'm deeply disheartened at how the police are handling this situation. There should be a minimum requirement of education an associates degree at the very least and more screening done for the hiring of future police. This is a video that was taken at the protest just this last Saturday. It highlights the true colors of this police force. A man who was compiling with the orders of the police was prone facing down on the ground. This individual was then shot point blank in the back with a bean bag gun. This simply cannot continue. https://www.reddit.com/r/nextfuckinglevel/comments/gtv4co/downtown_salt_lake_city_may_30th_2020_unarmed/?utm_source=share&utm_medium=ios_app&utm_name=iossmf Thank you, Isaac.	2
Budget 2020-2021	Isaac Raymond	Use some of the money for the police force in other ways as in green energy, developing public transportation, and benefiting the community other than harassing and instilling fear. The police is an important part of our community but some of the money being used is a bit excessive and the money can be used to bring the community together rather than tear it apart.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Isabel	Divest from policing and invest in community. Decrease police budget and freeze new hires. Also left an email.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Isabel Forest	Divert funds from police to vital social services. This will show SLC commitment to Black lives matter	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Isabela Aquino	To whom it may concern, I am writing this as a citizen of Utah to demand a decrease in the police budget rather than an increase. The police have shown time and time the violence and brutality that it bring to people of color, especially African Americans. Funding them will only support unnecessary killings and violence towards blacks and non-Poc individuals. Why does the police need more funding? Instead give funding to hospitals! Healthcare personnel! Those who actually help people. We are living at a pandemic and hospitals need the proper protective equipment in order to battle COVID-19. Yet you would rather give more money to an organization that supports the innocent killings of African Americans. Defund the police, give that money somewhere else. Sincerely, Isabela Aquino	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Isabella Esposito	To whom it may concern, My name is Isabella Esposito I live in downtown Salt Lake City and I wanted to express my concerns to the 2020-2021 budget allocation the council is voting on tonight. I am proud to live in Salt Lake City and think that as the city grows, the best uses for supporting funds need to be rethought. I urge the council to put religious beliefs and centuries old interpretations aside and treat people like people who are all working equally hard to make this city great. This choice should be simple, instead of investing in reactionary measures let's invest in the problem and the roots of the issues the city ends up spending millions of dollars to bandaids on later on. I greatly admire anyone who commits themselves to protecting and serving our city and can't imagine how overwhelming and scary it would be to feel your life is on the line. For this reason I think instead of allocating almost \$85 million to the SLCPD, we should break that down into areas that help police officers deal with this without force. Invest in deescalation training, training on racial profiling, training on mental health and social work tactics and anything to avoid unecessary force and violence against innocent people. Salt Lake clearly has a growing homelessness problem, invest some of that \$85 million to new shelters or incentives to local businesses to hire employees who have criminal records. Invest some of that \$85 million into our school systems for better ESL courses and redistricting schools to have a more diverse population in all schools. PLEASE invest some of that \$85 million into environmental and conservation efforts- we live in the most beautiful area of the country, lets protect it. I am outraged by the videos of police brutality I have seen across the country and to learn about the senseless murder of Bernardo Palacios Carbajal one block from my own home. Release the body cam footage from the officers involved and make this right. Being in charge is a pressuring position but this is your opportunity to do right by the people. I am sure you are innundated with emails but I thank you for taking the time to read this, Isabella Esposito	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Isabella Ramos Miller	Good morning, My name is Isabella Ramos Miller and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. In the wake of the police murder of George Floyd and so many Black Americans before him, I am writing to ask you to show your commitment to justice by reallocating next year's \$84 million police budget to emphasize care, not cops. The People of Salt Lake City want the city to invest in universal needs like quality housing for all, universal access to healthy food, financial and economic support, climate justice, free and quality public transit, public health, and mental health support. They want the city to divest from traditional policing. We want the \$84 million allocated to the Police Department for next year to be invested directly in our most vulnerable communities. I want to make clear that your failure to listen to your constituents does not mean that we will give up. We will continue to make our voices known. Thank you for your time	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	J.W. Trull	Council, In the wake of police killings across the country, as well as in Salt Lake City, and the Salt Lake Police Department's escalated violence against the city's grieving multi-racial community, Salt Lake is in desperate need of visionary leadership and an end to business-as-usual policing. I am calling on the Salt Lake City Council to become these visionary leaders by pledging to defund the Salt Lake Police Department and use these resources to make investments in tactics to keep us safe and healthy, especially in Black communities, Indigenous communities, Latinx communities, and communities of color. Policing is not a solution to community ills. Our criminal justice system is built on the idea that crime is a form of individual misbehavior, and can be prevented by putting bad guys in jail. On the other hand, common sense and social sciences research tell us that most crime is caused by poverty and marginalization, and cannot be prevented without addressing the underlying causes. In the words of retired Minneapolis Police Chief Tony Bouza, The idea of police as crime preventers is rubbish. By the time the cop appears the criminal has been formed and the crime has been committed. When human beings lived in smaller communities where most people knew each other, crime wasn't nearly as much of a concern as it is now. These days, we live in massive communities where a few people control most of the wealth and power, and the rest of us have to get by on scraps. Of course there's crime and disorder in our city, given our state, our country, and our world. But the solution to that crime and disorder isn't locking people up, it's making sure they have what they need to get by. As Greg Boyle, founder of Homeboy Industries, a community safety agency in Los Angeles put it, nothing stops a bullet like a job. Giving our communities the resources they need to thrive will do far more to prevent theft, assault, and murder than tough on crime policing ever could. We can live in safe and healthy communities without police; in fact, the criminalization and violence police bring into our communities makes us even less safe. What we need are resources, the time and support to build a network of community safety providers that don't solve every difficult problem with the threat of force. The Mayor's proposed budget for 2020-2021 increases the funding of the SLC Police Department to \$89 million a year. Think about what that money could do if it were used to help people out of poverty or to build affordable housing; think what it could do if it were used to hire more social workers instead of more police. It is time for us to try something new. The first step on the road to a police-free city is determining the needs of our communities, and identifying alternatives that can meet those needs. I am calling on the Council to commit to the following during the public hearing on the proposed city budget: Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring 23 new officers, as has been proposed. To vote no to any increase in police funding or to increase the police department's budget. To propose and vote for a \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget as the city responds to projected COVID-19 shortfalls, a housing crisis, and rise in unemployment. To protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police. To do everything in their power to compel SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members. Here are some proposed alternative investments, which should be implemented as community-led programs: Provide rent relief and quality housing opportunities for those living at or below the poverty line Invest in more events, free resources, and skill sharing at city libraries Provide free public transit and increase the length of bus time schedules and routes Invest in trained mental health professionals to de-escalate, transport, and connect those in need with resources Invest in more outdoor spaces and public parks in lower-income neighborhoods Funding for after-school programs and providers, and for more meals for students in public schools Invest in housing, employment and healthcare in ways that directly target the problems of public safety Instead of criminalizing homelessness, we need publicly financed supportive housing Instead of gang units, we need community-based anti-violence programs, trauma services and jobs for young people Instead of school police we need more counselors, after-school programs, and restorative justice programs Thanks, J.W. Trull	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jack Wiscomb	hi, my name is Jack Wiscomb. I agree with the demands proposed by Utahns against police brutality. I do not agree with or support the mayor's recommended budget where police receive \$84,422,651. more importantly, there are programs like housing, transit, education, rehabilitation, and rape recovery that don't even see half that amount. I do not support SLCPD and I do not want to see my tax money supporting them. Thank you	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jackie Daniels-Brown	I know you're probably hearing a lot of angry voices. I 1000% validate those voices. I also know you probably have some police chiefs who really don't want their budgets cut, who don't think their team is part of the problem so why should they suffer, who have a myriad of reasons for why they should maintain their tens of millions of dollars bc that's the way it's been and thus the way it should continue to be. Trust me I work in gov't I know how it goes. But the way it's been has led us to where we are. We are asking for POLICE RE-FORM. An upheaval of a system that only works for a specific type of person. It isn't going to be comfortable for most police officers. It shouldn't be. In case you haven't noticed, it hasn't been comfortable for a large portion of our country since the beginning. But reform requires creativity. Maybe police officers are going to think true reform isn't worth the time or won't work. It is those ppl who are passively and maybe unknowingly perpetuating the culture that is victimizing POC. If we change the job description maybe we can decrease the aggression and ego that tends to find its way onto the police force in one way or another. Please: Decrease the police budge by at least \$30 million Initiate a one year hiring freeze in the SLCPD Divest from policing and invest in black and brown communities ie food, housing, education, transportation and health Thank you for your time.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jackie May	Jackie May lives at [REDACTED]. She request that the funds for the SLCPD for next year are redirected to others essential community resources. She doesn't want to see the police keep getting the kind of funding they're receiving. She has live in SLC for a long time and says the problems have been going for a long time.	3

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Budget 2020-2021	Jackie May	As a concerned citizen of Salt Lake City, I would implore you to redirect the 84 million set to fund the police in the 20-21 budget to other community programs. We have an epidemic of homelessness in our community aside from the current global pandemic. I would really appreciate seeing these dollars used to educate, feed, and house our community. Over the last week we have seen how are police department does not need nor deserve these funds. The SLCPD not only does not act in the best interest of its citizens, particularly its Black citizens and other citizens of color, but in direct antagonism and violence towards them. We demand a change. Thank you for your time Jackie May [REDACTED]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jacklyn Goodmen	I think it is very valuable to defund the police, especially at a time when the SLC Council doesn't have as much money to work with. Instead this money should go to social workers, resources for the community, for funding housing programs and for getting food out. I think in funding our communities this way we will do so much good and we will reduce crime. Crime is a symptom of a society that doesn't take care of people. I also think that the police are not a good response for many. I am a sexual assault advocate and I have had my own mental health issues. I know that for me if the police were to show up it would be to great detriment for me rather than a social worker for such an episode. As a sexual assault advocate I often hear from victims that interacting with the police is the hardest part and they'd rather interact with a social worker. The police presence in our community is not one that helps your constituents.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jackson Keller	Hello, I would like to comment on public funding for Salt Lake City. I believe that some of the projected budget for Police for FY 2020 and FY 2021 could be more appropriately allocated. I am concerned about the amount of money that may be directed towards mobile surveillance cameras (\$40k each - from meeting agenda). Because of the righteous unrest of our citizens over the last week, and our discomfort with the response of our Police at this moment, investing further in surveillance will likely cause public outrage and distrust. This fear is compounded by the implications of a curfew that will negatively affect our most vulnerable populations, and by citywide and statewide actions that seem to reflect suggestions from our current president. As citizens, we are afraid that the Police have near unlimited power in this country. A lack of accountability for Police actions when it involves the death of marginalized populations is the norm in this country, so a lack of trust in our justice system is entirely appropriate. Repeatedly we are seeing, on national news and social media, instances where police are using violent force to disrupt our right to peaceful protest and attack journalists. The President has used violent rhetoric which incites violent responses to BIPOC protestors and their allies across the country. In SLC we have seen officers attack an elderly man with a cane, while simultaneously failing to arrest a white supremacist who aimed a bow at protestors. Increasing police surveillance will only elevate the tensions that our city is straining to deal with. I ask that you consider redirecting some of these funds towards proposed funding for victim advocates and de-escalation training. Using funds in these ways will show that the Council cares about its citizens and advocates for reform of the justice system that targets people who are already systemically oppressed in every other facet of our society. Further, I ask that you consider redirecting some of our overall funding to the Police department to other avenues that could improve the lives of our citizens - transport, affordable housing, support for medical workers during this pandemic. We have been struggling ineffectively with homelessness, Police funding isn't a solution to address that crisis, affordable housing is. The COVID crisis will only be made worse by the necessity for protest and social action to effect tangible change. We need to prepare for the next surge of cases. I ask you to consider whether the funds you allocate will help reduce inequity. Are you making the change that protestors are begging for at this moment? Will increasing the Police budget increase the trust of your constituents? Could the Police department be as effective without a budget increase, or even with a budget reduction? As evidenced by protests over the last week, our Police force has already invested considerable money in military equipment and riot gear. The use of nonlethal, violent force (tear gas, riot gear, rubber bullets, etc.) increases the risk of violence when police interact with the public (1). This is dangerous for both Police and civilians. If police wear normal uniforms and engage with peaceful protestors positively, protestors will feel less fear, and less need to act in self-defense (2). We have seen this from the Flint, Michigan Police Department just this week. Funds used for items like riot gear could have a more positive impact on civilian lives if allocated elsewhere. This gear should only be used in the worst emergencies, not deployed for protests except in the direst circumstances. Any funds that would be used for this equipment would improve community outcomes to a greater extent when used for de-escalation training, or other approaches like active bystandership (3) that could reduce police misconduct. Sources 1: https://www.aclu.org/report/war-comes-home-excessive-militarization-american-police (gathered from Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law) 2: https://www.policefoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/After-Action-Assessment-of-the-Police-Response-to-the-August-2014-Demonstrations-in-Ferguson-Missouri.pdf (gathered from Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law) 3: https://www.apa.org/monitor/2017/10/police-misconduct	n/a
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Budget 2020-2021	Jacob Guden	I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving \$23,248,016 and transit is receiving \$4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Jacob Guden	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jacob Haupt	Please redirect funds from the police. They took offense when mayor Mendenhall called for transparency, this is the exact opposite of an appropriate reaction if they were for real change. Until the police cease murdering civilians the city needs to defund them. Any funding going to the police should be used to completely restructure the law enforcement agency so that people actually feel protected and not threatened. Also it is obscene that the recommended budget calls for 84 million dollars to be allocated to the police. What about clean energy? What about affordable housing? What about programs for the homeless? What about healthcare? What about mental healthcare? There are so many other places that need funding that don't lead to the murders of our neighbors. Please, please, please, defund the police. Jacob Haupt [REDACTED]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jacob Smedley	Hi, my name is Jacob Smedley. I am a resident of Salt Lake City and I agree with the demands proposed by Utahns against police brutality. I do not agree with or support the mayors recommended budget where police receive \$84,422,651. More importantly, there are programs like housing, transit, and EDUCATION, rehabilitation, and rape recovery that don't see half that amount. I do NOT support SLCPD and I do NOT want to see my tax money support them. Thank you.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jacqueline McNamara	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Jacqueline McNamara (zip code 84124)	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jade Murray	As a college educated black women who has lived in Salt Lake City my entire 22 years of life I am sick and tired of being scared of the possibility of the police taking my life! \$43 million dollars should be put towards funding for African Americans and other people of color in Utah who need access to healthcare, basic needs of daily living, education, etc. not to a an institution known for its racism and violence towards people of color! I do not support or stand for Utahs decision to diols the police force against their citizens! * Jade Murray	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jake A.	Hello from Ogden, As a member of the larger Utah community, and as someone who's concerned for the safety of all Utah communities, I've come to implore that the the council reconsider their spending plan for law enforcement through 2020 to 2021. My whole life, Salt Lake City has been where examples are set for the rest of the state's policies. Salt Lake City is the place that sets precedents for communities all over the state. I believe every member of city government in SLC can understand the need to take at least \$30million out of law enforcement spending and distribute it to community organizations that benefit public health/welfare. Reinforcing executive organizations against the wave of activism in our communities is sewing a deeper distrust toward police. As well, pushing toward hiring more law enforcement officers does not account for a sincere sense of fear and distrust that already exists in low income communities and communities of color. So please, reconsider any spending initiatives toward law enforcement and put public funding more toward COVID relief and peaceful community initiative. You'll be setting a good example for Utah, and honestly, the rest of the country. Thank you, -Jake A.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jake George	I am against any increase in police force. If additional funding is allocated to the police department, I would strongly encourage that money go towards: 1) police body cameras to help us identify misuse of police power, 2) police training to reduce misuses of police power, or 3) affirmative action hiring to promote a diverse police force.	7

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Budget 2020-2021	Jake Lyman	The Salt Lake City Council needs to drastically reduce the police budget and divert funds to more common-good causes. It's clear from how police have responded to recent protests in the city that more money and more hiring is only going to support the status quo, which is -- police treating Salt Lake citizens as the enemy, rather than the community it is sworn to serve and protect. Money currently being allocated to the police can go to supporting community programs (housing, food, public health, transportation) that will do more to alleviate poverty and crime in our community than a militarized police force enacting violence on citizens who question why that police force is able to commit violence on people without retribution. Salt Lake City should: 1) reduce the police budget by at \$30 million, if not more 2) impose a hiring freeze in the police department until existing policing are drastically changed to serve, rather than actively harm, the community 3)Re-allocate that budget into an investment in our community (food, housing, transportation, and public health). Thank you, Jake Lyman -- longtime SLC resident [REDACTED]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	James	Defund the police department. Stop giving them so much money. There are plenty of other entities you could give money to. Funneling tons of cash into the PD isn't helping anyone but making them feel scared of facing violence like people did last weekend.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	James Hodgson	Dear Salt Lake City Council, I am writing to share my comments on the proposed city budget for the 2021 fiscal year. I appreciate the city's thoughtfulness in constructing a budget that uniquely accounts for the economic downturn and resulting decreased revenues. However, I find issue with the mayor's proposal to increase funding for the police department. In the proposed budget, the mayor has recommended an increase of approximately \$2 million to the police budget. I find this an imprudent and irrational proposal given 1) the state of our country and 2) the state of our city's finances. 1) The city government should be subject and responsive to its citizens' demands. Citizens across the country and in our own city are enraged by the racism that exists in the policing system. This systematic racism needs to be addressed in every city in this nation. Police departments, individually and as a complete system, have failed a large portion of the population and failed in their promise to protect, when they have mistreated black Americans. They have prioritized property over life. The response to these failures should be to cut their funding and limit their scope and capabilities. It is the responsibility of both citizens and political leaders to reign in the overreaching power that the police have to engage in acts of violence without repercussions. Let's make that repercussion a decrease in their budget, and increased oversight of their activities. In our system power comes down primarily to capital resources, and violation of power should be matched with decreased financial resources. 2) To increase the police department budget during a time of economic downturn, when more resources should be allocated to economic development, community empowerment, and poverty alleviation would be grossly irresponsible. State and city governments across the country are struggling to keep vital programs funded, as they look for ways to cut their budgets in this unique time. Increasing the police department budget in a year when so many people are losing their jobs and so many programs that provide essential services will be slashed would be inconsistent with the values that the mayor has emphasized in her message. Additionally, this week I have personally seen militarized helicopters circling my apartment, hundreds of police personnel, and armored vehicles come out in an insane display of force, completely ready to crush peaceful civilians that are exercising an explicit right to Assembly protected in the first amendment of the constitution. This has been a gross overreaction and the police department has more money and resources than needed to fulfill their already overreaching role. As a citizen of Salt Lake City, I demand that the city significantly cut the police department budget. At a bare minimum, do not increase their budget. Cutting the police budget would be more consistent with our current economic state and the current outrage in our nation and city. This tax payer money would be better spent on programs that decrease homelessness, decrease inequality, alleviate poverty, and initiatives that improve the lives of our black brothers and sisters in this community. Thank you for your time and effort to improve our society and city. - James Hodgson	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	James Hodgson	I appreciate the City's thoughtfulness when going through this budget. I dont believe the police should receive the increase in funding. I think that increase should go to economic development and other community building activities in the City. This is important given the current political climate and the abuse of power by the police department and the economic downturn and the reduce budgets coming.	3
Budget 2020-2021	James Page	I have some concerns. I would demand the budget for the slcpd funds be drastically reduces. These funds should be directed towards addiction and higher education and homelessness issues. Lowe drug crime leads to less crime/violence.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	James Smith	Hi there, I am writing to you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly \$85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving \$23,248,016 and transit is receiving \$4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. The answer to all of this pain and sorrow is not in further empowering the police force and increasing fear in the masses. It lies in putting more care, energy and effort into the community to increase happiness. An obvious show of the desire to understand each other and live peacefully. A happier community will result in less crimes, and will overall provide a far healthier environment not only for us, but the police force as well. Salt Lake City may not have the highest budget it's true, but change starts with one step. We can't change all the cities at the same time but we will absolutely take this same topic along to other cities in Utah to see change. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here. They are violent in the face of non-violent and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend! I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change, not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systematic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sympathy goes a long way. The goal to further understand ourselves more deeply and work together in harmony to overcome our common issues is what will see this great city of ours to a peaceful, thriving future. We want to see the officers back home to their families as well, but that can only be done if we address the real issue with an open mind and heart.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Jamie Hannon	In light of the protests, and police brutality, now is not the time to increase the PD budget. Other opportunities to keep community safe. Decrease the PD budget, use instead to fund mental health service, health care workers, emergency response team, conflict resolution, community organizations who help keep community safe. Urge Council to be a leader, listen to the people who support communities of color. Do the right thing, fund programs that will make a difference.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jared Aslin	I'm calling to oppose Mayor Erin Mendenhall's proposed SLCPD budget. I think it needs to be cut by at least 30 million and instead have that money invested in schools, education, and public health. I think the hiring process needs to be frozen for one year.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jared Asplin	Demand a decrease in SLC PD budget by at least \$30 million. Use that money to invest in other public services such as public health due to COVID 19 spread. Also demand hiring freeze for PD for one year.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jared Jensen	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place.	n/a
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Budget 2020-2021	Jarhett Jones	Calling with concerns about the recent proposal of increased funding for police department. Calling to voice his concerns and opposition to that matter. I would like further information about how to attend these meetings onling through zoom or video conference. If you could email that informaton or text it I would would appreciate it.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jasmine Stack	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Jasmine Stack	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Jason Call	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Jason S Call	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jason Martineau	I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jason Rose	I'm calling to oppose the increase in the PD budget. I dont think we need more police, they dont need more money, more cars. The only thing they need is perhaps a Civilian Review board. I would be in favor of that.	5
Budget 2020-2021	Jayden Garrick	I would like to demand that money that was allotted for hiring new officers for the SLCPD to instead go to more de-escalation training and implicit-bias training. I believe we need better trained officers, not more.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jayne	Name: Jayne The budget for SLPD is too much. Especially with the death of Bernardo, the police do Not need a higher budget. The budget could be redirected to aid for those who are still struggling due to COVID-19 or to the homeless community who always need support.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jazmine Dumas	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Jazmine Dumas	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Jeannette Beal	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Jeannette Beal	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jeff Adams	The police won't hold themselves accountable. And if you give them \$84,000,000, they will continue to murder. Utah police killed 19 people in 2018, and if you continue to fund them, more innocent people will die. The cops are murdering without any remorse or accountability. They are destroying and traumatizing families. DEFUND THE POLICE! NOT ANOTHER CENT FOR MURDERERS! JAIL KILLER COPS! Jeff	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jeff Stowell	Dear Councilman Dugan-- I am contacting your because you are my City Council Representative. I cannot begin to tell you how upset I am at this evenings curfew declaration by Mayor Mendenhall. I tried to write to her to express my disappointment, but she has removed her email address for contact on her section of the city website. Fortunately you still make yourself accessible to your constituents. So I am writing to you. That a single individual cannot for go a run by themselves on a city street is nuts. It is ridiculously hot during daylight hours. I try to run 15 or more miles most days and start as early as 4:00AM to avoid the heat. But because of the ridiculous over reach and abuse of the major's authority, myself and tens of thousands of the residents of Salt Lake City are imprisoned in our homes. I understand the need for a curfew -- for a large crowd. Fine - have a curfew for 20 people, for 50 people, Whatever number. Having a curfew for a single individual passing through the city by themselves this is completely unnecessary. I hope you will contact the mayor on my behalf since she has cut herself off from communication from the residents of the city. This is really important to me. Where my ballot and campaign support will go will be influenced by what happens. Thank you. Jeff Stowell [REDACTED]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jeffery Harding	I would like to see the Council defund the SLCPD. The PD has not been operating in anyway that is in the interest of public safety. They are escalating rather than deescalating. There are so many programs that are underfunded while the police receive an insane amount of money.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Jenica Jorgensen	Hello, my name is Jenica Jorgensen. As a member of the Salt Lake community I strongly disagree with the way our city's budget is being divided out. Particularly in regards to how much is being given to our police departments. I do not want more of my tax money to be given to the SLCPD when there are so many other important facets to the community that are in need of increased funding, like housing, public transit, parks, rape recovery, and education. Thank you	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jenny Bills	Disturbed by the proposal to increase funding in the police department. Allocate this money to those that are vulnerable. Our libraries transit need dire need of financial and tangible help.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jenny Jackson	Hello, I am Jenny Jackson. I am an SLC resident. I am reaching out to voice my concerns over the upcoming FY21 Budget. There is a projected \$84.4 million being allocated to the SLC police department, which is a \$2 million increase from the previous year, while public services are only going to see an increase of \$100,000. The \$2 million going to the SLCPD could be better allocated to better benefit the city, community, and those of us that live here. Below are just some examples of how the budget could be used for the community: 1)Allocate more funding to affordable housing. Currently, the proposed budget segments \$6.3 million to affordable housing. While this is a \$1 million increase, more can be done to create a sustainable program to alleviate the current crisis in our state rather than funding the SLCPD to monitor and police the homeless population. 2) Dedicate more funding to SLC schools. Utah spends the lowest education spending per student. Even if this is not able to address the state-wide issues, it can help within the city and the community. For example, you can dedicate funds to hire crossing guards (pp. C-26-27) and meet the "challenges to keep up with proper staffing levels, from bus drivers and kitchen staff to paraprofessionals and afterschool personnel" (pp. C-27, para. 3). Our city needs to fund what matters most to the community. This is true now more than ever as we see a national economic crisis of 1 in 4 Americans are unemployed. Therefore we need to prioritize our public services that better help your constituents. Please consider freezing the SLCPD funding increase and reallocate the money to the areas that need it the most.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jess Esplin	Hello, I am writing to the Salt Lake City Council, my local representatives, asking for you listen to the pain and anguish of Black Americans and other People of Color and take action to reform our police system and end police brutality. Please do not give the city police department more money. Use the money to directly assist Black, Hispanic, and Asian Pacific Islander communities. As a taxpayer and city resident, I believe this is a more effective way to spend tax dollars and it will send a message to these communities that we value their lives and their presence in our community. Furthermore, I have heard very little from city council members about the current situation in the wake of George Floyd's death and the protests that have erupted around the country. Have any of you been at these protests? Have you been listening to the pain and anger? Have you been advocating for our Black communities and for the protesters with the Mayor and the Chief of Police? We will remember. -Jess Esplin [REDACTED]	5
Budget 2020-2021	Jess Jordan	Hi there, My name is Jess Jordan and I grew up in Ogden, Utah. I'm writing you to request a decrease in the police budget and allocate these funds to more productive healing agencies. Both my siblings were racially profiled by police in Utah for things their white peers participated in but never had to be punished for. People need rehabilitation, they need harm reduction not enforced punishment. For centuries people have been policed for things the wealthy engage in with no qualms and no accountability. The police have been known to protect pedophilia, and drug smuggling for the rich while wreaking havoc on the poor for similar crimes. The double standard is horrific. We need to acknowledge the huge harms that have occurred. Instead of pumping more money into this broken system please consider creating a new bureau of peacemakers and street walkers. These people will check on people see if they are in harms way. Get them resources if they need, but over all have minimal intervention. This is a model of how police need to start acting if there is to be any sort of redemption for policing. Police only protect property and the priority should be the people. People commit crimes because they are hurting and they need healing. Police commit crimes to protect the wealthy. If we punish one type of person we would have to punish everyone and that's on hypocrisy. I ask that you consider reform instead of adding more money to a deeply corrosive and corrupt systems. Thanks, Jess Jordan	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Jessa Hurty	Hello, I would like to chime in for the public hearing being held Jun 2, 2020. We need to decrease police dept budgets and put that money into education, healthcare, and the communities who need it most. Instead of funding police departments, increase your funding for community-based solutions. Decrease police department funding while increasing transparency and accountability for officers with records of misconduct. Officers need to be held accountable. Decrease police department budgets and increase policies that protect human rights! Strengthen police use-of-force policies to protect human life and rights. Respond to mental health crises with healthcare, not policing responses. There is a public outcry for a reason. This does NOT call for an increase in your budget nor an increase in force. The complete opposite. Train officers to serve and protect with honor and integrity like the heroes they are meant to be. Thank you,	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jessi Crowley	Hello, In the wake of police killings across the country as well as in Salt Lake City, and the Salt Lake Police Department's escalated violence against the city's grieving multi-racial community, Salt Lake is in desperate need of visionary leadership. We are calling on the Salt Lake City Council to become these visionary leaders by pledging to defund the Salt Lake Police Department and invest in the resources that really keep us safe and healthy, especially in Black communities, Indigenous communities, Latinx communities, and communities of color. Please commit to the following during the public hearing on the proposed city budget: Demands: 1. Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring 23 new officers, as has been proposed. 2. To vote no to any increase in police funding or to increase the police department's budget. 3. To propose and vote for a \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget as the city responds to projected COVID-19 shortfalls, a housing crisis, and rise in unemployment. 4. To protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police. 5. To do everything in their power to compel SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members. Now is the time to invest in a safe, liberated future for our city. We can't afford to keep funding SLCPD's attacks on our community. Here are some proposed alternatives where funding could go instead to promote community wellness: 1. Provide rent relief and quality housing opportunities for those living at or below the poverty line 2. Invest in more events, free resources, and skill sharing at city libraries 3. Provide free public transit and increase the length of bus time schedules and routes. 4. Invest in trained mental health professionals to de-escalate, transport, and connect those in need with resources. 5. Invest in more outdoor spaces and public parks in lower-income neighborhoods. There are alternatives to policing - please show your support for ending racial inequality by committing to these demands!!! Thanks, Jessi Crowley [REDACTED]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jessica Bender	I wanted to request that is no increase in the SLCPD budget and a portion of the SLCPD budget is diverted to social services.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jessica Brunt	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Jessica Brunt	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jessica Bryan	To Whom it May Concern: We owe it the communities of Black people and POC to allocate funds and resources to better serving these communities in our city. It is time to defund the police force and fund community programs that specifically support and benefit these underserved communities. Elected officials will be accountable for the actions they take on budget, so how are you showing up for Black sisters and brothers? SHOW US with the budget. No more excuses. Jessica Bryan	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jessica Carter	My name is Jessica Carter and I live in Salt Lake City and demand the police budget be brought down and you fire the corrupt police officers!! Release body cam footage of all shootings and brutality cases!	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Jessica Carter	Hello my name is Jessica Carter I live in SLC and I demand a decrease in the Salt Lake City Police Department budget. Thank you	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jessica Cerchiari	Hello, My name is Jessica and I live in the city of Salt Lake. Due to the events that have been happening this past week and also due to the decades of systemic racism integrated into our police system - it is imperative that we defund and reform our police. In order to create peace and equality with our black brothers and sisters of Utah, police brutality and racism must be stopped. We the people demand a reduction of the police budget by 30 million dollars, and a freeze on the hiring of police officers. We don't need more police during this time, we need more allies for the black community. Please, use that 30 million dollars instead to fund public schools, public health, homelessness, and transportation. Defund the police. Sincerely, Jessica	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jessica Drake	Hello, I am writing to you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beautiful Salt Lake City. Looking at the project budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated almost 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing received just over 23 million and transit receiving only 4.7 million. This is completely unacceptable. There numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. The budget for our police officers Must go down to 30 million dollars. This funding deserves to be spent on the people, on housing, education, public health, and transportation. To make our city the best it can be, we have to invest in our community. And what our community does not need, is more police officers. Salt Lake City does not need 23 new cops. As a queer person, I stand with the Black community and we have both witnessed the carelessness and violence of the police here. They are continuously violent in the face of our non-violent, peaceful protesting. We demand change in this broken system. Additionally, cutting the budget for education this year when the budget for police is this much is abhorrent. Lack of Education is what has broken us to this point and taking that away from our communities (especially poor communities) is a tactic not based in freedom but in manipulation, power, and control. Educate us and we will become better. Our state will not recover if our own children won't be educated enough to save it. I demand justice. I demand that people are valued over property and that our freedoms are taken seriously. Police have been instigating violence. I've seen countless videos. There is proof that the system is wrong and taking its people and making them criminal when all they want is to stop being murdered in their own homes. I implore you to make a difference and take a stand against this broken state rather than hiding behind a title and position and doing nothing. -Jessica Drake	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jessica Lee	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Jessica Lee	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jessica Parker	Hi, my name is Jessica Parker, I agree with the demands proposed by Utahns against police brutality. I do not agree with or support the mayors recommended budget where police receive \$84,422,651 and more important programs like housing, transit, education, rehabilitation, rape recovery, don't even see half that amount. I do not support slcpd. I do not want to see my tax money support them.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Jessica Rechail Rollins	I'd like to no see an increase to the SLCPD budget.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jessica Rolfe	Dear City Council, I have reviewed your proposed budget of \$84 million to the police department. As a citizen of this city, I reject this proposal. I would like to see more funds go towards helping the people, children and families in Salt Lake City. Ideas: health, education, housing and resources for small business and the arts - especially given the pandemic. I also advise that SLCPD go on a hiring freeze for a least one year. The police force is already heavily prevalent. And now it would be an open call for racist people who wish to cause harm and violence to innocent citizens to join. I am a nurse and a lot of hospitals are doing this, in the middle of a pandemic & I don't think this is an unreasonable request. I hope you will consider my words. The time is now. Everyone is watching. Jessica Rolfe	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	jessica taylor	My name is Jessica Taylor, a citizen of SLC. I demand that the budget that goes to the SLCPD be defunded and disturbed to causes that are going to actually help the people of SLC. Healthcare, education, homelessness etc. We do not need 23 more officers, we need this money going into outlets that will truly help POC and all SLC citizens. We are tired of being intimidated and not listened to. Please bring this necessary change to our community. No more police brutality! Sent from my iPhone	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jessica Westover	Comments: If you are going to spend over 84 million on the police force, you should invest in better training instead of just new equipment and higher salaries. It is clear that every department in this country needs reform, why not be one of the ones to lead the way?	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jessie Trumbo	To all it may concern, I'm writing to demand we decrease the police budget. I would love to see the money spent on police go toward our education system by providing more resources for students, hiring additional teachers, and increasing salaries for teachers. Thank you, Jessie Trumbo	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jessop	Hello, my name is (inaudible) Jessop. I agree with the demands proposed by the Utahans Against Police Brutality. I do not agree with or support the Mayor's recommended budget where police receive over \$84 million. More importantly, there are programs like housing, transit, education, rehabilitation, and rape recovery that don't even see half that amount. I do not support the SLCPD and I do not to see my tax money support them. I demand a decrease in the budget by at least \$30 million. I demand a hiring freeze for SLCPD for next year. And I demand a divestment from policing and investment in our community such as; food, housing, transportation, and public health.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jessyca Bluemel	To Whom This May Concern, I have been a resident of Salt Lake City for over 15 years and I love our city. However, I have seen way too many abuses of power by our local police department and many others across the country to believe that a budget increase benefiting the police department is necessary. These systems need serious reform and this money is much better suited for social services and programs that support our underserved communities. Thank you, Jessyca	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jillian Weller	Hello Representatives, I am a resident of Millcreek and a student at SLCC. Firstly, I want to congratulate Mayor Mendenhall and her team on their well thought-out budget. Thank you for putting in the work you have for the city. I have concerns, however regarding the \$84 MILLION allotted to the Police Department. I firmly believe that the budget of the police should not overshadow that of Public Services, Housing, and environmental Sustainability. I would like to see a reduction of the Police Department's budgeted amount by \$20,000,000-\$30,000,000. This money would be far better suited for Tuition Aid, Breathe Utah, and other public programs which address needs on a more fundamental level, instead of replenishing less-lethal ammunition supplies. If my recommendation is not taken, I strongly suggest setting aside a huge portion of police funds for the same de-escalation training received by behavioral health professionals. Police need a MINIMUM of 3 consecutive months of de-escalation training. Thank you for listening to your citizens, Jillian Weller	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Jo Moss	Our state's education budget is being slashed. We NEED more money given to education. The police do NOT need more money. Thank you. Jo Moss	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	JoAnna Johnson	Hello, My name is JoAnna Johnson. I was born and raised in Utah. I love my home, but I believe we can and must do better. I was just made aware of this email address, and I may be too late but I wanted to add my voice to others. I demand that the police budget is decreased. We need more money put into preventing ignorance and educating the community than providing opportunities for racist Americans to become officers. Utah is at the very bottom, 50/50 in state spending on public education per student. Put more money into education, and direct less into the police force. Now is the time for change, and in order to bring peace you must bring justice. Although our state is not the source of the protests nationally, it is our job to make sure it never becomes it. Thank you JoAnna Johnson	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jocelyn Wilson	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Jocelyn Wilson	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Johanna Bossart	To Whom It May Concern, I am writing to you today to discuss public funding for the future of Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the Mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely and wholly unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police. They are violent in the face of non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources, which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension as is our current situation. Our communities deserve better than this. We deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take action in the past to support its residents, and now is the time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents and residents of color feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and equality. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. Please review the police budget and remove funds from the increase to strengthen and change the Community Advisory Board to a Community Review Board that takes the power and onus of disciplinary action stemming from complaints out of the hands of the police and in the hands of the citizens. Currently the Community Advisory Board simply has power to advise the Chief of Police while he holds the final say on discipline. This must be changed. Criminals do not write the laws for criminals. The police department is acting as judge, juror, and executioner. This must change. Upon further reviewing the budget, I noticed that only 8 hours are listed for Fair and Impartial Policing/Implicit Bias training. Please explain and justify your decision in how 8 hours is sufficient time to make up for the fact that Latino men are 2 times more likely than their white peers to die at the hands of the police and that Black men are 3 times more likely than their white peers to die at the hands of the police. 8 hours is not enough. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. I urge that you do not let Salt Lake City fall on the wrong side of history. Sincerely, Johanna bossart	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	John Biggs	I am writing about the proposed 85 million dollars allocated for the Salt Lake City Police Department. I find this idea absolutely appalling - especially during the current Covid-19 crisis. Having a well funded police force does not make me or anyone I know feel safer. Quite the contrary. I have family members that were woken up in the middle of the night about a week ago to the sound of Bernardo Palacios being fired upon 30-40 times by the SLPD. This incident has still not been fully investigated, but sadly doesn't seem out of the norm. There is a well documented connection between systemic racism and over-policing, and unfortunately Salt Lake City is not immune to this. I urge you to reallocate funds so that they will go to one of the many places that would actually help our community.	1
Budget 2020-2021	John Goldsberry	Hello SLC Gov, I'm writing to add my voice in the peoples DEMAND FOR DECREASED POLICE BUDGET. We do not need 23 new police officers, or &84M for police budget. We need: 1. Hiring freeze on SLCPD 2. No more increases to SLCPD budget 3. \$30M cut from SLCPD budget to better respond to COVID19 shortfalls (unemployment, housing, etc) 4. SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to IMMEDIATELY CEASE VIOLENCE ON COMMUNITY MEMBERS. 5. Significantly more funding for education, low-income housing, more affordable public transportation, and EDUCATION. Please consider these possibilities as you make decisions to represent your people. Thank you.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	John Miller	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, John W. Miller Sent from the future	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	John Patrick McKenna	Hello- My name is John Patrick McKenna and I live on I Street in your district; I'm writing today with three demands: 1. That charges be brought against the officer(s) involved in the heinous treatment of the individual pushed to the ground during SLCPD's botched attempt at controlling initially peaceful protests. 2. That charges be brought against the man, Brandon McCormick, who drove his vehicle into the crowd and aimed his hunting bow at members of the public; domestic terrorism and white supremacy at its finest. 3. That the public funds allocated to the SLCPD (nearly \$85MM, an 18% increase since 2018) be instead distributed to our underfunded housing programs and public transportation systems that ensure impoverished communities of color can succeed and live dignified lives. These changes will help communities thrive, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Libraries, affordable housing, public transit, social welfare programs, and community centers in Salt Lake City are in dire need of financial and tangible support that is instead funding the over-policing of marginalized communities. Thank you, John Patrick McKenna 84103	3

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Budget 2020-2021	John Smith	Hi, I'm a concerned citizen. Do you know what I'm concerned about? Racism embedded in our policing institutions. Providing more funds and more officers does nothing to counter the racism. The police don't need more money, they need more accountability. Decrease the police budget! Sincerely, John	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	John Taylor Strohmeyer Jr.	Hello Salt Lake City Council, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. Instead, here is what I would like to propose: 1. Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring 23 new officers, as has been proposed. 2. To vote no to any increase in police funding or to increase the police department's budget. 3. To propose and vote for a \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget as the city responds to projected COVID-19 shortfalls, a housing crisis, and rise in unemployment. 4. To protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police. 5. To do everything in their power to compel SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, John Taylor Strohmeyer Jr.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Johnnie Bonacci	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Johnnie Bonacci Sent from my iPhone	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jonah E.	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of Salt Lake City. Taking a look at FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated 84,422,651 dollars for the SLCPD. This to me seems like a very disproportionate distribution because while law enforcement receives this funding, The Department of Community and Neighborhood only receives 31,840,515 in funding. I'm asking for the demilitarization of our police force. Thanks, Jonah E.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jonathan Espana	Hello, I am writing to you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systematic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Jonathan Nelson	To Whom It May Concern, I am writing in regards to the projected budget for FY 20-21. I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. In light of the recent disgusting actions taken by police officers during recent protests, including the abuse of an elderly man, I cannot condone such an increase in budget nor staffing to the city police. We have already seen how they intimidate their city with the numbers they have staffed. Rather, our community needs to see an increase of resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. Additionally, truly selfless service people such as firefighters and EMTs are more in need of the proposed staffing and funds. As a member of the community and taxpayer, I wish to see my city heal and prosper so that we can share that with other communities. This can only be done by listening, and thoughtfully investing in the futures of our citizens. Thank you, Jonathan Nelson Salt Lake City Resident	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jordan Floyd	Redirect funds from PD to our Communities. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jordan Hendricks	Hello council, I'd like to input my thoughts on increasing the police budget. They absolutely do not need more funding/officers. This feels like a massive government overreaction to a couple mild protests over the past few days. Either that or a willful cynical move to use those protests to fuel further unnecessary police spending. I'm incredibly concerned about America's continuing slide into fascism and police/military control. The true resolution to the ongoing crisis is DE-militarizing the police, DE-escalating the situation, and understanding WHY people are in the position of feeling like they need to protest, resist police demands, etc. Start with some empathy for the people you're trying to suppress, and let that guide budget decisions. That money will do much more good in other programs. Thank you	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jordan Rasmussen	I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jordan Reninger	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Jordan Reninger	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jordan Utley	I demand the SLCPD be defunded or budget reduced greatly. I do not want to live under the thumb of militarized organization that uses weapons against its own public. There is NO reason for police to rolling around tanks or any military vehicles of any kind.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Jordon Strang	Hello, My name is Jordon Strang and I have lived in Salt Lake City for seven years. As a resident of this city, I strongly agree with the demands proposed by Utah Against Police Brutality. I do not agree with or remotely support mayor Mendenhall's recommended budget in any capacity, and would be disgraced to have my Tax payer dollars going towards a lump sum of \$84 MILLION, I'm going to say that again, \$84 MILLION dollars in Police funding. It pains me to see a mayor I've supported her entire career suggest that all of this money goes to our violent and insubordinate police while so many other aspects of our community (public transportation, affordable housing, healthcare workers, rehabilitation, education, rape recovery centers, etc) get sidelined and short handed time and time again, and I suggest that this budget is completely done over, with the overall wellness of our community in mind. I do not support SLCPD. I do not want to see my tax dollars going towards their budget whatsoever. Thank you for taking the time to read my email. -Jordon Strang	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Josaleigh Pollett	Hello city council of Salt Lake City! I have been a proud member of this community for many years, and I am writing this email to beg you to consider cutting the proposed increase to the Salt Lake police department. It is imperative that we do not cut funds to programs that help fight homelessness, provide public health resources, and education benefits to our great city while providing more funds to a department that doesn't only inhibit the safety of our community, it directly puts it in harms way. Specifically our black and brown community members. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the importance of public health and addiction resources should not be understated. Our police force does not need more money right now. Your public servants that are using non-violent and community-focused methods do. You've already increased their budget by nearly 10 million in the last two years. I think those funds are better spent on programs and departments that do not put our community at an even higher risk of death than they already are facing. Thank you, Josaleigh Pollett	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Joseph Lyman	1. In rough terms (perhaps an estimated percentage), how much of the budget for the SLCPD goes towards military-style weapons and vehicles (like we see deployed at the downtown protests: for instance the armored "rescue vehicles" and oversized paddy wagons)? Again, we ask for only a rough estimate. How do you qualify those purchases, and are they proven to be effective? Are they used enough to qualify their possession? We need to eliminate unnecessary, unproven, and fear-invoking equipment. 2. There is significant research on the effect of marijuana decriminalization on reducing law enforcement budgets. For instance, Jeffrey A. Miron at Boston University estimates that "...decriminalization of marijuana in Massachusetts would produce an annual savings in law enforcement resources of approximately \$24.3 million." Have you considered such research? What are the savings we would see? In establishing the fiscal year 2020-21 and all future budgets, we request such analyses be made and the benefits of marijuana decriminalization be seriously considered in this regard. People exhibiting issues with substance dependence need thoughtful medical treatment, NOT criminalization by the SLCPD. 3. All savings from the SLCPD budget can be re-directed towards extremely impactful directions. These alternative directions include community-enhancing funds for education, housing, and transit in addition to support of local nonprofit organizations. Local nonprofits have been shown effective in reducing crime rates. See "Community Organizations Have Important Role in Lowering Crime Rates" by Noah Atchison at Brennan Center for Justice, where "each new nonprofit community organization lead to a 1.2% drop in homicide rate, a 1% reduction in violent crime rate, and a 0.7% reduction in property crime rate." EACH. Have you studied this and related research? With proposed savings in SLCPD budgets, how many nonprofit organizations could you support and what would the theoretical reduction in crime rates be? These re-directions additionally have multi-faceted benefits that ultimately trump those of policing alone. Please consider this. 4. We have proposed a couple options of reducing the budget, we hope you will explore these suggestions and more. We have briefly shown that these savings can be directed into community-based solutions that are effective in reducing crime rates and simultaneously provide economic, social, and cultural benefits that transcend monetary value. We request you to do the same and publish a publicly available report of the results. Will you do this for your people?	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Joseph M	Comments: Disappointed to see how much is being spent on policing, especially where our schools are so underfunded	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Joseph Whitaker	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have often witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here, even in the face of peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Joseph Whitaker	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Josh Beckstrand	Demand 84 million allocated elsewhere. Either into general fund or education.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Josh Kivlovitz	Good morning, I am writing to say that I support the complete defunding of the SLC PD. It is so unfortunate that our police department receives such robust funding, while our social services agencies supporting our community have constantly been struggling to provide sufficient services due to lack of government support. The SLC budget for police over social services says loud and clear that we care not for our people's well being, but only for "law and order" carried out unequally, and unjustly. Police have long had a history of oppressing and harming communities that need them most, and it has become even more clear in the militant response to the justified protests against the death of George Floyd and deaths at the hands of police within our own community. If any other agency were to perform so poorly with such egregious misconduct, they would be reprimanded and defunded. It's time we hold police accountable where it matters most, their budget. It is inappropriate that our police have a robust stock of military tactical gear while our social services agencies can't even hire sufficient staff. The police do not deserve funding if they cannot carry out their services justly and equally. They do not serve our Black and Brown families, so they do not serve our community. So we should not continue to fund them as if they do. Thank you, Josh Kivlovitz (he/him/his) Salt Lake City resident and Social Worker [REDACTED]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Josh Peterson	Defund public police dept. Spend money on community resources that will help the communities.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Joshua Breitbach	Hello, I am writing to you to discuss public funding for the future of Salt Lake City. Looking at the projected budget for FY20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated more than \$84,000,000 for the SLC police department, while housing is receiving \$23,248,016 and transit is receiving \$4700. It is absolutely unacceptable that the police department has received a 16% increase in funding since 2018. To be clear, I am a white resident and I am extremely concerned about the attitudes that public officials have expressed on this subject. African Americans make up 1.06% of Utah's population but they make up 10% of the victims of police killings. We cannot continue to call police heroes when they are killing African Americans in such disproportionate numbers. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Joshua Breitbach	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Joshua Robinson	Voice mail message: Can't imagine to extend more police officers until police reform happens. On news saw a police officer shove an elderly man. I feel a move to a wider budget is dangerous and unprecedented. Urge you put money anywhere else aside from police budget.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Joshua Robinson	My name is Joshua Robinson a UT voter. I read in light of everything going on including protest and police brutality you're considering to extend the budget and putting 23,000 more police officers into the force. I can't imagine there is any reason to do that right now. . On the news yesterday I saw a cop shove an elderly person, I don't think I want 23,000 more of those people. I urge you to put that money anywhere else.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Joslyn Pust	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Joslyn Pust	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Juli Huddleston	Dear members of the City Council, I am a resident of Salt Lake City, and I demand a decrease to the SLCPD budget by at least \$30M and that the city institutes a yearlong hiring freeze for the police. These funds should be shifted to support the residents of Salt Lake City. Our city is badly hurting in the wake of COVID-19 and ongoing police violence, especially to community members of color. The budget for a violent police force should not be greater than the budget to provide basic services to the people you serve. Thank you, Juli Huddleston	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Julia Beck	Hi, my name is Julia Beck. I agree with the demands proposed by Utahns against police brutality. I do not agree with or support the mayor's recommended budget where the police receive \$84,422,651. More importantly, there are programs like housing, transit, education, rehabilitation, and rape recovery that do not see even half that amount. I do not support SLCPD and I do not want to see my tax money support them. Thank you.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Julia Dressman	Hello, my name is Julia Dressman and I have lived in Utah my whole life. It burdens me to hear that the salt lake police have incited violence towards peaceful and non peaceful protestors this weekend. I believe it is the duty of the police officers to continuously use de escalation tactics when dealing with the community. The police department needs to focus it's resources on retraining of officers so they know these de escalation tactics. They need to hire officers only within the community and officers who roam the streets of salt lake need to be demilitarized as to not cause harm to the community. The police budget should be much smaller and instead the money should go towards affordable housing, public transit, and k-12 education. The city government needs to prioritize the needs of the community before the need for a militarized police force. And, if some police officers do not want to comply with these changes, perhaps they should find a new career. To protect and serve, not to incite violence and harass helpless homeless individuals. Defund the police. Demilitarize these power hungry officers. The time for reforming the police has been here for a while. It's time to take action.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Julia Fu	To whom it may concern, I am SLC-born and raised, and writing to you concerning the overall safety of Salt Lake City. With the projected increase of nearly 17% of police spending in an age of mass unemployment and a pandemic, it is atrocious that my elected leaders are choosing to allocate tax payer money to state-sanctioned civilian warfare rather than providing safety. In regard to the Black Lives Matter protests, I feel much less safe with the presence of locally and nationally placed military than the destruction of property. Perhaps property would not be damaged if there were accountability held over how OUR money is spent? Perhaps property wouldn't have to be prioritized to such a high degree if we had the funds to repair them instead of prevention of destruction through death of the civilians we grant these public spaces to? With all due respect, I am infuriated at the apex in which SLCPD has performed. Police brutality is the second highest source of Utah homicides, and our states' proportion of Black deaths due to police is disproportionately higher than any other state in the country. I understand that some citizens may be worried about their safety if this budget does not increase spending for new militia; however, redistribution of 40 million from the police budget into affordable housing and mental health throughout public spaces such as schools, workplaces, and lower-income areas would vastly decrease crime rates, recidivism rates, and, logically, property destruction rates. If resources are placed into nourishing life, the necessity for incarceration and public condemnation will decrease. If we continue to excessively place our dollars into institutions of fear mongering and faux protection, death and atrocity will continue to cycle on both sides. Sincerely, Julia Fu	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Julia Meyer	District 4 constituent. Reduce the budget for SLCPD due to police brutality. She stated they killed someone just a week ago.	4
Budget 2020-2021	Julia Sachs	Hello, My name is Julia Sachs and I am a citizen of salt lake. I demand a decrease in the police budget and ask that Salt Lake allocate those funds elsewhere, preferably to resources and public services that help our homeless community, education, or mental health resources. Julia Sachs [REDACTED]	n/a
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Budget 2020-2021	Julia Voros	Good evening, I would like to raise my voice and urge you to listen to the people of Salt Lake City and defund the police. The regular occurrence of police brutality is undeniable. Watching the response of law enforcement to the protests play out while health care workers struggle to obtain sufficient PPE during a pandemic has shown me that our priorities are all wrong. The budget should reflect a correction of these priorities, placing human lives above all else. Thank you for your consideration, Julia Voros	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Julia Vorsteveld	\$84 million dollars. Can you imagine what investing that back into our communities in supportive, growth-oriented ways would do? Can you imagine the underserved organizations, businesses, and city infrastructure that could fund? I demand you to reconsider redirecting those funds away from police, who have undoubtedly showed their colors as a militarized force, and instead utilize them FOR THE PEOPLE. A better community takes people working together to build something, not constantly tip toeing in fear and hate that the police department so obviously perpetuates. At the very least, consider halving that budget and exterminating patrol officers.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Julianne Brough	Dear SLC gov, I'm writing to add my voice in the people's demand for a decreased police budget. We do not need 23 new police officers, nor \$84 million for a police budget. We need: 1. Hiring freeze on SLCPD 2. No more increases to SLCPD budget 3. \$30 million cut from SLCPD budget to better respond to COVID-19 4. SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease violence on community members 5. Significantly more funding for education, low-income housing, and more affordable public transportation. In light of recent events, it has become increasingly important to me to see changes reflected in our community. Instead of over-funding the police, it would mean a great deal to see these dollars helping the most vulnerable in our community rather than those already in positions of power. I love Salt Lake - I definitely believe we are capable of responding with empathy through the reprioritization of funds. Thank you so much for all that you do. Julianne Brough	n/a
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Budget 2020-2021	Julie Pensico	Does not support \$84 million to PD. Demands a decrease in their budget by \$30 million and that those funds are redirected to other programs to benefit the community.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Justin Swanger	(thank you to Amanda for your good work in facilitating the meeting.) My name is J, I'm currently using he/him/his pronouns, and I am an employee of the University of Utah writing only for myself as a citizen. I'd like to quickly but genuinely offer my support for the demands of the vast majority of folx who have commented during the meeting regarding the defunding of SLCPD and the redistribution of that budget to public education, affordable housing, and other social services. I'd also like to commend my fellow community members for having the passion and commitment to justice that seem to be necessary in order to jump through the arbitrary hoops required to participate in what could have been one of the most accessible city council meetings in our history, given its online format in the digital age. Like many of the elected officials listening to comments tonight, I hold a terrible privilege in my whiteness. With that understanding, I'd like to proudly add my voice as a queer person in Salt Lake City who recognizes that my whiteness has exempted me from the greatest injustices and marginalization that queer and trans people of color experienced while they protested and rioted to work toward the type of systemic change that we have the opportunity to achieve now. I owe a great deal of my ongoing learning to people of color who offered me the patience and love necessary for me to realize what privileges I hold and how I can leverage them. I would ask the council members and Mayor Mendenhall to recognize what an unearned gift you have hereand what an obligation you holdas you listen to members of our black, brown, and indigenous communitiesas well as the white folk who have long been involved in advocacy efforts in Salt Lakewhile they share their experiences and frustrations with you and make recommendations and demands for how we can do and be and budget and legislate better. I hope you'll fulfill your responsibilities and leverage your privilege and power as an instrument in the success of this centuries-long movement and not as a barrier to its significant potential to effect change and manifest justice. Additionally, briefly, and partially on behalf of my good friends, I'd like to decry the Utah National Guard Soldiers taking a knee at the public safety building in what is clearly a false display of solidarity with protesters for the black lives matter movement just for the sake of a social media post on SLCPD platforms. Lift this shameful and violent curfew, demilitarize and defund our law enforcement, and stop rewarding SLCPD for the murder of Bernardo Palacios (most recently) and other people of color in our communities. Thank you. J Swanger	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	K Sylvester	My name is K Sylvester. I am a resident of Sandy, Utah and I am calling to defund the SLCPD. I am demanding that we put this money into the community to actually help people in need, rather than more weapons and more force. I want to decrease the budget and demand a hiring freeze for the SLCPD and devise in from policing and invest it to our community.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Kaela Saysith	Good afternoon! My name is Kaela. I'm a lower-middle class Asian American woman and I'm e-mailing about the plan for the 2020-2021 police budget. I believe that the police should be defunded by at least \$30 million and that money being put towards municipal law enforcement could be put to better use, such as children's education, housing for our homeless, improved public transportation, and studies towards our community health. These are all areas that the Salt Lake county could improve on greatly. I would also like to state that I believe there should be a hiring freeze for the SLCPD until next year. We do not need more violence in the United States. Salt Lake had a beautiful protest yesterday and I would love to see change happen in the future. Thank you for your time, Kaela Sayasith	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Kaile Akina	Following Mayor Mendehall's remarks regarding the recent protests held in Salt Lake City, I want to offer my full support of her decision to impose a curfew but also wanted to address frustrations that go beyond protesting. As a person of color, I truly believe that our city values SLCPD more than its citizens. When police are praised and property damage is addressed publicly without separating the violence from peaceful protestors, that gives me a reason to believe that my city will defend SLCPD before its citizens who experience police brutality. That gives me a reason to believe my city will not hold police officers accountable or bother to build public confidence. I and many people of color, do not feel like police officers value our safety and protection over order. Mayor Mendenhall's statement, "our residents must come first", means nothing when the city wants to continue investing an extra \$84 million in policing. Please, decrease the budget by at least \$30 million, freeze hiring on SLCPD for the next year, divest from policing and invest in our community where we need it most (food, housing, transportation, and public health). We need you to show up for us.	1

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Budget 2020-2021	Karina Segura	To The City Representatives at Salt Lake City I am writing this to express deep concern in this years police and public safety budget. I believe that before this budget is put into place a line item by line item list of the items the police department intends to purchase should be released to the general public. I also believe that, if not in place already, the police department uses any amount of budget adopted to buy body cameras for each officers it employs and the infrastructure that is needed to run these body camera with this proposed budget. I would also like to know why policing is way more important than our Public Works department which keeps our streets, sidewalks and city infrastructure running, parks and recreation department which provides us with services that bring together our communities, and fire department which saves the lives and property of those injured and in need. The west side from 900 West on is lacking basic functional needs like a clinic, a decent grocery store, cleaning up our streets and neighborhoods, maintenance! These are the services humans need, not more policing. Thank You- Karina Segura Salt Lake City Utah	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Karina Sekura	I'm calling as a Utah/SLC resident to demand a decrease in the police budget of \$84 million dollars to hopefully have that money allocated in the West side of salt lake city. 900 West has a lot of businesses, a lot of important things that 84 million dollars in taxpayer money could go to a better cause to help the people in this community to defund police brutality. No need for 84 million dollars to fund police. Please listen to this message and remember that your voice is the one that matters in a time like this. You're counting all of the people who are calling in and doing something about it because you stand in a position of greater power than the rest of us. Thank you.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Kate Darton	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. I personally have been affected in a negative way by these budget injustices! Our police officers are a valued and necessary part of our community safety. But so it public transit, and our local economy!! There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Kate Darton	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Kate Foley	My name is Kate, I'm one of your constituents in District 5 here in Salt Lake. I'm reaching out to voice my support of defunding the police in our city. I believe that more taxpayer money can and should go to providing more affordable housing and increasing access to health care including mental health facilities before it should go to increasing an already bloated police force. As was demonstrated here on Saturday and around the country this past week, the police have failed and will continue to fail to protect people of color and peaceful protesters. We need a radical re-imagining of the role of police in our society and you have some power over how this happens. I've attached one resource I found informative and compelling. I hope you take a minute to look at it and consider the power you have as a member of our City Council. Black Lives Matter and radical change is not only possible but imperative.	5
Budget 2020-2021	Kate Lewis	Increasing the police budget while this country's doctors and nurses are reusing PPE during a pandemic is utterly unacceptable. This issue is only compounded by the death of Bernardo Palacios-Carbojal who got murdered by cops LOCALLY a few days ago, and the family still has very little details from police about what happened. His mom spoke at the protest, but no news service is talking about that for some reason. This corrupt system should be defunded, and the officers responsible for his death should be held accountable.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Katelyn Black	Hello, I am writing to you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systematic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Best, Katelyn Black	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Katelyn Brooks	My name is Katelyn Brooks. I am a student at the University of Utah, and I'm writing on behalf of my concerns for the projected budget for SLC's police department. There is a projected \$84.4 million to be allocated to the police. This is a more than \$2 million increase from the 2019-2020 budget (\$82,235,729 allocated towards police). Meanwhile, public services are expected to see only a modest increase of just over \$100,000. These city funds can be much better allocated to the public services that our city needs. For example: Allocate more funding for affordable housing. The current proposed budget only allocates \$6.3 million for affordable housing programs (p. B-3). While this area is seeing a proposed \$1 million increase, it needs more. Salt Lake City is well-known for our housing and homelessness crisis (Link: https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-homelessness-housing/once-a-national-model-utah-struggles-with-homelessness-idUSKCN1P41EQ). Rather than spending an additional \$2 million to further militarize our police, we should put that money towards becoming a national model for creating sustainable, affordable housing to alleviate our homelessness crisis. Allocate more funding for SLC schools. Utah has the lowest education spending per pupil (Link: https://www.sltrib.com/news/education/2020/05/12/utah-dead-last-again-per/). While the SLC budget is not able to address this state-wide issue, you can at least help SLC schools. Currently, your proposed budget addresses shortages of crossing guards (pp. C-26-27) while also mentioning the "challenges to keep up with proper staffing levels, from bus drivers and kitchen staff to paraprofessionals and afterschool personnel" (p. C-27, para. 3). Rather than providing SLCPD an extra \$2 million that clearly is not needed, allocate that money to being able to provide competitive compensation to be able to fill these necessary positions for SLC schools. Cities fund their priorities. This is especially true as the nation is in the midst of an economic crisis with a reported one in four Americans unemployed (Link: https://www.usnews.com/news/economy/articles/2020-04-08/1-in-4-americans-has-lost-job-or-income-to-coronavirus-survey). We need to be prioritizing our public services, not further funding our police beyond what they need. Freeze the SLCPD funding increase and better help your constituents. Sincerely, Katelyn Brooks	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Katherine Driver	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Katherine Driver	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Katherine Kain	Dear Salt Lake City Council Members, I am a Salt Lake City constituent writing to express that our city must reconsider the inflated funding attributed to the Police Department. Police officers in our community are sworn to serve with integrity, but too often resort to excessive force when interacting with the public, particularly Black and Indigenous people of color. Until the Police Department demonstrates distinct progress in promoting deescalation tactics as well as combating implicit bias among its officers, it is inexcusable to provide them with funding that allows them access to weaponry intended to inflict harm. I mourn the death of Bernado Palacios to police brutality. I am struck by the harm done to other members of our community when SLC police officers failed to use their training to peacefully navigate interactions with civilians. Additionally, I am gravely disappointed by the performance of the SLCPD at the protest held downtown this Saturday. Police responded to peaceful protestors by firing rubber bullets and holding groups of protestors who were trying to leave, contributing to the escalation of what was originally intended to be a peaceful protest. I ask that you consider decreasing SLC's policing budget by at least \$30 million. I also ask that the council place a hiring freeze on the Police Department for the next year. Not only will this prevent further harm, but the leftover funds could make a huge positive difference for our community if allocated to education, public health, food, housing, or public transportation. Sincerely, Katherine Kain	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Katherine Kain	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Katherine Kain	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Katherine Seiber	To whom it may concern, I am a Utah native and a orem resident, I would like to be know that I support the demand to decrease the police budget. The 84 million and 23 new officers is a waste and completely unwarranted. As covid is still a concern I will not be attending the public hearing tonight but still would like my comment recorded. Thank you Katherine Seiber	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Kathryn Bagley	I see that the mayor has allocated around 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is highly concerning and seems terribly imbalanced. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in need of financial support.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Kathryn Metro	My name is Kathryn Metro and because of recent events concerning police brutality and excessive force due to too much funding going towards the police department, I believe it's imperative that we consider other options to keep our city safe. First, there should be a hiring freeze on the SLCPD as opposed to hiring 23 new officers, as is stated in the proposal. Second, vote no the any increase in police funding or any funding that would go towards the police departments budget. Third, propose and vote for a \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget as the city responds to projected COVID-19 short falls, a housing crisis, and rise in unemployment. Fourth, to protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police. And lastly, please do everything in your power to compel SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members. Instead of funding the police, here are some alternatives that could really help the SLC community as a whole: - provide rent relief and quality housing opportunities for those living at or below the poverty line - invest in more events, free resources, and skill sharing at public libraries - provide free public transport and increase the length of bus time schedules and routes - invest in trained mental health professionals to de-escalate, transport, and connect those in need of resources - invest in more outdoor spaces and public parks in lower-income neighborhoods Thank you so much for reading through these suggestions. Kathryn Metro	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Katie	Demand City decrease PD funding and put a hiring freeze on SLCPD. Urge City officials to redirect this money to communities they are supposed to be protecting.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Katie	Sending wrong message. Funds should go to training, background checks, racism training. Problem is with police brutality not protest brutality.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Katie	Demand decrease in police budget due to recent events.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Katie Henn	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely,	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Katie Iverson	Good afternoon, I am writing to demand a significant decrease in the police budget for Salt Lake City. As a resident of SLC and a social services worker, I feel there are far better uses of such an exorbitant amount of money. Please consider putting that \$84 million into our school system, which historically values the education of black children far less than white children, and punishes black children at a higher and more severe rate. Please consider putting \$84 million towards homeless services to help individuals in need keep a roof over their heads. Amping up the police force, especially at a pivotal time like this, is dangerous, harmful, and unnecessary. Please aim to support and better the lives of ALL of your community members. We need leaders who will recognize the value, worth, and importance of all individuals. Thank you for your time, Katie Iverson	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Katie Saad	I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Katie Van Klein	Decrease budget for police by at least 30 million. Put a hiring freeze on police. Important to invest in community instead.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Katie Van Sleen	Good morning, My name is Kathryn Van Sleen, and I am a resident and homeowner in Salt Lake City. In the wake of the police murder of George Floyd and so many Black Americans before him, I am writing to ask you to show your commitment to justice by reallocating next year's \$84 million police budget to emphasize care, not cops. The People of Salt Lake City want the city to invest in universal needs like quality housing for all, universal access to healthy food, financial and economic support, climate justice, free and quality public transit, public health, and mental health support. They want the city to divest from traditional policing. We want the \$84 million allocated to the Police Department for next year to be invested directly in our most vulnerable communities. Instead of increasing the policing budget for the upcoming year, I am urging you to: 1. Decrease the budget for policing by at least \$30 million. 2. Put in place a hiring freeze for SLCPD for the next year. 3. Divest from policing on a monetary and ideological level and invest in our communities instead. I want to make clear that your failure to listen to your constituents does not mean that we will give up. We will continue to make our voices known. Thank you for your time, Kathryn Van Sleen [REDACTED] Salt Lake City, UT	5

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Budget 2020-2021	Katie Woodward	To whom it may concern, I am emailing to voice my concern over the proposed budget increase for the SLCPD. It has been demonstrated in our city, and nationwide, that we need profound and systemic reform of our law enforcement agencies. This reform requires divestment from policing, and redistribution of funds to community programs such as food, housing, transportation, and public health. Our communities need more money; our cops do not. Do NOT increase the SLCPD budget, and do not hire more cops. Hire more trauma-informed workers, more social service providers, more health care professionals. These are the properly trained workers who can help our community before issues grow to a crisis level that requires police intervention. Let our city demonstrate how we can address problems holistically from the ground up, and that by doing so we do not need an agency that operates primarily via excessive force. Thank you for your time and consideration.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Katlyn Perugini	Council, In the wake of police killings across the country, as well as in Salt Lake City, and the Salt Lake Police Department's escalated violence against the city's grieving multi-racial community, Salt Lake is in desperate need of visionary leadership and an end to business-as-usual policing. I am calling on the Salt Lake City Council to become these visionary leaders by pledging to defund the Salt Lake Police Department and use these resources to make investments in tactics to keep us safe and healthy, especially in Black communities, Indigenous communities, Latinx communities, and communities of color. Policing is not a solution to community ills. Our criminal justice system is built on the idea that crime is a form of individual misbehavior, and can be prevented by putting bad guys in jail. On the other hand, common sense and social sciences research tell us that most crime is caused by poverty and marginalization, and cannot be prevented without addressing the underlying causes. In the words of retired Minneapolis Police Chief Tony Bouza, The idea of police as crime preventers is rubbish. By the time the cop appears the criminal has been formed and the crime has been committed. When human beings lived in smaller communities where most people knew each other, crime wasn't nearly as much of a concern as it is now. These days, we live in massive communities where a few people control most of the wealth and power, and the rest of us have to get by on scraps. Of course there's crime and disorder in our city, given our state, our country, and our world. But the solution to that crime and disorder isn't locking people up “ it's making sure they have what they need to get by. As Greg Boyle, founder of Homeboy Industries, a community safety agency in Los Angeles put it, nothing stops a bullet like a job. Giving our communities the resources they need to thrive will do far more to prevent theft, assault, and murder than tough on crime policing ever could. We can live in safe and healthy communities without police; in fact, the criminalization and violence police bring into our communities makes us even less safe. What we need are resources “ the time and support to build a network of community safety providers that don't solve every difficult problem with the threat of force. The Mayor's proposed budget for 2020-2021 increases the funding of the SLC Police Department to \$89 million a year. Think about what that money could do if it were used to help people out of poverty or to build affordable housing; think what it could do if it were used to hire more social workers instead of more police. It is time for us to try something new. The first step on the road to a police-free city is determining the needs of our communities, and identifying alternatives that can meet those needs. I am calling on the Council to commit to the following during the public hearing on the proposed city budget: Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring 23 new officers, as has been proposed. To vote no to any increase in police funding or to increase the police department's budget. To propose and vote for a \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget as the city responds to projected COVID-19 shortfalls, a housing crisis, and rise in unemployment. To protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police. To do everything in their power to compel SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members. Here are some proposed alternative investments, which should be implemented as community-led programs: Provide rent relief and quality housing opportunities for those living at or below the poverty line Invest in more events, free resources, and skill sharing at city libraries Provide free public transit and increase the length of bus time schedules and routes Invest in trained mental health professionals to de-escalate, transport, and connect those in need with resources Invest in more outdoor spaces and public parks in lower-income neighborhoods Funding for after-school programs and providers, and for more meals for students in public schools Invest in housing, employment and healthcare in ways that directly target the problems of public safety Instead of criminalizing homelessness, we need publicly financed supportive housing Instead of gang units, we need community-based anti-violence programs, trauma services and jobs for young people Instead of school police we need more counselors, after-school programs, and restorative justice programs.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Katy Ducos	<p>Hello, This email is to address the public funding for Salt Lake City. After reading through the proposed city budget for 2020-2021, I see that nearly 85 million dollars is currently allocated by the mayor for the Salt Lake City Police Department. This is a real issue, as the housing department is receiving just over 23 million dollars and transit it only receiving 4.7 million dollars. The current allocation for the SLCPD shows a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. During this time and prior, most black residents, residents of color, LGBTQ+ residents, and the homeless population of SLC have witnessed violence and carelessness of the police in Salt Lake City - particularly their violence in the face on non-violent and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systemic racism between over-policing impoverished and marginalized communities of color and the under-funding of affordable housing and public transportation. Without these very fundamental needs, people cannot succeed and live dignified lives (Think Maslow's hierarchy of needs). Respectfully, change in these areas can only happen if the necessary funds are allocated toward the resources which help communities to thrive and heal, rather than facing unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities need and deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government says that they care about their residents of color, they much directly address this issue. It can be fixed. You can fix it. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial, tangible support. Salt Lake City has taken great action in the past to help its residents, and now it is a critical time to continue. How can we allocate funding toward the community and transformative justice? How can we assist Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This discussion is about equity and geographic equity, which are issues I understand the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should have a place in the center of this conversation. I'd like to provide a resource for research-based, solid policy suggestions to address what I am explaining above. They can be found at https://www.joincampaignzero.org/ Further, here are some budget suggestions from residents of Salt Lake City: 1. Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD 2. Vote no to increase in police funding 3. 30 million dollar budget cut from the SLCPD's budget as the city responds to the projected COVID-19 shortfalls, housing crisis, and rise in unemployment. 4. Protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety 5. Do everything in your power to compel SLCPD to immediately cease enacting violence on community members With the proposed budget cuts, here are some alternative plans for funding, which encourage community wellness: 1. Provide rent relief and quality housing opportunities to those living at or below the poverty line - this is always important, but more critical than ever as COVID-19 continues 2. Invest in more events, free resources, and skill sharing at the city libraries 3. Provide free pubic transit and increase the length of bus time schedules and routes. 4. Invest in trained mental health professionals to deescalate, transport, and connect those in need with resources 5. Invest in more outdoor spaces and public parks in lower-income neighborhoods 6. Funding for after-school programs and providers, and for more meals for students in public schools 7. Increase the funding of public defenders, who are currently only allocated ~1.3 million dollars with no increase form 2019. I send this message with hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Katy Ducos</p>	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Kaya Holt	<p>In the wake of police killings across the country as well as in Salt Lake City, and the Salt Lake Police Department's escalated violence against the city's grieving multi-racial community, Salt Lake is in desperate need of visionary leadership. We are calling on the Salt Lake City Council to become these visionary leaders by pledging to defund the Salt Lake Police Department and invest in the resources that really keep us safe and healthy, especially in Black communities, Indigenous communities, Latinx communities, and communities of color. We have called on them to commit to the following during the public hearing on the proposed city budget: Demands: 1. Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring 23 new officers, as has been proposed. 2. To vote no to any increase in police funding or to increase the police department's budget. 3. To propose and vote for a \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget as the city responds to projected COVID-19 shortfalls, a housing crisis, and rise in unemployment. 4. To protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police. 5. To do everything in their power to compel SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members.</p>	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Kayla Griffith	<p>Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Kayla Griffith Salt Lake City, UT</p>	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Kayla Rask	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Kayla Rask	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Kaylee Hodgson	Dear Salt Lake City Council, I am writing to share my comments on the proposed city budget for the 2021 fiscal year. I appreciate the city's thoughtfulness in constructing a budget that uniquely accounts for the economic downturn and resulting decreased revenues. However, I find issue with the mayor's proposal to increase funding for the police department. In the proposed budget, the mayor has recommended an increase of approximately \$2 million to the police budget. I find this an imprudent and irrational proposal given 1) the state of our country and 2) the state of our city's finances. 1) The city government should be subject and responsive to its citizens' demands. Citizens across the country and in our own city are enraged by the racism that exists in the policing system. This systematic racism needs to be addressed in every city in this nation. Police departments, have failed a large portion of the population and failed in their promise to protect, when they have mistreated black Americans. The response to these failures should be to cut their funding and limit their scope and capabilities. It is the responsibility of both citizens and political leaders to reign in the overreaching power that the police have to engage in acts of violence without repercussions. Let's make that repercussion a decrease in their budget, and increased oversight of their activities. 2) To increase the police department budget during a time of economic downturn, when more resources should be allocated to economic development and when the city should be focused on maintaining public employees and public programs, would be grossly irresponsible. State and city governments across the country are struggling to keep current public personnel employed, as they look for ways to cut their budgets in this unique time. Governments are also struggling to keep important programs that benefit the citizens running. Increasing the police department budget in a year when so many people are losing their jobs, so many job vacancies will be left unfilled, and so many programs that provide essential services will be slashed would be inconsistent with the values that the mayor has emphasized in her message. As a citizen of Salt Lake City, I demand that the city cut the police department budget. At a bare minimum, do not increase their budget. Cutting the police budget would be more consistent with our current economic state and the current outrage in our nation and city. This tax payer money would be better spent on programs that decrease homelessness, efforts that stimulate our economy, and initiatives that improve the lives of our black brothers and sisters in this community. Thank you for your time. Kaylee Hodgson	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Kayly Miranda	To Whom It May Concern, I am writing in regards to the projected budget for FY 20-21. I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. In light of the recent disgusting actions taken by police officers during recent protests, including the abuse of an elderly man, I cannot condone such an increase in budget nor staffing to the city police. We have already seen how they intimidate their city with the numbers they have staffed. Rather, our community needs to see an increase of resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. Additionally, truly selfless service people such as firefighters and EMTs are more in need of the proposed staffing and funds. As a member of the community and taxpayer, I wish to see my city heal and prosper so that we can share that with other communities. This can only be done by listening, and thoughtfully investing in the futures of our citizens. Thank you, Kayly Miranda Salt Lake City Resident	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Kaysen	In regards to the 84 million dollars & the hiring of more police officers, this is ridiculous, instead of acknowledging the police brutality forced onto people of color, especially black people. The last thing the police force needs is to be rewarded for their arrogant & intolerant action. By giving them this money & hiring more officers your actively rewarding them for the murder of black lives. Please take the time to reconsider these actions as it's an injustice to black lives, people of color & minorities.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Keith Skyta	Seeing the police force of our city lined up with all kinds of expensive gear and weapons is extremely disheartening. Conflict can be resolved with words, no matter the time it takes. Our money should go towards education of our police force to work critically and peacefully instead of reactionary and violently. Thank you for taking the time to read these words.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Kelli Leckie	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Kelli Leckie	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Kellie Lake	The police response to the protests in slc have made me physically ill and emotionally downtrodden. I beg of you to please defund the police budget and use it to fund local programs and resources for the community to better help the people of slc. Let's do some good for once.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Kelsey Eisenberg	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Kelsey Eisenberg	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Kelsey Harrison	Is a Professor at U of U. I would like to see a 30 million dollar decrease in funding for police and reallocation of that money toward more specialized, care-oriented services: food subsidy, affordable housing, programs to address homelessness, transportation to underserved parts of SLC, public health, higher wages for city workers at the lowest levels, education (what are we, 50th in per-student spending???).	4

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Budget 2020-2021	Kelsie Moore	I would like to vote for significant cuts to police budgets and to not allow an increase to police funding or the police departments budget going forward. We need to invest in community-led health and safety strategies instead of the police to ensure the safety and good management of our community. SLPD needs to be more accountable to its citizens. They must immediately cease enacting violence on our communities. We have the opportunity amongst the despair of COVID-19, to completely re-envision and repair our world. It starts with every interaction, every neighborhood, every council, every budget, every government and for-profit entity. We must build stronger and safer communities. I hope we can do that. We must. Kelsie Moore	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Kendal	From: K O Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 10:32 AM To: Council Comments ; mayor@slc.gov Subject: (EXTERNAL) Police budget reallocation My name is Kendal Oram. I live in Salt Lake City and was born and raised in Utah. I am severely disappointed with Utah and Salt Lake City's response to the people's protesting. We are using our voices to tell you that we DO NOT AGREE with police brutality. We DO NOT AGREE with militarized police. Reallocate Utah's budget AWAY from militarized police and TOWARDS the people you need to support. Allow people to peacefully protest. Allow the police to peacefully protest along with them. Data from https://opendata.utah.gov/ shows that MILLIONS was spent on military grade weapons. Who do the police plan to use this against? We have seen the answer to this over the past few days. Please stop. Reallocate the police budget to teach our officers peaceful tactics. Make it illegal for an officer to kill citizens unless they have irrefutable PROOF that their life was in danger. This needs to stop. Release the body camera footage of Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal's death! Never forget the others who have died at the hands of Utah police officers. Train them to de-escalate. Train them to NOT SHOOT someone if they're just running away from something like a robbery or non lethal, non violent crime. Robbery does not equate to death. Running from the cops does not equate to death unless a murder or violent crime was committed. Have some compassion. Bryan Keith Liles Zane James Andrey Tkachenko Cody Belgard Patrick Harmon Kelly Wark Bounmy Ousa	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Kennedy Fields	freeze and hiring police officers and a decrease of at least 30 million in budget and used for homelessness instead.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Kennedy Kilpatrick	Lives in Layton. Calling to demand a decrease in SLCPD budget by 30 million dollars. Use the money for affordable housing, free or affordable public transportation	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Kenneth Cale Zima	I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018.	n/a
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Budget 2020-2021	Kenzie Stacey	As a resident of Utah, I admonish and demand you to decrease the SLCPD budget. Hiring new cops is not what we need right now, we need to educate our current police department on the wrongdoings of the police force in general regards to Racial profiling and Police brutality. McKenzie Stacey Utah resident	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	KEV	DEMAND FOR DECREASED POLICE BUDGET. 1) hiring freeze on SLCPD. 2) no more increases to SLCPD budget. 3) \$30m cut from SLCPD budget to better respond to COVID-19 shortfalls (unemployment, housing crisis, etc.). 4) SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately - CEASE VIOLENCE ON COMMUNITY MEMBERS 5) significantly more funding for education, low-income housing, more affordable public transportation, and did I mention EDUCATION	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Kev Nemelka	Please decrease police budget in SLC. The U.S. spends \$100b on policing. It would cost approx \$25b to eliminate homelessness and \$34b to provide free college to all. Please consider these possibilities as you make decisions to represent your people. Thank you.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Kevin Fosburg	Hello, My name is Kevin Fosburg. I am a 25 year resident of Utah with two grown children raised in this great state. Today I am writing to request that the \$84 million being allocated to the Salt Lake police department for 2021 be directed toward vulnerable communities and community programs to help address root causes of crime. As a citizen, taxpayer and business owner, I am opposed to increased militarization of our police force. Thank you	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Keyon Hejazi-Far	Council, As a resident of the Fairpark community, I would like to voice my concern over the budget hearing scheduled for tonight. I believe that the increased investment in the SLCPD be decreased by at least 30 million dollars. I believe that this should coincide with a halt in the hiring of new officers for the time being. There is no need for an expansion of police or military force in Utah, as was so clearly confirmed on Monday's peaceful protest. Instead, this funding should go toward underprivileged and underfunded citizens and establishments. Please consider this request thoughtfully. With hope, Keyon Hejazi-Far	n/a
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Budget 2020-2021	Kianee DeJesus	Hello, I am writing to you today to discuss public funding for the future Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here- they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. These resources that will actually protect and sustain our community of color. Police will not do this. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. With great concern for my people and our community, Kianee DeJesus	n/a
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Budget 2020-2021	Kiman Kaur	To whom it may concern: My name is Kiman Kaur, and I'm a third year law student at Northeastern University School of Law. I was born and raised in Salt Lake City, Utah. Salt Lake City has always been home to me, and I'm committed to fighting to make this home safe and sustainable for all communities and people. I worked with several different organizations to lobby and help get several of you elected and I hope that you uphold your promises of properly representing and advocating for our communities with dignity. I am asking that the Salt Lake City Council eliminate all funding to the SLCPD for the 2020-2021 year. I demand that these funds instead be used towards COVID-19 research and health care equipment so that we can properly and safely open up as a city and state without the fear of contracting a virus, losing our jobs, getting evicted, flunking out of school, or the whole array of challenges that Salt Lake City residents are experiencing. In the event that the Salt Lake City Council decides to move forward with the SLCPD budget, I demand that the funds be used for the SLCPD to form coalitions with local communities of color and local organizations to seriously discuss and implement police reform. For example, I ask that SLCPD mandate strict hiring policies where all current and potential future police officers are required to racial implicit biases tests and that any person with any slight racial bias against Black people NOT be hired until that person works to address their bias and eliminate it before they work for SLCPD. As law students, we were required to take these implicit bias tests and spend our legal education unpacking our biases before we start practicing law I think that law enforcement should be held to this standard (if not a higher standard). I ask that any officers who show a racial bias against Black people be immediately fired. This is one idea. If you work with local organizations and communities I know they will have other reform policies to completely eliminate police violence. I also have other ideas that I'm more than willing to share with you if you'd like to further discuss. I also demand that SLCPD do not practice excessive force including the use of chokeholds and other practices that's primary purpose is to murder. Lastly, I demand that if the SLCPD move forward with funding, that they use the funding to complete a full investigation for every rape and sexual assault allegation and to test all rape and sexual assault kits. I have to leave the city council meeting and cannot further speak to these comments right now. If you have any questions related to my comment, then please feel free to reach out to me. Best, Kiman Kaur J.D. Candidate [REDACTED]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Kimmy Gibbs	Does not support police budget. Demand decrease of at least 30 million. Demand a hiring freeze for SLCPD for next year. Demand an investment in our community.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Kira Sturgell	Hi, I want to urge my representatives to push the money proposed to bolster the police force towards the development of underserved communities. Humans turning to crime is often a cry for help. Imagine feeling like your only option for supporting yourself or your family is to turn to illegal activities. Imagine being raised in a situation where that's all your family knows. If we provide resources that promote stability for those in need we will see that return tenfold when people are able to stand on their own feet instead drowning in the system run by our taxpayers' dollars. We should work to lift those that are struggling; not tear them down and punish them for their survival responses. I am so grateful for our police and everything they do to protect us and our freedom. Please respect and consider the views of those you are representing and use our money to approach our communities with love and support instead of increased militant force. Love, Kira Sturgell P.S. I have a lot of ideas for ways we can support our struggling areas. Please reach out if you'd like to hear about them. Thank you for your time!	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Kori Anne Lucero	Hello, In listening to the council meeting over the course of the night, it has become clear to me that the City Council is either unwilling or unable to make the budget cuts to the police force that have been proposed by constituents tonight. If the Council will not make those cuts this year, I ask that a commitment is made immediately to defunding the police force in future years in favor of public transit, community advocates, affordable housing, and education. If you cannot make the changes that so many of your constituents are asking of you right now, at the very least you can make a commitment to making the changes that we so desperately need. In addition, I've been incredibly disappointed in the attitude and actions of Mayor Mendenhall in the face of these protests, and I ask that she listen to her people and halt the curfew. Best, KoriAnne Lucero	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Koty Lopez	Dear Council, I am a resident in district 5 and would like to share my thoughts regarding police funding. As someone who considers themselves a maker/creator/builder I often find myself needing to choose the right tool for the job. When I don't get that decision right, what could be a simple project often ends up a disaster. If I need a soldering iron and I grab my angle grinder it's just not going to work out. I can't help but find myself thinking about police in that same way. Cops are trained to enforce laws and investigate major crimes but are often asked to do jobs that would typically be done by people trained in social work, education, and prevention. When put in these situations it makes sense that an office will first reach towards their experience and skills in maintaining order and enforcement rather than aid. With that, I'll get more to my point. Policing, regardless of intent, ends up being reactionary. It react to the conditions of the community. The community is reacting to its conditions. What happens if we put even half of the money and effort that we put into our police department into preventative programs like after-school care, family counseling, homeless outreach, drug counseling, accessible transit etc. What happens when these jobs and resources get provided by people who want to provide these services and have dedicated them selves to doing so rather than a police force who in all likelihood have a very different set of priorities. I expect immediate action but do not expect immediate results nor do I expect results without work and collaboration from everyone. I look forward to working together to do better, Thank you for your time, Koty Lopez [REDACTED]	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Kristiana Sieger	Members of the city council, I believe that it is your moral obligation to consider reallocating a portion of the proposed \$84,422,651 going to the Salt Lake City police department. These funds could and SHOULD be used for the betterment of our community instead of being distributed to the police department that inflicts intimidation and violence on the population that it is meant to protect. Funding could be allocated to social workers, who are actually educated on how to deescalate situations in a non-violent manner. Funds could also be used to bolster essential community programs including housing stability, public transportation, food and nutrition assistance, homeless services, healthcare and mental health services, parks, arts etc. These programs will enrich the lives of your constituents, create a more united community, and will decrease our need for a violent police force. Again, I believe it to be your moral obligation to consider the pleadings of myself and many, many other members of this great community who hold the same beliefs. Thank you for your consideration, Kristiana Sieger	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Kristin Wolf	Rose Park resident. States PD murdered an unarmed man in her neighborhood a week and a half ago. Doesn't think PD needs more officers, but get body cams. Suggested hiring freeze. Recommends cutting PD budget by \$3M. City assets (food, housing, transportation, public health) should be divested from PD. Wants allocation for her neighborhood for street maintenance. West side neglected. Needs crosswalks	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Kristine You	Dear Council, For today's public hearing on the city budget, I believe the SLCPD budget must be decreased significantly (30 million dollars). It would be more beneficial to the people (especially people of color) if it be allocated to affordable housing or public schools. I will be paying attention to the decisions that are made and hope the council listens to their people. Kristine You	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Kwon Saavedra	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Kwon Saavedra	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Kyla Molloy	Hello. My name is Kyla Molloy. Zip code 84103. I demand that the \$84 million allocated to the police for the next year be redistributed into local programs and resources. Sincerely, Kyla Molloy Sent from my iPhone Kyla Molloy [REDACTED]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Kysen Hall	It makes me sick to my stomach to see what is happening all around the country and here in SLC. Seeing police officers carrying high power rifles down the street at protesters is disgusting. What they going to do? What is the purpose of having all of this equipment? Are they going to gun down all the protester if something goes down? The majority of protesters are peaceful, if you need every police officer in full tactical gear to take care of the very small number of people causing issues during these protests it says a lot about what is wrong with the current system. Do not increase the police budget. We should be able to come up with a better way to spend the current budget for instance; don't spend money on unnecessary military equipment. Use that money to better train your police force. It is discerning to know that all it takes to become a police officer in UT is to go to a 20 week program. 826 hours is all the training needed to become an officer? That's absurd. It takes a Person 6000 hours to become PLUMBER. Please lower the police budget or find new ways to better train cops	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Kysen Hall	As a citizen of salt lake county I believe the police budget needs to be decreased. This is an outrage, innocent lives are being harmed during these protests by OUR police officers. We do not need more of them and the current do not need a larger budget. Do the right thing.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Kysen Hall	Decrease the police budget. Cops are harming peaceful protesters, the president is having tear gas thrown at protesters just so he can walk down the street. In the end, cops are a gang. They control cities, they are armed, they do the most harm when they are all together, they believe they are above the law. Why the fuck does this country have to watch a black man die on camera, have it be seen by EVERYONE, then protest for days just to have a police officer arrested? DECREASE THE POLICE BUDGET DECREASE THE POLICE BUDGET DECREASE THE POLICE BUDGET DECREASE THE POLICE BUDGET	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Lachlan Zuchetto	To whom it may concern, I am an African American college student born and raised in SLC. I have had good and bad encounters with the police. In order to make the police department just for all of our citizens we need to use the budget intelligently. When hiring, hire minority citizens. When training, train for de-escalation and acknowledging implicit bias. To serve and protect your citizens is to make them feel safe. An 84 million dollar budget can serve the people of Salt Lake better than solely going to the police. I demand an investment in our community, public health, housing, and transportation. A service for the people must keep the people in mind. Thank you, Lachlan Zuchetto	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Lani Hartman	Demand decrease in slcpd budget by at least 30 million dollare, demand this be rerouted into public services. 23 new police officers in new budget, demand hiring freeze for next year. Reinvest that money into food, health, education. Healthy communities decrease need for expensive policing.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Lara Fields	Dear Council Members, I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I object to adding 84 million to the police budget. There are so many community services that could use that money and if we had more vigorous community support, we would need less policing. Thank you, Lara Fields	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Lara McLellan-Handwerker	Good afternoon Councilmembers, I am calling on the SLC City Council to become visionary leaders by pledging to take steps to reduce funding for the Salt Lake Police Department and rather invest in the resources that really keep us safe and healthy, especially in Black communities, Indigenous communities, Latinx communities, and other communities of color. I call on you to commit to the following during the June 2nd public hearing on the proposed city budget. 1. Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring 23 new officers, as has been proposed. The full amount of SLCPD budget allocated in the previous fiscal year was not even used, due to not being able to hire these officers. 2. To vote no to any increase in police funding or to increase the police department's budget. 3. To propose and vote for a \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget as the City responds to projected COVID-19 shortfalls, transit needs, a housing crisis, and rise in unemployment. Decide which future you want to fund. 4. To protect and expand current investments in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police. 5. To do everything in your power to compel SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members. Now is the time to invest in a safe, liberated future for our city. We can't afford to keep funding SLCPD's attacks on our community. Here are some proposed alternatives where funding could go instead to promote community wellness: 1. Provide rent relief and quality housing opportunities for those living at or below the poverty line. 2. Invest in more events, free resources, and skill sharing at City libraries. 3. Expand the free fare zone to provide free public transit within City boundaries and continue investing in partnership with UTA in the increase of bus time schedules and routes on the frequent transit network. 4. Invest in trained mental health professionals to de-escalate, transport, and connect those in need with resources. 5. Invest in more outdoor spaces and public parks in lower-income neighborhoods. Now is the time to make forward-thinking decisions for the future of our city. Please think carefully about what is best for all of our residents & what will do the most good for the most people. Thank you for your time and consideration. Regards, Lara McLellan-Handwerker [REDACTED]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Latanya Pikula	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Latanya Pikula	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Laura Price	Please pledge to reallocate PD funding to community program like quality low income housing free UTA transit with extended hours, free trained mental health responders and deescalators as first responder and facilitators, school meals and afterschool programming for things like Youth City, and Salt Lake community public library programming. I ask you to divest by 3 million and hold a hiring freeze on the 23 officers. Please consider my comments at today's city public hearing on the mayor's recommended budget for 2020. Thank you.	5
Budget 2020-2021	Laura Walkinshaw	Dear Mayor Mendenhall & SLC Council, Based on the increasing reports regarding the disproportionate use of violence by police officers toward unarmed African-Americans and people of color around the country, city residents are becoming deeply concerned with the increasing presence of police during peaceful demonstrations that will result in more violence and have a chilling impact on the participation of communities of color. As a private citizen, I therefore respectfully request that Salt Lake City please act against increasing police violence and hold them accountable to the harm they cause. Law enforcement nationwide often make racially based stops and interrogations. I am deeply concerned that the presence of the Salt Lake Police department and the surveillance capabilities that will come with it, will further traumatize communities of color. I am concerned that the aggregation of transportation data on communities of color will be used to justify the use of force and violence in those areas in the guise of VISION ZERO creating "safe streets" and will be used to further repress communities organizing for police accountability. Simply put, the presence of the Salt Lake Police will not result in community healing. Instead, it will result in community killing. The most disturbing part of it all, is that this outcome is predictable. As a private citizen, I am calling on Mayor Mendenhall to become a visionary leader by pledging to defund the Salt Lake City Police department and diverge VISION ZERO "enforcement" funding to "EQUITY" investment in the resources that really keep us safe and healthy, especially in Black communities, Indigenous communities and communities of color. I am calling you to commit to the following: To never again vote to increase police funding or to increase the police department's budget To propose and vote for an \$84 million cut from the Salt Lake City police department budget and move it towards City response to projected COVID-19 shortfalls To expand current street safety infrastructure and transportation investment in community led health and safety strategies in communities of color, instead of investing in police or affluent communities To do everything in your power to compel the Salt Lake City Police department and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members Our cities need your leadership, our people are hurting, and Black communities are crying out for health and safety in the midst of pandemic. Now is the time to invest in a safe, liberated future for our city. We can't afford to keep funding the Salt Lake City police department attacks on black lives. Asking affected communities to take the burden of figuring out how to make COVID19 Vision zero work in a landscape of police violence is dismissive at best and insulting at worst. As such, we urge you to take a step towards peace, healing and reconciliation by committing and pledging to the points above. Sincerely, Laura Walkinshaw	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Lauran Casey	Lauran Casey is demanding that the police budget be redirected into local programs and resources that serve the community. Lauren's number is [REDACTED]	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Laurel Hiatt	Hello, dear council, My name is Laurel and I'm an MD/PhD student at the University of Utah, which means I have dedicated my life to the health and wellbeing of other people, and that the science of this is essential to me. Bloated police budgets to not make people feel safe. Utah has the worst disproportionate violence against Black people, almost 10% of police brutality instances despite being only about 1% of the population. Did you know this? Of course, we could talk about our homeless who are overpoliced, or our Latinx community. You get the point: it is time to invest in our communities instead of in militarizing the police. All this to say, I hope change will that reflects the values of our city and our country. If not, we will make that change happen ourselves, through our votes and through our actions. Thanks for your commitment to serve our city, Laurel Hiatt MD/PhD Candidate (M1) University of Utah SOM 2018 Truman Scholar	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Lauren Carey	I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Lauren Carey	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Lauren Green	Hello, There is so much hurt going on right now, so much loss and suffering between the COVID and the police brutality. I know you are trying to keep the city safe but what about the people? I know a lot goes into running the police department, but 84 million dollars could do so much good for people. Instead of showing the city and it's people that you are on the side of the oppressors why not be on the side of the oppressed. The money given to the police departments should be for new training on de-escalation, for training to unlearn racial biases. We should not be gearing up to continue to pin cops and against civilians. We all want peace, but that means we have to give peace to all. Please do not raise the police departments budget and do not hire new police officers. Especially not during this time, the type of officers that will want this job are likely to be the ones that want to pay back POC and protestors. Use the funds already allotted to education of police departments. Use this money to better our cities for our minorities and those struggling. The city closed down the homeless shelter, why not open a new one with this money? Or work on providing fair jobs and opportunities? Or use it to better our air quality? Why not help move big polluters to renewable energy? There is so much good you can do with this money, but giving it to police now makes it heard loud and clear that you are on the side of the oppressors. You do not want change for our brothers and sisters of color. Please consider this before you give this money to militant forces.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Lauren Hainsworth	Hello, I am writing to you today to discuss the public funding for the future of Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face of non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systemic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and graphic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Lauren Hainsworth	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Lauren Kazier	Agree with demands made by Utahans against police brutality. Don't support mayors proposed budget for PD. \$84 million for PD is too much. Programs such as housing, transit, education, rehabilitation and rape recovery don't see half that amount. Don't support SLCPD and don't want tax money to go to support the PD.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Lauren Lewis	Lauren Lewis demands that the Council redirect the money from the police to the community.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Lauren Rudin	My name is Lauren and I live in Salt Lake City. I am concerned about the lack of information I could find about your police force's training regarding evidence-based de-escalation techniques and implicit bias, as well as the lack of information about on-duty officer body cameras. THIS INFORMATION NEEDS TO BE PUBLIC. Can you please clarify what your policies are tonight? I call on you to implement mandatory, evidence-based training regarding de-escalation techniques and implicit bias for all of your police force. I also call on you to implement a policy that all on-duty officers wear a body camera at all times. I am also concerned about the excessive force that some police officers have been using in order to make arrests. Can you reiterate what what policies, training, and procedures are in effect to make sure that excessive force and violence is not used to make arrests? What type of accountability is put in place for on-duty officers? If an officer receives a complaint about using abusive force, how will you address this? How are you implementing the use of less-lethal methods when officers are interacting with civilians? What effort are they doing to create relationships with minorities ? Do they have a system to root out racist and bad cops out of the force ? What new rules will be taking against an officer when they go beyond the law ? Should their pension be at risk ? Why are they using chemicals and other weapons against the civilians ? Who is in charge of prosecuting those who have been seen this weekend clearly abusing their power. What will happen to the officer who pushed the old man for no reason? How are you going to decrease the police budget and what organizations will you disperse the funds too? Thank you, see you virtually tonight, Lauren Rudin	
Budget 2020-2021	Lauren Swainston	Dear SLC Council, My name is Lauren Swainston and I am a Salt Lake City resident. In light of the budget hearing, I would like to request that a hiring freeze is placed on SLCPD, instead of hiring 23 new officers. Please vote NO to increase police funding, and instead propose and vote for a \$30 million cut to SLCPD's budget. These funds would be better spent on investing in community-led health and safety strategies, such as providing rent relief and quality housing to those living at or below the poverty line; investing in trained mental health professionals to de-escalate, transport and connect those in need with resources; provide free public transit and increase available transit routes and schedules; and invest in more free resources, events, outdoor spaces and parks in lower-income neighborhoods. With your help we can improve Salt Lake City by decreasing SLCPD funding and opting for solutions that will provide more valuable resources to our community. Thank you, Lauren Swainston	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Lauren Tamburrino	Hello, I'm writing to discuss public funding for Salt Lake City. I've looked at the budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,000. This represents a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. This is ridiculous. Most residents of color and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Change in Salt Lake City will only happen if money is allocated towards resources that will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systematic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Layne Christofferson	Central city resident. Urges Council redistribute PD new hires money to communities PD is supposed to be protecting. Decrease PD budget, freeze hiring @ PD. Use money to invest in communities. Need PD reform so officers aren't first responders. Need social workers.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Leah Joyner	I'm writing to call on the Salt Lake City Council to represent the voices of the people you were elected to serve, by honoring the requests of the community to significantly revise the proposed budget. The council must pledge to defund the Salt Lake Police Department, and invest those resources into projects that actually keep the community safe and healthy, especially in Black communities, Indigenous Communities, Latinx communities, and communities of color. The City Council should 1. Implement a hiring freeze on the SLCPD instead of hiring 23 new officers, as has been proposed. 2. To vote no to any increase in police funding or to increase the police department's budget. 3. To propose and vote for a #30 million CUT from SLCPD's budget as the city responds to project COVID-19 shortfalls, a housing crisis, increased food insecurity, and a rise in unemployment. 4. To protect and expand current investments in community -led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police. 5. To do everything in the power to reduce the SLCPD from continued violence in our communities. I make this request as a community member who lives just one block from where the police murdered Bernardo Palacios. In a city where white protesters were allowed to take to the capital with guns and weapons, yet a brown man is filled with more than 30 bullets while running from police. As Salt Lake City enters Pride month, let us remember that Stonewall began as a riot. That Dr. King reminded us that the riot is the voice of the unheard. So, take this moment to listen to your community. Be accountable to us. Defund the police. Fund our communities, not violent policing. Thank you, Leah Joyner	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Leah Munson	Hello, I'm writing today to discuss public funding for Salt Lake City. The projected budget for FY 20-21 allocates 85 million dollars for SLPD, which represents a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. This is unacceptable. Policing, as it stands, is a vehicle for systematic racism. Cutting the current budget by 30 million and reinvesting those funds into public health, housing, and transit is one step towards making our communities safer, healthier, and more equitable. Respectfully, our community can only heal if money is allocated towards vital resources, rather than to unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Sincerely, Leah Munson	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Leah Smith	My name is Leah Smith and I am a constituent of yours. As the City Council and Mayor's office talk about the SLC budget tonight, I am asking you to defund the SLCPD and not raise their budget for 2021. 1. Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring 23 new officers, as has been proposed. 2. To vote no to any increase in police funding or to increase the police department's budget. 3. To propose and vote for a \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget as the city responds to projected COVID-19 shortfalls, a housing crisis, and rise in unemployment. 4. To protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in the police. 5. To do everything in their power to compel SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members In the wake of escalating police violence across the country and in Salt Lake City please defund the SLCPD. It is the best benefit for our community to do so. Why does the Police Department get a raise in their budget while city departments which actually benefit the community get their budgets frozen or cut?	4
Budget 2020-2021	Lee Ivy Voisin	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Best, Lee Ivy Voisin	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Leland Rasmussen	My name is Leland Rasmussen. I live above Liberty Park, pay my taxes and vote in every election. I have had a great life. Family, education, money, access, the American Dream. However, I have learned a lot in the last week. Watching the killing of George Floyd was a traumatic event. I have spent the last week researching police brutality, white privilege, and racism. It made me realize that I am privileged to be able to live above Liberty park, pay my taxes and participate in every election. A set of rights and privileges I once believed were available to all. It is clear to me now, that is not true. I would live everyday thinking, "I am not racist, I don't discriminate". That felt like all that I needed to do to support the BIPOC in my community. I am realizing now that the only way to stand up against racism is to actually stand up to racism. Anti-Racism is the only tool against Racism. "I am not Racist" is not anything. I am emailing you today to let you know I support Anti-Racist policies. I support de-militarizing the police. I wish for an equal society. I believe that can only happen by lifting up our oppressed BIPOC to the level of rights and privileges that you and I enjoy every day through Anti-Racist policies and enforcement. That includes feeling safe in their own homes, in their car, and the grocery store. A great resource for me has been the book "How to How to Be an Antiracist" by Ibram X. Kendi. I implore each of you to read this book and strive to make our local government Anti-Racist. I am still learning and I think we can benefit greatly from looking into a life different from our own. I believe in America's democracy. I have hope that our elected people do represent me. We are relying on you to battle for us. We are seeing everyday on live TV BIPOC murdered. Please don't let us down.	5

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Budget 2020-2021	Leo Kell	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Leo Kell	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Leon	Hello, I am writing to you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Some changes I would like to see as a Utah citizen include 1 - Take the budget down to \$30 Million 2 - A hiring freeze for SLCPD for the next year. Their numbers are ridiculous already 3 - A divestment from policing and an investment in our COMMUNITY (food , housing, transportation, public health, and after school programs / education. Sincerely, Your grateful Utah resident and active voter, Shawn Collier.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Leslee Bell	Hello, I'm emailing you as a Salt Lake County resident calling on you to defund the police. If the millions of dollars spent in Minneapolis for police "reform" - including training, use of body cameras, and diversification of the police force - has showed us anything, it is that police reform does not work. Militarized policing has been thrown at every social problem in poor and non-white neighborhoods in this country which has lead to the abuse and criminalization of generations of people of color. I am calling on the council to defund the police and divert that spending into community-led health and safety strategies, school counselors and teachers, mental and public health services, and rehabilitation programs. The function of the police must change in this country in order for our minority communities to thrive. Defund the police. Thank you, Leslee Bell Leslee Bell [REDACTED]	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Levi Crowley	To Whom It May Concern, I am writing to you today to discuss public funding for the future of Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the Mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely and wholly unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police. They are violent in the face of non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources, which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension as is our current situation. Our communities deserve better than this. We deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take action in the past to support its residents, and now is the time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents and residents of color feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and equality. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. Please review the police budget and remove funds from the increase to strengthen and change the Community Advisory Board to a Community Review Board that takes the power and onus of disciplinary action stemming from complaints out of the hands of the police and in the hands of the citizens. Currently the Community Advisory Board simply has power to advise the Chief of Police while he holds the final say on discipline. This must be changed. Criminals do not write the laws for criminals. The police department is acting as judge, juror, and executioner. This must change. Upon further reviewing the budget, I noticed that only 8 hours are listed for Fair and Impartial Policing/Implicit Bias training. Please explain and justify your decision in how 8 hours is sufficient time to make up for the fact that Latino men are 2 times more likely than their white peers to die at the hands of the police and that Black men are 3 times more likely than their white peers to die at the hands of the police. 8 hours is not enough. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. I urge that you do not let Salt Lake City fall on the wrong side of history. Sincerely, Levi Crowley	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Levi Jackson	Defund or reduce funding for PD until they can prove they can stop killing people. Prove they are protecting people rather than hurting them	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Liam Holyoak	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Liam Holyoak	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Lila Leatherman	Hello, I am writing you today to request that you re-allocate FY 20-21 funding away from the SLCPD, and toward public services like housing, public transit, and community initiatives. According to the projected budget for FY 20-21, the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department. In contrast, that is 4 times more than is allocated toward housing (\$23,248,016), and 20 times more than is allocated to public transit (4,700,00). This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face of non-violent and peaceful protest. Our society is being traumatized by the systemic, institutional racism that pervades the structures that govern and rule our citizenry. Our Black neighbors live in fear every second of every day that their name will be the next that needs to be remembered, that their child may be the next Black person murdered in the streets by people who swore to protect them. Key issues in this situation include: over-policing impoverished communities of color, and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. In order to develop robust and healthy communities, money should be allocated to our public services, and away from our police. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. And there is room in the budget. I know the mayor is engaged in conversations about equity and geography in Salt Lake. As we continue these conversations, we need to center accountability for police, elimination of police brutality, and support for public systems that have been proven to increase positive outcomes for Black Salt Lake City residents, and all SLC residents of color. We need to make Black residents feel safer in their own streets. As a Salt Lake City resident since 2014, I consider this place my home-- and I don't want to be anywhere else. And, even as a white person, I have never felt less safe than when I saw the military in our streets, and 50 police cars assembled in the Big Lots parking lot. We need to meet demands for change not with increased violence and policing-- but with support for the communities that we claim to want to support. We need to provide tangible financial support to the systems that uplift our citizens-- not the ones that incarcerate them. Sincerely, Lila Leatherman -- Lila Leatherman	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Lily Evans	To Salt Lake City Council, I'm emailing you to strongly but peacefully plead that you allocate the \$84 million funds to vulnerable communities instead of the police that are wrecking havoc on innocent black lives in America right now. Thank You, Lily Evans	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Lilyanne Rakchhat	To whomever this may concern: My name is Lilyanne Rakchhat and I have been a UC resident for 4 years. I was made aware of the budget for the July 2020-2021 Fiscal Year and am concerned with how much we are offering to the Salt Lake Police Dept. Utah has been doing pretty well allocating its budget, especially during this trying time of a pandemic. I believe \$84 million is excessive to spend on a police force, when some of that can be allocated more to helping the houseless scattered around SLC. It could improve our roads, help our hospitals/doctors and small businesses, or even improve our education system. The police dept does not need that much money and as a resident I demand a decrease by \$20 million. Regards. Lilyanne Rakchhat	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Linda Nguyen, MD	To the Salt Lake City Council, These have been trying times filled with fear and turmoil with the global pandemic, economic downturn and civil unrest. Thank you for approaching the care of this community with a thoughtful mindset amongst the chaos. Crimes committed by police brutality and societal disparities are currently gripping the nation. We want to be the city that leads by example, to build up the confidence of the community and shore up our deficiencies. We know that these protests have led to tensions that have had significant consequences which may instinctively cause us to cinch down and tighten up security and increase forces. But, these actions can only serve to escalate the outcry and prolong the unrest. With this upcoming budget decision, it would be a shining example for us to now focus on our communities and helping to decrease the chasms between economic and racial disparities. Let's focus more on social work and providing resources and therapy to those who need it the most! I hope that we can allocate this budget in a different way. We should aim to decrease the police budge by 30 million, at the very least. We should have a hiring freeze for SLCPD for the next year We should use this money and invest in our community toward food, housing, transportation and health. Things that we can ALL benefit from. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. I hope that we can all come together on this and turn within, listen to the needs of the community and grow together. We would be a city that would be modeled after during this crisis! Best, Linda Nguyen, MD	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Lindsay Massman	Hello, I am writing to you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systematic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Thank you, Lindsay M Resident of SLC for 21 years. -- I love ballet! ~Lindsay	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Lisa Salie	Council Members, I believe that it is your moral obligation to consider reallocating a portion of the proposed \$84,422,651 going to the Salt Lake City police department. These funds could and SHOULD be used for the betterment of our community instead of being distributed to a police department that inflicts intimidation and violence on the population that it is meant to protect. Funding could be allocated to social workers, who are actually educated on how to deescalate situations in a non-violent manner. Funds could also be used to bolster essential community programs including housing stability, public transportation, food and nutrition assistance, homeless services, healthcare and mental health services, parks, arts etc. These programs will enrich the lives of your constituents, create a more united community, and will decrease our need for a violent police force. I do not support the SLCPD, and do not approve of my tax money supporting them.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Logan Griffith	Dear Salt Lake City Budget Council, My name is Logan Griffith and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to call for the police budget to be defunded Or at the very least, significantly Reduced. These funds should be distributed amongst other community organizations and resources such as immigration, mental health, environmental efforts and education programming. Between the previously mentioned as well as the current global pandemic, the extreme racial injustice and police brutality We're seeing in our city and across the county, this should be an obvious choice. Please do the right thing and defund or reduce the Salt Lake City Police Department budget. Thank you, Logan Griffith	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Logan Loftis	Hello, I hope you are well. I am reaching out as a recent Political Science graduate from Utah State and new resident of Salt Lake City. I moved here for multiple reasons, but I primarily moved here because I truly believe Salt Lake City is the epicenter of inclusion, progressivism, and opportunity here in Utah. I am worried that the city is allocating too much money, \$84,422,651, to the Police Department. Throughout my political internships, I understand that funding is difficult and in order to allocate more funds to one place, you must cut funds elsewhere. Cutting Police/Prison funding and allocating it to something more meaningful such as education and the arts would have positive effects on Salt Lake City. Please, reconsider allocating this much money to the Police Department. If we invest in other deterrents of crime, we will not need tanks, tear gas, etc. Best, Logan Loftis Utah State University [REDACTED]	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Loren Brunken	I am emailing in support of police system reform. Though I am not an expert in this issue, I have listened to those who are. I support the ideas of shorter hours, higher wages, and less officers. I am grateful that there is a police system. However, equal opportunity of human life is most important. The system which was put in place to protect that very thing is one of the many systems that infringes upon it. Tolerance of racism, of police brutality must end. If not, then the purpose the police system serves is not worthy enough to remain. Thank you for your time and best wishes in these days.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Losanne White	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Losanne	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Lucas M. Bush	I am writing in regards to the proposed budget increase for the SLCPD. If this budget must be used for the SLCPD, please allocate the funding exclusively to buy body cameras (to make issues visible), for police training (to help reduce misuse of power), and for affirmative action hiring (to promote a diverse police department long-term). If it is possible to reallocate this funding, please reallocate the money towards funding for housing initiatives, social workers & programs, addiction services, improving street conditions, transit, and neighborhood safety (Funding our Future initiative). Thank you, Lucas Bush A Concerned SLC Citizen -- Lucas M. Bush T32 Research Trainee in Hematology Ph.D. Student, The Deans Lab for Applied Synthetic Biology Graduate Student Advisory Committee - Co-President Department of Biomedical Engineering, University of Utah	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Luis Onofre	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Luis Onofre Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	LUKAS CAMPOLO	Comments: I think the police budget is way too high. Those funds would much better served the Salt Lake City community by being invested in social services so that armed police officers aren't the only government entity to call to address things like homelessness, domestic abuse, etc.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Luke Elmer	To whom it may concern, The Salt Lake Police's hostile display last night is disgusting. A video is circulating showing an officer firing at nothing to instill fear in peaceful protesters. The curfew is unconstitutional, and the behavior of the police is fascist. They pretend to sympathize with protestors, but the curfew gives them an opportunity to enforce their real feelings as brutally as they see fit. The emotional switch they perform at 8pm is disgusting to witness. The institution is clearly corrupt and clearly is not interested in American values like our first amendment right to free speech and our rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Black Americans have deserved better from the beginning, and they are owed immediate action and unapologetic defense. Defund the police. Dismantle the force that causes Black people and people of color to live in fear for their lives every day. Do not give the \$84 million to the police and hire 23 new officers. Redirect that money to actually help the community we live in. We still have a significant homeless population. We still have a mental health crisis in Utah. Best, Luke Elmer	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Lula Asplund	My name is Lula Asplund and I support the demands proposed by utahns against police brutality. Please SLCPD do not loot our city budget. I do not support the mayors recommended budget where police receive \$84,422,651 and more important programs like food, housing, transportation, and public health don't even receive half of that. 1) Salt Lake City NEEDS you to invest in food, housing, transportation, and public health and REDIRECT funds by AT LEAST \$30 million from SLCPD and invest in food, housing, transportation, and public health for the people of SLC. DEFUND SLCPD by \$30 million. 2) There needs to be a hiring freeze for SLCPD for the next year.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Lydia Hartman	Hello! My name is Lydia Hartman, and I am a life long SLC resident. I have been a peaceful participant in recent protests in support of Black lives and those like Bernardo Palacios who have been murdered by local police officials. At this moment, Salt Lake City must respond to current social unrest. The re-evaluation of the city budget is the perfect time to do so. The mayor's current recommended budget shows an increase in police spending of 2.59% from last year, with only a .23% increase for spending in public services. That's over 2 million extra dollars to the police, and just over 100 thousand to public programs. If you listen want to listen to the demands of your people, you will REJECT these aspects of the mayor's proposed budget. You will DEFUND the police and REROUTE that funding into public services. If you want peace, if you want safe and healthy communities, providing public programs and strengthening public services/transport/education is the ONLY way. I saw an abundance of police officers decked out with tanks and ample gear yesterday, in response to a peaceful protest. That money could easily have been better spent. Listen to the people. In order to end riots, defund the police. Answer the needs of the people. Eyes are on the city council. Sincerely, Lydia Hartman Concerned citizen Lydia Hartman [REDACTED]	n/a
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Budget 2020-2021	lydia Keenan	Good afternoon, In the wake of police killings across the country as well as in Salt Lake City, and the Salt Lake Police Department's escalated violence against the city's grieving multi-racial community, Salt Lake is in desperate need of visionary leadership. We are calling on the Salt Lake City Council to become these visionary leaders by pledging to defund the Salt Lake Police Department and invest in the resources that really keep us safe and healthy, especially in Black communities, Indigenous communities, Latinx communities, and communities of color. We have called on them to commit to the following during the public hearing on the proposed city budget: Demands: 1. Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring 23 new officers, as has been proposed. 2. To vote no to any increase in police funding or to increase the police department's budget. 3. To propose and vote for a \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget as the city responds to projected COVID-19 shortfalls, a housing crisis, and rise in unemployment. 4. To protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police. 5. To do everything in their power to compel SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members. Now is the time to invest in a safe, liberated future for our city. We can't afford to keep funding SLCPD's attacks on our community. Here are some proposed alternatives where funding could go instead to promote community wellness: 1. Provide rent relief and quality housing opportunities for those living at or below the poverty line 2. Invest in more events, free resources, and skill sharing at city libraries 3. Provide free public transit and increase the length of bus time schedules and routes 4. Invest in trained mental health professionals to de-escalate, transport, and connect those in need with resources 5. Invest in more outdoor spaces and public parks in lower-income neighborhoods 6. Funding for after-school programs and providers, and for more meals for students in public schools Thank you for your time, Lydia Keenan (Salt Lake City resident)	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Lydia Kerr	Request hiring freeze for SLC PD. Vote not to any increase in PD funding. Cut \$30 million from PD to respond to COVID, housing crisis and rise in unemployment. Protect and expand investment in community safety strategy, do everything in your power to compel SLC PD and all law enforcement agencies to cease enacting violence against community members.	n/a
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Budget 2020-2021	Maci Smith	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Maci Smith	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Mackenzie Judd	Dear council, Though the SLPD and partnering departments in the greater salt lake area have a good reputation of upholding honorable behavior and treatment of those coming in contact with the law, we still need police reform and we need it NOW. We need body cam footage on EVERY police officer, and public access to body cam footage to hold officers accountable. We need independent, third party investigations on ALL deaths that happen in police custody. We need more rigorous training and safety screening for potential police officers. We need steeper and more hard punishment for the use of excessive force by police officers. I am a white woman, and I am afraid of what a police officer might do to me if I make him angry or he doesn't like my attitude towards him, even if I am being law abiding and compliant. These feelings are based on my personal experiences with law enforcement in simple traffic citations. I can only imagine how a person of color must feel around the police here in Utah. Every year, Utah is becoming more and more diverse. We need to celebrate this diversity with a reformed system that makes all people feel safe around the police, rather than fearing them. Black women need to feel like they will be listened to when they report sexual violence. Black men need to be able to ask for assistance when they are the victims of a violent act or any crime. They need to be able to ask for help without fear, and I want to be able to ask for help without being afraid. Thank you for your time.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	MacKenzie Waldon	Hello, My name is MacKenzie Waldon and I am a citizen of Salt Lake City, Utah. I agree with the demands proposed by Utah Against Police Brutality. But I do not agree or support the mayor's recommended budget where police receive \$84,422,651. I DO NOT want my tax money funding the Salt Lake City Police Department until there has been some rigorous reform in training, mental check ups, and strict protocol assessing situations. Please reconsider where your tax payers' dollars should truly be spent. Thank you for your time. Best, MacKenzie	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Mackenzie Woolf	the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Macy Chapman	I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for 2020-2021, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,000. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here they are violent in the face of non-violent and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systematic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Macy Pingree	Dear City Council, I wanted to reach out to talk about George Floyd. What happened to George Floyd is utterly unacceptable. This event did not happen in Utah, but I believe it speaks to a larger pattern of institutional racism and discrimination rampant in our country. The events surrounding George Floyd's murder hauntingly echoed Eric Garner's murder only 6 years ago. While slight improvements have been made (e.g.: the cop responsible for George Floyd's murder was charged with third-degree murder and manslaughter and was fired whereas the cop responsible for Eric Garner's death was belatedly fired with no criminal charges instituted) the fact remains that progress to protect and advocate for the people of color in our country, especially African Americans, has been disgustingly slow and insincere. The problem does not lie with individuals but with the system. I want to clarify that I have nothing but respect for the cops that protect our communities. I believe that most of our officers are responsible and just; it is the institution that allows for these atrocities to occur. We cannot allow another Eric Garner or George Floyd to be murdered, having done nothing to reverse the institutional racism that has been ingrained in our country since its founding. Do not push off this responsibility to incite change to individual citizens or minority communities. This is a policy concern, and that means you are responsible for the reform that we need. I urge you to collaborate with other law-makers and United States leaders to overhaul our policing institutions. What we need is complete and total police reform. This is no simple task, I understand, but you are in office because we, the people, put you there and the people are demanding reform, change, and justice. We cannot let institutional racism to continue. It will take an organized, collaborative, and energized effort to improve our country. We need justice; we need justice for the historical trauma that so many of our citizens have endured and continue to endure. If we do not handle this now, I fear for the future of our nation. Please, do not stand idle in the face of this tragedy. You have the power to institute lasting change and we need you to do so. Sincerely, Macy Pingree	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Maddy Montgomery	There are many ways we could use this money for the benefit of our community instead of pooling it into a oppressive system. Here are some of the ways Fix our roads - there are so many potholes on so many of the roads in Salt Lake City and the surrounding areas. Donate it into the BLM movement Put it into our school systems - teachers use their own money to create a safe classroom for your children to learn in. I know this as a daughter of two teachers who endlessly pour their own money into their students Make our city cleaner Put it towards our state parks Tonight at your meeting I hope you can all make a justified decision that will uplift our community and make it a better and safer place for all of the citizens to live in and want to live in. Black lives matter and we need to make a change to our police systems, it is time for a reform. All the best Madeline Montgomery	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Madeleine Prado	To Whom It May Concern, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Madeleine Prado	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Madi	Hello Salt Lake City Council, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, -Madi	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Madie Salie	Council Members, I believe that it is your moral obligation to consider reallocating a portion of the proposed \$84,422,651 going to the Salt Lake City police department. These funds could and SHOULD be used for the betterment of our community instead of being distributed to a police department that inflicts intimidation and violence on the population that it is meant to protect. Funding could be allocated to social workers, who are actually educated on how to deescalate situations in a non-violent manner. Funds could also be used to bolster essential community programs including housing stability, public transportation, food and nutrition assistance, homeless services, healthcare and mental health services, parks, arts etc. These programs will enrich the lives of your constituents, create a more united community, and will decrease our need for a violent police force. I do not support the SLCPD, and do not approve of my tax money supporting them.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Madison	I am a local SLC citizens, I'm demanding that you decrease the police budget by 30\$ million and put a hiring freeze on the 23 officers. Instead we should improve access to public transportation, good and healthy food, and then improve our public health..	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Madison Claire Kieffer	Esteemed City Council Members, I'm Madison Nielson, a resident of Salt Lake City and medical student at the University of Utah. I'm grateful to live in a community where constituents' voices are heard. In that regard, I would like to express my concern about the amount of funding proposed to go to SLCPD in the 2020-2021 budget. I echo the demands of organizations like Black Lives Matter to shift a large part of that funding to community programs, housing, and transit. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Madison Daniels	As a Salt Lake City resident, my voice will be heard. The last thing the SLCPD needs is more of a budget to spend on more surplus military equipment. They are a peace keeping force. Not a local militia. I demand they be defunded and de-armed with mandatory peace, deescalation and nonviolence trainings, and psych evals to screen out violent, racist, power hungry officers. You do not keep the peace by bringing rubber bullets and armored vehicles to a peace rally. You keep it with bringing peace to a peace rally.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Madison Gahan	To whom it may concern, I am SLC-born and raised, and writing to you concerning the overall safety of Salt Lake City. With the projected increase of nearly 17% of police spending in an age of mass unemployment and a pandemic, it is atrocious that my elected leaders are choosing to allocate tax payer money to state-sanctioned civilian warfare rather than providing safety. In regard to the Black Lives Matter protests, I feel much less safe with the presence of locally and nationally placed military than the destruction of property. Perhaps property would not be damaged if there were accountability held over how OUR money is spent? Perhaps property wouldn't have to be prioritized to such a high degree if we had the funds to repair them instead of prevention of destruction through death of the civilians we grant these public spaces to? With all due respect, I am infuriated at the apex in which SLCPD has performed. Police brutality is the second highest source of Utah homicides, and our states' proportion of Black deaths due to police is disproportionately higher than any other state in the country. I understand that some citizens may be worried about their safety if this budget does not increase spending for new militia; however, redistribution of 40 million from the police budget into affordable housing and mental health throughout public spaces such as schools, workplaces, and lower-income areas would vastly decrease crime rates, recidivism rates, and, logically, property destruction rates. If resources are placed into nourishing life, the necessity for incarceration and public condemnation will decrease. If we continue to excessively place our dollars into institutions of fear mongering and faux protection, death and atrocity will continue to cycle on both sides. Sincerely, Madison Gahan.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Madison Meek	I do not agree with the recommended police budget. We need more of the police budget to go towards social services.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Madison Nejad	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Madison N.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Maggie Bale	I am writing to express concerns with the proposed 2021 Budget for Salt Lake City. After reviewing the budget closely, my primary concern addresses the increased budget for the SLC Police Department. While a 2.5% percent increase doesn't appear to be significant, compare that to the minuscule increase for public services! Additionally, much of the increased budget goes to increased wages for police officers, other city employees will not receive raises. In a time where the misuse of power by police departments and systemic racism that harms communities of color is being increasingly publicized, local governments demonstrate their priorities by where they invest their funding. Salt Lake City is showing that they prioritize policing over community development and I think that is a huge mistake. Salt Lake City has an opportunity to show that we are a leader among cities in this State and prioritize community development over racist policing. I urge you, Mayor Mendenhall, and the city council, including you, Council Member Mano, to adjust the SLC budget to demonstrate where your priorities lie.	5
Budget 2020-2021	Maggie Corrigan	After the events this weekend in Salt Lake, I think it's time to invest police budget in training officers, and punishing poor behavior (I.e. knocking down an elderly man with a cane who was doing nothing wrong). Hiring more officers will not enact change in a broken system, it will only create more issues if the people training these new officers are the ones creating these problems that we have going on in our city.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Maggie Kutz	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Maggie Kutz	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Maggiet Regier	To the City Council, I understand and respect your difficult position right now. You are faced with an opportunity to significantly change policing in Salt Lake, which may potentially backfire at the state level. Today, I am asking you to be bold. To forget the politics and do the right thing. To set a national example of how we can create change in our communities and save black lives. I am asking you to invest in social workers in our communities - trained professionals much better equipped to deal with issues of crisis, mental health, and injustice. Instead of hiring new police officers, use that money to pay for additional public defenders. Ensure a just transition for police officers, and provide an education allowance for them to peruse careers that can actually reduce crime and improve mental health. I am asking that you be bold and defund the police department. Recognizing that this cannot happen overnight and would be a process, I urge you to take steps for these radical policies to be implemented and show the nation that a city without police violence is possible. We are experiencing a human rights crisis and YOU have the power to do something about it. Regards, Maggie Regier Resident of District 4 -- Maggie Regier Please disregard any errors as this was sent on my mobile device.	4
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Budget 2020-2021	Maiesha Khan	Decrease the police budget!! There is no reason for the police to be getting that much or even be funded.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Makayla	Has had cops called several times to her house. Has had officers check on her while parked. Has never had a problem with police officers. She can't see why the police needs 84 million dollars. Give the money to public transportation so they can use it for cleaning etc. Use the money for infrastructure.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Makenzie Lock	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face of non-violent and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Makenzie Lock	n/a
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Budget 2020-2021	Mandy Schenkemeyer	Ok, if society is going to tell everyone else how to act, even when they're upset or angry, I need to tell this guy to act like he cares. I have time stamps on these photos and they were all taken within the first 2 hours. You signed up for this. Also, END THE CURFEW. Police are beating and arresting people who are just trying to get home from peaceful protests. [See corresponding content at the end of teh entry]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Maquira Brock	To Whom It May Concern, I am writing this message as a young Black woman who lives in Salt Lake City. I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Maquira Brock	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Mara Magistad	Hello, My name is Mara Magistad, I am a student at the University of Utah and a resident of Salt Lake City. I am asking you to please cut the budget for the SLCPD by at least \$30 million as well as instate a hiring freeze for at least the next year. Now is the time to re-evaluate the function of police in our society, and make changes better suited to the greater good of ALL. This means less weapons and violence and more training and thorough review of officers. Consider putting the money towards helping communities of color and poverty. Thank you for your time, Mara Magistad	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Mara Wimmer	Hello, I am writing to you today as my concern over our countries disregard for the aggressive tactics and stances taken by law enforcement. We have seen on numerous occasions across the country law enforcement officers using their authority and doing innocent people harm. We have seen men shot, bludgeoned and suffocated to death. These atrocities must end. I, as an American citizen, am of the opinion our current system of law enforcement is not up to par and needs to be reworked. We cannot allow our law enforcement officers to be held to a lower standard than retail employees. We cannot continue to have law enforcement crimes buried or lied about. We need an open system and a system that expunged the bad apples immediately once discovered there is a threat to the public. I would love to see a system where law enforcement is held to a high standard and is regularly screened for mental issues and instability. We need to see protocols in place to protect both civilian and officer. Police brutality must come to an end. POC must stop fearing living their lives. Have a wonderful day! Mara Wimmer	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Marcelina Kubica	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face of non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Marcelina Kubica	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Marcelo Salazar	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Marcelo Salazar	n/a
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Budget 2020-2021	Marcie Milligan	We have concerns regarding moving HAND into the RDA in separation of the responsibilities and duties. We are in favor for more money for affordable housing. We would like to have a conversation about this with you about this if you're interested.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Marcus Lopez	Hi City Council, As a Salt Lake City resident, I would like to show my support not only not approving an increase in funding, but rather decreasing funding for the Salt Lake City police. The rationale for decreasing funds is to direct these funds to other social services such as a.) efforts to reduce the homeless population, b.) additional funding for suicide prevention, c.) additional funding for domestic abuse support and last but not least, d.) additional funding for improving racial relations between the police and Salt Lake's various minority groups. I hope the recent events show the need for police funding to not be increased. However, funding needs to be diverted to these other critical programs that are desperately in need. I believe diverting these funds is not a net loss for the police, rather it is directing funds to areas that will ultimately reduce the need for police engagement. Seeing the police in the riot gear and full military tactical armor when city struggles to support these other areas of our community show there is a disparity in where our funding goes. Thank you for your time. Marcus Lopez	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Marcus McBride	Hello there, I heard there is a hearing/discussion happening today about the SLCPD budget. I'm writing a citizen of SLC, life time citizen of Utah, to express my concern about the budget. I don't not believe we are handling the conversations around police brutality in Utah correctly. It is my opinion that there should be a substantial decrease in funding, at least by 40 million. That money could go to housing our homeless population and be funneled into our poorly funded education system. I think we need to have a hiring pause for the SLCPD, along with a 3rd party audit of the department and all its employees. (Sounds like some of their own funds could easily find this) I want to see us focus on supporting our community instead of a militarized police force that hurts our community. From a concerned citizen, Marcus McBride	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Maren Morgan	Hello, I understand there are good members of the police force, but they are operating in a system that is toxic and cancerous to society. People do not feel safer when the police are around, particularly POC. There needs to be higher standards of ethics in the police force if the public is meant to place their trust in this institution once again. If there is a desire to have rioting and civil disobedience come to an end, it starts here with reform. The police must be held to higher, more strict standards. The police suffer as a whole when one member is rotten. This is something that can be prevented and mitigated. Do better. Thank you, and do the right thing, Maren Morgan	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Margaret Amalia Avila	To Whom It May Concern, I am writing to you today to discuss public funding for the future of Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the Mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely and wholly unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police. They are violent in the face of non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources, which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension as is our current situation. Our communities deserve better than this. We deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take action in the past to support its residents, and now is the time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents and residents of color feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and equality. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. Please review the police budget and remove funds from the increase to strengthen and change the Community Advisory Board to a Community Review Board that takes the power and onus of disciplinary action stemming from complaints out of the hands of the police and in the hands of the citizens. Currently the Community Advisory Board simply has power to advise the Chief of Police while he holds the final say on discipline. This must be changed. Criminals do not write the laws for criminals. The police department is acting as judge, juror, and executioner. This must change. Upon further reviewing the budget, I noticed that only 8 hours are listed for Fair and Impartial Policing/Implicit Bias training. Please explain and justify your decision in how 8 hours is sufficient time to make up for the fact that Latino men are 2 times more likely than their white peers to die at the hands of the police and that Black men are 3 times more likely than their white peers to die at the hands of the police. 8 hours is not enough. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. I urge that you do not let Salt Lake City fall on the wrong side of history. Sincerely, Margaret Amalia Avila	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Margaret Bale	Hello Mayor Medenhall and Council Member Mano, I am writing to express concerns with the proposed 2021 Budget for Salt Lake City. After reviewing the budget closely, my primary concern addresses the increased budget for the SLC Police Department. While a 2.5% percent increase doesn't appear to be significant, compare that to the minuscule increase for public services! Additionally, much of the increased budget goes to increased wages for police officers, other city employees will not receive raises. In a time where the misuse of power by police departments and systemic racism that harms communities of color is being increasingly publicized, local governments demonstrate their priorities by where they invest their funding. Salt Lake City is showing that they prioritize policing over community development and I think that is a huge mistake. Salt Lake City has an opportunity to show that we are a leader among cities in this State and prioritize community development over racist policing. I urge you, Mayor Mendenhall, and the city council, including you, Council Member Mano, to adjust the SLC budget to demonstrate where your priorities lie. Thank you, Margaret Bale, MD MPH Returned Peace Corps Volunteer - [REDACTED]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Margaret DeMarco	Calling to support defunding of police for the budget of next year. Black lives matter so I hope that something can be done about that. Thanks everyone have a great night.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Maria Varela - Lara	Hi, I am a resident of Utah and I just wanted to comment that the proposed budget in which the police department would receive \$84 million is abhorrent. Especially since funding for the police has increased in the last year. I believe that a good portion of that money could go towards other more effective and helpful programs in Salt Lake City. For example, the SNAPS (?) program, or it could be allocated towards helping lower income and homeless individuals in SLC. We could also use the money to help communities affected by the current Covid-19 pandemic in Utah. I'd also like to add that the police department has shown brutality and incompetency---not just this weekend, but in multiple instances in the past. Until the police department and the Utah gov. legislature pass more comprehensive and cultural training, as well as de-escalation training, along with many of the other sentiments that have been echoed so far, and there is legislature that actually holds police accountable when they violate the rules, the police department should not receive funding that would enable them to continue their brutality and injustice on black, brown, and other minority communities in Salt Lake City, and throughout Utah. Maria Varela-Lara	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Mariah Glazier	Agree with demands by Utahans against police brutality. Don't support mayor's proposal to fund PD budget. Doesn't want her tax money going to the PD. Instead, support diverting \$30 million to funding to housing, transit and public health to support the SLC community.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Mariah Kromanaker	Salt Lake City Council, Do you not hear the people crying out? We Demand Change. Can you not see what this city and country have become? We Demand Change. Do you not watch as innocent lives are taken by vicious individuals? We Demand Change. You are our representatives. WE DEMAND CHANGE! Black Lives Matter No Justice: No Peace Sincerely, Salt Lake Community	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Marianna Sine	Until the police department can ensure that ALL of its officers can handle situations peacefully and are not racist, we should NOT be giving them any more money. Why funnel money into a racist system?	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Marie Gardner	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. Hopefully the olympics is not the only motivating force to improve the standard of living for our people in our city. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Marie Gardner South Salt Lake Resident	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Marina	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Marina	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Mario Durand	Demand decrease in PD budget. Want to receive a link to the virtual meeting. [Provided email but last name is inaudible.]	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Marisa Wilson	Dear Council Members, I, like so many Americans this week, have watched in horror as video after video has exposed the brutality and overreach of local police departments, including here in Salt Lake City. A local police force tasked with the mission of protecting and serving the people of this community do not require the combat gear created for war zones. Too often, when given the power and the opportunity, these tools of war are used unnecessarily against innocent people. The reported \$84 million allocation to the police department is exorbitant and, especially during a pandemic, unconscionable. Please reallocate the funds to more pressing community needs that align with our values, including aiding the homeless, providing community testing for COVID, supplementing educational budgets, and addressing the impacts of systemic racism here in our community. We can do better, and it starts with funding our priorities. Thank you, Marisa Wilson Salt Lake City resident and voter	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Marivel Castanon	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Marivel Harwood	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Mark	Mark is a concerned of 30+ years citizen of SLC. wAnts the Council to hold a vote of no confidence in the Mayor or silence her, he feels he is totally unqualified to do the job that she is doing. The way she handled the protest and violence it seems like she is turning a blind eye and not supporting the police officers. The officers showed extreme patience and weren't aggressive enough in his opinion. He thinks we can't handle this with a passive approach, they are tearing up businesses and it is hurting our economy and we as citizens are paying for all this not the protestors or the Mayor. He urges the Council to take action soon.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Marta Iversen	I strongly disagree with using the Funding Our Future dollars for policing. This money should be largely spent on affordable housing and sustainable transit, which SLC has severely neglected in this funding	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Marta Myshrall	Hello, I am writing to leave a comment to speak out against the plan to spend more money to increase the police force and budget in Salt Lake City. This is an action that will spark outrage in the community and further division and resistance to the police. If the council wants to create a more united and peaceful relationship between the police and the public, I recommend reducing the police force and looking at serious reform. Lex Scott of Black Lives Matter Utah has a bill regarding police reform. It would be a big step to see the council meet with her and respond to the requests and desires of the community. We want this community to be safe, but adding to the police force will not accomplish this goal. Fund our social services and school. Give existing officers more deescalation training and push to become allies to our community instead of a violent opposition. Invest in strengthening our communities, not dividing them. Marta Myshrall Salt Lake Resident 84104	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Marta Reeder	Hello Salt Lake City Council, My name is Marta Reeder area code 84105. I want my voice to be heard in this upcoming public hearing although I cannot be there in person. SLC wants to give \$84 million dollars to the police when that money should be used to help our community ESPECIALLY the homeless which have had their resources substantially decreased since the downtown homeless shelter was closed. \$54 Million should suffice. It was obvious in the demonstrations downtown that we do not need more police officers. We should be divesting in policing and investing in food, housing, and our abysmal transportation. Please, this is the time to listen to your community Marta Reeder Staff Writer [REDACTED]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Mary Barker	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Mary Barker	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Mary Sanchez	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Mary Sanchez	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Mason Barlow	Defund the PD. They don't need more funding, don't need to hire more officers. Stop supporting the PD.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Matt Alexander	Matt Alexander [REDACTED] Comments: If more money went into community programs, less money would need to be spent on the police force. We need more community building to prevent crime than we need force to fight crime.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Matt Kastellec	Hello. My name is Matt Kastellec and I am resident of Salt Lake City, in the Avenues neighborhood. I am writing to lend my voice to the budget process and ask that you defund the police. In the wake of police killings across the country as well as in Salt Lake City, and the Salt Lake Police Department's escalated violence against the city's grieving multi-racial community, Salt Lake is in desperate need of visionary leadership. I am calling on the Salt Lake City Council to become these visionary leaders by pledging to defund the Salt Lake Police Department and invest in the resources that really keep us safe and healthy, especially in Black communities, Indigenous communities, Latinx communities, and communities of color. I call on you to commit to the following during the public hearing on the proposed city budget: Demands: 1. Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring 23 new officers, as has been proposed. 2. To vote no to any increase in police funding or to increase the police department's budget. 3. To propose and vote for a \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget as the city responds to projected COVID-19 shortfalls, a housing crisis, and rise in unemployment. 4. To protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police. 5. To do everything in your power to compel SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members. Now is the time to invest in a safe, liberated future for our city. We can't afford to keep funding SLCPD's attacks on our community. Here are some proposed alternatives where funding could go instead to promote community wellness: 1. Provide rent relief and quality housing opportunities for those living at or below the poverty line 2. Invest in more events, free resources, and skill sharing at city libraries 3. Provide free public transit and increase the length of bus time schedules and routes 4. Invest in trained mental health professionals to de-escalate, transport, and connect those in need with resources 5. Invest in more outdoor spaces and public parks in lower-income neighborhoods 6. Funding for after-school programs and providers, and for more meals for students in public schools Thank you for your consideration Matt Kastellec	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Matt Raymond	To whom it may concern: I am calling to address the fact that Salt Lake's proposal to give \$84 million to the police and hire 23 new officers is egregious and unnecessary, and in fact worsens the problem of police violence and police distrust in this city and the Salt Lake Valley. Drastically increasing the police budget is not a forward-thinking way to work towards police accountability and remediating racial injustice. It should be no surprise that communities of color do not trust the police to keep them safe. Police departments are informed by white supremacy and disproportionately carry out state-sponsored violence against folks of color. In the Salt Lake area, the deaths of Bryan Pena Valencia and Bernardo Palacios demand further investigation. On Saturday, police officers needlessly tackled a man with a cane who posed no threat whatsoever. All over the country, unwarranted police violence against citizens of color demonstrates that change is past due; militarized police officers are ineffective at keeping peace and de-escalating tension. Secondly, this money would be so much better served in other places. Currently, Salt Lake is facing a deepening crisis of homelessness and income inequality. In March, Salt Lake City's new homeless resource centers faced a \$3 million shortage. Only \$24 million is currently proposed for housing--less than one-third the proposed increase for the police department. As you likely know, Utah has ranked last in the country in funding education for almost two decades, spending \$5000 less per student than the national average. This should be embarrassing, and Salt Lake City can lead the way for Utah by prioritizing the support of its education system. Working towards better air quality, a stated goal of Mayor Erin Mendenhall, is another issue that demands our city's attention and resources. Furthermore, some of this money could go towards supporting community organizations that work towards police accountability (such as Utah Black Lives Matter), as well as expanding funding for crisis outreach services and Psychological First Aid. Other less costly, evidence-based strategies towards reducing police violence include demilitarization, working towards more accountable police union contracts, putting more restrictive use-of-force policies into place and, as said before, investing in mobile crisis response and training citizens in Psychological First Aid. To summarize, such a large increase in Salt Lake's police budget is not only irresponsible, it shows this city's refusal to consider alternatives to a system that no longer works. Signed, Matt Raymond	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Matt Reid	To Whom it May Concern, I am a Millcreek resident and I do not believe that an increase in police budget is at all necessary. This money can be allocated to many different more important resources. Primarily education and healthcare. With the constant threat of COVID-19 looming, especially now with restrictions being lifted, many experts agree that we will soon see a second wave hit us. Hospitals and healthcare providers will need all the resources they can get in this time of need. The police are not in dire need of this funding. Education of our youth is now more important than ever in these times of constant misinformation and action of our citizens based on their confirmation bias from unreliable sources. Now is not the time the ease education expenses. Now is the time for education reform in our public schools in this modern world. Thank you for your time, Matt Reid	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Matthew Bowden	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Matthew Bowden	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Matthew R. Hyer	As both a resident and an employee of the city I am surprised by any funding increase to the Salt Lake City Police. The messaging I received was that the budget would be flat for this year, and that hiring would be frozen. As I look at the proposal, I see an additional 23 officers being hired and the budget going from \$82 million to \$84 million. We seemed to have plenty of police in riot gear last weekend, so I'm not sure why we need more. More broadly, I would like to see a budget that does not prioritize police spending to the point of double that of fire, and more than all of public services. Surely we have more potholes than criminals in this city. Sincerely, Matthew R. Hyer	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Matthew Wood	From KSL - We are going to look through the video, we are going to put your face out there, and we are going to highlight what you did. And you may find yourself arrested. Police said they are also investigating themselves. " These are the two comments from KSL about police and the disruptive protest on Saturday. If KSL isn't being accurate, then I apologize. But what this looks like is a threat to citizens and protection for the police. No one knows the officers involved with shootings or pushing the elderly man or firing a bean bag into the back of a detained person - but if you are on camera doing a crime and you're NOT a cop, you will be put in the public stockade. This is a problem. It's dangerous and violent. We can't keep treating people who do something bad like evil people. And we can't keep allowing police who do bad things to go unchecked. And if they are checked, be transparent. That's all anyone wants. To see quality control and care throughout the system. Please end the curfew and allow protests. They can be organized and peaceful. Saturday was a culmination of so much. A powderkeg. It's not indicative of what the majority of protestors' intentions. https://www.ksl.com/article/46759957/police-sorting-through-video-pictures-after-criminal-activity-during-protests	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Maura Cheney	I am calling on the leaders of Salt Lake City to make revolutionary and conscious change in our city. Council members and city leaders, you have the opportunity to become changemakers and revolutionary leaders by pledging to defund the Salt Lake Police Department and invest in the resources that really keep us safe and keep our communities thriving, especially Black communities, Indigenous communities, Latinx communities, all communities of color, and disabled communities. I call on you to rethink the mayor's proposed budget. We do not need more funding for police in Salt Lake City or this state. We need more funding directly into communities. I demand that you: 1. Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring the proposed 23 new officers. 2. Vote no to any increase in police funding or to increase the police department's budget. 3. To propose and vote for a \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget as the city responds to the COVID-19 crisis, as well as housing crisis, unemployment crisis, and racism crisis. 4. To protect and LARGELY expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police. 5. Allocate more funds for public health, education, climate change, community programs, and more resources that the public asks for and needs. 6. To do everything in their power to compel SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members, especially community members of color. I implore you to change the proposed budget to one that benefits the people. Thank you.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	May Wall	I ask that we defund the police. I would like the Council instead invest in universal needs like housing, access to healthy food, climate justice, free public transit, mental and physical health. I would like us to divest from traditional policing and reinvest in our most vulnerable communities.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Maya	I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Thank you. Maya	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Maya Mukai	There are plenty of worthy causes that deserve funding, Planned Parenthood, domestic violence shelters like Peace House and YWCA, social services, and education. Law enforcement does not need any extra money. Any new resources to law enforcement should be strictly directed towards reform. Because there is a large consensus that the norm and 'way things are' are not working. The people are speaking, and they say that something needs to change. We are part of a country that prides itself on freedom of speech, having a representative government that listens to the people, and being able to have your voice heard. The public is yelling as loud as it can to make itself heard. It would be hypocritical and embarrassing to us as a nation to ignore it. Respectfully, Maya Maya Mukai	
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Budget 2020-2021	Megan	Demand a decrease in SLCPD budget. There are far more important things it needs to go towards.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Megan Allen	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Megan Allen	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Megan Barnhurst	Agree with demands made by Utahans against police brutality. Don't support mayors proposed budget for PD. \$84 million for PD is too much. Programs such as housing, transit, education, rehabilitation and rape recovery should receive that money. It should go to free public transit, schools, community outreach. Don't support SLCPD and don't want tax money to go to the PD.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Megan Faye Barnhurst	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Megan Faye Barnhurst	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Megan Grimmatt	Good afternoon, I would like to add my voice to say that I do not agree with the city budget and allocation of 82 million dollars to the police. I would rather see these valuable resources dedicated to healthcare and public education. Before I can support so much funding going to the police department I need to see major policy reform. I want to see more training on community policing and ZERO tolerance for inappropriate use of force or sexual misconduct. I also need more investigation into claims of domestic violence, harassment, and stalking. If these things do not change, lives will continue to be at risk. I have a former teammate and friend (Lauren McCluskey) that is dead despite going to the SLCPD multiple times for help, but they did nothing for her. Her murderer could have been taken into custody for violating parole. Please change the budget accordingly or, if the police department is allocated 82,000,000 then let me know how the city intends to make sure that changes are made. -Megan	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Megan Walsh	Don't give the PD more funds. Put in hiring freeze for one year. Use funds for community development centers, education system. City Council should not allocate the money to the PD. Use money on education, infrastructure, ow income housing, SNAP benefits and other ways that benefit our community.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Megan West	concerned about proposed funding for PD. Understand need for public safety and good work done, but concerned there is not enough money for de-escalation training. Put funding into research for best practices for training. Put more to services for YWCA, rape recovery, people of color and indigenous people “ those services are underfunded and could use more. Budget could be looked at again and reallocated to better fund social services to help people.	5

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Budget 2020-2021	Melinda Fisher	I am local, small business. I own a small boutique in downtown Salt Lake City. I am calling to ask for no increase in the police budget. Instead have a massive portion of the police budget be diverted towards social services. Thank you.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Melissa Grant	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Melissa Grant	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Melissa Uribe	Hello! I hope my email finds you well. The safety of our communities have been deemed the responsibility of police and therefore funds allocated to them as such. There are many other means of safety for our communities where those funds could be reallocated! Consider the power of education. More funding for education in the city could lift communities up. Consider funds for homelessness. More shelters and safe places for people experiencing homelessness will certainly reduce the need for police intervention. Please consider reallocating funds for the police to other sectors of our government that desperately need them. If violence isn't the answer, a bigger budget for the police imposing violence is not the answer! Thank you for taking the time to read my email. I love Salt Lake City and know it can be a better place for all people with some careful consideration and serious action. Best, Melissa uribe Sent from my iPhone	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Merdith Jacobsen	Hello, my name is Meredith Jacobsen, I am resident of zip code 84104. As a concerned citizen of SLC I would implore you to redirect \$84mil set to fund the police in the 2020-21 budget to other community programs. We have an epidemic of homelessness in our community aside from the current global pandemic. I would really appreciate seeing these dollars used to educate, feed and house our community, as well as for affordable local transportation. Over the last week we have seen how the PD does not need or deserve these funds. The SLCPD not only does not act in the best interest of its citizens, particularly its Black citizens and other citizens of color, But direct violence and antagonism towards them, we demand a change. Thank you.	2

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Budget 2020-2021	Michael Akerman	Please take into consideration the alternatives to defunding a department that needs reformed. Why bring more officers, who are not trained to the standards we need them to be. Reform is in the making, and we need to focus on improving the staff we have and putting the money toward the local population. Thank you! Michael Akerman [REDACTED]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Michael Allen	I would like to make a comment on the police budget, and also a general comment. my comments tonight are my own. in January of 2019 The office of the state auditor released "A Performance Audit of Police Officer Standards and Training" (POST) I believe this audit was for the state, but am confident it is relevant to salt lake city as well. they reviewed categories of misconduct including; Driving under the influence (DUI), Falsification of government records, Illegal drug possession and use, Domestic violence, and On-duty sexual conduct. they found that in our state, discipline for peace officer misconduct appears lenient Peace Officer Dishonesty Undermines Credibility and Effectiveness. Law Enforcement Agencies Failed to Report Some Cases of Misconduct to POST as Required by Law. Information Regarding Past Officer Discipline is Not Readily Accessible to Law Enforcement Agencies for example, disciplinary action for falsification of government records resulted in revocation of licenses 95% of the time in other examined states, while 0% of offenders in our state had licenses revoked, and instead received letters of caution, or suspensions of licenses lasting 3 years or less. For domestic violence assault, revocations were 89% of cases in other states, versus 0% for Utah. That's an unacceptable disparity. I have not seen any news publications, or formal audit responses to this report from any police entities in Utah. from the 2018-2019 fiscal year to the 19-20 fiscal year, the budget for the police department increased from 74.4 million dollars to 82.2 million dollars. Thats over 10%, and again. the 2019 audit found discipline for officers was lenient, their Dishonesty Undermines Credibility, and they failed to report misconduct cases as Required by Law. I propose the police budget equal its pre-audit level of 74.4 million dollars, and it not exceed 74.4 million dollars until salt lake city can document that their disciplinary actions for police misconduct are equal or greater than the other states reported in the audit. a general comment: In my free time, I have reviewed public comments given by citizens, to governmental agencies. I often find that The level of technical language required actually affect governmental processes is lacking from us citizens. legal language is exact, deliberate, and it is often unfamiliar to laypeople. This lack of technical knowledge on how to comment, ends up in a substantial portion of citizen statements that result in no changes in governmental processes. That's my observation, and I think it's very sad. I believe the city council wanted to join the council because they love this city, and want to make a difference in this city for the better. an important aspect of being on city council is listening to constituents. publicly commenting at a meeting like this is very scary for me personally, and knowing how scary it is for me, the incredible amount of public comments being received tonight is really powerful Even if I or we are not commenting in the exact way that could actually affect the police budget, It's obvious how people feel tonight. the sentiment of those speaking is clear. I encourage the city council to listen to our voices. and make concrete budget decisions that reflect their constituent's desires to reduce the police budget. finally, mayor mendenhall, I see you're listening. people talk a lot about police stealing cold weather gear from our houseless community during winter months. I bet there are mechanisms in place to return this gear once they are removed from police custody, but I am not confident that this process is well-functioning. I would like to see hard documentation that all cold weather gear is successfully returned to those it is taken from when they are released from police custody. Otherwise I can see why our citizens would view this practice as effectively stealing their stuff.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Michael Morgan	Please don't defund the police, I don't want to live in the movie the purge [REDACTED] Thanks. Michael Morgan [REDACTED]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Michael Westbrook	Good morning, I wanted to write in to express my opinions about the city budget. Always, but especially during a pandemic when the most marginalized are the ones hurt the most, we need to prioritize the budget to make sure the most essential needs of the people are being met. This means improving healthcare, education, housing, and public transportation. A large amount of the funds for policing should be used for programs that better assist the citizens of Salt Lake. The police do not need military grade weapons. We need to fund programs that attack the root cause of crime if we really want to make all of us safer. The police need to be defunded and demilitarized so that they can focus on the issues that are most pertinent to the people of Salt Lake. Michael Westbrook Michael Westbrook	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Michael Young	Express my support for reallocating much of the proposed increase in spending towards SLCPD to enriching underserved and under-represented parts of the communitynamely minorities, low-income, and refugee populations.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Michal Ash	The police force budget does NOT need to be increased. In fact, it needs to be decreased by at least \$30 million. I would like to see this money instead go to our community in the way of food, housing, transportation, and public health. I also call for a hiring freeze for the SLCPD for at least the next year.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Michelle	Michelle concerned about money going allocated to police for next year, should be redirected to local programs. There are so many other ways to solve the problem with this money. It is obvious police force in city is very well funded, we need to endeavor those funds to better uses. [REDACTED]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Michelle Goodman	Hello, In the wake of police killings across the country as well as in Salt Lake City, and the Salt Lake Police Department's escalated violence against the city's grieving multi-racial community, Salt Lake is in desperate need of visionary leadership. We are calling on the Salt Lake City Council to become these visionary leaders by pledging to defund the Salt Lake Police Department and invest in the resources that really keep us safe and healthy, especially in Black communities, Indigenous communities, Latinx communities, and communities of color. We have called on them to commit to the following during the public hearing on the proposed city budget: Demands: 1. Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring 23 new officers, as has been proposed. 2. To vote no to any increase in police funding or to increase the police department's budget. 3. To propose and vote for a \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget as the city responds to projected COVID-19 shortfalls, a housing crisis, and rise in unemployment. 4. To protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police. 5. To do everything in their power to compel SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members. Now is the time to invest in a safe, liberated future for our city. We can't afford to keep funding SLCPD's attacks on our community. Here are some proposed alternatives where funding could go instead to promote community wellness: 1. Provide rent relief and quality housing opportunities for those living at or below the poverty line 2. Invest in more events, free resources, and skill sharing at city libraries 3. Provide free public transit and increase the length of bus time schedules and routes. 4. Invest in trained mental health professionals to de-escalate, transport, and connect those in need with resources. 5. Invest in more outdoor spaces and public parks in lower-income neighborhoods. Thank you for your considerations, Michelle Goodman	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Michelle Jordan	To Whom It May Concern: In light of events currently plaguing this country, I am requesting that instead of pumping funds into a militarized police force that is clearly in place to weaponize against its own citizens, council reallocates said funds to the following areas of need: affordable housing, homelessness, and youth programs in low income areas, specifically those places that primarily serve communities of color. Black Lives Matter. Thank You	n/a
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Budget 2020-2021	Mika Brown	We need the police. But we don't need military or excessive force. Please defer the majority of funds from the police to help our marginalised communities and lift them up! Mika Brown	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Mike	Mike is a life long resident of SLC and is pleading with the Council to stop the police militarized violence. Instead of funding the police he would like to see priority given to housing services and other community resources.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Mirtica Sandoval	My name is Mirtica Nualla Sandoval. Straight A student all through school, honor roll, graduated early and even was emancipated at age 16. I have seen a lot of crazy events in my days but this is by far the most infuriating! I cannot believe The Who world nation by nation is speaking to the USA saying we have a SOCIAL ILLNESS and we need to fix the discrimination issues quickly. Giving police more money, which in today's world equals power, is not the correct action to take at this time! We need healing first. There is no plausible reason we should give more money that we already do to the police and we definitely should not hire more officers. Our nation is in a Historical ethical battle and Salt Lake City will want to be remembered as on the good side. We do not want the police who already oppress and kill minorities on a weekly basis here to have even more authority and more money to put into their weapons of oppression. We must instead try to have cops do more outreach programs to get to know the people in their community and what they really want, to educate them as well. Our officers take an oath to protect and serve, not intimidate and kill. Salt Lake City needs to be part of a turning point in history where oppression and violence will no longer be the norm. That starts with this budget we need to give police less power and less deadly weapons to harm out citizens. Even if they are arresting an American it is their responsibility to assure they make it to jail safely. There is no reason for them to have weapons that would allow you to kill easier, even on accident. In your daily utility belt. Rubber bullets are used for protestors and cause great damage why isn't that what our officers are equipped with for daily encounters of unarmed citizens. Please my family has lived in Salt lake city for 6 generations and it has always been about bringing people together, we must stop militarizing our police and start humanizing them with mandatory diversity trainings monthly, more outreach programs between cops and community, and DECREASING THEIR BUDGET to help humanize them and assist in allowing our citizen's to Start trusting In cops again.	n/a
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Budget 2020-2021	Mitchell Wilson	I would like to see the funding taken from the SLCPD and given to other social services that way police are less needed in our communities. The more responsibility we give the PD the more power and influence they will have in our communities. And we have seen first hand that only causes violence and heartbreak.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Molly	Defund the PD. Vote no to any increase in funding. Freeze hiring for PD. Put money towards things that will promote community wellness such as: providing rent relief, quality housing for those living at/below the poverty line, free resources and skill sharing resources at library, free public transit, extended bus times/routes, trained mental health for de-escalation and assistance, more outdoor spaces/parks in lower income neighborhoods and after school programs and meals for students at public schools.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Molly McDonald Owens	As a resident of Salt Lake City, I demand that the current city proposal to add \$84 million to the police budget and hire 23 new officers be dismissed. Salt Lake City would be better off using that money to provide de-escalation and racial sensitivity training to the current employees of the police force. Serious actions must be taken towards police reform and accountability on a nationwide scale, and Salt Lake City is no exception. If the police force is strapped for cash, why do they have so much military grade weaponry/equipment? As a law-abiding taxpayer, I am terrified to know that the money going into the police force may be being used to procure further tactical equipment to be used against citizens in this city. Given the current circumstances and political atmosphere in the city, giving another \$84 million to the police force is a horrifying thought. Please reconsider, and instead use that money for purchases that will make things better for the people who live and work in Salt Lake City. Sincerely, Molly McDonald Owens	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Molly Mostert	Hello, My name is Molly Mostert and I am a longtime Salt Lake City resident. I am writing to give my input on the future of Salt Lake's public funding. I have seen that in the proposed budget for FY 20-21, nearly \$85 million in public funding will be allocated to the SLC Police Department, while housing will receive \$23,248,016, transit will be given \$4,700,00, and other essential public programs are set to receive only fractions of these amounts. This disparity is absolutely unacceptable. As we have seen in far too many cases, police intervention results in death, violence, and trauma, especially for those who are already disadvantaged in our society: people of color, poor people, and people experiencing homelessness. Mayor Erin Mendenhall touts police reform--bias training, body cams, etc--as the answer to this devastating problem. Reform is not enough. The Minneapolis Police Department has been at the forefront of reform for years, and, as you may have heard, they have not stopped killing innocent people (nor has the SLCPD). Police are asked to do too much in this city--things they are not adequately trained to do. Instead of handing over the majority of our social problems (and money) to one group whose foremost training is to punish with violent force, I propose that we invest more in the specialized programs that directly benefit our community: housing, transit, education, healthcare, green spaces in low-income neighborhoods, and mental health resources. If we prioritized building up these resources, and best yet, made them FREE, the poverty-related issues that lead to the majority of crimes would be eradicated, and violent policing would not be "needed." I propose a cut of at least \$40 million to SLCPD's budget, and I demand that no additional police officers be hired. Here are some proposed alternatives where funding could go instead to promote community wellness: 1. Rent relief and quality housing opportunities for those living at or below the poverty line 2. Free public transit and increased length of bus and train time schedules and routes 3. Trained mental health professionals to de-escalate, transport, and connect those in need with resources 4. Free higher education 5. 6. More outdoor spaces and public parks in lower-income neighborhoods 7. After-school programs and providers, and healthier meals for students in public schools 8. Increase the funding of public defenders, who are only allocated \$1,292,774, with no increase from last year 9. Free health clinics 10. Green energy 11. More events, free resources, and skill sharing at city libraries 12. 13. In the face of nationwide protests of racism and police brutality, the COVID-19 pandemic, and the economic crisis, it's a perfect time to embrace the "pioneering spirit" Utah is known for and show the world that Salt Lake City is a leader in real, impacting change. With love, Molly	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Morgan Jenson	Hello, I'm writing to let you know of my concern of the proposed budget to be finalized tomorrow. The mayor's recommendation of \$84,422,651 to go toward police funding is simply unacceptable and as a citizen of Salt Lake City I would like to ask you to defund the police. We are living in unprecedented times, in which many have lost their jobs and cannot afford the basic necessities to live. Think of what good that money could do for Utahns who are hurting right now. This money needs to be reallocated away from the police force. Thank you, Morgan Jenson Morgan Jenson	n/a
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Budget 2020-2021	Moriah Glazier	My name is Moriah Glazier and I am a SLC resident. I agree with all the demands of Utah Against Police Brutality and I do not agree with The mayors proposed budget of 84,422,651 dollars for the SLCPD. I do not want my tax dollars supporting that. Instead, we must divert at least 30,000,000 into education,housing,transit, and other social services to support the health of Salt Lake City. I believe this action will in the long run decrease crime more than police, when people's needs are met they are less involved in crime. Thank you. -- Sincerely, Moriah Glazier	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Mr. Boughtner	Increase on Waste Water Plant. Wondering if they are raising rates again from last year. Would like a call back.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Mun Yuk Chin	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here -- they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Mun Yuk Chin	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	NA (inaudible)	Extremely concerned citizen demands that police are defunded after the brutal measures by Salt Lake City and police nationwide especially targeting people of color and lower income. This is a human rights issue and we need to demilitarize the people who are supposed to keep us safe. Your actions will help save lives and we really need that right now. We need leaders like you to stand up for people in the streets using their first amendment rights protesting. We need leaders like you the people we voted for to listen to what people are saying and defund the police and make it less militaristic. We can't continue like a society like this. We are killing our own citizens in the streets and mobilizing our own army against us. City council people y have a tremendous impact in our city and if you don't vote for this the blood of a person of color will be-on your hands. I want you to think of that all the time. I want you to think of all these deaths and lives that could have been saved by the city council to enact reform. Please defund and demilitarize the police.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	NA (inaudible)	Salt Lake City shouldn't get that much funding. Please defund the police. Thanks, Bye.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Nannette Vernon	Hello, I am writing to you today to discuss public funding for the future of Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving \$23,248,016 and transit is receiving merely \$4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQIA+ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here - they are violent in the face of non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systematic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Nannette Vernon	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Naresh Kumar	Hello and thank you for your service. As a city council, you have the privilege of serving your city and its citizens. Though I am only one, I ask to be heard in representation of many of my neighbors and friends who have a lot to say. Please do your best to honor and support the following: 1. Respect human & free speech rights. Encourage peaceful officers to join marches, rallies, and protests shoulder to shoulder with citizens. 2. Defund the police department, put them under community control & reinvest in resources for helping people living in disadvantaged neighborhoods. 3. Work to ensure a universal basic income to ensure people stay housed, fed, & healthy now & whenever they need it. 4. Do not do business with inhumane criminal justice stakeholders, whether it be prisons or any other entity that undermines the rehabilitation and reintegration of offenders into social life. I welcome your response and look forward to working with you, if you should so desire. Naresh Kumar, MPH [REDACTED] Salt Lake City, UT 84116 Mobile: [REDACTED]	1
Budget 2020-2021	Natalia Cervantes	The police officers within Utah, the majority, have shown great incompetence and Adding to their budget would only increase the discrimination and prejudices against the people of color and those with disabilities in Utah. From that personal experience I also know that it can be scary and I know that I'm a good person everybody I meet knows that I'm a good person but the people that just see me for my skin color assumed the worst. Please do not add to police budget with the 84 million and the addition of the 24 police officers, for it would only increase the pain that many have to suffer.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Natalie Christensen	The Salt Lake City Council needs to drastically reduce the police budget and divert funds to more common-good causes that will build up our community, like dealing with our homeless/unsheltered community and building affordable housing for those who need it. It's clear from how police have responded to recent protests in the city that more money and more hiring is only going to support the status quo of police treating Salt Lake citizens as the enemy, rather than the community it is sworn to serve and protect. Money currently being allocated to the police can go to supporting community programs (pandemic-related relief, housing, food, public health, transportation) that will do more to alleviate poverty and crime in our community than a militarized police force enacting violence on citizens who question why our police force is free to commit violence on people without retribution. Salt Lake City should: reduce the police budget by at least \$30 million, if not more use the money that would have gone to the police budget for: COVID-19 relief - unemployment, food, helping the homeless/unsheltered community; education, low-income housing, and public transportation impose a hiring freeze in the police department until existing policies are drastically changed to serve, rather than actively harm, the community Re-allocate that budget into an investment in our community (food, housing, transportation, and public health). IMMEDIATELY CEASE VIOLENCE on community members Thank you, Natalie Christensen -- longtime Utah and current SLC resident [REDACTED]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Natalie J. Overn	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Natalie J. Overn	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Natalie Sherman	Hello City Council, The \$84 million being proposed for SLCPD is an absurd amount of money and it needs to decreased by at least \$30 million or more and divested into actually helping the community. The SLCPD especially does not need to hire 23 more officers. More money for the SLCPD is a waste that could be spent on growing the community and providing things that we the people actually appreciate and need. Like better public transportation especially. Thank you, Natalie Sherman	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Natalie Winward	Hi there, I do believe that you have the best interest for your Salt Lake citizens at heart. That should INCLUDE those who are subject to police brutality. Please, do NOT increase the police budget or hire any new officers right now. Instead, allocate resources to properly and EXTENSIVELY educating and training the officers that we already have on anti-racism and anti-violence. Please fire any and ALL officers that have ever been involved in the murder of innocent citizens. Use our tax-paying money to invest in resources for vulnerable populations, or on transportation, or homeless relief, or food. Police reform needs to happen and it needs to happen now. Please make it more difficult to become an officer with much longer and better training. Please. I'm begging you. Best, Natalie Winward (Salt Lake resident)	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Natasha Juan	Natasha Juan called to ask the Council to decrease the amount of money for police. She would like to see that money to go to other programs and other resources in the community. She believes that reform doesn't work particularly well when you try to do it through policing. She thinks there are better ways to foster safety in our communities.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Nate Bogansuit	I am in SUPPORT of adding additional officers to next year's budget. Ever since operation Rio Grande I've noticed increased crime in my neighborhood and the PD is not being empowered to enforce the laws by the Administration or they're understaffed. Thank you.	4
Budget 2020-2021	Nathalie Carranza	I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Nathan Gorlick	Resistance to the idea of in any way increasing resources and support for SLCPD and would like to instead insist that the city invest in social welfare programs that would contribute to the alleviation of what is mislabeled as criminality in our city. That includes funding for education, homelessness and healthcare. Rather than squashing problems with a militarized police force. Would rather see social problems faced head on in a responsible way.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Nathan Hickerson	Dear Members of the Council, Defund the SLCPD. Take military equipment out of the hands of our local law enforcement. Discontinue the use of tear gas against citizens of our great city. Reallocate that money to causes that lift up and build our community. Thank you for listening. Best, Nate Nathan Hickerson [REDACTED]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Nathan Hickerson	Hi Representative Wharton, I am a constituent of yours living in the Marmalade District. I am writing because I know the SLC Funding meeting is today. I am asking that you greatly decrease funding for the SLCPD. Stop giving them military equipment. Stop the use of tear gas on citizens. Increase funding for police training, oversight, and to uplift and build other more productive areas of our community. Thank you for taking the time to read my email. Best, Nate Hickerson	3
Budget 2020-2021	Nathan Hymas	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Nathan Hymas	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Nathan Makarewicz	Dear Salt Lake City Council, I have been a life-long resident of Salt Lake City. I love my state, my city, and my home. During my life I have seen a lot of good come out of Salt Lake, but with respect to the recent protests and police behavior, I have seen much more bad than good. I have observed first had the brutal way that the police deal with civil protests. I have seen the videos of police violently attacking citizens who are protesting peacefully. I have watched my family members and friends be personally attacked by police because the officers are too myopic and callous to take care in the way that they enforce the law. I am tired of seeing this over and over again. Please hear me when I say that we need change. For your sake and ours, please be an active part of that change. Consider what your citizens are asking for the next time you make budgetary decisions. I would rather my tax dollars go funding social programs aimed at reducing inequality than to the police who reinforce it. Sincerely, Nathan Makarewicz	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Nathaniel Ellingson	"There's a reason you separate military and the police. One fights the enemies of the state. The other serves and protects the people. When the military becomes both, then the enemies of the state tend to become the people."	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Neah Bois	To whom it may concern, I am writing this email in support of the movement for and the necessity of defunding the police. The city has appropriated \$84 million to the police, while housing is getting 1/4 of that. To prioritize police over human rights is a shameful and wrong act by the city. Furthermore, to prioritize the militarization of the police above safe, healthy, and available housing for our most vulnerable populations is frankly disgusting. If you want to help the city, if you want to "stop crime" like you say you do, invest in supportive structures that build communities and strengthen the next generations. Build housing that is affordable rather than selling off city blocks to the highest bidder to create another ugly apartment complex. Invest in education, and prioritize schools that serve underserved populations. Give money to shelters and the Fourth Street Clinic and organizations that help get people off the street. Do not give a penny more to the police that prey on the folks that our society has made vulnerable. Lift people up. Don't shoot them down. Best, Neah -- [REDACTED]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Neal Caldwell	Hello, I am writing to make the following demands: 1. Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring 23 new officers, as has been proposed. 2. To vote no to any increase in police funding or to increase the police department's budget. 3. That you propose and vote for a \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget as the city responds to projected COVID-19 shortfalls, a housing crisis, and rise in unemployment. 4. To protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police. 5. To do everything in your power to compel SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members. I would also like to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here - they are violent in the face of non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Neal Caldwell	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Nes	Nes is a resident of SLC and is urging the Council to defund the SLC police. There are a lot more communities in need right now. Please think of putting the money somewhere that it actually matters.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Nicholas Foster	Hello, I am a constituent in Utah (84121). Please defund the police and put the money towards social services. Every homeless person that walks the street while a cop is completely kitted out in expensive gear is a shame on the city and a shame on the budget. Utah can barely afford Coronavirus, yet the cops are currently being paid overtime to incite violence. Please consider what the current budget says about the priorities of the city. Thank you, Nicholas Foster Sent from my iPhone	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Nicholas Foster	Calling with Five budget demands: 1) Hiring freeze for SLCPD instead of hiring 23 new officers. 2) Vote "no" to increase the police departments budget 3) Propose a vote for a \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget as the city responds to the COVID-19 shortfalls for housing crisis and rising unemployment 4) To expand current investment in community lead health and strategies instead of investing in police. 5) Do everything in your power as a council to compel SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease acts of violence on community members and protesters Suggestions on where these funds could go: 1) Provide rent or lease and quality housing opportunities for those at or below the poverty line. 2) Invest in more mentor resources and libraries. 3) Provide free public transit and increase the length of busses time schedule and routes. 4) Invest in trained mental health professionals to deescalate, transport, and connect those in need with resources. 5) Finally, invest in more outdoor spaces and parks in low-income neighborhoods.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Nick	From Wasatch County. Should not be giving \$84 million when there are people literally homeless & hungry in the City. You can cloth, you can feed and you can shelter for that amount of money.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Nick Anderson	From what I understand, the Salt Lake Police Department has worked with an organization called Center for Policing Equity, which uses data science to help police departments understand what needs to change in their policing. This is an invaluable resource and needs to be considered to help our officers be better and more equitable in their policing. Thank you Nick Anderson Salt Lake City, Utah	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Nick Halberg	Hello, My name is Nick Halberg. I am a resident of Salt Lake City and a student at the University of Utah. In light of the recent events surrounding George Floyd's murder and the subsequent demonstrations, I would like to express my thoughts regarding the proposed FY 2021 budget. I am displeased with the amount of money allotted to the Salt Lake City Police Department. Due the slcpd's recent failures (most notable of which is their failure to arrest an armed (bow-and-arrow) man who sought to harm protestors) and due to the deeply ingrained, systemic racism which permeates almost every police department in America, I believe they should receive much less than their allotted \$84 million. I believe this can be accomplished by transferring the job roles, personnel, and associated funds of Social Work & Homeless Outreach' and Gang Outreach' to other departments (such as the Department of Community and Neighborhood Development, the Department of Economic Development, or some other appropriate department). If no such department exists currently, then the funds should be earmarked to go towards creating a department. The police are not the right tool to use when addressing the sensitive cases of mental health, addiction, and homelessness. Rather, social workers, psychologists, or community advocates should be employed to deal with these difficult cases and funds should be set aside to improve opportunities (education, jobs, etc.) in low SES neighborhoods. By reducing the number of police officers (thereby reducing the budget of the police department), we can free up funds to support these much need social services and investments. I believe these services will help create stronger, less violent neighborhoods, thereby further diminishing the need for police. This will not only positively help the SLC community, it will greatly reduce the number of instances of police brutality by limiting the police's exposure to the citizens of Salt Lake. Sincerely, Nick Halberg	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Nick Horanzy	Hello, I am writing to you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systematic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Thank you, Nick Horanzy Sent from my iPhone	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Nick Loyola	We need to defund the police and redistribute those funds to communities and people who need them.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Nickolas Groo	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Nickolas Groo	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Nicole Bullock	Hi my name is Nicole Bullock. I agree with the demands proposed by Utahns against police brutality. I do not agree with or support the mayors recommended budget, where police receive 84,422,651 dollars and more important programs like housing, transit, rape recovery, education, rehabilitation don't see nearly half that amount. I do not support SLCPD and I do not want to see my tax money support them. Thank you.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Nicole Ortiz	Not only is an increase in police budget at this time insensitive to the hurt that entire communities are feeling as a direct result of the police force, but police need to build trust of the people of SLC and show that the patterns of abuse and neglect are broken before any additional funds are made accessible to them. Nicole Ortiz	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Nicole Stagg	A lot of the money could be used in better places than the PD budget. Surprised so much goes to PD? Should be going to public transit which is not so good in SLC. More mental health resources - not enough mental resources, especially now with COVID. Need more resources for homeless. IF they have more resources, PD would not need to be so big. Other ways to spend the money. Too many officers hanging around the capitol just standing around. Too much money going to policing society. Other things such as libraries, transit, community centers, housing, social welfare programs those are more important to our community. Would like to see money being spend on creating a better society funding the PD doesn't not help to achieve that. Recently had multiple break-is in neighborhood PD never arrived on time or caught the people. Please listen to the citizens.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Nigel Stein	How're y'all wanting to hire more officers and increase the problem? Put that \$84,000,000 to use with historically underserved communities. Look at yourselves in the mirror and ask if you're actually helping. Be the solution, don't perpetuate a multi-century historical problem. Further militarization isn't a solution.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Nikita Abraham	Comments: I would want to see more social programs that help the community. I want more programs centering on giving housing and health care to homeless folks. I want more programs centered around youth, more afterschool programs, more resources for helping students get into college. I deeply disagree with the amount of money the police are and have been getting. They should be defunded because they do not help the community. Social programs that actually help create stability in people's lives are crucial, and Salt Lake has failed its citizens in providing those programs. I have seen this police department brutalize and murder unarmed people. They should not be getting our tax money. Questions: Why is so much money being given to the police, a group that brutalizes and murders unarmed and innocent people? Why are there not more social programs for homeless folks? Why are there not more social programs that help youth? Why is city counsel giving so much money to the police when they could instead give the community more resources?	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Nikita Abraham	I deeply disagree with the budget allotment for the proposed 2021 budget. Allocating over 84 million dollars to the police is a gross misuse of funds. This money should be invested in public transit, social programs for the community, and housing. The funding of these important programs would better help the community. The police have misused their power and have promoted and have reinforced systematic racism that ensures the suppression of black and brown communities. The community as a whole needs more resources towards making housing and transportation more accessible. Sincerely, Salt Lake City resident, Nikita Abraham	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Nikki (no last name)	Would like to see defunding of SLCPD. Would like to see funds reallocated to community such as transportation, housing, food, education.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Nikki Hauptman	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Nikki Hauptman --	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Nikole Bench	Hello Salt Lake City Council, My name is Nikole Bench and I'm a recent graduate of the University of Utah. I am contacting you all today in regards to the public budget. I am calling for a defunding of the SLCPD police department by a total of 30 million dollars. I'm also demanding a hiring freeze for the Salt Lake City Police Department. It is the city council's job to say NO to increasing funds to the police department. The 30 million dollars should be allocated to affordable housing for low-income families and individuals. Those funds should be used to help low-income residents from being displaced in areas of Salt Lake. After those requests have been made there needs to be cultural competency training, better de-escalation training, and lastly classes given to officers on systematic racism and history of police brutality. We need more mental health and sociology professionals in the SLCPD to reach this goal. Next, I'm requesting more resources and funds be allocated to public defenders for lower-income communities and immigrants. In relation to immigrants in Utah, I'm also calling for the abolishment of ICE in our city. Lastly, I'm demanding that all of the City Council members ask for the full report on Bernado Palacios Carbajal and demand justice for his death. His full report and bodycam footage need to be released to the public and the three officers need to deal with the consequences of killing a person of color. There needs to be a better and equitable system for keeping the police department accountable. If the county created a council lead by an African American, LGBTQ+, and other POC non-profit members of the community, then we could create an intersectional group of people to try and keep everyone safe. Thank you for your time and strong consideration of my comments. I love Salt Lake City and I hope we can show how progressive our city can be. Sincerely, Nikole Bench Pronouns: She/Her/Hers	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Nina Castellanos	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Nina Swimavile	demand a decrease in police budget in this time and climate is not acceptable. They should be able to preform their job as is.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	No Name	reallocate most of the funds to slc police department to Housing Department. Education and other city ran programs.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	no name	I would like to demand a decrease of slcpd by at least 30 million dollars and would also like to demand a hiring freeze. Demand an investment in our community.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	no name	it is really messed up what slcpd is doing to our citizens and if you want them to stop. You are going to have to hold these people who are accountable for these crimes liable.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Noa Belle	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Noa J. Belle	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Olga Reese	Council, Please do not give the police department more money and staff! They need a decrease in budget so that money can be given to our schools, housing crisis and medical staff during this epidemic. This is an absolute disgrace to George Floyd. You should be ashamed of yourselves if you go through with this. We will not stop fighting for justice and this time is different because we have all the time in the world right now. DO THE RIGHT THING!!!!	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Oliver Lewis	It's time to radically rethink the way our society works. We must begin to shift money, power, and authority away from the police departments. We need to fund existing city programs that deal with the housing, education, health, and welfare of SLC citizens. The shift should happen slowly to insure public safety but we must begin right now. THIS BUDGET. No more armed police in our neighborhoods. Thank you for your consideration -Oliver Lewis	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Olivia Huntzinger	Hi, My name is Olivia Huntzinger and I agree with the demands proposed by Utahns against police brutality. I do not agree with or support the mayor's recommended bugget in which the police receive \$84,422,651. I would like to see this budget decrease by at least \$30 million. In addition to this, I would like to see a hiring freeze for SLPD for the next year. Most importantly, I want to see a divestment in police and an investment in our community through better funding for housing, transit, education, rehabilitation, and public health. Thank you.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Olivia johnson	To whom it may concern, Myself and many other members of both the local and national community are disturbed and angry with the actions of the police not only in recent days but throughout the history of America. They have been unfairly targeting people of color, specifically black people for years. The police are supposed to be protectors of our communities but instead they instigate and perpetuate violence against people they deem "threatening" due to racial profiling. I am asking our government to defund the police and invest in community. By reallocating much of the 82 million dollars that is currently funding the police department, community programs such as mental health facilities, counselors, child-care, and education, violent crime and property crime can be diminished. We do not need more police or more weaponry to equip them. We need robust community programs to diminish and de-escalate violence. This is just one step in reshaping an institution that perpetuates racism. I implore you to consider ALL members of our community when making these decisions. Thank you for your time, Olivia Johnson	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Olivia Juarez	Dear Council Members, My Name is Olivia Elena Juarez and I live in the Wasatch Hollow neighborhood of Sugarhouse. I am the only person of color residing on my street, and as far as I have been able to tell, one of the very few in the entire 15th and 15th area. I'm very privileged to feel safe in this community. I don't fear for my life living here in part for the lack of policing in this neighborhood. Having lived in other parts of Salt Lake City since 2012, I can say that the SLCPD's presence responding to issues in black and brown neighborhoods has made me feel unsafe. From my experiences and knowing the stories of my family and fellow community members of color, I know that our community would not suffer violence at the hands of police if different institutions had the wherewithal to respond to crises. The police are not now, nor never will, be fit to respond to crises such a domestic violence, drug-related incidents, homelessness, and keeping the peace. They are apparently unfit to respond to robbery as seen by the recent incident in which SLCPD shot at Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal with no confirmation that he was armed. Allegedly, SLCPD shot him 14 times in the back as he ran away--death is an undue consequence for fleeing from an officer. In response to public outcry and justified civil unrest, the local police has become more militarized and violent against protesters. No act of property destruction warrants the violence and force used by law enforcement against our youth who are in the streets expressing their anger and despair at the futures destroyed by police violence. As a long time resident, I am asking you to significantly defund the Salt Lake City Police Department's budget by at least \$30 million for 2020-2021. Those funds should be reinvested into services and programs directed by the public through accessible and democratic decision-making processes. As members of the City Council, you've campaigned to bring power to our interests as residents. It is in the interest of every person in Salt Lake City to benefit from services and programs that are specially equipped to deal with the myriad of issues that are unduly put on the police department's plate. Here are a set of immediate actions you can take to support community wellness at your Council meeting today. 1. Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring 23 new officers, as has been proposed. 2. Vote no to any increase in police funding or to increase the police department's budget. 3. Propose and vote for a \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget as the city responds to projected COVID-19 shortfalls, a housing crisis, and rise in unemployment. Other spheres that can be nurtured by city unding include: 1. Provide rent relief and quality housing opportunities for those living at or below the poverty line 2. Invest in more events, free resources, and skill sharing at city libraries 3. Provide free public transit and increase the length of bus time schedules and routes 4. Invest in trained mental health professionals to de-escalate, transport, and connect those in need with resources 5. Invest in more outdoor spaces and public parks in lower-income neighborhoods 6. Funding for after-school programs and providers, and for more meals for students in public schools 4. Protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police. 5. Do everything in your power to compel SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members. Sincerely, Olivia Juarez Salt Lake City, Utah	6
Budget 2020-2021	Olivia Love	To whom it may concern, My name is Olivia Love and I am a resident of Salt Lake City, Utah. I am calling on the Salt Lake City Council to become visionary leaders by pledging to defund the Salt Lake Police Department and invest in the resources that truly keep us as a community safe and healthy -- especially in Black communities, Latinx communities, and communities of color. I call you to commit to the following during the public hearing on the proposed city budget: 1. Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD rather than hiring 23 new officers, as has been proposed. 2. Vote no to any increase in police funding or to increase the police department's budget -- the funds are needed elsewhere, some proposed later in this email. 3. Propose and vote for a \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget as the city responds to projected COVID-19 shortfalls, a housing crisis, and rise in unemployment. 4. Protect and expand current investments in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police. 5. Do everything in your power to compel SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members. Violence from people in power -- law enforcement -- instills fear, not respect, in the people and drastically weakens a community. Now is the time to invest in a safe, liberated future for our wonderful city. We can't afford to keep funding SLCPD's attacks on our community. Here are some proposed alternatives where funding could go instead to promote community wellness: 1. Provide rent relief and quality housing opportunities for those living at or below the poverty line. 2. Invest in more events, free resources, and skill sharing at city libraries. 3. Provide free public transit and increase the length of buse time schedules and routes. 4. Invest in trained mental health professionals to de-escalate, transport, and connect those in need with resources. 5. Invest in more outdoor spaces and public parks in lower-income neighborhoods. 6. Invest in environmental initiatives such as improving air quality and preserving wild land. I thank you for your time and trust that you will think heavily on this to make the best decision for our city. Now is the time for change, and it can start here. Regards, Olivia Love	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Olivia Pecora	Hello, My name is Olivia Pecora. I am a former citizen of Salt Lake City; it is my hometown and the place of residence of many family members. I would like to demand my city to allocate the money set aside for SLPD into community care. Investing in policing is NOT the way to care for our community during this time, and in the future. I am extremely concerned about police brutality and the way that it harms our community in irreparable ways. Please allocate the money elsewhere. Our citizens urgently need access to food, water, shelter, clean air, COVID-19 testing, and PPE: this is particularly urgent for our neighbors in the Navajo Nation. Police violence is not the future of Salt Lake City. Sincerely, Olivia Pecora	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Olivia Poppleton	In regards to the 84 million dollars & the hiring of more police officers, this is ridiculous, instead of acknowledging the police brutality forced onto people of color, especially black people. The last thing the police force needs is to be rewarded for their arrogant & intolerant action. By giving them this money & hiring more officers your actively rewarding them for the murder of black lives. Please take the time to reconsider these actions as it's an injustice to black lives, people of color & minorities. - Olivia Poppleton	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Omar Sanchez	I urge you to please defund the police. Seeing that the majority of our police is mainly white, never have and never will feel safe with our current line of officers. Being harassed and socially profileD my whole life, now is the time more than ever to defund a department that is broken and corrupt. Walking into a mall with a friend of mine and being forced to get on the ground with my hands on my back just because of the color of my skin. Cousins being thrown in jail for looking "suspicious" after dark. Now is the time to defund the police and restructure our failed system. We need a more diverse approach. Warm regards	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Pari Kemmick	Hello, I am writing in with my public comment on the virtual public meeting happening TONIGHT on the SLC city budget. The Salt Lake City Police Department has proposed an increase to its budget. In light of the current situation that is taking over our country, this is UNACCEPTABLE. There is little to no accountability on our city in relation to police violence. Police have gotten away with murder time and time again and it is disgusting. If anything, they need a budget decrease as well as a hiring freeze. We need major police reform in this country. This current system is violent, overly militarized and values property over human lives. You cannot get lives back, but you can rebuild buildings and most certainly systems. We want community control and we will not rest until that becomes a reality. Black people in this country have been asking for this for 400 years. NO JUSTICE NO PEACE.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Paris Kralik	Hello, I am writing to you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systematic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Paris Kralik Sent from my iPhone	n/a
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Budget 2020-2021	Patrick Morrissey	In wake of both recent and generations of conflict between policing and the policed constituents, I think that our nation needs to reevaluate what the fundamental role of a policing force is. If we look into how much funding is gone into the force of law in juxtaposition to how much we fund supporting our local communities there is a clear disparity in favor of the enforcement of law upon those socially deprived in our communities, especially with regard to ethnic and social minorities. Now is a critical moment when SLC can lead the nation and show how much more powerful and strong a community can be if we invest in it instead of oppress it. If we really addressed the root causes of disparity, we would not have to take from others and thus we would not need to 'protect what is ours' from the other. Now is a time when you can choose to lead the world, will you? Or will we have to take it into our own hands come November. -A concerned resident Patrick Morrissey	n/a
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Budget 2020-2021	Paulina Novoa	I am asking you to reconsider the budget amount being given to the SLCPD, in order to use those funds for future educational purposes, and future COVID-19 purposes. Our country has been extremely quick to produce the equipment used to combat these protests. Rather than forcing a militia, coming together in unity to respect, hear, and respond to our cries is what is crucial.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Paully Lou Ellen	Paully Lou Ellen works at the Library and she sees situations everyday that could be handled better and without extra police enforcement. She believes investing in things like investing in things to help the community such as addressing mental health would better serve the community. Her number is [REDACTED]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Peter Hackett	To the members of the Salt Lake City Council, I hope that after the past week you realize the importance of this budget meeting and it's potential consequences. That's why I'm emailing you today to ask that you divert funds from the Salt Lake City Police Department and give them to local nonprofits and other city organizations instead. Firstly, there's significant data showing that the most widespread policing 'solutions' don't work. There is no research suggesting that bias training or teaching methods of de-escalation ever lead to a permanent change in police behavior. Additionally, body cameras don't have the deterring effect they were previously thought to have, but no need to take my word for it, here is a link to the research: https://www.pnas.org/content/116/21/10329.short?rss=1 . A large area of the budget I don't believe police need is the segment for military grade weapons. There is sufficient evidence that police forces that receive military weapons from the federal government kill more people. If you want to take a look at that research, you can find it here: https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/2053168017712885 . Next here are the types of practices and organizations that I believe those funds would be better used in: 1. Invest in community oriented organizations and nonprofits- Research shows that for every 10 types of these organizations the murder rate goes down by 9%, the violent crime rate goes down by 6%, and the property crime rate goes down by 4%. https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0003122417736289 2. Establish a non-police response for 911 calls involving mental illness, and especially applicable here in SLC, homelessness. At least 1 in 4 people killed by police suffer from a mental health problem, so why not try to greet them with help instead of hostility? Just a uniform mixed with past experiences can be triggering to those suffering from mental health problems. In Eugene, OR a program just like this has had wild success. https://www.wsj.com/articles/when-mental-health-experts-not-police-are-the-first-responders-1543071600 3. Give the funds to healthcare and substance abuse treatment. It's shown that investment in expanding medicaid at the county level decreases crime levels annually by 3%, which amounts to an average savings of about \$13 billion. https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3042267 If you'd like to read up on any further research, I've found these studies as well as many others here: https://www.joincampaignzero.org/research . Finally, while I have your attention, I'd like to express my disdain for H.B. 415. Police oversight by civilians is something that, if wielded properly can be very useful. I implore you all to not support members of the Utah State Legislator in passing legislation that would make them illegal. Thank you, Peter Hackett	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Peter McDonald	<p>Hello, My name is Peter McDonald - I'm a graduate student at the U and a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly \$85 million for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while community and neighborhood development is receiving only \$24 million and transit is receiving a paltry \$5.9 million. This is absolutely unacceptable. This reflects a broader systematic issue of over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without access to these basic everyday necessities, people cannot hope to thrive, let alone live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities flourish and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension at the hands of the police. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Specifically, I am calling for the following during the budget meeting: 1. Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring 23 new officers, as has been proposed 2. Vote no on any increase in police funding or any increase the police department's budget 3. Propose and vote for a \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget as the city responds to projected COVID-19 shortfalls, a housing crisis, and rise in unemployment 4. Protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies instead of investing in police Our housing, transit, social welfare programs, libraries, and community centers are in dire need of tangible financial support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. Here are some proposed alternatives where funding could go instead to promote community wellness: 1. Investing in trained mental health professionals to de-escalate, transport, and connect those in need with resources 2. Providing rent relief and quality housing opportunities for those living at or below the poverty line 3. Providing free public transit and increasing the length of bus time schedules and routes 4. Investing in more events, free resources, and skill sharing at city libraries 5. Investing in more outdoor spaces and public parks in lower-income neighborhoods 6. Funding after-school programs and meals for students in public schools How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation and reflected in our budget priorities. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Best, Peter McDonald [REDACTED] 1 of 2</p> <p>*Continued Below*</p>	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Peter McDonald	<p>2 of 2 *Continued Above* To my representative Amy Fowler, the remainder of the SLC City Council, and Mayor Mendenhall: My name is Peter McDonald; I am a resident of Salt Lake City's 7th district and a graduate student in the U of U Department of mathematics. Last night I sat in and watched as my peers requested, demanded, and begged for your solidarity. I am emailing you to reiterate these demands and my support of every constituent who asked you to reevaluate your budget so that it serves community interests, not militant contracts, ineffective police training measures, and systemic racism. Amy, Council, and Mayor Mendenhall: Do not turn your back on your constituents. Show us solidarity by complying with these requests: 1. Hold a special session to address the public comments you received last night. I would like to hear each member and the mayor describe how they will exercise the will of their constituents. Allow the public to comment and ask questions after your statements. 2. Additionally: 1. Do everything in your power to compel SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members, in part by repealing Mayor Mendenhall's curfew 2. Outlaw the use of rubber bullets and other methods of excessive force/militarization on the citizens of SLC 3. Vote no to any increase in police funding or to increase the police department's budget 4. Propose and vote for a \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget and reallocate this money for programming that addresses COVID-19 shortfalls, the housing crisis, homelessness, public transit, and rise in unemployment 5. Protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police I recognize that some of these demands may be difficult to address during this current budget cycle. As council member Chris Wharton mentioned during last night's session, much of the ~\$2.2m increase in the police budget is due to contract and pension obligations. However, having combed through past budgets, it's quite alarming to me that the police department was supported with a ~\$54-57m budget from FY08 to FY14 but has seen dramatic growth in recent years. I recognize that some of this growth is due to accounting (airport cops, a grant expiring, etc.), but I would like to specifically express my objection to the 40 FTE increase in FY19 associated with Operation Rio Grande and the additional 23 FTE increase in FY20. When I think about Funding Our Future I do not think about hiring more militarized cops, I think about investing in public transit, housing, and community initiatives that make Salt Lake City more livable for ALL of its citizens. In the event that it is impossible to cut this year's budget, I would like to hear specific reasons for why that is the case as well as a detailed, actionable plan to address calls for budget reductions in the coming years. Amy and others, thank you for taking the time to read this. Please let your constituents know what actions you will take to make Salt Lake City safe. Hold yourselves and peers accountable. Work with us, not against us. Show your solidarity, and remember: there are no good cops in bad systems. Amy, Mayor Mendenhall: You have power in this system. Do more. Thank you for listening, Peter McDonald he/him/his SLC District 7 Graduate Student Instructor, Mathematics Co-Chair, Mathematics Graduate Student Advisory Committee University of Utah</p>	7
Budget 2020-2021	Peyton	<p>I am a black female living along in the Avenues. I would like to recommend a budget amendment that defunds the police and uses our taxes to fund hospitals, healthcare works, and essentials workers who are currently at risk at their professions. We need to stop empowering polices officers to act violently toward the citizens.</p>	3

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Budget 2020-2021	Preston Kramer	The policing budget needs to be dramatically decreased. This will not solve the problem of violence, but only make it worse. Our tax dollars need to be funding wellness and social programs.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Priscilla Hanson	I would rather see the extra money for the police budget used for social services within our city.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Rachel	Request that the Council reconsiders the budget given that the system is not built to protect citizens. Reallocate funds to the school district, defund police.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Rachel Bergman	Hello, I am writing to you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systematic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Rachel Clark	HELLO, I am writing on behalf of my community. I wish my voice to be heard in the hearing tonight. I appreciate what SLCPD does everyday for their citizens and I know they need to make a living, but what you are trying to approve is harmful to Utah. Not every cop is a bad cop. But we need a change, I demand budget be decreased by 30 million. They are called to serve and protect, lavishness leads to lazy entitlement. We don't need any bad cops to have an excuse to be bad. They are examples, we should not be scared of our police. There are better ways to help an addict sober up and get true help. There are better ways to help poor families and communities feel safe and have access. There are better ways to communicate and serve your community that are not violent! Please, lets have that money go to what really counts. Education (paying teachers a real wage!), community resources, public transportation, affordable housing, clean air, a healthcare system that works! Lets make Utah better, happier, SAFER. Its possible, but we can't do it with a racist police force. Stop the killing, please encourage officers be trained to actually be first responders. Check in with them weekly, make sure they have access to therapy. Studies show that men are more likely to commit suicide because they don't have an emotional outlet. Policemen are festering inside with pent up aggression and emotion. They need accessible resources as well. Please, don't hire anymore police!!! Sort this stuff out. First, see how you can make a difference. Thank you for letting BLM have a peaceful protest, but I know you can do more, I know you can be better. Please don't do this. -- Rachel Clark	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Rachel Kimber Hanna	name is Rachel Kimber Hanna and I live in Salt Lake County. It's been brought to my attention that the city of Salt Lake plans on giving \$84 million to the police. I understand and respect your difficult position right now. You are faced with an opportunity to significantly change policing in Salt Lake City, which may potentially backfire at the state level. Today I'm asking you to be bold. To forget the politics and do the right thing. To set a national example of how we can create change in our communities and save black lives. Because they matter just as much as yours. I believe that enough of this portion should be given to the department to cover any cost of replacing any officers who have a history of brutality, violence, or racism. The police should be a force of neutral individuals with a mission of protecting ALL living being. I'm asking you to invest the rest on social workers in our communities - trained professionals much better equipped to deal with issues of crisis, mental health, and injustice. Use this money to pay for additional public defenders. I recognize that this cannot happen overnight and would be a process, I urge you to take steps for these radical policies to be implemented and show the nation that a city without police violence is possible. We are experiencing a human rights crisis and YOU have the power to do something about it. Regards, Rachel Kimber Hanna	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Rachel King	Hello, I am a concerned citizen of Salt Lake City. I want to demand a decrease in the police and fire department budgets. I do not support any form of fiscal increase to either of these two organizations. I do not support hiring more police officers. I believe that the officers and fire fighters we have need an increase in crisis intervention and de-escalation training, and their current budget is sufficient to provide for such trainings. Thank you.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Rachel Ross	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Rachel	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Rachel Schmidt	Defund the police, drop the course. We need masks, but we dont need more police. Stop funding the police!	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Radajka Capra	Calling in regards to FY 2020-21 Budget, see allocation of 85 million to police department which is a 16 percent increase since 2018, residents of color, lgbtq are experiencing increasing violenceby police in face of peaceful protesting. increasing funding for police makes transportation, education, underfunded. These are the places where funding needs to go for better quality of life	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Radhika Bhakta	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Radhika Bhakta	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Raffaele Leo	It's been brought to my attention that there is a meeting today about allocating funding to the Salt Lake police department. I understand that we need this police force to protect our city, especially in times like these, but with the stripping of public education funding and the massive disparity between our police department funding and public service funding, it's disgraceful that we are adding onto that disparity. Our public schools are some of the worst in the country and we need to help our children grow in times like this. I hope you reconsider and properly lay out all the options tonight.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Randall Smith	Please, defund the police. The police do not need to be equipped with military grade weapons, equipment that makes them look like they're about to go to war. We need police, but not like this. Why did that officer assault the old man with the cane? It's on the news, it was caught on live television. Why did that happen? Why is someone who's in gear equipped for war assaulting the citizens of the city? The police are terrorizing us.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Randi Scheidler	Council, I am a citizen and homeowner in the Fairpark community and I would like to voice my concerns about the budget hearing scheduled to take place tonight. I would voice my direct opposition to the increased investment in the Salt Lake Police Department, requesting that their budget be decreased by at least \$30 million dollars. Along with this, I demand a hiring freeze for our police department. I see no need for an increase in police presence in our communities. Rather, I would like this \$30 million dollars diverted into community resources--particularly those that serve the more underprivileged and underfunded demographics. With high hopes for a more united community, Randi Scheidler [REDACTED]	1
Budget 2020-2021	Raul Barkley	My name is Raul Barkley and I am calling to advocate for defending of the SLCPD. Given the recent protest I think the police are way to heavenly militarized. I think they have too much tactical and lethal power.	6
Budget 2020-2021	Ray Pelton	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Ray Pelton	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Raymond Perez	Hello! In the wake of police killings across the country as well as in Salt Lake City, and the Salt Lake Police Department's escalated violence against the city's grieving multi-racial community, Salt Lake is in desperate need of visionary leadership. We are calling on the Salt Lake City Council to become these visionary leaders by pledging to defund the Salt Lake Police Department and invest in the resources that really keep us safe and healthy, especially in Black communities, Indigenous communities, Latinx communities, and communities of color. We have called on them to commit to the following during the public hearing on the proposed city budget: Demands: 1. Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring 23 new officers, as has been proposed. 2. To vote no to any increase in police funding or to increase the police department's budget. 3. To propose and vote for a \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget as the city responds to projected COVID-19 shortfalls, a housing crisis, and rise in unemployment. 4. To protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police. 5. To do everything in their power to compel SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members. Now is the time to invest in a safe, liberated future for our city. We can't afford to keep funding SLCPD's attacks on our community. Thank you, Raymond Perez 84105	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Rebecca Baumher	My name is Rebecca Baumher. I am a registered voter in SLC (zip 84106). I would like to see a reduction in the proposed police budget. This decrease needs to be at least \$30M. We do not need MORE policing in this city. This means a hiring freeze for this budget year. Furthermore, we can use this divestment from policing as an investment in our community. Policing has proven to not add to our community. Our community needs food, housing, transportation, and public health. We are still very much living through covid-19. This has affected, and will continue to affect our neighbors access to health care and basic human needs. AND it will disproportionately affect our neighbors of color. Unnecessary use of force by police is not acceptable. Police brutality is not acceptable. We don't more policing, we need less of it. Listen to us. Defund the police. Reinvest in the community. Where we need it. Invest in us. Thanks,	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Rebecca Loosli	Hello, I would like to demand that money that was allotted for hiring new officers for the SLCPD to instead go to more de-escalation training and implicit-bias training. I believe we need better trained officers, not more. Thank you for the consideration,	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Rebekah Eichberg	Hi, my name is Rebekah Eichberg. I agree with the demands proposed by Utahns against police brutality. I do not agree with or support the mayors recommended budget where police receive \$84,422,651. More importantly, there are programs like housing, transit, education, rehabilitation, and rape recovery that don't even see half that amount. I do not support SLCPD and I do not want to see my tax money support them. Thank you Rebekah Eichberg [REDACTED]	n/a
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Budget 2020-2021	Reeve Silianoff	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Reeve Silianoff	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Reilly Jensen	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this and we must divest funds from the proposed SLCPD budget and invest in our communities in need of dignity and opportunity. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I live in SLC and demand a reduction of the SLCPD budget by \$30 million. These funds can better be used as: 1) rent relief funds to offset economic impacts of covid-19, 2) help keep people socially distanced in their homes, and help provide dignity and shelter to those most affected by the pandemic and show that SLC protects its vulnerable residents. Investing in housing relief, funding childcare and after school educational programs, providing meals and resources to families in-need must come before hiring for a police force that must heal itself before it can help others. Thank you. Reilly Jensen	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Renato Olmedo-Gonzalez	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Renato Olmedo-Gonzalez Enviado desde mi iPhone	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Rene Gilfillan	Defund the \$84 MILLION budgeted to the police and put those funds towards social services in minority communities. Minorities do not trust the police and for good reason. Violence BY police towards minorities has been a precedent in the United States, Utah, and SLC. Internal trainings for police have not improved these relationships. Fund social services that actually will help underserved populations - services that have proven to reduce crime more than police intervention has. The homeless population has not benefited from police intervention. Put these funds towards more resources for homeless folks to get back on their feet, not incarcerated or fined. As a member of SLC I urge this council to DEFUND the police force. 23 new cops will NOT make our city a safer place for myself and our neighbors.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Rhiannon Trimm	Requesting that you take the \$84 million allocated next year for the PD and reallocate those funds to help the population of vulnerable humans here in Utah who are hit harder than ever with the earthquake, COVID-19, the lock down, and now riots. I have been witness to police brutality here in SLC and do not wish to further support such behaviors with my tax dollars.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Rhyannon Rodriguez	Hello, My name is Rhyannon Rodriguez. I agree with the demands proposed by Utahns Against Police Brutality. I do not agree with or support the mayor's recommended budget where police receive \$84,422,651. More importantly, there are programs like housing, transit, rehabilitation, and rape recovery that don't even see half that amount. I do not support SLCPD and I do not want to see my tax money support them. We need to distribute more resources for Covid-19 testing, vaccination research and distribution, and PPE for healthcare workers, and not the continued militarization of the police force. Thank you, Rhyannon Rodriguez	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Ria Kaddu	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Ria Kaddu -- Ria Kaddu University of Utah	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Richard Holman	The following comments are provided by Richard Holman, Chair of the Westside Coalition and Dorothy Owen, Chair of the Westpointe Community Council. Questions/Comments/requests are as follows: Question 1: Where are the UIPA tax differential revenues in the City's budget as UIPA documents indicate such funding will be available in 2020? Is the City using the same revenue estimate? How is such funding being budgeted? How much are increased services to UIPA estimated to cost in upcoming budget year and how much of that cost will be covered by tax differential? Where is this covered in the budget? Are Department budgets and staff being allowed to expand to provide such services? What plans, if any, does the City have to cover such costs if anticipated revenues do not materialize? Question 2: The proposed budget does not appear to include continued funding for community-based organization mini-grants? Such funding has proven essential for CC to improve their ability to outreach and address diversity and inequity issues. ACE funding does not allow for communities to address these issues with these funds. These funds were made available to ALL city recognized community-based organizations to broaden the base of organizations able to address Westside community issues. Question 3: Where are the funds for the updating of the Westpointe Small Area Masterplan along 2200 West? Question 4: The Mayor has recognized tremendous inequities between the Westside and other parts of the City. Leaders from the Westside have met with the Mayor to begin characterizing these issues. Where are these inequities defined and where in the budget are the resources associated with addressing these inequities quantified? Request 1: Request City Council consider funding Planning and Zoning and other relevant city departments provide training and resources to Community Councils on how to review, discuss, analyze and comment on economic development/zoning/planning proposals. There is a high need for this training given the large number of proposals being submitted for review in the proximity of Westside neighborhoods. The Councils need to determine methods by which to do these reviews more efficiently and effectively. We use laypeople to respond to plans that developers have spent 10s of 1000s of dollars on lawyers to lay out their strategy. This is another inequity injuring Westside quality of life, we simply do not have the resources to deal with the onslaught of developer proposals and impacts.	1
Budget 2020-2021	Riley Smith	I am writing to you today to demand fundamental changes relating to the budget and police department in general. I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the salt lake police department, while housing is around 23 million and transit is under 5 million. This is unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in funding since 2018. Most black residents, residents of color and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here. They are violent in the face of none violent protests. Second, I call on you to start petitioning Utah's higher ranked officials to push for qualified immunity reform. Holding the police, the people we should look to for the gold standard, to a lower standard than our citizens and protecting them when they have so obviously done wrong is horrendous and unacceptable. Third, we need the use of military grade assault weapons by our police to be illegal. These guns are specially made to kill people. The intent of these guns were never meant to be used by the police in our cities. The threat of them alone is oppressive and harmful. We look to the police for protection and safety not to fear for our lives.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Rima Saif	Dear Councils members, I do not support the current funding for police. Please reconsider putting more money in to the communities rather than adding to police budget. The police budget needs to be decreased and there needs to be major reform in their training and policies to ensure safety of our communities! Thank you,	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	River (?) Haggarty	Opposed to provide additional funding to Police Department. Appalling we are giving more money to police when public housing and public food programs don't have enough money. School districts are being asked to cut funding. Money should go to schools and public programs rather than to police.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	River Stephenson	Hello, I am writing to you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systematic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, River Stephenson	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Roah Biesinger	When planning the city budget, you should use what is typically given to the police, and instead assigning it to UTAH AGAINST POLICE BRUTALITY to start a community oversight committee of the Police. The money should go to education, public transit, and social services. DEFUND THE POLICE Roah Biesinger [REDACTED]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Roah Biesinger	I am writing to you because for years Utah Against Police Brutality has been fighting to create a Community Oversight Board. A committee of Salt Lake City Residents that will review acts of police abuse. I ask you to reduce the SLCPD budget and allocate some of those funds to create the Community Oversight Board with the assistance and recommendations of Utah Against Police Brutality. DEFUND AND DEMILITARIZE THE POLICE!	4
Budget 2020-2021	Robert Donaldson	Hi, I don't know how this works or what validation I need to have my opinion matter, but I've just seen that there is a question of funding to hire new police. I support this. But if this is the correct place to add my highest concern: homeless. I bought my house 12 years ago and there really weren't bums everywhere and now there are villages. My taxes which are seemingly ever increasing, Are helping pay for the library and parks and yet no one wants to picnic in those places or take their children there because they're chock full of homeless people. Who use the bathroom where? Who litter like it's going out of style, who occasionally chase blacks and gays with pepper spray, and who, without the presumption that everyone is using, don't responsibly dispose of needles. We were told the women's resource center on 700S was (somehow) not going to be a magnet for homeless encampments but it isn't the case. So I'd like to vote for police funding, but especially because police are a part of The team hopefully trying to control law breaking public squatters and their aftermath. Counselors, resource shelters (in the avenues maybe), and a plan would be a wonderful. As a side note, how does Park City not have this problem? Different legislation? There are gas fire pits up there and lovely walkways through the nearby woods. I may hand out PC tourism pamphlets around the library next time I'm there. Thanks and good luck, Robert Donaldson [REDACTED] 84111 Sent from my iPhone	4
Budget 2020-2021	Robert Kongden	Support decreasing the police budget - City is well enough protected, and given all the concern and attention to police action, the SLCPD does not need an increase to their budget	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Rochell Rektentu	I would like to see funds diverted away from the SLCPD and put into the social services specifically for our low income and homeless communities and minority communities.	4
Budget 2020-2021	Rory Bruggeman	Hi Amy, I just wanted to add my voice to those speaking up about the police budget. The militarization of the police is terribly expensive and I'm not convinced it's making us any safer, or the city a better place. I would like Salt Lake to be a gold standard for progressive policing. Please defund the police \$30M and divert those funds to mental health services and housing for people living in poverty. Thank you. -- Rory Bruggeman [REDACTED]	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Rory Tarics	Comments: Defund the police! SLC doesn't need more police violence. We need the social services the police are often deployed in place of. No more escalation of volatile circumstances, no more guns and handcuffs for people who need help. We need housing first for our unhoused neighbors, we need crisis teams whose priority is deescalation and humanity. We need to fund our youth programs and our resources to keep people from losing their stability. The police aren't designed to provide these things - even when people have individual positive interactions with the police, the threat of violence always looms and the power imbalance is always present. Social services do what police can't, safer and more effectively.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Rose Nelson	To whom it may concern, It has come to my attention that there is a proposed increase in the policing budget. I am distressed by this news for a number of reasons. Chief among them being that I do not understand how giving even more of our city's budget to the police after numerous complaints and issues is supposed to fix the issues endemic to SLCPD. To a member of the public, it looks like the already overfunded police are being rewarded for doing a mediocre and sometimes harmful job. Particularly in this current climate, giving the police even more funds seems like an insult to the people that they have abused. If you had any interest in 'law and order' or helping the people that serve this community, you would invest in SLC schools, in rehabilitation programs, in therapy and psychiatry resources, in affordable housing, in all the programs that you have underfunded and deprioritized. It seems that this budget increase is not for new programs, reform, change- it is for salary increases and 'enhanced' body cams. How does this help anyone in our community except for the police that are abusing us? The issues with policing cannot be solved by throwing money and equipment at them with no plan to oversee implementation. The issues with policing cannot be solved by working with and within the institution of policing. This budget increase is an insult to your constituents and a slap in the face to slc POC communities- I am writing to demand that you do not increase the budget for these incompetent cops. To stop giving them money until they actually work towards changing the policies and methods responsible for killing unarmed Utahns. Redistribute police funds to organizations that PROACTIVELY solve problems and provide COMPASSIONATE treatment for those in need of support. DEFUND THE POLICE AND REDISTRIBUTE THOSE RESOURCES TO THE COMMUNITIES THAT NEED THEM! All the best, Rose Nelson	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Rosemary Elliot	Hello, I am a concerned citizen writing this letter to demand that we allocate the budget planned for the SLCPD next year to our more vulnerable communities. I propose instead, divide the money between foundations helping immigrant families without legal representation and our school systems. They are the communities in actual need of our protection and service. Thank You.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Roxie Carlson	I'm encouraging the City Council to reduce funding allocated to the police department by 30 % and that money be reallocated to other resources that will benefit our community as a whole. More resources for homelessness and mental health.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Rozel Rogers (?)	Defund a large portion if not all PD funding. Wants a citizens council that reviews all police activity and cases for last 10 years. Should have possibility of prosecuting and firing police officers. Wants condemnation from City for white supremacist forces from showing up at peaceful protests.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Ruben Abeyta	My name is Ruben, and our police department needs to lose funding. The money used to fund riot gear, tear gas, rubber (metal with rubber coating) bullets, and armored vehicles needs to be put toward public education, public transport, COVID-19 PPE, public health, and art programs. If you decide not to listen to the masses, and still fund the police, the funding should go towards much better and longer training, anti-brutality training, adrenaline management, and impulse control. Cops crumble under small amounts of pressure and slight levels of fear which is a good indicator that they should A. not be cops or B. be trained much better, by people who are much more proficient. All of this is evident with the shootings of unarmed black and brown people who either had their hands up, or were running away due to the natural instinct of fleeing an imminent threat, such as an armed and dangerous cop.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Russ Wood	Chris, I am a resident in your district who is deeply distraught at the presence and actions of the city's police force during the Justice For George Floyd protests this weekend and yesterday. Seeing as the city council is currently proposing an egregious new budget for SLCPD, I URGE you to please do the following: PLEASE decrease the budget by at least \$30 million and freeze the hiring of new police officers. The proposition of spending nearly \$100 million on an already too plentiful and well-equipped force of social control is absurd. You must allocate as much money as possible away from the Police Department and invest it in local social services like food distribution, transportation, and public health. Doing so would likely result in a stronger community and less need for police presence and enforcement of poverty-targeting practices the police employ. The amount of police in the city over the past few days did NOT make me feel any safer and they surely do not need any more officers or money to further intimidate and control the people of our city. I urge you to reconsider the allocation of additional funds to this department, for the good of Salt Lake City. Thank you for your time, Russ Wood	3
Budget 2020-2021	Russell Allphin	Whomever it may concern, My name is Russell Allphin. As a member of Salt Lake's community I strongly disagree with the divination of the city's budget. I would advocate for less funding going towards the SLC police department. I would like to see more of the city's budget going toward public transit, housing, and education. Please consider this. Thank you. Russell Allphin	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Russell Roots	Good day to whomever is concerned, I moved to Salt Lake three years ago because this city is full of opportunities to be successful & satisfied, both personally and professionally. As a Black man (who had never visited nor knew anyone upon arrival) in a vastly White state, I have achieved most of what I have set out to accomplish. This city and state are my home and it deeply disappoints me to see the recent developments, particularly, in regards to the reckless and overly aggressive manner of local policing. I very much want this city and this state to improve but I don't believe increasing the police budget and adding more officers are the way to do it. Particularly, in light of the challenges that housing impoverishment, last in the nation school funding, and poor air quality represent here. There are far better candidates for this prospective funding that will serve the public good that won't result in additional weapons, equipment, and tactics that belong more to warfighting than cruising our local streets. We can do better. Thank you, Russell Roots	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Ryan Condrick	Name: Ryan Condrick [REDACTED] Comments: I think there is far too much funding for the Police Department. We need more funding dedicated to community and neighborhood development, or assisting the quickly growing homeless youth population. Questions: Why is there 4 times as much funding for the Police Department as there is for Community and Neighborhood Development?	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Ryan Lindquist	Hello, I am a Utah citizen concerned about how the funds are being used in the police force. If anything, there should be funding to look into police brutality and audit cases of police brutality in order to stop the violence that is an inert part of law enforcement culture. We need body cameras on EVERY officer. We need to be better, we need to do better. So, no, I don't believe that the SLC police needs \$84 Million. That is outrageous, there has to be other places that money could go. Thank you for your time.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Ryan Reyes	I'm a proud member of the Salt Lake community (living in downtown) and upon reading the proposed budget for FY20 - 21 I'd like to recommend a thoughtful redistribution of next year's budget. I see that the police force is scheduled to receive \$84.4 million, a \$10 million dollar increase over only 2 years ago while collectively community and neighborhoods are only recommended to receive \$31.8 million and Arts, Culture and Economic development are only proposed to receive \$2.3 million. I believe that to truly enact long term change, we must change the way we view policing and community development and reprioritize the citizens of Salt Lake City. Please consider giving substantially more to help develop our community, not to mention items from other funds like education, health care and homelessness that need to be boosted for our community as well. I believe this city wants to do right and I hope that we can prove it through how we allocate our resources.	4
Budget 2020-2021	Rylan Jackman	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Rylan Jackman	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	S. Lily Morales	Hello, My name is Lily Morales, I am a citizen of Salt Lake City, and I believe we ought to defund the police. Below I have outlined some questions and their answers regarding the power, possibility, and necessity of a police-free future: Won't abolishing the police create chaos and crime? How will we stay safe? Police abolition work is not about snapping our fingers and instantly defunding every department in the world. Rather, we're talking about a gradual process of strategically reallocating resources, funding, and responsibility away from police and toward community-based models of safety, support, and prevention. The people who respond to crises in our community should be the people who are best-equipped to deal with those crises. Rather than strangers armed with guns, who very likely do not live in the neighborhoods they're patrolling, we want to create space for more mental health service providers, social workers, victim/survivor advocates, religious leaders, neighbors and friends “ all of the people who really make up the fabric of a community “ to look out for one another. But what about armed bank robbers, murderers, and "supervillains"? Crime isn't random. Most of the time, it happens when someone has been unable to meet their basic needs through other means. So to really "fight crime," we don't need more cops; we need more jobs, more educational opportunities, more arts programs, more community centers, more mental health resources, and more of a say in how our communities function. Sure, in this long transition process, we may need a small, specialized class of public servants whose job is to respond to violent crimes. But part of what we're talking about here is what role police play in our society. Right now, cops don't just respond to violent crimes; they make needless traffic stops, arrest petty drug users, harass Black and Brown people, and engage in a wide range of "broken windows policing" behaviors that only serve to keep more people under the thumb of the criminal justice system. But why not fund the police and fund all these alternatives, too? Why is it an either/or? It's not just that the police are ineffective: in many communities, they're actively harmful. The history of policing is a history of violence against the marginalized “ American police departments were originally created to dominate and criminalize communities of color and poor white workers, a job they continue doing to this day. The list has grown even longer: LGBTQ folks, people with disabilities, activists “ so many of us are attacked by cops on a daily basis. And it's bigger than just police brutality; it's about how the prison industrial complex, the drug war, immigration law, and the web of policy, law, and culture that forms our criminal justice system has destroyed millions of lives, and torn apart families. Cops don't prevent crime: they cause it, through the ongoing, violent disruption of our communities. It is also worth noting that most social service agencies and organizations that could serve as alternatives to the police are severely underfunded, scrambling for grant money to stay alive while being forced to interact with officers who often make their jobs even harder. This all sounds good in theory, but wouldn't it be impossible to do? What's really impossible is the idea that police departments can be reformed against their will to protect and serve communities whom they have always attacked. The police, as an institution, have existed for less than 200 years. Abolishing the police doesn't need to be difficult “ we can do it in our own cities, one dollar at a time, through redirecting budgets to common-sense alternative programs. Thank you, S. Lily Morales [REDACTED]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Sabrina Abdalla	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Sabrina	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Sadie Asbridge	PLEASE do not further militarize the police. Taxpayer dollars are better invested in housing and relief efforts. Police presence does not make me feel safer, but providing relief and shelter for the homeless so that citizens of Salt Lake City can feel safe and secure walking about the city does provide a feeling of safety. I urge the council to not only DENY an increase in funding to the police department, but to DECREASE overall police spending and put those funds back into the most vulnerable of our community.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Sadie O'Neill	Dear Salt Lake City Council, Please decrease the funding for the SLC police department by at least \$30 million. Police brutality needs to end right now and putting all that funding towards the police department is not providing justice. BLACK LIVES MATTER. That is the most important thing we need to recognize RIGHT NOW. Please incorporate a hiring freeze for the police department now, and focus more of your efforts on equality in our city and community. Please take that funding and use it to invest in transportation, food, housing, and public health. We are HUMAN BEINGS. We deserve our basic needs to be met, before you invest in money for our police department. Please show compassion and recognize that Black lives matter. Thank you for reading this.	n/a
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Budget 2020-2021	Salda Martinez	As a Utah resident, a person of color, and a member of the LGBTQ community. I do not agree with the decision to to give the SLCPD 85 million dollars or the plan to hire 23 new police officers. I do not feel safe with the SLCPD around. I would prefer to see a 30 million dollar decrease and a hiring freeze of SLCPD. I would like to an increase in funding to our community from food, housing authority, public transportation and health. We need to improve and help our communities and clearly the SLCPD is not doing that. They're terrorizing our bike residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ community. We need to make these marginalized groups feel safer and more welcomed.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Saleema Qazi	SLC Council Members, As a resident of SLC, I do not feel that an increase in police presence benefits the community. The police do not help us, they harass and murder people of color. We have yet to see justice for Bernardo Palacios, Cody Belgard, and many others murdered by SLCPD. The way they have treated our unsheltered community is appalling. Taking warm weather gear and breaking up peaceful encampments is so harmful. Please decrease funding to our police force and invest in affordable housing, education, and access to food for all. Saleema Qazi	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Sam Peterson	I'm taking a-look at projected budget for the next fiscal year and I see the mayor has allocated nearly 85\$ million while housing is receiving much less and transit much less. honestly unacceptable. The number represent a 16% increase since 2016. Most of our black residents or residents of color and LGBTQ have witnessed violence or carelessness of the police through peaceful protesting. Funding this is unacceptable. There is a direct link with systemic racism between over-policing impoverished neighborhoods and color and underfunding affordable housing and transportation. Without these basic necessities people can lead successful lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if funding is allocated toward resources which will help me the community heal rather than face hostility and tension. Our community members deserve better. If Salt Lake City claims to care about people of color they should aim to directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, social welfare and community centers are in need of financial support. We've seen SLC take important action and now is an important time to continue this trend. How ca we allocate funding toward community and transformative justice? How can we help black members of our community feel safe on the streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equality. Issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of police accountability should be center in the conversation. I am calling with love and hope for all of salt lake city. Please listen to the people in their demands please for a just society. Not with silence but deeper understanding. I'm sure you are getting a lot of calls and emails and I hope you heed the messages and hear what the community needs and use the power that has been given to you to act on it for the community you are meant to serve.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Sam Wittke	To whom it may concern, Thank you for taking the time to read this brief email. Thank you to the brave men and women who fight for our safety and put their lives at risk every day as officers of the law. Utah has the opportunity to be a voice for change and to begin a movement within the law enforcement sphere. Included are a few ideas that may help to lead the charge, and with which I would hope police officers with integrity would respect. In the wake of recent events, which are just a climax to racial injustice that is cultivated and protected within state law enforcement citizens. Included are some ideas for initiating change through small steps. Every big distance to travel has to begin with a small step. -Mandatory police brutality and racial equality training program for officers in training. If there is one already in place, make sure that there is a larger emphasis placed on it. - The "ABC's" of a Reallocation of tax dollars that over fund Utah law enforcement to other important local areas: A) ADVOCATE Coronavirus economic impact aid payments. Help the people that make this state great, but are facing hard times financially to get back on their feet. B) BRING people up by Funding programs to assist homeless families obtain resources to get into low income housing without having to face the ridiculous legal hassle that they have to face. Creating jobs like social workers that come alongside the poor to help pull them out of poverty and addiction will greatly aid our beloved population who have less than most. C) CARE for the disabled and home bound. I am a full time caregiver for my mother, and right now Utah is very underfunded and under resourced to help people who cannot move around easily (EG: Utah has no financial benefits for full time caregivers. Many nursing homes are understaffed. Banks, financial institutions, DMV's, DLD's do not have any programs to help disabled people who are homebound (an online service or travelling agent that works as an intermediary for some of these agencies would help so many people.). D) DECIDE. There are many different options to further help the people in this state. Thank you for all you do so far! -Keep officers accountable to their actions. When an officer acts immorally, he/she is making officers with good intentions everywhere look bad. Right now, nationwide, there is a system set in place to keep officers from being held accountable to their actions. Change this, and change the world. Obviously this is a challenging step, but it MUST happen in order to ensure that officers remain among us to keep the peace and help people, and not create more division and hurt people. Thank you again very much for your time in reading this. God Bless you. -Sam Wittke	n/a
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Budget 2020-2021	Samantha Matsukawa	Hello, I would like to add my voice to those discussing public funding for SLCPD. The projected budget for FY 20-21 states that the mayor has allocated nearly \$85,000,000 dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving \$23,248,016 and transit is receiving \$4,700,00. To me this is absolutely unacceptable. I'm told these numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. We have a huge problem with housing in our community that is only getting worse, our funding of education is abysmal, and we need to do better. We have better places to put our money then the militarization of our police force. Valuing a police force over the basic necessities of people is part of the problem, and there is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color. Affordable housing and public transportation play a huge role in providing opportunities for people to better their circumstances. The over funding of our police forces and the underfunding of our communities directly leads to systemic oppression. Change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive, rather than fund unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this issue. We can do better. Sincerely, Samantha Matsukawa Resident of Salt Lake City	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Samuel Davis	To whom it may concern, As a citizen of Salt Lake City, I implore you to redirect the 84 million set to fund the police in the 2020-2021 budget to other community programs. In addition to the unknown lasting effects of the current global pandemic, we have an epidemic of homelessness in our community. Instead of over-funding the police, it would mean a great deal to see these dollars provide mental health services, education, food, and housing to our neighbors experiencing homelessness and those negatively impacted by economic uncertainty from COVID -19. Our state and local financial priorities should be set on drastically boosting the welfare of the most vulnerable in our community, not aiding those already in positions of power. We demand a change. 1. No more increases to SLCPD budget 2. \$30 million cut from SLCPD budget to better respond to COVID-19 etc Thank you for your time, Ty Samuel Davis	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Sara McLaws	Dear SLC gov, I'm writing to add my voice in the people's DEMAND FOR DECREASED POLICE BUDGET. We do not need 23 new police officers, nor \$84m for police budget. We need: 1) hiring freeze on SLCPD 2) no more increases to SLCPD budget 3) \$30m cut from SLCPD budget to better respond to COVID-19 shortfalls (unemployment, housing crisis, etc.) 4) SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately CEASE VIOLENCE ON COMMUNITY MEMBERS 5) significantly more funding for education, low-income housing, more affordable public transportation, and did I mention EDUCATION The U.S. spends \$100b on policing. It would cost approx \$25b to eliminate homelessness and \$34b to provide free college to all. Please consider these possibilities as you make decisions to represent your people. Thank you. Sara McLaws	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Sara Wolovick	To whom it may concern, I strongly oppose increasing the Salt Lake City Police Department's budget. The police already have a huge budget and they're clearly heavily militarized which is expensive, and they waste effort on aggressively policing low income communities. It doesn't actually make anyone safer. We should focus our resources on social services and education, and invest in preventing the root causes of crime and addiction. It's frankly much cheaper than trying to solve societal issues on the back end through incarceration and aggressive policing. Addressing poverty, homelessness, and inequality through meaningful and substantial investment of resources is far more cost effective and humane. Thank you. Sincerely, Sara Wolovick	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Sarah Adams	Dear Salt Lake City Council, I am writing to comment on the proposed 2021 budget. I would like the council to reject the mayor's proposed 2021 police budget of \$84.4 million and revise the police budget to be closer to the FY 2019 level (\$70.9 million). In addition, I would like the council to place restrictions within the budget on what equipment the police department is allowed to procure specifically, I would like SLCPD to not buy any further surplus military-grade equipment, and to discontinue the use of tear gas and projectile weapons such as rubber bullets. Thank you for your time, Sarah Adams	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Sarah Christopherson	Ask the City Council to reduce the police budget by \$50 million and use that money to support poor communities and other first responders for emergencies.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Sarah Davis	Good evening, I'm writing to ensure the police department does not receive any more funding. The existing and allocated funds are more than sufficient. Please take this into consideration and invest funds into other public works. Thank you, Sarah	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Sarah Hill	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely Sarah	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Sarah Hobin	Dear City Council, I'm writing to request you consider significantly reducing the amount of funding allocated to the SLC police department in this upcoming budget. We need to invest that money into education and social services that will have positive impacts on our communities, instead of investing into our police force. I care about this city, about the people that live here, and about the lives and well being of the black residents and visitors to Salt Lake City. Please take action during this crucial time to protect black lives and build better communities in our city.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	sarah kelley	We do not need more police and the police do not need more money! Instead can we channel more money towards education and welfare programs that lift up and empower our under-served communities in SLC. What we need is to increase funding towards resources that will serve marginalized communities	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Sarah Keo	To whom it may concern, As a current resident of Millcreek, I do NOT support the mayor's proposed budget increase of over \$2 million to the Salt Lake City Police Department. The general fund is being disproportionately spent on a system that as a country we have lost faith in. By increasing its budget by \$10 million over the past two years, you are perpetuating a flawed and corrupt system that is not supported by the people. Instead, during a time of racial injustice, a health pandemic, an infodemic of misinformation, and increased homelessness, I would like to see these funds be reallocated to one or all of the following: Racial bias training for police officers Affordable Healthcare Public Education Homeless Shelters The above issues are in more urgent need of funding. During a time of mass civil unrest, now is the time to put people first. Thank you for your consideration, Sarah Keo -- Sarah Keo [REDACTED]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Sarah May	Dear Salt Lake City Council, I am writing to you concerning the dire need to address the systematic racism that plagues our society, institutions and public safety. To give \$84 million to the police department which is steeped in racism, racial profiling, violent and abusive acts, is a slap in a face to a population who are not safe as long as the police exist. I ask you to please use this money instead to go to services that address mental health, counseling, social workers, victim/survivor advocacy, organizations that help to heal a community rather than reinforcing a system that instills fear and violence. I am a POC, and I have been racially profiled and harassed by police, asked for my documents when I am born in the United States. Implicit bias and diversity training are not enough to heal this corrupt system; the whole police system needs to be restructured and built within and for a community rather than outside of it. Please see the attached document for a brief overview of what a police free future could look like and visit their website for more information https://www.mpd150.com/ These protests are a cry from people who have been oppressed and killed and beaten down for far too long. If you really want to heal this problem and create a better future, you need to look at something completely opposite from what has existed for years, and to realize the sickness of white supremacy is causing violence and oppression in our society. Creating a more equitable and safe society is addressing white supremacy first and foremost. Thank you for your time in reading my comments. Sarah May	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Sarah Moon	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Sarah Moon	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Sarah Smith	Hello, I have been a resident of Salt Lake City since 2015. I do not support increasing the SLPD budget. That money is better spent going towards social services and our underprivileged communities.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Sarah Wa	I want a decrease in the SLCPD budget. We should not be hiring more cops, we should not be giving raises. If anything we need reform. I demand a reduction in the SLCPD budget.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Sarah Wait	Defund the SLCPD	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Sarena Boyd	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Sarena Boyd	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Scott Rosenbush	Dear Chris, On the news I learned that many public comments at tonight's virtual Council meeting suggested cutting the Police budget. I would like to weigh in on this and ask that the Council either approve the requested budget amount or increase it. I expect that when overtime bills come in over the next couple of months it will quickly become clear that additional funds will be needed just to maintain minimum police service for the full budget year. Thank you for your service. Sincerely, Scott Rosenbush [REDACTED]	3

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Budget 2020-2021	Sedona King	Hi my name is Sedona King, I agree with the demands being made by Utahns Against Police Brutality. I do not agree with or support the mayor's recommended budget where the police receive \$84,422,651 and more important programs like housing, transit, education, rehabilitation, and rape recovery don't even see half that amount. I do not support SLCPD. I do not want to see my tax money support them.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Sela Nock	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Sela Nock Sent from my iPhone	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Sergio Armando Caro	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Sergio Armando Caro	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Seth Sherman	Hello City Council, The \$84 million being proposed for SLCPD is an absurd amount of money and it needs to decreased by at least \$30 million or more and divested into actually helping the community. The SLCPD especially does not need to hire 23 more officers. More money for the SLCPD is a waste that could be spent on growing the community and providing things that we the people actually appreciate and need. Like better public transportation especially. Thank you for your time and consideration, Seth Sherman	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Shadd DeHerrera	Council Member Amy Fowler, My name is Shadd DeHerrera and I'm a volunteer with the Grassroots Law Project. We are working to end police brutality and mass incarceration, and reform policing for a more just society. I'm writing to ask you to take the Path to Justice Pledge. By taking this pledge, you are committing to policies that end police brutality and killings by restricting the use of force, creating non-lethal response teams, and demilitarizing police forces. You're also committing to hold law enforcement accountable by creating committees for oversight with subpoena powers, and eliminating exceptions for law enforcement such as qualified immunity. In order to take the pledge, just go to grassrootslaw.org/pledge and fill out the form. If you'd like to discuss this effort with me further, please email me back or call me at [REDACTED] Too many people have lost their lives to police brutality, and we need everyone in public office to stand up for justice. -Shadd DeHerrera	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Shaily Shine	Small business calling about Police budget. Do not increase the police budget and put a hiring freeze. She recognizes the good work that the Police does but believes that the budget could be used in other areas, homelessness, food. She loves this community and thanks for what you do.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Shannon Mussett	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Shannon Mussett	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Shannyn Christensen	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Shannyn L. Christensen	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Sharese Johnson	To Whom It May Concern, I am writing to you today to discuss public funding for the future of Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the Mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely and wholly unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police. They are violent in the face of non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources, which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension as is our current situation. Our communities deserve better than this. We deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take action in the past to support its residents, and now is the time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents and residents of color feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and equality. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. Please review the police budget and remove funds from the increase to strengthen and change the Community Advisory Board to a Community Review Board that takes the power and onus of disciplinary action stemming from complaints out of the hands of the police and in the hands of the citizens. Currently the Community Advisory Board simply has power to advise the Chief of Police while he holds the final say on discipline. This must be changed. Criminals do not write the laws for criminals. The police department is acting as judge, juror, and executioner. This must change. Upon further reviewing the budget, I noticed that only 8 hours are listed for Fair and Impartial Policing/Implicit Bias training. Please explain and justify your decision in how 8 hours is sufficient time to make up for the fact that Latino men are 2 times more likely than their white peers to die at the hands of the police and that Black men are 3 times more likely than their white peers to die at the hands of the police. 8 hours is not enough. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. I urge that you do not let Salt Lake City fall on the wrong side of history. Sincerely, Sharese Johnson Salt Lake County Resident	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	shauna ehninger	We don't need even more budget directed toward police! If you have \$83 million to spend on a police force then we definitely have money to fully fund education and other social programs. Personally, I would prefer my tax dollars contribute to helping people rather than unnecessarily hurting and harassing them.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Sheila Hernadez	My name is Sheila HernAндеz and here are my thoughts I will begin with the budget first: I would like to see an immediate decrease for the police department and would reallocate money for housing, transportation, and mental health services. For the remaining SLCPD budget it should be divided into a larger amount for educational, psychological, and cultural training and less into weapons. The two diseases of police brutality and COVID 19 will have a tidal wave of individuals who need mental health resources. Please allocate more funding to mental health resources. Moving into my general comment: I would like to talk about transportation. Behind west high school there is a train station that was overdue for a pedestrian bridge. Kids would hop the train to get to school or go back home and police officers would be waiting on the other side to ticket them. This bridge is in it's earlier stages even though it's long overdue. Look into building better transportation in minority communities. PRO SNACKS FOR KIDS DURING THE SUMMER Thank you.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Shelby	My name is Shelby and I do not support the Mayor's recommended budget where police receive \$84 million; demand hiring freeze, at least one year hiring freeze, divestment from police, and investment in our community.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Shelby Hearn	Hello, My name is Shelby Hearn, I am an educator and citizen of Salt Lake City. I am writing today regarding the allocation of public funds and its impact on my community. The proposed \$84 million budget for SLCPD for FY 20-21, including the plan to hire 23 new officers to the force, is--to put it simply-- unacceptable. In both the face of unprecedented economic turmoil due to COVID-19 and in light of renewed fights against police brutality, such a budget increase cannot move forward in good conscience. Mayor Mendenhall has voiced her solidarity with those peacefully protesting for change. Here is her opportunity to truly stand in solidarity and be an agent of change. There is copious research indicating that funding increases to police departments does not better equip these departments to protect their communities. In fact, funding increases are tied to greater use of unnecessary force as our police are increasingly militarized. What is shown to lessen violence and lower crime rates is greater investment in a community. Mayor Mendenhall and the city council have an opportunity here to reallocate at at least \$30 million of the proposed SLCPD budget into chronically underfunded departments and organizations working to uplift our community rather than suppress it. You could begin with increasing what are the currently shameful budgets for housing (\$23 million) and transit (\$4 million). There are dozens of options for reallocation that will help our city flourish and see to it that the systemic issues we have been marching against are addressed. Please see that increasing police funding will only continue to uphold the status quo, rather than make meaningful change. Thank you for your time. Shelby Hearn, M.Ed (they/them, she/hers) [REDACTED] "The function of freedom is to free someone else." - Toni Morrison	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Shelby Taylor	Council, I am deeply disappointed in the local government here in Salt Lake City. I would like to echo my fellow Salt Lake citizens and I am writing to demand a decrease in funding for the Salt Lake police department. Vote to freeze hiring within the This funding is needed for the homeless population, COVID-19 relief, and affordable housing. Furthermore, I would like to voice my anger towards the police department for their failure to protect victims of sexual assault victims and for pepper-spraying, tear-gassing, and attacking peaceful protesters. Thank you, Shelby	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Sherri Vance	I am hearing that SLC wants to give \$84 million to the police. Our police force is already over-militarized and hence ineffective and undemocratic. Please REDUCE the SLC police force budget, other than money that is focused on training and community oversight. Please see this link for information on how to reduce police violence: https://www.joincampaignzero.org/ Thank you, Sherri Vance	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Shivani Lindmeir	Hello! I hope my email finds you well. The safety of our communities have been deemed the responsibility of police and therefore funds allocated to them as such. There are many other means of safety for our communities where those funds could be reallocated! Consider the power of education. More funding for education in the city could lift communities up. Consider funds for homelessness. More shelters and safe places for people experiencing homelessness will certainly reduce the need for police intervention. Please consider reallocating funds for the police to other sectors of our government that desperately need them. If violence isn't the answer, a bigger budget for the police imposing violence is not the answer! Thank you for taking the time to read my email. I love Salt Lake City and know it can be a better place for all people with some careful consideration and serious action. Best, Shivani Lindmeir	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Shykell Ledford	I hope I am not too late to encourage you to give more funding to public safety. I will admit I do not know the details, but I believe our police and public safety officers must have more training on deescalation tactics and diversity topics. The abhorrent abuses of power we've seen by the police across the nation must never happen again. Please vote to do what you can to support training our officers, they need to be held to a higher standard than they currently are. If there's a way to give funding to recruit better officers from the beginning, I encourage you to fund that. Thank you for your service.	4
Budget 2020-2021	Sila Meleisea	Be apart of the solution. There is no need to fund the police or offer more funding to them. They represent racism, violence and hatred. The police give ZERO aid to any community, especially the Black and Brown communities. Defund the police. Cut the funding and give back to the people. Fund the schools and give much needed resources. Fund healthcare so everyone has equal access. Put the homeless in homes and help them re-enter society with rehabilitation and career options. Pay off student debt in this state. DO SOMETHING THAT ACTUALLY HELPS THE PEOPLE WHO VOTE FOR YOU! This is tax money wasted on what will only end in more dead Black and Brown bodies. #BLACKLIVESMATTER Sent from my iPhone	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Simone Williams	Hello, My name is Simone Elizabeth. I am a citizen of Salt Lake City. I would like to demand my city to allocate the money set aside for SLPD into community care. Investing in policing is NOT the way to care for our community during this time, and in the future. I am extremely concerned about police brutality and the way that it harms our community in irreparable ways. Please allocate the money elsewhere. Our citizens urgently need access to food, water, shelter, clean air, COVID-19 testing, and PPE: this is particularly urgent for our neighbors in the Navajo Nation. Police violence is not the future of Salt Lake City. Sincerely, Simone	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Skye Hanson	We should not be funding 80 million dollars to SLC police, black lives have been lost in the hands of police men and we need to fix the problem before we can hire anymore!	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Slade Dahlen	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Slade Dahlen	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Sofi	We need better police training, we need more police training for armed officers. And we need anti-racism trainings.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Sofia Opmanis	Hello, I am a writing to ensure the police department does not receive anymore funding. The funds that have already been allocated in the past are more than sufficient. Please take this into consideration and I ask you to find other means for the funds available. Thank you, Sofia Opmanis	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Solveig Christianson	Solveig Christianson [REDACTED] Comments: I'm a student at the University of Utah and have lived not far from SLC my whole life. i see underfunded social welfare and education programs in areas of lower income. I notice your budget proposal gives a large amount to the SLCPD. I would instead recommend that you invest more in these social programs so that police are called less.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Sonja	Hello, I heard that SLC wants to increase the police budget by \$84 million while also hiring 23 new officers. I respectfully ask that those funds be redistributed to programs that will provide social aid for those in need, which will lower crime rates more effectively and keep ALL of the community safer. After the events of the last week, I do not believe more police is what we need. We need more justice, more empathy, and a society that will not fail its most vulnerable members. I do not support increasing the police budget or hiring more officers. Regards, Sonja [REDACTED]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Sophia Hill	We demand a halt on an increase to the SLCPD budget and demand the budget be decreased. We are amidst a police brutality crisis both locally and nationally. For all those that can no longer have their voice be heard, we speak up. We demand recognition We demand justice	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Sophie Benson	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I call on you to please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. With love and hope, Sophie	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Sophie Betson	Live in Glendale, demanding 84 million be redirected to local programs that encourage community self regulation and empowerment	2

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Budget 2020-2021	Sophie Caligiuri	To whom it may concern: I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Sophie Caligiuri	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Sophie Goverstorm	I'm calling to request that we decrease the police budget by a significant amount. I find that 84 million dollars to be an absorbent amount of money to go to such a controversial public entity right now. I think they've been over weaponized. I agree with people sentiments that police officers need jobs and protective gear but they dont need weapons that will help them kill black and brown people who are 9 times more likely to get killed by the police rather than gang violence this City. I hope you invest that money back into schools, green space and other community resources.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Spencer Barrera	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely Spencer Barrera Sent from my iPhone	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Spencer Cawley, MCMP	Dear Council, I am writing to add my concerns regarding public funding for the upcoming fiscal year. It is alarming that the projected budget for FY 20-21 allocates \$85 million for the Salt Lake City Police Department. As the Wasatch front sees unprecedented growth, Salt Lake City has the opportunity to be a leader of the changes our state desperately needs to see. I urge you to reconsider the allocation of these funds to be better distributed for housing and public transportation. Affordable housing and reliable transportation are critical to the capital city. The fact that housing is receiving \$23,248,016 and transit is receiving \$4,700,00 is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. As an LGBTQ resident who continues to witness the militarization of the Salt Lake City's police force and their often forceful mistreatment of minority groups, I do not agree with the allocation of the budgeted funds. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, the change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. Salt Lake City must be the leader in this change. Salt Lake City must set an example of how to care for their residents. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor claims to be actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systematic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Spencer Cawley, MCMP	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Spencer D. Davis	Dear Men, Women, and other Identities of the Salt Lake City Council, I would first like to thank you for taking the time to meet together and publically discuss the fund reallocation, instead of just deciding behind closed doors as many politicians have become infamous for. In my own opinion, and those of my peers, friends, family, and neighbours, the amount being discussed for financing the Salt Lake Police Department is far too large. Right now we are dealing with a time of civil unrest, lost faith in government officials, and general social fear. Many issues arising now are a repeating of historical ones brought on by the indecisiveness and/or the spreading of misinformation. Are we not trying to leave a better world for future generations? Should we not aim to that goal? The 84 Million USD in question could go to many causes to support the ideology of a better world now and later, one such would be putting that towards our public education programs. Whether that be the library system(which has been damaged both physically by vandals and symbolically with COVID-19 closures), or to our schools that are strained now more than ever. This strain due to teachers working overtime to not only create unique and thought-provoking syllabuses, but also they have been thrust into creating online portals to education our youth without proper IT systems, backup, or support. DO. NOT. FURTHER. FUND. THE. POLICE. Doing so would only have the public lose faith in the officials that we so desperately need to be strong, and compassionate in this mess of a year. We need to engage our youth, and educate our citizens. We DO NOT need to enforce and enchain our democratic practitioners. Thank you for reading this, I hope you make the proper decision. -Spencer D. Davis, a lifelong Utah citizen.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Spencer Daily	My name is Spencer Daily, I live in the 84103 zip code. I feel like it's really important to move funds from police funding to other resources. I think one of the things that we are struggling with as a city is law enforcement and it's not that the money shouldn't be designated for it, I don't think it needs to be as high as it is and needs to be looked at and there doesn't need to be any wasteful spending. You can give me a call back at...	3
Budget 2020-2021	Starrlyn Bower	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Starrlyn Bower	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Stefahn Rich	Hello, My name is Stefahn Rich and I am a small business owner in Salt Lake City. I am writing today to discuss public funding for the future of our city. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable!!! These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Thank you Sincerely, Stefahn Rich	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Stefan Vesch	After the utter shame the slc pd showed during the protests. It would be in the city's best interests to remove any forward motion of an increased budget. Salt lake has always had a supportive police force in regards to protests. This was not one of those times. Over the years I have watched the quality of officers behavior drop. From supportive and friendly, to now aggressive and immature. From the excessive force of the shooting on state street last year, the ridiculous behavior at the recent protests. Shoving an elderly man, allowing a man with a hunting bow to freely attempt harm, salt Lake was not in any riot like state. Meanwhile the slc pd have done nothing to clean up state streets obvious drug and prostitution problem. Rio grand shelter was a complete disaster, when it came to enforcement. I have repeatedly seen l'll behavior and lackadaisical officers harass innocent kids for skateboarding while people sell heroin and meth between 1300s and 1500s state street. Let them earn their wage increase not just get a free pass.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Stella Ferro	Defund the Police! The people have spoken!! Is this a Democracy or a dictatorship, it's up to YOU! If you care about the lives of the citizens of this state, of this country, I beg you please stop funding an institution that is design to kill. If money is the only language you listen to then send a message with your power of pocket. If you face people speaking up for a legitimate issue with violence and not those who protest against public health, you are a hypocrite.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Stella Madsen	I demand that the \$84 million allocation to the police for the next year be redirected into local programs and resources that are more beneficial to the citizens of Utah. We need to disarm, demilitarize, and defund the cops to keep our city safe. - Stella Madsen	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Stephanie Findley	Hello my name is Stephanie Findley, I'm a concerned citizen of the beautiful city of Salt Lake and you can reach me at [REDACTED] if there is any follow up. I'm calling to make my request heard. In regards to the police killings nationally and here in Salt Lake City and the salt lake police departments violence against a grieving multi-racial community here in Salt Lake City Our city is in desperate for visionary leadership. I'm calling on our council to be those visionary leaders by pledging to defund the Salt Lake City Police Department and instead fund the things that actually keep our community safe especially black communities, indigenous communities, LatinX communities and other of color. I live in 84116 and we are the highest rate of COVID-19 in the state and one of the poorest. That needs to change and that should concern all of us. I'm calling on all of you to commit to the following during the public hearing tonight =: 1. implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD 2. Vote No to any increase in police funding 3. Propose and vote for 30 million cut to the SLCPD budget as we respond to projected shortfall and for those things to be put toward VODI19 efforts and housing and unemployment for Utahans and salt lake city people who have lost their job. 4. To invest and expand community lead health and safety strategies. 5. Do everyone in your power to compel SCLPD agencies to immediately cease enacting violence including lifting the curfew. The right to assemble is our first amendment right. People were practicing social distancing, I was watching people stand apart, and the fact that this was made after reopening after public health is not ok we should be able to protest these things. People's lives matter. I look forward to the meeting tonight, bye bye.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Stephanie Gardiner	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Warmly, Stephanie Gardiner	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Stephanie Matalone	As we watch the events unfold here in our city and across the nation, it's time for Salt Lake to consider its own police force as funding for the department is on the agenda. It is a pivotal time to look at brutality in our own city and ensure that the SLPD is following research based policy to decrease police brutality and keep them accountable especially when encountering People of Color. We need to enact more strict use of policies to prohibit the use of force and have better contracts that do not allow things like reinstating officers and purging misconduct records. Research suggests that investing in nonprofit community groups to reduce crime as a prevention strategy is highly effective. Even further, we should not be receiving military's weapons from the government and that increasing police killings. Let's please take a look at our department and act to reduce racial injustices. Take action instead of just getting angry at protestors.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Stephanie Ottehenning	Dear SLC gov, I'm writing to add my voice in the people's demand for decreased police budget. We do not need 23 new police officers, nor \$84 million for a police budget. We need: 1) hiring freeze on SLCPD 2) No more increases to SLCPD budget to better respond to COVID-19 impact (unemployment, housing crisis, etc.) 4) SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease violence on community members 5) Significantly more funding for education, low-income housing, more affordable public transportation, and once again EDUCATION. PAY OUR TEACHERS. The U.S spends \$100 Billion on policing. It would cost approximately \$25 Billion to eliminate homelessness and \$34 billion to provide college to all. Please consider these possibilities as you make decisions that represent your people. Thank you.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Stephen	I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Stephen	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Stephen Grant	I demand Police Brutality Reform Now! Sent from my iPhone	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Stephen J. Allen	Comments: Less money should be put towards police and militarization and more should be put towards community and neighborhood development and other humanitarian concerns. Our issue is not crime; it is injustice, poverty, hunger, housing, education, and other issues that, when addressed effectively, create a stronger, healthier, more inclusive, and more productive citizenry. We do not need more fear, we need more hope. Questions: Why do we need more police, especially given our current political climate?	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Stephen Marginson	Hello, Thank you for offering a platform to comment on the council meeting remotely. I am a Salt Lake City resident and live in the Sugarhouse area. I do NOT support the increase to the SLCPD's budget as a voter, tax payer, and citizen of Utah. I would like to see the money be allocated for housing initiatives, social programs, and addiction services instead. Thank you for your time, Stephen Marginson	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Steven LaBelle	Hello, I am writing to call for defunding of the Salt Lake police: 1- I demand a decrease in the budget by at least \$30 million 2- I demand a hiring freeze for SLCPD for the next year. 3- I demand a divestment from policing and an investment in our community (food, housing, transportation, and public health). Last weekend we saw that the police have plenty of officers and resources. The SLCPD are overfunded and overemployed. Steven LaBelle	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Stockton LaSalle	Hello and thank you for your service to the City of Salt Lake. I am writing to ask you to not increase the budget for the city's police department. Clearly throwing more money into the police department is not the answer to the issues of civil unrest in our current climate, we've tried that over and over again. If the department needs more money they can choose not to buy new vehicles for their officers. Many police departments across the US do not have new cars, this makes no sense, and has no benefit to lowering crime. Let us please use this 84 Million dollars to invest in non police solutions to reduce crime and unrest. We can invest in housing, employment and healthcare that directly target the problems of public safety. Instead of criminalizing homelessness, we need publicly financed supportive housing; instead of gang units, we need community-based anti-violence programs, trauma services and jobs for young people; instead of school police we need more counselors, after-school programs, and restorative justice programs. . Just a few thoughts as an alternative to use this money to fund the positive. Thank you, Stockton LaSalle	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Stormy D. Peterson	Hello, As someone who has lived a majority of my life in Salt Lake County, I have seen some many bad aspects from having a growing police presence. There is NO reason it needs to be increased! At this time of great need by our citizens and communities our police state does not need expanding. Our local businesses and needy families could use help. Not the organization that is already failing to uphold their civil duties.	N/A

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Budget 2020-2021	Susan Chamberlain	To Whom It May Concern: I am writing today as a resident of Salt Lake City to call for a reduction in the funding of the police department in the 2021 budget by \$30 million dollars. This great city will not be made safer by funding an increasingly militarized police force. That is like treating a symptom, rather than the virus itself. We must use our budget to address those issues that contribute to SLC's rates of crime, especially agencies of civic support, such as transitional housing, local small business grants, and social service agencies that address the mental and physical health of our people. In this pandemic, we need more funding for programs that address the impacts of systemic racism, which have more adversely impacted Black and brown communities within the city (e.g., Build a More Equitable City, mortgage assistance, and other programs to help those experiencing record levels of food insecurity, job loss, underemployment, and the threat of losing their homes). Our budget should help our most vulnerable to find safety and security for themselves and their families, rather than making them subject to increased criminalization and brutality. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration, and for your values-driven leadership over the years. However, the pain of our city cannot be healed by the status quo. We must decrease the SLCPD budget and increase funding for city programs that create real and lasting change. Sincerely, Susan Chamberlain Proud Rose Park Resident	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Sydney Cahoon	Hello, My name is Sydney Cahoon and as a citizen of Utah I am writing you to demand a decrease in the SLCPD budget. I am a white woman, I am an educated woman. I will not allow for those in my community that are continuously put in dangerous and fatal situations to continue to be brutalized by the police. I refuse to allow the police department getting \$84 million more dollars, along with the potential hiring of 23 new officers. We have always needed change. And now with what is going on, we have the opportunity to change. Sydney Cahoon	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Sydney Cambra	Salt Lake City Council, In response to the \$84 million budget proposal for SLCPD, and as one of your constituents, I ask that you please respond with the following changes: 1. Decrease SLCPD's budget by AT LEAST \$30 million 2. Institute a hiring freeze for SLCPD for the following year 3. Divest from police spending and invest in black and brown communities through food, housing, healthcare, education, and transportation. Thank you for your time. Sydney Cambra	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Sydney Olson	Hello, This email is in regard to public funding. The proposed \$84M for the Police department is unacceptable. As you know, Utah has proposed \$382M in budget cuts to public education. We are already the last in the country for spending in public education. PLEASE consider using some of the money to use towards education, specifically within Communities of Color and low income areas. I teach Kindergarten at a Title I school in Salt Lake City and I have seen first hand how education can change lives. But in order to affect more change, we need money. Over-policing and systemic racism in my very school community is what is holding my students back from achieving and breaking free from poverty. I send this message with love for Salt Lake City. Love for my students. Love for POC. We need to unravel hundreds of years of oppression and we can do it RIGHT NOW. Kindly, Sydney Olson	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Sylvan Tovar	Hello, my name is Sylvan Tovar and I am a resident of salt lake city, up in the avenues. In light of the national conversation that we're having about the way citizens are being policed I think that it's unwise to increase the police budget at this time. It sends the message that the salt lake city government hears what the people are saying and either don't care or disagree. I believe that a statement regarding the city's acknowledgment of protesters position and government priorities moving forward would be appropriate right now before we talk about increasing police budget any further. Thank you, Sylvan Tovar	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	TaCara DeTevis	I am a resident and I do not support increasing the police budget or expanding the police force. Police have fought for legal protections that allow them to steal from, lie to, and murder citizens. Replace cops with actual civil servants.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Tamara Fox	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Tamara Fox	n/a
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Budget 2020-2021	Tamsen Reid	Hello, I am writing to ask that we do not further increase the police budget in the coming year. I believe the \$84 million suggested would do far more help if we used the funds for things like mental health, addiction treatment, and ensuring social workers are called on scene in many instances in lieu of the police. The SLCPD has shown that they are not able to handle confrontation with folks experiencing mental conditions and are creating more tension in the community. Please reconsider this funding and reallocate the suggested budget to social work and mental health. Thank you,	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Tamsin Clement	Hi, my name is Tamsin. I wanted to leave a comment showing my support and solidarity with the concerns other Utahns have posed about next year's budget. I do not want \$84 million to go to our police force. I want those funds to be allocated to more important resources, such as housing. I want to see our BIPOC communities healing at a time like this. I want to see our funds going toward resources that heal instead of harm. I trust that your council can find a way to hear our concerns and listen to the community needs being voiced by Black people right now. We do not need a powerful police force as badly as we think we do. We need healing.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Tanya-Lynn Faupula	I am emailing to voice that I would like to see a majority of the budget go back into the community, not to the police force. That money should be spent on bettering public education, helping low-income communities (including the homeless), and on cultural awareness & activity. Black and brown bodies suffer police brutality here in Utah, yet our local government refuses to address and fix this issue. Just because an issue isn't discussed amongst the privileged, does not mean it's non-existent here. Also, marginalized communities (especially the Black community) need to be accurately represented in our legislature and in policies created. We all painfully aware of gerrymandering and it leads to the misrepresentation and mistreatment of these communities. They need to be a part of these discussions and reform. Do not give a majority of our tax dollars to the police force. Take a stand against systemic racism. Mourn with those that mourn and comfort those that stand in need of comfort. Signed, Tanya-Lynn Faupula	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Tara Arthurs	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Tara Arthurs	n/a
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Budget 2020-2021	Tatiana Christian	Hello Chris, I have already sent an email to the City Council but wanted to send one to you too. I am asking for the council, particularly in light of recent events, to drastically reduce the budget for the police department. The police serve no purpose; they protect white supremacists and kill Black people regularly and with impunity. The police have been assaulting protestors and it won't stop. So we, as a community, need to completely divest. I'm asking for at least 30 million dollars be removed from the police portion of the budget. They don't need more money, more staff, more anything. If we are to have a future where Black lives matter (because they DO), then we must imagine a future without police. These two entities can not coexist. So I'm asking for you to voice my concerns to the council and advocate for a smaller police budget. Thank you. Tatiana	3
Budget 2020-2021	Tatiana Christian	Hello, I am leaving a comment that I would love to be on the record that I want the money that is allocated to the police to go to essential and communal services instead. The police don't protect Black and Latinx people; they murder us and they've been assaulting protestors. Meanwhile, when a bunch of white supremacists demanded that we reopen in the middle of a pandemic, the police LEFT THEM ALONE. The budget for the police is way too high; it needs to be drastically reduced by at least 30 million dollars. And the department doesn't need any more officers. Protect communities by reducing the police department budget and giving more money to public transit, anything for homeless people, the public libraries, parks and recreation, clinics - ANYTHING but the police. The city needs to put the needs of its most vulnerable citizens first. The police harass and murder these very same people and have absolutely NO place in Salt Lake City. Divest now! - Tatiana	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Tatiana Tyzko	Council Members, I believe that it is your moral obligation to consider reallocating a portion of the proposed \$84,422,651 going to the Salt Lake City police department. These funds could and SHOULD be used for the betterment of our community instead of being distributed to a police department that inflicts intimidation and violence on the population that it is meant to protect. Funding could be allocated to social workers, who are actually educated on how to deescalate situations in a non-violent manner. Funds could also be used to bolster essential community programs including housing stability, public transportation, food and nutrition assistance, homeless services, healthcare and mental health services, parks, arts etc. These programs will enrich the lives of your constituents, create a more united community, and will decrease our need for a violent police force. I do not support the SLCPD, and do not approve of my tax money supporting them. Thank you, Tatiana	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Taylor	I am emailing you today because I believe the funds for the police officers are too much. We need to defund the police.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Taylor Boyd	Taylor Boyd lives at [REDACTED] and she is encouraging the SLC Council to decrease funding to the Police Department. With recent cases of brutality against black Utahans she believes that it is important to focus City funding in more constructive places.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Taylor Dziedzina	Hello, My name is Taylor Dziedzina and I am a citizen of Utah who works in downtown Salt Lake City. It appears that 84 million dollars is allocated for the police force for 2021 and that is far too much money to continue to militarize the police. That money needs to be put towards diversity training, educational programs in schools, feeding and housing the homeless, environmental change, and so many more social and environmental programs that can actually bring change to our community. Giving 84 million dollars to one program doesn't bring change. The police force doesn't need to be further militarized beyond what it already has been. But think of the positive change and direct impacts on citizens that would happen if that money was given to social and environmental programs. So much good would come from that! Mayor Mendenhall, police chief Brown, and Salt Lake County Sheriff Rivera said they want people to come to the table to talk about change and what can be done, well here's what can be done. Thank you. Taylor Dziedzina [REDACTED]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Taylor Graham	Good afternoon, As a resident of Salt Lake City, I am contacting you to register my comments in regards to the proposed Salt Lake City Budget for FY 20-21. Of concern to me is the nearly \$85 million allocation of funds to the Salt Lake City police department, which represents an increase in funding since 2018 and accounts for a whopping 26 percent of the city's general fund (page A-6). There is substantial evidence that increased funding for police departments results in higher instances of police brutality and does not improve the well being of economically-disadvantaged black and brown communities, who are disproportionately policed in this city. Lacking from the proposed budget are meaningful increases to initiatives that support underserved communities such as affordable housing, public transportation, social welfare programs, libraries, mental healthcare services, community centers, and alternative emergency response programs. I ask that you redirect 20 percent of the funding allocated for the police department budget to the proposed budget for services that support, safeguard, and nourish underserved communities in our city. Thank you, Taylor Graham Candidate, UC Berkeley School of Law Frontend Developer and UX Designer, Westminster College National Geographic Explorer [REDACTED]	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Taylor Jacobson	Decrease police budget for this fiscal year. The City Council should address it immediately.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Tegan Robinette	Calling to demand: decrease in at least 30 mil for police hiring freeze on slcpd for next year divestment of police budget and investment towards food, housing, transportation, public health	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Teisha Ahlstrom	In the wake of police killings across the country as well as in Salt Lake City, and the Salt Lake Police Department's escalated violence against the city's grieving multi-racial community, Salt Lake is in desperate need of visionary leadership. We are calling on the Salt Lake City Council to become these visionary leaders by pledging to defund the Salt Lake Police Department and invest in the resources that really keep us safe and healthy, especially in Black communities, Indigenous communities, Latinx communities, and communities of color. We have called on them to commit to the following during the public hearing on the proposed city budget: Demands: 1. Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring 23 new officers, as has been proposed. 2. To vote no to any increase in police funding or to increase the police department's budget. 3. To propose and vote for a \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget as the city responds to projected COVID-19 shortfalls, a housing crisis, and rise in unemployment. 4. To protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police. 5. To do everything in their power to compel SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members. Now is the time to invest in a safe, liberated future for our city. We can't afford to keep funding SLCPD's attacks on our community. Here are some proposed alternatives where funding could go instead to promote community wellness: 1. Provide rent relief and quality housing opportunities for those living at or below the poverty line 2. Invest in more events, free resources, and skill sharing at city libraries 3. Provide free public transit and increase the length of bus time schedules and routes. 4. Invest in trained mental health professionals to de-escalate, transport, and connect those in need with resources. 5. Invest in more outdoor spaces and public parks in lower-income neighborhoods. Please take into consideration the voice of our community equally. Thank you for your time.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Tess Pepper	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Tess Pepper	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Theo	Giving the police most of the City's budget is unnecessary when transit and housing need it a lot more. I understand the need for the police, but that money would likely go to new cruisers, riot gears, and all the things that have come out in the last few days. That money could be used in other parts of the city.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Theron Williams	Redirect 84 million from SLCPD to other community programs. Educate, feed and house our Community. Address Homelessness and Global Pandemic assistance for SLC residents.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Tia Thomas	I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Tia Thomson	n/a
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Budget 2020-2021	Tiauna Mace	Good Morning, My name is Tiauna Mace and I am located in West Jordan. I am writing you this email because I demand that the \$84 million allocation for the police for next year is REDIRECTED into local programs and businesses. Systemic racism can no longer stand. Change is necessary. Thank you - Tiauna Mace	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Tiffany Perry	Dear Salt Lake City Council, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Many Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence of the police here. The past few days have exemplified that our police department is violent in the face of non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Tiffany Perry	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Tim Barber	Good afternoon Councilmember Fowler! I live in your district (), and I urge you and the Council to reconsider and redirect the funds currently allocated for SLCPD in the FY 20-21 budget. \$85M for them vs \$23M for Housing and \$4.7M for Transit is a tough disparity to accept even in the best of times, let alone now. I work in homeless services and know how hard we work to make every penny of our grants help the most vulnerable in our community and I'm confident more investments in these kind of services will ultimately benefit our public safety and community health. I appreciate for your time and service. Thankfully, Tim Barber	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Toasty_ Boo	We demand that the SLPD budget be drastically reduced. We demand that funding be reallocated to our marginalized communities. Jayda Gillette	7
Budget 2020-2021	Todd Tran	Hello, I'm writing in regards to the future of Salt Lake City. The mayor has allocated around 85 million dollars for the Police Department of Salt Lake City. Housing is receiving 23 million while transit is receiving barely a fraction of that. These numbers show a 16% increase for police funding since 2008. It's safe to say that it is beating a dead horse at this point. This only serves to continue to impact poorer communities as well as black and POC communities. While their schools are underfunded, the police department is seeing an increase. This does not sit well with me as a citizen of Utah, or the United States of America. If we truly claim to be the land of the free, we should be able to give our citizens a better education. If the SLC government truly cares about its citizens, then I would urge you strongly to look at transit, housing libraries, welfare programs and community centers first. SLC has taken incredible action in the past to help its citizens, and to allocate our tax money to reformative and transformative justice first, as well as accountability and safety for all its tax paying citizens, would show that our government is truly constitutional and operated with the best interests of its people at heart. This is a long conversation and one that requires beginning immediately. The police force as it stands now is unaccountable in its actions towards Utah citizens, your fellow Americans, and to further fund it is to further betray the American people and turn a blind eye to the deeply rooted systemic issues we face in our country, and our state. I write this letter not out of hate, but out of love. I plead with you to listen to the demands of the people of Salt Lake City, demands for understanding and empathy. Please consider, with an open heart, and an open mind, the conditions that have created these issues in the first place. Two wrongs do not make a right, only a right can heal a wrong. What is right in this case is to listen to the struggling and broken people of this city, and this state, and to act with empathy and understanding to create a better future for all of Salt Lake. Sincerely, Todd Tran a citizen of Utah	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Tory Peters	My name is Tory Peters and I'm a member of March for our lives Utah. I speak for the organization, myself, and for those that need support in our community when I say that \$84 million is a huge sum of money that could be put to better use than adding to the police department. An already full size and well functioning police force does not need more money and officers when there are equally important public health and safety organizations and agendas that do not have enough funding. I'm calling on you as the slc government to not add this money to the police funding and rather invest this money into mental health funding, food banks, low income housing, domestic abuse relief organizations, schools, organizations for racial and LGBTQ equality, Covid-19 relief efforts, or other organizations that will help our community become a better and safer environment for those living in it. This will naturally decrease the crime rates and improve the SLC community as a whole. Thank you for not putting this money into the police force. Salt Lake City citizen Tory Peters	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Travis A. Wilker.	Salt Lake City has always been my home and felt like a great place. I would love for this growing city to continue growing but in the right direction. I do not think that should come in the form of the proposed 2020-2021 budget. The solution is taking important dollars and putting them towards institutions to better our community for EVERYONE. I have reviewed the current budget and instead; 1. I demand that of the current \$84,422,651 proposed for the SLCPD be decreased by no less than \$30,000,000. 2. I demand you put a freeze on any new officers being hired on with SLCPD for the next calendar year. 3. I demand the desired divestment from SLCPD go into other important matters such as education, healthcare, housing, food, and public transportation. The future Salt Lake City does not need more officers with more military grade weapons to be great, it needs people to feel safe and empowered, this isn't done by the police, as we have seen it bares the opposite. It needs people to be equal, because together is the only way to build a better tomorrow. Thank you for your public service and for your consideration, Travis A. Wilker.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Travis Warnimont	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,000. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Travis Warnimont	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Trevor Bennett	Name: Trevor Bennett [REDACTED] Comments: I noticed that the police department received the most funding by far. There are much better areas to allocate those funds, and it is especially irresponsible and insensitive to do so now.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Trevor Wheelwright	I ask that funds be allocated from excessive police funding in order to better serve and protect all people. The militarization of police comes at many expenses none of us are willing to afford. Salt Lake City is the home to many great shops, restaurants, parks, and bars. However, for those without a car or who may be unfit to drive safely, access is difficult. We should all have a zero fatalities goal in mind when it comes to transportation. In order to benefit businesses, workers, and patrons, I suggest expanding trax, busing, and front runner services as well as making the services free of charge for individuals. The expansion should focus on night and weekend operations as a public safety service for workers and citizens to get home safely and affordably. The intentions of the budget shift: 1) Alleviating unnecessary tensions and fears induced by police brutality. 2) Reduced drunk driving along with increased access for economic growth. It's a win win situation. I appreciate your consideration, Trevor Wheelwright	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Trey DeAdder	Hi. Defund the police please. I don't want any more cops in Utah making it even more unsafe for POC. Thanks.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Trishelle Jeffery	I am writing this to plead with you to reconsider the budget for the SLCPD going forward, and to reallocate those funds toward what this city desperately needs. There are several areas in which our city could put those funds to better use. When I worked as a substitute teacher for the Salt Lake City school district last school year, I was astonished at the overcrowding and lack of resources at some of the schools in the city, most notably West High School. As someone who drives in town and sometimes must do so late, I often worry about the fact that Trax stops running before the 2:00 AM closing time of most bars, encouraging people to use their cars to go home because there is not another option. I worry about our homeless population and the closure of shelters, and I particularly worry for them this week during the curfew. Beyond these issues, the city has been hit hard by the opioid epidemic, and those that are addicted (at least one of whom has been very close to me) need resources to live their lives and move forward. The last thing these people need is to be jailed and punished for falling victim to this crisis. Please, do not give the SLCPD everything they ask for, particularly in this cultural moment, and when they refuse to release the bodycam footage of a man they killed only last week. Doing so is completely unacceptable. I ask that you decrease the police budget by at least \$30 million. There are so many better uses for these funds. I ask that you initiate a hiring freeze for SLCPD for the next year. Thank you for your time, Trishelle Jeffery [REDACTED]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Tristan Gray	I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable.	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Tulay Kacha	Hello, I am writing to you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systematic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Thank you,	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Tyler Matsamas	Dear Salt Lake City Council, I am writing to urge Salt Lake City Council and associated employees to become visionary leaders for the State of Utah and across the nation by pledging to defund the Salt Lake City Police Department, to invest in community-centric resources that keep especially vulnerable communities in Salt Lake City safe and healthy, and to take several immediate actions to address the most recent actions of over-policing by the Salt Lake Police Department (SLCPD). Amongst the violent police killings, brutality, and unnecessary force across the country lies the Salt Lake Police Department, as demonstrated in the multiple, recent escalations of violence against the city's grieving multi-racial communities. I call on the Salt Lake City Council to protect Black, Indigenous, and Latinx communities of color in the state's most visible city and capital - a city that holds the highest percentage of populations of color in the state. I am calling on you to commit to the following during the public hearing on the proposed city budget: 1. Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD, in place of hiring the proposed 23 new officers. 2. Vote "no" to any increase in police funding or increase police department's budgets, and instead choose to reallocate this funding to desperately needed community-based resources that serve the Salt Lake City communities and communities of color. 3. Propose and vote for a \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget as the city responds to projected COVID-19 related shortfalls, existing and impending housing crisis, and existing and impending unemployment crisis. 4. Protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies. 5. Do everything in your power to compel SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members. It is demonstrated through acts across Utah and the nation that it is beyond time to invest in a safe, liberated future for Salt Lake City through long-term sustainable resources. We cannot afford to continue allowing publicly-funded SLCPD attacks on the most vulnerable and silenced within our community. Here are some proposed alternatives where funding could be reallocated to that would promote safe and equal community wellness: 1. Provide rent relief and quality housing opportunities for those living at or below the poverty line. 2. Invest in events, free & reduced-cost resources, and skill-sharing at city libraries. 3. Provide free public transit and increase the length of bus time schedules and routes. 4. Invest in trained mental health professional response teams to de-escalate, transport, and connect folks in need with life-saving resources. 5. Invest in expanded outdoor spaces, public-parks, and recreational benefits in low-income neighborhoods. 6. Provide necessary funding for after-school programs & providers, educational resources, free & reduced meals, and other benefits to eliminate the school-to-prison pipeline. My final request is for Salt Lake City and this city council to strongly consider rapid-response violence and corruption deescalation policies & legislation that would temporarily address publicly funded SLCPD's over-policing, brutalizing, and attacks on our community. 1. Improving oversight of SLCPD by investing in independent, community-built investigative councils with the power to hold individual officers and police departments accountable 2. Supporting all efforts to establish all-civilian review board with the authority to investigate police misconduct to ensure community-level oversight, accountability, and disciplinary action of police officers, (as has been suggested to SLC City Council and the State of Utah by police reform community groups in the past) 3. Immediately develop and adopt unbiased law enforcement policies at all levels of local government that specifically reduce the disparate impact of police brutality, racial profiling, and excessive force on Black, Indigenous, and Latinx people. 4. Join the call to the Department of Justice to reassert its authority in investigating all recent individual instances of racial profiling, police brutality, and violence against communities of color, and to investigate & litigate against individual law enforcement officers and police departments that routinely violate civil rights. As members of our community, and elected officials, I ask you to do what is inside of and outside your power to disallow and reinvest SLCPD budget increases. As a concerned member of this community myself, I anticipate and encourage a meaningful response to this fair and peaceful message from this council. Please note that a non-response or careless response that does not address the above information will influence me to work with your opposing candidates in all upcoming city and state elections of currently occupied city council seats - including donating my time, labor, and money to that opponent. Please also note my name, zip code that I am registered to vote in, and contact information below. I am more than happy to discuss these issues further, including answering questions or clarifying anything I have shared in the above. Thank you, Tyler Matsamas Zip: [REDACTED]	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Veronica Scheidler	Hello, I first moved to Salt Lake City from a rural Utah town in 2011 and was ecstatic to finally be in the "big city" - two years later I moved to NYC and resided in a few different cities in the US before I returned to Salt Lake City because I love it here. It strikes a balance between the big and small and despite the metro sprawl of the valley, it is easy to feel like you are part of the community here. I have worked for a variety of community organizations, as an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer and as a young professional. Our diversity is our strength in Salt Lake City, but we live in a city that is segregated between East and West and has disproportionate resources. We need more public funding in our community in youth programs, adult education, homeless services, violence prevention, civic groups, and more. Policing nationwide has expanded dramatically over the last 40 years and criminalizes poverty and targets black, indigenous, and people of color. Policing hurts our communities. It hurts Salt Lake City. We can do more to help those who are in poverty and those who are most vulnerable. Let's put the money in our budget toward helping. Thank you, Veronica Scheidler [REDACTED]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Victoria Koelkebeck	To whom it may concern, I am not in favor of spending tax dollars on the police department. Given the wildly inappropriate ways that the police have treated the homeless population in this city, we should be spending money on ending homelessness- NOT more police officers. If you must spend more on the police department, I demand that you spend money on training officers to end police brutality. Sincerely, Victoria Koelkebeck	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Vija Lietuvninkas	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Vija Lietuvninkas	5
Budget 2020-2021	vinnie cassius	Hi there, I am writing to you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly \$85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving \$23,248,016 and transit is receiving \$4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. The answer to all of this pain and sorrow is not in further empowering the police force and increasing fear in the masses. It lies in putting more care, energy and effort into the community to increase happiness. An obvious show of the desire to understand each other and live peacefully. A happier community will result in less crimes, and will overall provide a far healthier environment not only for us, but the police force as well. Salt Lake City may not have the highest budget it's true, but change starts with one step. We can't change all the cities at the same time but we will absolutely take this same topic along to other cities in Utah to see change. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here. They are violent in the face of non-violent and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend! A few suggestions I would love to see is: 1 - Budget goes down \$30 Million 2 - Hiring freeze for SLCPD for the next year. As Riverton has just built a station for expansion But Most importantly - 3 - We demand divestment from policing and an investment in OUR COMMUNITY (food , housing, transportation, public health, and after school programs / education. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change, not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systematic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sympathy goes a long way. The goal to further understand ourselves more deeply and work together in harmony to overcome our common issues is what will see this great city of ours to a peaceful, thriving future. We want to see the officers back home to their families as well, but that can only be done if we address the real issue with an open mind and heart.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Virginia Mikell	Defund the police. They do not need 84 MILLION dollars. Put that money toward non violent resources. Be on the right side of history. Reform our society and put our money on more worthwhile causes. Apply it toward social services, homelessness, saving our environment or education. Anything but this. Literally anywhere else but for them. Sincerely, Virginia Mikell	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Vita Rice	To whomever it may concern, I would like to add my voice to the collective, demanding a decrease in the budget for the SLC police force and law enforcement in Salt Lake City. We do not need to uplift organizations that abuse the population and do little to solve the root of local issues. We need to de-fund the police and put our resources towards community and social service programs that work to DE-ESCALATE situations, provide housing assistance to those in need, and provide psychological help to those that may be causing issues in the community. We need PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAMS, not PUBLIC PUNISHMENT (aka the police). 84 Million dollars can go a long way to develop much needed programs that provide people with resources and support, in order to decrease crime and suffering. Examples: 1. someone is behaving erratically and is putting themselves and/or others in harm's way - instead of the police responding, we have a program that responds in the same amount of time, where an unarmed urgent responder trained in behavioral and mental health is able to get this person the support they need. 2. community organizations that train locals in de-escalation techniques and self defense, in order to respond non violently to situations where a member of the community may be looking to steal property. systems in place to get those people the support they need. 3. some folks are sleeping on benches or in parks, instead of calling the police, we can have community outreach programs where a city employee checks in to see if they need a place to sleep, food, water, or healthcare. That person is then able to get the help they need, rather than being demonized and punished for their homelessness. 4. Instead of ticketing people (usually poorer people) for having a blinker or brake light out, they are signalled by a community servant to pull over, and an offer is made to change the light on-site that no one is hurt. These are just a few examples of the many ways we can reduce the police force and stop punishing people for their mental illness, economic situation, and much more. Thank you for your time and for hearing us. I hope you make the right decision and support the community rather than the already over-funded and militarized police. Vita Rice	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Vivial Aurthis	regarding the decrease in slcpd budget. Demanding a decrease of at least 30 million and hiring freezing. use it towards transportation, healthcare and public health. Lots of emotional upheaval on both sides of the fence right now. I hope we can come to some sort of a compromise in this.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Vreni Romang	Hello Salt Lake City Council, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	walker underman	from Kaysville Utah. we should decrease by about 30 million. demand a freeze hiring new cops and demand that we invest more into the community instead of the Police Department.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Whitney Wyld	I ask for no increase in the SLCPD budget and have a portion of that budget diverted to social services.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Will Betts	I demand that the police of SLC receive less funding. \$84 million for a violent police force is too much. This funding should be redirected to public resources such as: -affordable housing -homeless shelters - mental health resources -schools -transportation -parks (including skateparks, jungle gyms, running/biking trails) -repairing the countless shitty roads -concert halls -museums -air quality improvement These are just off the top of my head. I'm no expert on this stuff, but I know for a fact that \$84 million can be put to better use. Will Betts [REDACTED]	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Willa Gibson	Dear Salt Lake City Council, As a citizen of Salt Lake, I urge you to reduce the proposed budget for SLCPD. Police are supposed to create safer communities, but as we have seen throughout the country and in Salt Lake City itself, they do not protect everyone and often perpetuate more violence. We should be putting resources towards departments that help communities thrive and keep themselves safe. More money should be put toward mental health professionals and programs so that those experiencing mental health crises can receive help, instead of police responding, creating an escalated and potentially fatal situation. Increasing the housing budget and directing more resources towards homeless services would help keep people off the streets and help them, rather than resorting to police intervention and criminalizing those experiencing homelessness. Increasing educational programs in libraries helps reduce crime, as it is proven that increased education leads to reduced crime. We all want to keep Salt Lake City safe, but there are better ways to do it than increasing the SLCPD budget. I hope that the city council will keep black and brown communities in mind, for whom the police are not a safe place to go in times of crisis. I also hope you can address the roots of the problem, rather than adding more violence by increasing police presence. When given the appropriate resources, communities are able to regulate themselves and keep themselves safe. Let's make Salt Lake a forward thinking, peaceful city that values all lives and works for solutions, not criminalization. Cut SLCPD's proposed budget by \$30 million and reallocate those funds to housing, libraries, transit, mental health resources, and public parks. Thank you for listening	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	William Max Brcko	I am reaching out to state my voice on the police budget during this hearing. With that I'm stating my approval for and demanding there be a decrease in the police budget of \$84 million and the hiring of new officers. I believe that money is better spent being directly invested and allocated to SLC's most vulnerable communities. Those including POC, NBPOC, and the LGBT community to name a few. That money would substantially make a large impact to them that would not be made funding police budgeting in my opinion	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	William May	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, William May	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Willow Virchow	Hello City Council, I have looked at your proposed budget of \$84 million to the police department. As a citizen of this city, I believe this money is better spent elsewhere in infrastructure, welfare programs, and protecting and assisting the homeless population of this city. I am urging anyone on this council to vote against this budget and lower the proposed amount to \$30 million. I also advise that SLCPD goes on a hiring freeze for the next year. The police force is already heavily prevalent and now more than ever it would solely be an open call for those who wish to cause harm and violence to citizens to join. I hope you read these words and deeply consider this sentiment. Willow Virchow	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Witt Bailey	Does not support \$84 million increase in budget, in fact no increase at all. Needs to be back under control under state officials and the people they serve.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Xander Gordon	Mayor Mendenhall and city council, I believe your citywide curfew is a violation of civil rights. I also believe it is a specifically targeted order to stop freedom of speech. It is clear in your list of exceptions that you are allowing every other regular life activity to go forward and are only restricting people who want to exercise their freedom of speech during this terrible time. I recognize that violence and distraction is wrong and I do not support it however the appropriate action for the city and state to take is rapid widespread systematic change. Justice needs to be served and police need to be demilitarized and held accountable for their racist and violent behavior. I do not intend to follow your curfew nor do many of the people in my life. I also intend to advocate against your curfew and participate in rallies and protests as is my right as an American citizen.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Xenia Maritsas	Dear Salt Lake City Council Members, I am a white woman living in the Avenues in Salt Lake City, Utah and I am disgusted by what is happening right now in our city. I am disgusted as I continually witness police brutality and excessive use of force on our streets with my own eyes. Our streets look like a Revolutionary war reenactment. If your goal is to not incite violence then put down your guns, put down your shields, and show us that you are listening. Show us that you care. Why are you putting on battle gear to face the people? The people are not armed. You are armed. This is a misuse of power, a misuse of funds and a misuse of "public service". Listen to the people. No one wants violence on the streets. Do not wage war against us. Instead invest in our communities. Invest in our schools. Stand up for ALL of our rights. Do not invest in tanks and armored helicopters to patrol our streets and arrest us for speaking out against a system that is trying to silence us. It's on all of us to do better. Right now we NEED to do better. YOU CAN MAKE THIS CHANGE POSSIBLE. Please listen to us. These are peaceful demonstrations being met by armed troops. Call off your troops and invest in a better future for ALL of us. "The problem is not a lack of knowledge or solutions- it is a lack of political will." Please hear us. Please do better. Xenia Maritsas [REDACTED]	n/a

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Budget 2020-2021	Y. America Martinez	Our city doesn't need more money for cops. decrease the budget and put it towards things that'll actually help the community and not cause us more harm! Y. America Martinez Social Media Marketer	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Yarazeth Tellez	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Yarazeth	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Yerania Contreras	We don't need more police brutality. We dont need more weapons for them to use. We need defunding of police. We need justice!!! People need to feel safe. People need to know their babies will grow up to a nonviolent nonhating world. Enough is enough, no more racism no more turning your backs on us.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Yvette Melby	We spoke by phone earlier today and you asked me to put my thoughts into an email so all council people can read it. I am a Salt Lake City resident and constituent. I live in Rose Park with my husband and newborn. Like many around the country I have begun to reflect more on the role of police in our community. As a taxpayer and resident, I would like to see funding that goes to the police department include more intensive training on nonviolent interventions such as nonviolent deescalation and nonviolent conflict resolution. I have had fairly extensive experience with the police in a my role as a social worker, having worked both for years with the homeless in Salt Lake as well as with MCOT (mobile community outreach team). I have often been impressed with the police handling of those experiencing mental health issues, addiction and homelessness. But I have also seen the darker side of police action. We are seeing now as a nation what happens when police power goes unchecked. I am not saying that the SLPD has misconduct to this degree, but we must ensure that our city has a system in place to keep police officers accountable. We must fund victim advocates and others who can be the voice of those on the other end of police action. An additional way to keep police and community members accountable is to integrate effective and informed implicit bias training. We as community members, you as city council people, and the police who act as servants of the city need to do the work to address our bias and systemic racism in the structures that run our city. I believe as a city, a police force and a community we can do better. We have to do better. Thank you for letting my voice be heard.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Zach Coury	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Zach Coury	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Zachary	Defund the SLC PD. Decrease budget by \$30 million. Don't need militarized police force. Others more urgent needs for the resources due to housing crisis and rise in unemployment.	1
Budget 2020-2021	Zachary Clauss, M.S.	Hi, Why do you believe it is more prudent to spend more money on an institution that a large portion of the community distrusts (the police department) rather than spending it on social initiatives previously outlined by the city? Increased police funding does not directly translate to increased city benefit; however, increased social services tangible and in units of dollar amounts benefit citizens. Zachary Clauss, M.S.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Zara Ahmed	Small business owner in city. Demands defunding PD. Funds better used for vulnerable communities.	n/a
Budget 2020-2021	Zoe Jarrard	Please help me understand how we spend the lowest per pupil on education in this state, and yet we can somehow afford to up our police budget to \$84 million! How is it that we can't afford to provide housing for our unsheltered population, and yet we can afford to send a literal army of police officers in full riot gear to a peaceful protest on a Monday evening? The first step to ending police brutality is demilitarizing our police force. You have the power to make a change and be an example to the entire country. Do the right thing. Your Constituent, Zoe Jarrard	n/a

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City Budget / Police Department	Simon Harris	The Police Department should be defunded and disarmed and the money spent instead on community programs. Who does the Police Department actually protect and serve “ they system that props them up and continues brutality and racism against his black and brown neighbors or the actual people in the community. Spend the money in service to the community instead of oppression. The Mayor, Police Chief and Governor have shown an inability to lead. SLC Council should take first of many steps to change the system in regards to police reform.	n/a
FF: CDBG 2020 - INN Between	Liz Mukai	Hello, My name is Liz Mukai. I am a resident of Salt Lake City, UT and I am emailing today to demand change regarding the SLCPD. I demand a decrease in the police budget; the proposed \$84 million is far too high, and should be decreased by at least \$30 million to be reallocated to other areas critically in need of funding such as public health, housing, and public transportation. In addition, I demand that we start providing more support towards community efforts and organizations outside of police forces in order to prevent police brutality and violence in the future. Sincerely, Liz Mukai	n/a
George Floyd	Tayler jex	Hello, My name is Tayler Jex. I am a resident of Salt Lake City Utah and I am emailing today to demand accountability for the racist murder of George Floyd. I demand that charges be pressed against all officers involved in this heinous racist murder, including specifically Derek Chauvin and Tou Thao. They should not be allowed to keep their jobs and should be charged and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law for manslaughter. George Floyd should be alive today if it was not for the gross abuse of power and white supremacy exhibited by the Minneapolis Police Department, all officers involved must face consequences for this murder in order to provide his family with justice and prevent further cops from committing brutal acts of violence against our communities. In addition, I demand that we start providing more support towards community efforts and organizations outside of the police forces in order to prevent police brutality and violence in the future. Sincerely, Tayler Jex	n/a
Police Brutality	Africa Soleil Lilley	Hi my name is Africa Lilley, a citizen of Salt Lake who lives in the Fourth District. I am emailing to encourage Ben McAdams to support representative Presley & Omar in their resolution condemning police brutality. Black people are killed at a disproportionate rate in Utah and this bill could help end that. I want to see Utah become an inclusive and safe space for all regardless of the color of their skin. Thank you, Africa Soleil Lilley	n/a
Police Take a Knee	Letsstartaiott	I live here in Utah but am from Lexington, KY. I saw amazing humility from the cops in Lexington. The protests and riots stopped when the police showed humility and took a kneel with the protesters. The chief even hugged protesters. Want to end this? Have your officers show humility and that they agree with the cause. I know the SLC officers aren't bad compared to the ones I and family and friends have dealt with in Utah county. Please take a kneel with the protesters. Show humility. Please.	n/a
silatee@me.com	Skyler Chubak	I am writing to ensure the funding to the police department stops. It does not support our communities in a positive way. It has not been shown to be in the best interest of the citizens. The police make communities members feel constantly unsafe and whether or not the opinion is shared the police have already been allocated more than enough funding in the past and the militarization is overly excessive. The funds could be better used towards other resources that actively help the community in a positive way. Skyler Chubak	n/a
SLC budget / Police Department	Elle Baldwin	Concerned about the extremely high amount of money slated to be allocated to the police department, given their connections to systemic racism and over policing in communities of color. Reduce that money and consider allocating the funds to ways to keeping the community safe such as basic necessities.	n/a
SLC budget / Police Department	Madison Johnston	\$84 million for Police Department should be redirected to other programs and resources. Put towards sustainability, green energy, economic development, or department of community and neighborhood.	n/a

June, 2020

To the Salt Lake City Council:

Now Might Not Be The Best Time To Push The 4th Avenue Well Project

Salt Lake City Public Utilities is wisely reviewing its budget in light of the coronavirus pandemic. We have been told there are “general economic uncertainties” such that the department is anticipating a decrease in some of the rate revenues that support operations and capital improvements.

The department is presently reconstructing the city's only wastewater treatment plant, and there is some urgency because the facility at 55 years old is nearing the end of its useful life. That project is at the top of the department's list of needed work.

While the Fourth Avenue Pump Upgrade is a worthy project, it doesn't seem quite as necessary—or as high a priority—now that other factors are impinging on all aspects of our public utilities' infrastructure.

As has been pointed out, the well is needed only half the year, when people are watering lawns and filling fountains and when the downtown area is filled with visitors.

It has been claimed that the well supplies 100% of the downtown area's needs. But the area is part of the city-wide system, or grid, and there is always water available at every tap, summer or winter. While the downtown area's needs may equal 100% of the well's output, the water doesn't come exclusively from the well. It never has, and never will. The well *supplements*, rather than *supplants*, water from the system as a whole. And then only between April and October.

The pandemic is changing our society in ways we cannot now imagine. Because of the turmoil and uncertainty I think it is appropriate to call a 'time out' and, as far as our water needs are concerned, draw together a special panel, or blue-ribbon committee, to study all aspects of it.

First, the water needs of the downtown area are changing drastically. Whether they go up or whether they go down may be heavily dependent on whether the many near-downtown multiple housing units being constructed become fully occupied. The crisis may have a chilling effect on move-in for many months, if not years. This will impact both water demand and water revenues. Many businesses may go under and their use of water may never resume as before.

Plus there is the fact that Temple Square will be closed for four years and the normal visitors by the tens of thousands will be absent just during the time that the well is operating.

Work-at-home will also change how much water is needed in the city system and in particular the downtown area.

A delay will give us a chance to create a Water Master Plan for the city (or update an existing one, if any). Also, a delay will enable Public Utilities to more fully justify the funding for the pump upgrade.

As to the specifics of the project itself, one of the worrisome issues is the noise this pump motor will emit. You have received some valuable input from another property owner in the well environs. He has concerns that putting the motor above-ground will produce a great amount of noise that will escape the building. The present design, despite good-faith efforts by SLCPU contractors, may not fully address noise mitigation. It has been suggested that the building needs a concrete slab roof, and some worry that the present thin roof proposal will pass through a lot of noise.

The SLCPU has shown us a finished project as if it will be just plopped down whole in the park. It isn't that simple or easy. Construction work spreads out far larger than the footprint of the project

being built. The work will be done during the cold, muddy months. The irreplaceable trees that are assumed to be out of harm's way may be damaged by construction equipment. Despite promises otherwise, SLCPU cannot guarantee the safety of any of these venerable trees. In fact, by the end of construction, the entire little park will be a muddy mess.

There is a huge aquifer under the Salt Lake Valley. Our valley is a bowl fed by numerous streams both above-ground and subsurface. Many possible well sites, even in the downtown area, are available—and should be studied. As early as the 1970s, there were 16,000 well sites in the valley! Why can we not consider drilling a new well in the downtown or near-downtown area?

Uncertainty, rather than certainty and predictability, is the most certain thing Salt Lake City Public Utilities faces today.

These are some of the reasons I believe the City Council should put 'pause' to the Fourth Avenue Pump Upgrade/Chlorination Plant project.

Respectfully,

Dave Jonsson

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Note: I am the property owner nearest the well, [REDACTED] While I don't live there, I am deeply concerned with what happens in Memory Grove. Through my wife's family, we have been on this property 130-plus years.