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5/14/2020 17:26		<p>1) There seems to be a lack of anything related to public health - it is not just the state that has a burden to ensure the public health and safety of its citizens, but cities and counties as well.</p> <p>2) Reconsider any land sale/swap with Millcreek - although probably too late to change what has been done - it is poorly managed and the short-term revenue for the city will not offset the loss of valuable property and control of critical junctures.</p>	
5/16/2020 2:36	Ken ANDREWS	<p>I think that ALL SLC government employees should contribute to those businesses and and their employees, who have been forced by the the state and city governments to close down, by taking a 10% pay cut (retroactive to the date of the shutdown) until the city is 100% back to normal. This includes the mayor.</p> <p>In addition all funding for so-called sustainability projects should be cancelled as it is just throwing money down the drain. The only thing that can sustain us is a free and vibrant economy and taking monies from productive people and businesses to pay for virtue signaling "sustainability" is completely wasteful.</p>	
5/17/2020 5:30	Evelyn Solares	<p>Planned Parenthood should receive more funding more than ever, knowing that abortion is illegal in the state of Utah; young adults should have access to these resources that can help prevent a pregnancy in the first place including sexually transmitted diseases. In addition to the education system, Utah is among the poorest investors in public education, that needs to change, schools should receive major funding along with bettering their system of teaching.</p>	NA
5/18/2020 1:10	Joseph Schmidt	<p>Cancel all the CIPs, road improvements, and anything else that isn't addressing the homeless and drug problems you pushed out around the city so everyone could feel the pain while developers profit. The failed shelters, the meth houses, including the RVs that are selling drugs with lines that rival a popular food truck, the prostitution on city property across from the 7-11 at 13th and West Temple, the drug addicts stabbing each other and killing store clerks in Ballpark, stripped and stolen cars dumped around the central and west side, all the RV campers living on neighborhood street, many whom also run around at night breaking in to garages and homes, the newly aggressive addicts who shout obscenities and other confrontational gibberish as you try and walk through the neighborhood. My neighbor held an attempted thief at gunpoint in their backyard, another shot and possibly killed someone, and I have seen two neighbors carry a weapon to get their mail. This city is going bad.</p>	
5/19/2020 16:53	Jennifer Seelig	<p>Please for the love of everything good in the universe, invest in economic development in the northwest. Specifically, the SALT CITY INN on 10th North and 900 West as well as the Gateway Inn on North Temple. The crime here is outrageous, persistent, & apparently not solvable through law enforcement or nuisance abatement (even though the Salt City Inn recently has been enforced upon by federal agencies - perhaps the conviction is needed as well). At any rate, it's hard to be supportive of the purchasing of new open space in the upper east side when we've got day-to-day health safety issues here up front, & in real life, impacting our families. Yes, I realize open space is important. I can very well argue that better than most. I also know what it is like to not be physically safe on my own street, in my own yard, in my own home because of the actors involved in this horrendous activity - it's been years you all. Additional assistance would be appreciated. Thank you for your service.</p>	No, but I really appreciate you all taking the time to ask.

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5/20/2020 0:18	Chris Sveiven	<p>Clean air! I think the city needs to work towards subsidizing electric car purchases with the state. I think any and all programs to encourage people to buy an electric car should be fully funded. The majority of people simply will not use public transportation. Although electric cars still pollute the environment, they do not pollute our air in Salt Lake City which is awful during the winter. The long-term ramifications of poor air quality in major cities is it going to be shocking to people 20 years from now. I would love to see Salt Lake City be a leader in clean air so we are on the right side of history.</p> <p>Something needs to be done with people experiencing homelessness. The chronically homeless that have been scatter shot around the city need new programs that have Hope of working. I would point to Fort Lyon in Colorado and the built for zero programs as new ideas. New and innovative programs need to be found, duplicated and implemented.</p>	
5/31/2020 2:01	Megan Kratz	Instead of investing in policing, which only keeps affluent members of our community safe, we should instead invest in providing housing, food and healthcare to citizens who need it. Instead of giving money to police to harass, criminalize, and disrupt the lives of our homeless neighbors we should instead invest in more shelters and more transitional housing.	
5/31/2020 21:07	Emily Radivoyevich	DEFUND THE POLICE. Their monthly incident counts are increasing year after year, and their budget increases accordingly. The public does not want to fund violence against our community, especially the black and brown communities. There are no department performance measures that do anything to measure officers use of force on duty, self-reporting when force or mechanical restraint is used with Use of Force Detail, or officer's duty to intercede per 300.2.1. Increase funds for departments that serve the communities best interests, such as public spaces, education and small businesses.	
6/1/2020 22:06	Joe Roberts	Please put less of my tax money towards funding the police. Use more of it to fund community development and resources for minorities. The solution to what is happening right now isn't more policing. Help the minority communities and the homeless instead of paying the police to brutalize and murder them.	
6/1/2020 23:49	Matt Alexander	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.	
6/2/2020 1:14	Stephen J. Allen	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.	Why do we need more police, especially given our current political climate?
6/2/2020 3:30	Ryan Condrick	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.	Why is there 4 times as much funding for the Police Department as there is for Community and Neighborhood Development?
6/2/2020 4:23	Trevor Bennett	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.	
6/2/2020 6:51		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	
6/2/2020 7:35		Defund the police.	
6/2/2020 14:30	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.	
6/2/2020 14:57	Amy	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	

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6/2/2020 15:07	Jessica Westover	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?	
6/2/2020 15:09		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.	
6/2/2020 15:16	Emily Schaumann	Redirect money from the SLPD to homeless shelters and social workers!	
6/2/2020 16:20	Chase	Your funding for police services is preposterous! This city needs more social services, yet you funnel the money to the police?! Salt Lake City could save so much money if you actually housed the homeless instead of funding operation Rio grande to brutalize the homeless to drive up the property values. It's disgusting the police treats the people it's supposedly serving. Do you jobs and defund the militarized police force	
6/2/2020 16:21	CK Miller	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.	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?
6/2/2020 16:23	LUKAS CAMPOLO	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.	
6/2/2020 16:25	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.	
6/2/2020 16:27	Gretchen Devine	We need to invest more in public transportation to combat global warming and inequality. Free bus fares and Trax fares would encourage more usage.	
6/2/2020 16:28	Rory Tarics	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.	
6/2/2020 16:34	Joseph M	Disappointed to see how much is being spent on policing, especially where our schools are so underfunded	
6/2/2020 16:39	Solveig Christianson	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.	
6/2/2020 16:45	Elliott	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.	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?

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6/2/2020 16:53		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.	
6/2/2020 16:57	Nikita Abraham	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.	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?
6/2/2020 17:06	Tanner Fredrickson	Why is there so much money in the budget for the police and so little money left for the homeless, healthcare, infrastructure, and schools? Why do the police need so much money?	Why is so much money going to the police and not to other departments?
6/2/2020 17:10	Quinten Monson	This increase in police spending is despicable. Absolutely despicable. I will be working every day to unseat you all. You are cowards.	
6/2/2020 17:14	Samantha Smith	I think we should focus more money toward public services instead of the police force.	No
6/2/2020 17:16		I'm NOT ok with giving the police 84 million dollars. We need programs to keep the police in check and stop the killing of black members of our city! We need programs to teach and educate our cops and council members and NOW. We need to keep them accountable. Fire and charge killer cops! I'm disgusted to see how the protests have been handled. The ignorance of our city leaders is obvious and despicable and needs to be addressed now. Your actions/inactions are responsible for the violence our city sees. Do something! Stop pretending you can't do something. Use your power or we will vote and see that your power is taken away.	
6/2/2020 17:19	Nicolle	How could u be so blind to what is going on here. Our fellow minorities will suffer from this and there will be blood on ur hands. Instead use that money for the people. Invest in the people. Homelessness, schools, activist groups who want Change for good. So much more you can do. Change is in your hands and if you never choose the people then I don't know what the point of any of this is. Funding police only brings more violence. It doesn't makes us feel safe it makes us feel scared. Listen to the people that's who you are serving.	
6/2/2020 17:22	Anne	Police dont need 84 MILLION!!! If you took half that money and put where it's truly needed, there'd be better improvement in the community. Pathetic.	Yes, why are you putting 84 MILLION into making a SLC Army? Why are you putting so much money into a system that cant even arrest people who are assaulting and aiming deadly weapons at people?
6/2/2020 17:31		As a Salt Lake Citizen (currently living in the Marmalade district), I express my strong support against the ludicrous sums of money being given to the Police Department. 84 million dollars is an inordinate amount of money, and I urge that these funds be diverted to organizations that benefit—not HARM and INTIMIDATE—Salt Lake City residents: Schools, Homeless Resources, Public Transit, Public Parks and Libraries, Low Income Assistance.	
6/2/2020 17:32	Temple	The city needs to work harder to protect its disenfranchised citizens. That includes people of color, the homeless, and the poverty stricken. The police do NOT need \$84 million.	Why is so much money going to the police? Why are social programs struggling to stay afloat when police who knock over elderly men and release racists being supported? If we support social programs less police intervention is needed. This is disgusting.

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6/2/2020 17:34	Derek Olsen	Defund the police. Reduce the police budget. We do not need more funds to the police. Give back to social programs within the community that are desperately needed. I am strongly against the proposed police budget.	
6/2/2020 17:34	Landon Young	It seems that the same proportions of money are being allocated in the same way year over year without consideration of the needs of the people that live here. The budget should better serve those in our city that are in need (impoverished and homeless people) and less should be used on our police department. I've witnessed our local police with military gear and vehicles. Such exorbitantly expensive purchases seem incongruous with the relatively low population and lack of violent crime here. Not only does it feel like war is being prepared against citizens but that the weapons thereof are being funded by taxpayers.	
6/2/2020 17:35		I don't get why the police needs such a big budget when that money could be going to things that need it more. I understand the need for police but the high amount that is used to support is unbelievable.	
6/2/2020 17:39	Jessica Totten	I feel strongly that there should be no increase in the police budget, instead a massive portion of the police budget gets diverted towards social services	
6/2/2020 17:44	Lily Oda	<p>Hello,</p> <p>When reviewing the proposed 2020 budget, I was disappointed to see an increase in the police's budget by over \$11 million. The police do not need more money. It is especially disheartening to see that amidst this cushioning of the armed enforcer budget, the money allocated to public services remains virtually unchanged. The proposed role of a victim advocate would be an excellent reallocation of funds. I would also love to see more funding for mediators or mental health professionals, who could be called in the place of police officers in many cases. Police officers are currently called in too wide an array of circumstances. We need people who are trained in social work or mental health, not police who are more likely in a defensive and aggressive mindset. We will see less violence and less injustice when the police force loosens its grip on our city's resources.</p> <p>Sincerely, a concerned citizen</p>	
6/2/2020 17:57	Derek Olsen	The police do not need an increase in budget. 84 million is far too high. Defund the police. Put money back into social programs and the city. Decrease the police budget. A militarized police state is not what the people of Salt Lake want or need. Look at the brutalizations and police violence occurring right now. Give power back to the people, not the police.	
6/2/2020 18:05	Emilia	Defund the police. No half measures, defund them completely.	
6/2/2020 18:13	Ellie	this money needs to go to literally anything else. Give it to Social Services so they can be called for non violent crimes and the police can stop using extreme force on people.	
6/2/2020 18:21	Cesar Espinoza	SLC Police do not need millions of more dollars to continue damaging the community. They are already a destructive force, this money will elevate that. Instead of funding state terror fund the community directly	

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6/2/2020 18:24	Andrew Butterfield	Your singular goal for SLC's budget should be "how can we better support our community". The nearly 2.4 million dollar budget increase for the SLC police department not only doesn't help our community as a whole, it is actively detrimental the health of our community, using up resources that can make an actual impact in other sectors. 100% of this budgeted increase, as well as additional police funding, should be reallocated to community resources that actively lift up the most vulnerable in our community, including but not limited to our homeless, our addicted, our abused, our people of color, and our LGBTQ community members. If you need recommendations for what programs this money should be invested into, may I suggest expanding affordable housing, public transit, mental health and addiction resources, and our education system, particularly in low-income neighborhoods. You are our representatives. Please represent ALL of our interests, not just the privileged few.	
6/2/2020 18:24	AJ Johnson	I think that, with everything going on, the council should be looking into ways that SLC PD could be altered. Instead of spending millions of dollars to arm one group for public safety- I feel that Salt Lake should be working to create programs which would reduce the number of active police officers which the city thinks are "needed". I'm seeing a lot of situations in SLC pertaining to homelessness, public transit, and city parks which are solved in violent encounters with officers that should've been solved via public employee and safety measures for displaced people in Utah. I think we over-use the police in ways they were never intended, SLC should be focusing on defunding the police and funding social services that would improve the lives of people who feel compelled to do crime... if we have money to upgrade police weapons, why aren't we improving shelters? There's a lot of homelessness in Salt Lake, and the budget is ignoring them in favor of the PD.	
6/2/2020 18:26	Tatiana	DEFUND THE POLICE. Give that money to social services so people in need get the help they actually need and avoid the violence and escalation that cops inflict on citizens. The police force isn't necessary. Social service workers can make real change if paid adequately and given the proper resources. Make them your priority over cops who make arrests that separate families and endanger citizens rather than rehabilitating them.	How much money are you willing to dedicate to social services as opposed to your allocations from last year?
6/2/2020 18:30	Vanessa Jones	Do not give \$84 million dollars to the police. They have ENOUGH gear and gadgets and weapons. Do the right thing and give that money to schools and hospitals.	
6/2/2020 18:32	Chloe Kinney	I strongly believe that the \$84 million allocation to the police for the next year should be redirected into local programs and resources. It's embarassing to see that much money go to a police force that harms its own citizens. Thousands of homeless people were left out on the streets to die this past winter. It is our due diligence to ensure that doesn't happen again. That is why that money needs to be redirected into programs that promote mental health, shelter, and well-being.	I would like to know why it is necessary to allocate \$84 million dollars to the police. Black people and people of color are still being murdered by them - right outside your front door. I would like the city council to question themselves. Think about all the possibilities and good that could come from that money if it was actually used to help the people.
6/2/2020 18:42	Paige Gustafson	There is far too much money going to the police and not nearly enough money going to services to help people. Mental health services are a start.	
6/2/2020 18:45		If you are funding the police department with 84 million dollars, you are part of the problem and don't deserve the life you use to take others' away.	
6/2/2020 18:53	Kit Grob	U need to largely decrease the police budget. The amount proposed is disgusting! we don't need 23 more officers and they will do nothing to keep peace! Please listen to the people for once.	
6/2/2020 18:54	Nicki N	This is ridiculous. The police do not need that much money. It's absurd especially with what's going on right now to purpose so much money for law enforcement. They over funded as it is. Please redirect this money to social programs that will actually help the community. It's the only way to build trust. Please show that you actually care about black and brown lives and fund programs that will help them. They need it.	
6/2/2020 19:03	Victoria Ayala	Absolutely not! Defund them and use the 84 million to feed our homeless and spend on education in Utah!	
6/2/2020 19:04	ASHLEY OLEA	84 million dollars for the police department is excessive. Some of those funds could be poured into social programs for the community, which would decrease the need for police presence and help deescalate the tensions we are seeing in the country right now.	

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6/2/2020 19:08	Leah Hall	Hi, I am a resident of Salt Lake City in zip code 84116. The budget for the SLCPD is so extravagantly high That it makes me scared and embarrassed to be in this city. The overfunding of police and underfunding of social services is a large reason why black folks and other people of color are being killed by police. I ask that you reallocate funds to social services that get to the root of the issue rather than only funding the last resort violence of the police force. The police are not trained to respond to so many things, and if they are they're trained to use violence. They shouldn't be responding to things like homelessness and mental health issues. Fund services that are equipped to do this.	Why so much money for police? You should know the repercussions of this kind of funding. You say that Black Lives Matter is an honorable movement but do nothing of substance to actually help. You are the people who are supposed to be changing things. Why are you in public service if you're just going to sit and give your empty support without actually changing anything?
6/2/2020 19:09	Jose	Don't put more money into police hands	Yes why are you increasing police budget? Police don't help people they kill.
6/2/2020 19:12	Hailey Dennis	Defund your officers and fund the people. Increasing funding for policing tells us you value the protection of property and wealth over the lives of your citizens. We know who they work for. We need to put that money into healthcare. We need to help our homeless off the streets. We need to recognize the racial disparities of wealth and rebalance our state. We need to make sure our citizens aren't going hungry and living paycheck to paycheck. We need to raise the states minimum wage. We do not need any more police officers committing acts of violence against our citizens. Against peaceful protesters. We need to defund the police.	Why are we adding more funding to policing? What consequences will SLPD face for attacking peaceful protestors and letting a violent man with a bow and arrow go?
6/2/2020 19:15	Chance Greer	I do not believe the police should receive a bump in budget or hire another 23 individuals. The police already have a budget far higher than needed and do more damage than good.	Why would you give the police a budget of 84 million when our schools are understaffed, our homeless individuals go unassisted and hungry and there are children going without food because of a lack of income assistance.
6/2/2020 19:39	Sandy	I think education is what will make our world a better place.	With the increase for policemen does that also come with making changes in the way the treat minorities for those who feel the have all the right and power? If not that should be considered make them think about what they are doing before acting out as if they are always right.
6/2/2020 19:45	Derek Clark	I see that the recommended budget for the SLCPD is over \$84 million dollars. As a Salt Lake City resident, this raises huge concerns. This \$84,422,651 dwarfs nearly every other part of the recommended budget. Housing is receiving \$23,248,016 and transit, a mere \$4,700,000 by comparison. I find this to be a gross misuse of public funds and abuse of power here in Salt Lake City. This community is demanding that we divest from the SLCPD and put money into other vital and neglected parts of our communities. You see this demand through protest and unrest. Residents want a safe and self reliant community. We can fund that now. 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.	Why does this council feel that it's appropriate to allocate so much money to the SLCPD when there is a failing infrastructure all around us, when funds are pulled for resources to help the poor and POC communities, when we are facing a global pandemic and inadequate testing and case tracking for COVID-19? How does hiring more police officers help serve the direct needs of the people? How can you more easily include the opinions and safety of the black, POC, LGBTQ, and poor communities when making these budget proposals early on?
6/2/2020 19:52	Nate Blouin	The police department has received increases of 10 and 15% in the past two years. This is far too much and should be decreased to historical levels of 1-2% per year, with an initial readjustment to a reasonable baseline level. The city will need extra funds to help COVID recovery efforts and it seems as though \$15 million or more could be cut from the PD budget and redirected.	
6/2/2020 19:55	Nadya Barba	If the police budget is increased, there better be a strong implicit bias training program implemented, and updated policies on what is acceptable and what isn't when it comes to interacting with people of color.	
6/2/2020 20:15	Jenna Adams	I don't think our police force needs \$84 million dollars. Please consider putting a portion of those funds into programs that actually benefit our community rather than groups that push down old people on the street.	
6/2/2020 20:26		Giving the police this budget is not okay, they are a domestic terror organization injuring and murdering innocent people. Grow a backbone and defund the police. Put money into programs that actually help people - fund public programs and school.	

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6/2/2020 20:37	James Porter	The police force is receiving far too much money. The Community Advisory Board needs to be come a Community Review Board. This is a better use of our funds than nearly the 85,000,000 going to to the police.	Upon reviewing the police 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 to rebuild a system of oppression.
6/2/2020 20:50	Bailey Roberts	I would like more money devoted to the Community and Neighborhood development division. An increase of \$1M is not enough to cover what will come from the effects of the pandemic. Mortgage and rent assistance will be the only thing keeping many people in their homes if they are to get sick or have their jobs shut down. More money should be diverted to programs helping those at most risk such as seniors, veterans, and our homeless. I believe this takes priority over hiring 50 new police officers. Higher up positions and middle management should have cuts before we spend the money for new positions. Last year they got an increase of \$6.9M compared to \$1.2M for Community & Neighborhoods when we were supposedly in a time of huge economic growth.	
6/2/2020 20:57	Lilyanne Rakchhat	Not allocating the funds fairly! Police dept does NOT need \$80 million! Decrease their funds by 20-30 million.	Why is the police force receiving so much?
6/2/2020 21:08	Andrew Reynolds	Please severely reduce or cut all police spending. If we want non violent protest why arm cops with violence enduring weapons	
6/2/2020 21:28	Rachel Brough	I am disappointed in the proposed amount and the increase in the police department budget. I would like to ask that these resources be re-evaluated and shifted into community-led health and safety strategies. Abusive policing has had a hold on our communities both locally and nationwide. With the very recent death of George Floyd, I would ask the council to take special consideration with the police budget. We need to stop trying to manage problems of poverty and racial discrimination by wasting millions of dollars on pointless and ineffective procedural reforms that merely provide cover for the expanded use of policing. I am hoping the council will consider reducing the police budget and redirecting resources into community-based initiatives that can produce real safety and security without the violence and racism inherent in the criminal justice system.	
6/2/2020 21:47	Elizabeth Cotter	The budget allocates \$84,422,651 to the police department, an increase of \$2,186,922 from last year. I would like this money to instead be directed towards community services (like social workers) that can help respond to situations in place of police officers. I also think it would be helpful to have an office independent of the police department for filing police complaints. The Utah Fraternal Order of Police has criticized recent comments from Mayor Mendenhall asking citizens to report inappropriate use of force by police officers. It should always be expected that citizens will hold their police force to high standards and this criticism from the FOP shows that police officers are unwilling to police themselves. The city needs to create an independent oversight office. More resources should be allocated for homeless services. The budget has almost no mention of resources for people experiencing homelessness.	What resources are included in the budget for services for people experiencing homelessness?

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6/2/2020 21:57	Ben Rotondo	In light of the recent civil unrest and murder of Bernardo Palacios, it is completely irresponsible to increase the police budget for FY 2021. I am in favor of decreasing the budget for the police department by a substantial amount (at least \$20 million), and redirecting these funds to organizations and programs that will address root causes of the issues that police officers often deal with, such as homelessness, mental health, and drug use. We should be focusing on reducing prison populations and reintegrating prisoners successfully. We should be helping people who are down on their luck and approaching them with compassion and humility instead of beating, arresting, or murdering them. We need deescalation training and for citizens to feel that police officers are friends, not enemies. My interactions with the SLCPD have left me feeling that they are self-serving and do not have the public's best interests in mind. No justice, no peace.	
6/2/2020 22:06	Milbrey W Andrews	I would like to see more money being spent in community and neighborhood development, affordable housing, and sustainability, and less money flowing into the police department. Our community is facing a homeless crisis, and funds should be directed to solving that issue, rather than continuing to funnel valuable resources to an already large department.	
6/2/2020 22:14	Sascha Marie	I think that the allocation of funds isn't used to promote a healthy and growing society. Specifically the budget allocated to the SLCPD, a major portion of those funds could better be used for public education or housing resources for low-income families or homeless people.	
6/2/2020 22:24	Joshua Jensen	LESS MONEY FOR COPS! MORE MONEY FOR HOUSING!	
6/2/2020 22:29	Ethan Pedersen	I think we should reduce funding for the police department and put those funds to other initiatives that improve our community without the need for police. I wrote another email already to the city council detailing my opinions about our police department.	
6/2/2020 22:35	Morgan Mickles	How is 8 hours of training enough for 150+ years of oppression against people of color? What matters to me are the people in the community who need additional resources. How is it okay for 85 million to be allocated towards the police department while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,000? Will the police budget break down be provided for the public to review? Particularly given the current state of police brutality and overall disconcert for the well being of others.	How is 8 hours of training enough for 150+ years of oppression against people of color?
6/2/2020 22:40	Dawson Jenkins	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	
6/2/2020 23:06	Hannah	BAD. 84 millions to cops? How about you give that money to social services in the city so that we can stop calling cops for non violent crimes. Ultimately when cops are called for non violent crimes they turn into violent crimes when they arrive. Make it make sense Salt Lake.	
6/2/2020 23:06	James Davidson	SLASH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET. Our small city of about 200,000 residents does not need a PD budget of \$84 MILLION! Cut it in half. Use that money to fix our pathetic roads. Maybe even support our fantastic libraries. But don't spend it on the PD. This inflated police budget makes us less safe, not more.	Where exactly is this \$84 million police budget going? How is it divided up? Why is it so large? Where else could we more wisely spend that money?
6/2/2020 23:14	Naomi Clegg	I am asking you to reallocate funds from the Salt Lake City Police Department to community aid programs. The FY 2021 budget for SLCPD is over 84 million, an almost 3% increase over last year's budget and more than virtually any other line item in the general fund except non-departmental expenditures. By contrast, the budget provides only 46 million for public services, an amount that is almost virtually unchanged from last year. Instead of increasing funding for police positions and equipment, I am asking you as a Salt Lake citizen to use this money to hire social workers, increase youth and family programming, provide more homeless resources, install bike lanes, and provide mental health support. These resources help citizens without incarcerating them, reducing the number of people in the courts, jails, and prisons. We have a chance as a city to restructure the way we support our community members. Please take it.	

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6/2/2020 23:17	Bryan Bellew	Cut it in half of not more - wasteful spending	
6/2/2020 23:34	Johnathan Lamb	Defund the police.	Why have you not defunded the police?
6/2/2020 23:36	Ward Streicher	I am a huge advocate for community services like the City Library. I believe that the absolutely, horrifically disproportionate increase in funding for the police department compared to every other social system in this budget is abhorrent. Salt Lake does not have a great relationship with its police force, especially given recent events, and I feel compelled to speak up about it. Economic Development, the second highest increase, is getting less than 10% what is being proposed for the police. This is inexcusable. More funds need to go towards the betterment of the city and its residents, not its police force.	The cuts made to non-departmental funds seem massive, but I'm not the best at reading the itemized section. Where were these cuts made exactly and why?
6/2/2020 23:43	Iris McCulloch	The city doesn't need the large police budget being proposed. Police budget increases and further militarization leads to more people killed by officers. Rather than increasing spending and hiring more officers, the SLCPD needs to be defunded. The money should go towards hiring mental health professionals who can respond to mental health emergency calls rather than police officers. Additionally, we need more solutions for affordable housing in Salt Lake City. The needs of the community should come first, and the last thing the community needs at this moment is a larger police force.	
6/2/2020 23:46	Alex	Defund the Police.	
6/3/2020 0:05	Val Huitzil	During this time of quarantine, access to our public spaces has become a necessary respite for many. Having the Foothills so close by for recreation is why many people choose to live in Salt Lake. I would like to see more of the budget go to SLC Public Lands so that they can continue to maintain our natural areas.	
6/3/2020 0:07	Anthony J Vanzeben	There is absolutely no need to spend an extra 2 million on SLCPD. Instead, why not use that money for education or public services? Perhaps something that will boost local small business owners.	
6/3/2020 0:13	Noah Jensen	It's all fine besides the budget for the police force. I think they need to be protected but what we need most RIGHT NOW is some kind of outreach. Use this money to help mend the situation both internally and externally. The trust for the police is lower than its ever been. That's just a fact. So instead of giving them \$2 million more; which could lead to a more militarized police making public trust even harder, create a program with it that works to help build back this state's trust in the police. Specially minorities. Use this money for something good, not just a few quick fix, please we are scared, help us.	
6/3/2020 0:25	Eric Smith	I'm writing to express my strong sentiment that SLC should decrease funding for the police department in the 2020/2021 budget, and allocate the funds saved to other departments such as CAN, Economic Development, Public Services, and Sustainability. I feel that we should put more money toward programs that help the underserved and impoverished people of our city, to help them obtain food, housing, education, and employment.	
6/3/2020 0:27	Wendee McCulloch	The money allocated for 50 more police officers for FY21 is a use of public funds being used to militarize our city. Certainly budget money used for police education of racism and hiring officers that represent EVERY ethnicity is good use of public funds. But, let's be clear.... ACTUAL AFFORDABLE housing, education, employment and mental health services would serve our community better than having a larger police force.	
6/3/2020 0:35	Sun Kim	Police brutality must come to an end. The countless innocent lives that were taken and ended too soon or the thousands more that were unjustly harmed because of the unnecessary use of violence committed by police officers, such as in the case of Cody Belgard in 2019 or during the Utah Black Lives Matter protest on 5/30/2020, must be stopped. Enough is enough. Please take the funding dedicated to the police force AWAY and invest in providing more resources for the homeless, more education resources in public schools, especially in lower income communities, or to more resources for people finishing their jail/prison sentences and entering society again or to provide more education about systemic racism in our country and state and how it must END. If we don't step up and make changes immediately, our nation will not heal. Now is the time to take action. Black lives matter.	

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6/3/2020 0:39	Drew Eastman	The 16% increase in the SLCPD budget is a slap in the face to a community that needs less police presence and not more. I request that the SLCPD see a decrease in \$30 million and that those tax dollars go towards housing, and not towards the increased militarization of my community's police force.	
6/3/2020 0:42	Katherine Torres	Why is the SLCPL getting a \$2.1 million dollar increase when the projected 2020–2021 general fund revenue has decreased and many other departments are facing flat budgets or cuts? We should be investing in departments that can improve our quality of life in the long-term, not continue to fund a department that has issues such as its increasing use-of-force rate. Instead of continuing to funnel more money toward the SLCPD, let's reduce the cut to the Sustainability Department, or fund other, more effective or less problematic departments.	
6/3/2020 0:44	Joshua Bingham	We need to direct some of the money from funding the police force to programs that will reduce crime. Drug programs, after school programs, child care for workers, job training, etc. let's give people the opportunity to have good paying jobs and security rather than hiring more police to arrest them.	
6/3/2020 0:57	Brittany Namauu	I don't think that the police department should be getting 2 million extra from the budget. Instead I think that money should go to our hospitals/healthcare workers, or our schools, or even our parks to help preserve nature and wildlife.	I would like to learn more about the budget and where the money will be going.
6/3/2020 0:59		I believe the proposed police budget of \$84 million be decreased to \$30 million and put the SLPD on a hiring freeze for at least a year.	
6/3/2020 1:02	Joseph Mitchell	Please do not increase the police budget. We do not need more militarization. We should cut the police budget and redirect those funds towards affordable housing and public goods.	
6/3/2020 2:15	Andrea Gaither	I would like to propose a 30 million dollar decrease in the police department funding I would also like to propose a 4 million dollar decrease to the golf budget. These fund should be directed towards public education and public transportation.	Why is the golf course budget almost double what is allocated towards public transportation.
6/3/2020 2:50	Kyler Sommer	The amount of money being given to fund the militarization of the police is disgusting. I watched the officers you want to fund push over the elderly, protect violent racists and deny protesters their constitutional rights. Half the number you have suggested is still too much.	
6/3/2020 3:34		Do not give cops more budget.	Do not give cops more budget
6/3/2020 6:38	Riley ;innegan	Please start providing more support towards community efforts and organizations outside of the police force in order to prevent police brutality and violence in the future. Consider organizations that support empowering children and youth to take charge of making positive changes in their communities, and those that train mental health professional first responders.	Why is the police portion of the budget the most-funded one?
6/3/2020 7:38	Veronica Gallegos	The budget allocated for the police department is too high and funds should be reallocated back into our community. We should be investing more money in addressing homelessness and mental health resources. We also need to use those funds to help small businesses re-open with proper resources to comply with health and safety regulations after COVID-19.	Do you think it is ethical to continue investing funds into law enforcement as it is today? Policing in America needs reform. Utah needs to demonstrate it's dedication to its citizens and take proactive steps during this civil unrest.
6/3/2020 15:15	Thomas Larmore	The proposed police budget of 84 million dollars is deeply concerning. This will do nothing to increase public safety, and only serve to further militarize our police force, increasing their capacity to enact the kinds of horrific violence currently being seen against Salt Lake City protesters. Proposed police budget funds should instead be diverted to other programs such as non-police crisis intervention, expanded public housing options, expanded mental health treatment facilities, resources for victims of sexual and domestic violence, and providing food, medical, and sanitation supplies for members of the houseless community. Reducing policing, which often ends in violence and murder, with expanded community outreach and social work is imperative to create real community bonds and public safety.	

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6/3/2020 15:26	Eliza	It is far too much money considering the fact that police do not even actually help the public. Especially in the current social climate I think it is beyond embarrassing and inappropriate to provide murderers with this much money that will only help continue creating an environment of terrorism amongst police officers. The police do not protect, they harm. And giving them a budget this high promotes more harm. Money like this could be used to actually further the community. That money could be used to help homeless people, help the medical professionals that are trying to save us from a pandemic.	Will you continue to allow police officers to murder unarmed black people? Is this money to help provide them with the tools to do so?
6/3/2020 15:35	Logan Hunt	Our budgets are the most direct way we as a city can say, "This is who we are. This is what we believe in". Other cities have proved that there are other ways we can protect and serve our community. Police Reform has been proven to not be affective. Citizen Review boards of the police have remained ineffective in most situations. Funding transit works! Funding social workers to respond to situations instead of police works! Lifting people out of poverty and homelessness does work. Funding alternatives to policing is possible and does work.This is what I would love to see from the Mendenhall administration. Thoughtful, research-based, fact-based, whole-community based decisions. Use police funds to fund an exploratory committee on alternatives to the police, with a real obligation to produce something beyond paper plans that will be filed away. We need more resources for our community in areas that they are underserved. (1/2)	(2/2)Please don't ignore the barrage of comments you will likely receive on this, because they are "of the times". Don't keep this police budget with an idle promise to do something. This is change we have been demanding for decades. Thank you.
6/3/2020 16:48	Alayna Hymas	defund the police!! put that money somewhere more important like our schools!!	
6/3/2020 17:11	Jenna Templeton	Any funds going to the police department should be allocated towards DE-ESCALATION, IMPLICIT BIAS TRAINING, ANTI-RACISM EDUCATION, TRAUMA-INFORMED INTERVIEWING, MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING, and VICTIM ADVOCACY. I saw that the department is looking at \$40k body cameras. While I think that cameras would make officers more accountable, they are horrendously expensive AND don't address the underlying reasons of WHY an officer would need to be filmed.	
6/3/2020 21:59	Charlotte Jarrard	This is the first time I'm paying attention to it. Which isn't good. But better now, as opposed to never. There are things about the budget that look reasonable to me, disappoint me, but mostly point to my ignorance. So I'm contacting you in an effort to change that.	I'm trying to understand the way the police budget works before deciding what I think is a productive course of action. Given that, could you help me understand what "personal services" and "O & M" consist of i.e. what is the break out of items, and how those decisions are made. I'm looking specifically at page E-69 and E-70. Additionally, I'm interested to know how the justice court budget works. The allocations of money, and their outcomes, as well as how those decisions are made. If you're able to help me understand that, I'd appreciate it. Thank you!
6/3/2020 22:16	Megan Jezewski	I would like to propose that The Council does not allocate additional funds to the SLCPD until the results of Utah State's 2019 police audit are remedied. The discrepancies found are abhorrent and unjustifiable. The police should never be above the law. I also propose withholding new funding until these 8 policies are instituted (http://useofforceproject.org/), which research shows can reduce police brutality by 72%. The people have spoken, we want less police violence, and I think withholding funds until these benchmarks are reached will be a powerful tool. In lieu of police spending, I would like to see an investment in alternative city aid, i.e. mental health and rehabilitation services to be called when a homeless person is found to be violent downtown instead of the police. I would also like to see an investment in public transit in this city, which is years behind other cities in terms of breadth of transit. We have enough cars on the road, especially considering inversion.	

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6/3/2020 22:23	Lindsey Webb	For the city to effectively respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and rising unemployment, a housing crisis that existed long before the pandemic, and the long-term health of Indigenous, Latino, and Black communities, the police budget must be cut significantly (by at least \$30 million). Instead, that money should go to rent relief and quality housing opportunities for those living at or below the poverty line, free public transit and increased length of bus time schedules and routes, and an investment in trained mental health professionals to de-escalate, transport, and connect those in need with resources. Salt Lake City residents do not need to keep paying for increased militarization of police, which is only harming our community when so many public programs are suffering under squeezed budgets. Thank you for considering.	
6/3/2020 22:28	Elaine Sayer	My name is Elaine Sayer and I live in Salt Lake City in District 1. I would like to say that I am AGAINST the current budget proposed and would like to see us cut funding for the police department by 30 MILLION or more. As a city, we lack funding for healthcare, mental health, education, community organization, public transit, and the list goes on and on. You give this funding to the police, and you see what happens. Our police department has shown us that they do not deserve more funding, and deserve quite the opposite. These are our tax dollars and we demand a say. There are SO many ways to better allocate this funding than to give more money to a corrupt, broken system. That is now how a system is repaired, it is how it is enabled to continue onward as is. Do not sweet this under the rug, or we will have something to say about it. Erin - you said it yourself. These protests have been peaceful. Giving more money to the police is FEAR MONGERING and you should be ashamed.	What side of history would you guys like to be on? Because it's about that time to make a decision, and we're all watching. Use your voice for something! Help make Salt Lake City a sanctuary for all people. We do not need military force in our community. That is unnecessary and extremely disheartening.
6/3/2020 22:32	Isaac Mckee	I demand that SLC divest the 30 million planned for the SLCPD and funnel it into social programs and to help the homeless people of SLC. Defund the police, they don't need military grade equipment to terrorize the minority populations among us.	
6/3/2020 22:33	Anna	Allocate a large percentage police funding to local nonprofits and schools	
6/3/2020 22:52	Jake Pitkin	Divest 30 million dollars from the police program to other programs.	
6/3/2020 23:01	Shuantxhis Kilgore	More money funneled to the children, not the Police. Community Outreach, Public Schools, and Food Banks need funding desperately, but you keep giving money to a murderous Police Force.	
6/4/2020 2:38	Dakotah	It's bad and SLCPD shouldn't get an increased budget. Divert that money into investing in our community not by oppressing it. Invest in our homeless community, invest in our lower income community, stop building apartment complexes that will never get filled and allocate that land space to building more affordable housing. Expand public transportation. Rebuild The Road Home. Stop investing money into big tech, because all you're encouraging is more displacement of black and brown people you are supposed to be serving. Focus on uplifting them instead of making everything else so expensive that I can only count the amount of people I know who live alone that are in their mid to late 20s because they cannot afford the overpriced and unsightly complexes that currently exist and are being built.	Yes, can you actually lower the amount SLCPD currently gets? We could use that money in much better ways.
6/4/2020 14:45	Chase Lisenbee	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. 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. Overall I would like to see a massive decrease in the funding that goes to the Salt Lake City Police department.	

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6/4/2020 16:29	Jain Willis	Rather than increasing the police budget, I ask that the money be used on social services and the police budget be decreased even further. We need to stop relying on the police to fix many of the issues in our community, such as homelessness, substance abuse, mental health problems. We should be giving resources to experts who can help people struggling with these problems so they never encounter police in the first place. Let's put more money into housing. Let's put more money into opioid prevention. Let's stop relying on police to fix homelessness.	
6/4/2020 16:37	Mariam Alam	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. 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. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support.	
6/4/2020 16:41		Defund the police or at minimum cut funding by \$30 million. The prison system exists solely to brutalize low-income communities and communities of color and the overt militarization of police shown in the last few days and their overwhelming presence in the capitol is disgusting. Funds should be diverted into healthcare such as mobile clinics, clinics dealing with reproductive health, mental health resources for low-income communities, affordable housing, education, resources for thr homeless, and public transit.	
6/4/2020 17:07	Eve Rickles	I believe the police budget should be cut and that money should be invested in lower income communities. I believe the transportation budget should be increased and you should consider subsidizing transportation so the public can ride for free.	
6/4/2020 17:57	Claire Taylor	Hi! I urge you to create a plan to eventually defund the policy program and work toward putting that money toward social and housing programs.	
6/4/2020 18:23	Malinda Fisher	I think that the SLCPD needs to be defunded. This will take planning, policy, and time, however a start would be decreasing the amount of money they are proposed to receive for fiscal year 20/21. I would also like to see transparency of how tax payer money is being spent within the SLCPD.	
6/4/2020 19:16	Elizabeth Clifford	defund the police and allocate the funds to agencies that support a healthy community, not a controlled one	
6/4/2020 19:16	Andrew Pool	Bad all of the budget changes can come out of the police department. The incompetent city police refused to provide protection to a non-violent rally, let it be hijaked by a right wing agitator(who is still at large). The police then abandoned a police car in the middle of the rally because the officer thought they crowd was making mean faces at him, because of their incompetent the car obviously got burned a dozen people face a collective life sentence is an abandoned car worth a life sentence. Where does the buck stop? Not with the SLCPD they need to call in the national guard to scare off a handful of rock throwers. No fire bombs were thrown, no small arms fire was exchanged, yet I spent the last week living in a military invasion. Competent police do not need machine guns to scare off rock throwers. The escalation made me unsafe, and the ease at which it happened also contributes to my distress. I do not feel like the police protect me their budget can go first.	
6/4/2020 19:25	Mary Toscano	Defund the police. Reallocate those funds to new or existing organizations that support and provide a healthy community for everyone. Affordable housing, clean + cheap transit, mental health resources for all, arts and education programs.	

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6/4/2020 19:53	Mara Haight	I would like to see a reduction in law enforcement funding. Please divert this funding to programs and services that serve primarily communities of color.	
6/4/2020 20:49	Elizabeth Sutton	I ask you to DECREASE the SLPD's budget, on top of NOT allocating an increase, and to put that money towards social service programs that assess and treat the mental health and substance abuse crisis in our city.	
6/4/2020 21:37	Katie Crane	Over \$84 million on the police? The only things you're spending more money on are airports and public utilities, which are basic needs! That means that of the things that are OPTIONAL you are putting police at the TOP OF THE LIST. ABOVE community and neighborhood development. ABOVE economic development. Research has found no evidence that increasing police budgets keeps civilians safer — in fact, to the contrary, a 2017 report from the Center For Popular Democracy found that reallocating the money currently being spent on policing towards “a living wage, access to holistic health services and treatment, educational opportunity, and stable housing... [would be] far more successful in reducing crime than police or prisons.” Please support public health instead of the police. We need more social workers. Our communities need support, not policing. Research: https://www.refinery29.com/en-us/2020/06/9852960/defund-the-police-meaning-black-lives-matter	
6/4/2020 23:18	Amaris	Hello! I'm a resident from District 4 and just wanted to ask that the Council make a cut of at least \$30 million from the SLCPD and reallocates this money into other community services. I would hope this money could be redirected into affordable housing efforts for our community or social welfare programs. I love this city and I love my neighborhood but it's clear to me we aren't doing enough for everyone in our community. It's getting harder to find affordable housing every year and I know of and see way too many people who are unable to access affordable healthcare or even food at times. We shouldn't accept this. It's really unclear to me why the SLCPD has been allocated nearly \$85 million in this year's budget when so many people's basic needs are not being met. Please look at this budget and reconsider. Please think about the change you could make in our community by investing in affordable housing and meeting the basic needs of all the residents who live here.	
6/4/2020 23:50	CARMELITA Martinez	Please get the homeless population under control, it is ruining the city and it SCARY. I am a tax paying employee that cannot enjoy down town without being harassed by the homeless. Also, there needs to be more immigrant programs that are required to teach them how to adhere to the US ways of living. I have met some that cannot address an envelope yet they live here, can we help them PLEASE?? When you know better YOU DO BETTER. This is the States fault, you allow them to come but then do nothing to help them learn to live an every day life. Pay out teachers MORE, so we can get quality teachers.	NO.
6/5/2020 0:29	Justin Strange	It's time to defund the Salt Lake City Police. I would like to see the money go towards agencies that are actually working towards real change and equity in our underserved communities.	
6/5/2020 0:57	Kate	I'd like to add my voice in saying it is imperative at this point to defund the police and put that money towards community programs that will actually help people. Affordable housing and greater access to health care, especially mental health care are obvious ways you can put our own money back into our community and help prevent situations in which police might be called in in the first place. No budget should allocate more money for the police department and any further training they receive with our taxpayer money should be based on unlearning implicit biases and becoming antiracist.	
6/5/2020 4:21	Miriam Allred	I would like the see funding cut from the police department and put towards building the community though positive measures, rather than criminalization. In particular, I would like to see less investment in criminalizing non-violent acts and more in education, medical care for children and un- or under-insured, and housing.	