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6/5/2020 17:55	J. Cooper	Lead by making real change and bring solutions that make sense. 1: Make all police complaints reviewed and investigated by a 3rd party that has no relationship with the police. No more letting police investigate themselves. Why are they allowed to but other departments are not? Because its a obvious conflict of interest. Its needs to stop to return trust to the police department. 2: All prosecutions of police will be handled by outside counsel with no relationship with the police or DA. No more allowing the local DA that works with the police everyday to handle them. Those 2 things will actually cause real change that people can see. Right now politicians are just giving lip service with no ideas on what to do. Well these 2 small things are a good start. Lead, don't follow. I am a registered voter and vote in every election, including primaries. I'm looking for real change, not more broken promises. Thank You
6/5/2020 18:01	Erik Anderson	Hello, I write today as a resident and worker of Salt Lake City 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, systematically racist link 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, but will not when faced with 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 a crucial 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, Erik Anderson
6/7/2020 17:31	Christie Toth	As the whole country is rocked by a racial justice uprising in response to persistent, unaddressed police violence against communities of color, I am horrified to learn the details of the murder of Bernardo Palacios by officers in the Salt Lake Police Department. No officer has the right to shoot a fleeing individual who has not pointed a gun, much less shoot them in the back 22 times. Salt Lake City would appear to be little different from Minneapolis: a self-congratulatory blue city run by well-meaning white liberals with an out-of-control police department that brutalizes its most vulnerable citizens. I am white, and I am ashamed of us. My sister is a white community corrections officer, and she is ashamed of us. We both know that it is long past time for a reckoning. Accountability can only come when the people that have borne the brunt of police violence are the ones deciding what will make their neighborhoods safe. Community control now! -- Christie Toth
6/5/2020 20:37	Bethany Everett	To Whom It May Concern: As a resident of Salt Lake City and Professor of Sociology at the University of Utah who studies social inequalities, it is my both my personal and professional opinion that the city needs to rethink its budget and reallocate resources away from police funding and towards education, public health programs, food security, and job training. Sincerely, Dr. Bethany Everett

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6/5/2020 21:21	Jeremy Hodges	Hi my name is Jeremy Hodges and I am a resident in Salt Lake City. I am refrencing the 2020-2021 Fiscial Budget. I fully support the movement to redirect 30 million dollars from the police fund to local minority communities to help build them in this time of hardship. We have gone to long ignoring these communities and we should not wait any longer. I also support the hiring freeze on any new officers and an audit on current officers to help determine whether they have the character and judgement to be law enfourcement. We need to eliminate racial profiling in our justice system and current officers must be evaluated. We need to follow the example of schools and begin implementing 0 tolerance policies for racism and better ways for officers to hold each other accountable for any racism or discrimination. I truly hope you take this type of feed back seriously and work towards bringing a better, safer and more equal community for ALL of us.
6/5/2020 21:23	Anonymous Constituent	Cut the budget raises to SLCPD. No new police hires for 2020-2021. Reallocate funds to go towards food and housing security first and foremost. Supporting our poor and homeless populations is crucial to the betterment of our city. We don't need officers in riot gear, we need PPE for frontline workers, affordable food and housing, and lunch programs to support poor students in and out of school. There are so many better uses for the proposed SLCPD budget increase.
6/5/2020 21:33	Sharmista Sharma	Hi my name is Sharmista Sharma and I am a resident in Salt Lake City. I am refrencing the 2020-2021 Fiscial Budget. I fully support the movement to redirect 30 million dollars from the police fund to local minority communities to help build them in this time of hardship. We have gone to long ignoring these communities and we should not wait any longer. I also support the hiring freeze on any new officers and an audit on current officers to help determine whether they have the character and judgement to be law enfourcement. We need to eliminate racial profiling in our justice system and current officers must be evaluated. We need to follow the example of schools and begin implementing 0 tolerance policies for racism and better ways for officers to hold each other accountable for any racism or discrimination. I truly hope you take this type of feed back seriously and work towards bringing a better, safer and more equal community for ALL of us.
6/5/2020 23:39	Madeleine Prado	Dear Council, I am shocked and saddened by the gross misconduct of police and national guard on public property, as they terrorize, abuse, and silence peaceful protestors. The city council should stand against racism and police brutality. You are all on the wrong side of history and should be ashamed of the way our city has become a police-state where children and residents are living in fear. Please reconsider your budget and give more to mental health, supporting POC, and prosecuting police for murdering, abusing, and taking advantage of our beloved residents. Madeleine Prado
6/5/2020 23:41	Ruedigar Matthes	Hello, Not all police are bad. I know some police officers. I grew up with them. They are nice people. But the system is broken. We rely on police officers to do too much. So we keep giving departments more and more funding each year. Bodycams one year, new vehicles the next, training to be better cops the year after that. All of these increases to the budget siphon funding away from critical social services like mental health treatment, education, permanent supportive housing, and the like. These other services actually reduce crime. Cops don't. We keep throwing money at the problem as if a new technology will solve the problems of policing. Instead we get cops pushing over elderly individuals who aren't moving fast enough. We get cops shooting and killing people. In Utah, cops kill black people in disproportionately high rates, rates that are higher than anywhere else in the country. We need to start defunding the police. Please start defunding the police now. Our society needs it. Sincerely, Ruedigar Matthes 84103
6/5/2020 23:37	Stephen Jones	Talk of cutting police funds now is irrational. Police funding was greatly reduced 7 years ago and we are paying for it now with more drunks on the road running over mothers and children in cross walks, lower hiring standards because qualified people refuse to work for low wages. So we end up with unprofessional shoot-first-ask-questions- later Low IQ goon rent-a-cop quality hires not interested in careers but just looking for a short term job. Meanwhile the low pay now is causing us to lose our seasoned career professionals. Even lower pay now means more lawsuits against the city but it also means that all of you on the city council Along with the rest of us will have drunks running over our familys and predators attacking us and our children. -stephen Jones Glendale resident 36 years Sent from my iPhone

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6/5/2020 23:45	Meagan Hunter	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, Meagan Hunter Lehi, UT 84043 (REDACTED)
6/5/2020 23:52	Grace Lee	To the Council, My name is Grace Lee, and I am a resident of Salt Lake City, Utah addressing you all today on the seriously grave importance of the opportunity we have been thrown into at this moment to make change. Real change. Historical change. As a citizen of this city I demand that significant budget cuts are made to the funding of police forces and invested in more life sustaining resources. Police have shown us time and time again, in SLC and all over the nation, that they are, over all, destructive to communities. We demand justice for Floyd. For Bernardo Palacios. For Patrick Harmon. BE ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF HISTORY. THE TIME IS NOW. I demand at least \$30 million of the project police budget for 2020/2021 be CUT and allocated to things such as education, public transit, and affordable housing. The entire history of police is deeply rooted in racism. You are educated people. You cannot turn a blind eye to the dark, fear-mongering, divisive reality of the real purpose of the structure of modern day police forces. DEFUND THE THE POLICE. PROTECT OUR FUTURES. BLACK LIVES MATTER. With all respect, Grace Lee Sent from my iPhone
6/6/2020 8:37	Anne Marie Bitter	Hello, I see that SLC plans to increase police funding by millions of dollars. I am begging you to not do this. We do not need more police. We obviously need better training and policy to prevent cruel murders in our streets, such as Bernando suffered. I keep up with meetings related to CDBG funding and the response has largely been for more housing and transportation. Why would you funnel money into police when both housing and transportation reduce risk factors. Please redirect that funding for police to transportation, housing, and out-of-school programming for LMI youth to help with COVID-19 learning loss.
6/6/2020 8:56	Robert Zitting	it is my sincere hope that the city council will consider allocating more funds towards measures that prevent crime such as transportation, housing, and after school programming for the youth rather than giving more money to the police department.

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6/6/2020 10:43	Nora Price	Hello. I am a resident of Salt Lake City, District 5. I appreciate your extension of review and discussion of the mayor's Recommended Budget for fiscal year 2020-2021. I demand that you be reviewing and discussing cutting the SLCPD budget by at least 30 million of the proposed 84 and a half million dollars. I demand that a hiring freeze for SLCPD be imposed on this 2020-2021 fiscal year, (beyond a 6-mo. COVID-19 - contingent freeze or similar). Trainings including de-escalation, bias prevention, crisis intervention, in which SLCPD has apparently garnered positive performance reviews, are clearly ineffective here, as they have equally proven elsewhere. Bernardo Palacios is dead, was shot repeatedly while unarmed and fleeing. Protesters against police brutality are subject to excessive force and tear gas- during a viral pandemic that effects the respiratory system, and disproportionately impacts communities of color (How does that stand with Moms for Clean Air?). Re-allocate that money, yes to YouthCity, yes to FREE accessible UTA public transit, and yes to quality accessible low-income housing despite what stats you can report about our housing spending relative to anywhere else- that is a useless metric to the unsheltered in this city and the rampant criminalization of homelessness that we saw this winter from the SLCPD. Please understand that reassuring us that you feel, understand, and live here too is nice but not useful. Do the difficult task of defunding and dismantling the brutal, racist, oppressive, and also fiscally parasitic institution of the SLCPD, or you are not serving the needs of your constituents in Salt Lake City.
6/6/2020 11:03	Larry Spendlove	Please reconsider defunding our police. They are essential to our safety and protection. They need our thanks and our support, financially and morally.
6/6/2020 10:48	Kevin VanOrden	please don't defund the police. please increase funding for our police. they need more money for everything from salaries to increased training.
6/6/2020 10:49	Joan Connolly	my husband and i are very supportive is our police force and strongly ask you to NOT cut funding for their services. there may be a few who need social racial training and maybe even who should not be on our force, but most are amazing and dedicated. do not cut or police force!
6/6/2020 10:52	erin olson	Please do not consider defunding the police department. Our district is already short on enforcing the thefts, robberies ans breakins. This would be a huge blow and only make it'so thise who are committing crimes feel like they won't be help accountable. your job is to protect law abiding citizens and defunding the police departments does NOT make sense.
6/6/2020 11:43	Anonymous Constituent	Do not defund the police department. The citizens of Salt Lake are not part of a mobs social experiment. We pay taxes and expect a modicum of order. This is not theortical to me. I've lived through 3 all out riots growing up in Los Angeles and the proponent of this defund nonsense have not. If anything increase the budget to include training, community policing, cops walking beats in neighborhoods and more community interaction. To be clear, the citizens of SLC are law abiding and frankly too busy providing for their families and communities to get involved with this nonsense. That said, if you go down this route the sleeping dog will get off the porch to ensure that our voices are heard at the ballot box and you are replaced with representation that reflects the hard working people who build this community. Bottomline, in order to pursue life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness we need safety and social order which we have paid you to provide. So wake up, get back to running this city and stop virtue signaling at the expense of citizens...unless of course you want to lose your seats come next election.
6/6/2020 11:03	eric hansen	please do NOT defund the SLC police department. if anything we need to increase the slpd funding.
6/6/2020 11:05	Anonymous Constituent	Please approve the requested police budget. By no means should their budget be slashed.

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6/6/2020 11:14	Gabriella Battaglia	Hi there, My name is Gabriella Battaglia and I am a current resident of Salt Lake City. I am echoing the request of much of the community to SIGNIFICANTLY reduce the budget of the Salt Lake City Police Department and divert the funds to supporting Black and other communities of color. Crime does not happen randomly, but rather, because and individual's basic needs (food, shelter, health, security, etc.) are not being met or in response to trauma (which can stem from chronic discrimination or poverty). Instead of continuing to fund police to "punish" a natural human attempt of survival, we should be using those funds to support the communities of color in our city, which are significantly disadvantaged and lack many of the resources available to their wealthier white counterparts. As a profesisonal working in the field of social services, I witness these disparities on a daily basis, as the majority of my clients looking for assistance in meeting their basic needs are not white, despite white individuals making up the majority of the city's population. Divesting from the police force and investing in schools, housing, healthcare, mental health support, and other resources for BIPOC will not only improve the quality of life of our marginalized residents, but will also serve as a preventative approach to crime, thus significantly decreasing the need for police in the first place and saving the city large sums of money. Cities like Minneapolis and New York are examples that demonstrate that policereform does not work. We need a restructuring of our system, and that starts with police divestment. Thank you, Gabriella Battaglia
6/6/2020 11:10	Misha Bradford	I'm opposed to defunding to the police. I don't believe that is the solution for us locally. I believe we can be anti-racist and supportive of our hard working local police force. I am very supportive of police policies that eliminate excessive force and enhance transparency and accountability.
6/6/2020 11:21	Tyler Yoklavich	The issue with police brutality and over-policing is not the fact that there is police, or that they are funded heavily. The issue is that they are over-militarized, under trained, do not focus on de-escalation, and spend too much time on traffic stops. Do not cut their budget. Crime will simply increase in response. What we need is sweeping review of use of force policies, strict and swift ACTUAL prosection for cops who harm civilians, and very very strict rules on when any kind of weapon can be even drawn. Most importantly, however, we need more training. I'm not talking about an 8 hour course on police brutality. I am talking about multiple months, or maybe even a year of reprieve from enforcement to be thoroughly trained. In most European countries, officers do not have guns but are still required to go through around 4 years of college level education to become a police officer. It takes 8 years of schooling to learn law well enough to be a lawyer, but just under a year to enforce the law. How is this just? How is it a surprise that cops panick, escalate, brutalize, and intimidate citizens when there is very little vetting for those who are power hungry or malificent, and very little training in how to properly enforce. I propose a year long training that all officers will eventually pulled from duty and cycled through that includes de-escalation tactics, studying actual constitutional law, provides psych evaluations, explains very very harsh prosecution for unjustified use of force, and also educates police on STRICT internal penalties for failure to report colleagues.
6/6/2020 11:22	Anonymous Constituent	I believe that this is the WORST idea I have heard in a long time. I am perfectly happy for my tax dollars to go toward FUNDING the SLCPD'so that they have the necessary tools and resources to serve and protect our city. I think anyone who thinks otherwise doesn't see the big picture and are thinking with their emotions and not logical, rational thought. ONE bad cop should not prevent the thousands of other good cops out there doing their job every day. People need to chill out and start thinking clearly.
6/6/2020 11:29	Anonymous Constituent	As a resident of SLC I do not agree with defunding the pice department in reaction to what has happened over the past few weeks. However, I do think that there should be better training, community outreach and opportunities for citizens to see and be involved in what happens within the SLC PD. The situation that has developed is coming feom a place of anger and frustration that people have about not being treated fairly and equitably in under the law. This has to be corrected. Defumding the police department will not help and may even make the atmosphere worse as less police officers are available with inadeuade equipment and tools to respond. Those tools and reaponse though MUST meet the level if the situation meaning that no one, NO ONE, should lose their life in a police encounter unless no other means were available. We have to redefine what a life threatebing situation is. A person standing alone with a cell phone is not a life threatening situation. There has to be more emphasis on non lethal tools as a reaponse. There has to be trust between police and citizens. There has to be respect for police as well but that reapect and trust is earned, not given.



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6/6/2020 11:37	Amanda Bowler	Defunding any part of the SLCPD's seems to be a bad decision. The focus should be on how incident reports are handled and firing those cops who have shown a pattern of abuse of power
6/6/2020 11:40	Ruth Cherecwich	I would speak as opposed to any police dept budget cut. Their budget needs to be increased to allow for additional training, more officers and a new cruiser.
6/6/2020 11:47	Patrice Kurz	Is everyone out there insane?! "Let's see.... crime and violence are spiraling out of control, let's cut the police force!" I have lived all over the country, presently in New York (state) and still have my childhood home here in Salt Lake. I am spending more and more of my time HERE (including the last 3 1/2 months) because Salt Lake has been so much nicer. Please don't turn our beautiful city into another New York! If anything INCREASE POLICE FUNDING please.
6/6/2020 11:49	Will Spendlove	As a citizen of Salt Lake City, I enjoy the protection of the Salt Lake City police Department. I understand that people came to city Council requesting for a reduction in police funding. I completely disagree with that, and believe we should fund them even more. The police maintain balance and order in this city. I completely disagree that the majority of police are dangerous. On the contrary, I believe that the majority of our police force are incredible citizens who are doing a great job.
6/6/2020 11:52	Mary Zimmerman	I am a retired special education teacher. For many years I worked with students who were classified with Behavior Disorders, so I know about dealing with students whose behaviors escalate and could cause harm to themselves, other students, or staff. Cutting funds to the Police Department is not the answer. The answer is more training, especially in de-escalation techniques and alternatives to aggression towards non-violent citizens or aggressive citizens who are not armed. There is never a reason to shoot to kill a person who is unarmed or running from police. People of all colors acknowledge that their neighbors, friends, and relatives break the law and should pay a price, but that price should not be their life.
6/6/2020 11:54	ALAN SPARROW	Though I am strongly in favor of more police training in diversity awareness, I am strongly opposed to cutting the budget of our police force. We have bad apples in the police force but the majority are great public servants. We need to weed out the trouble and educate the whole force. I felt the police did an admirable job with restraint last Saturday night (May 30). Especially if you watched what happened in other cities. Our police force was disciplined and restrained. I was proud of them.
6/6/2020 12:00	Lisa Thornton	Please do not defund the police department. We should be increasing the funding in light of the danger so many citizens are in right now. This is exactly opposite of what should be happening. If we would increase funding we could attract better police officers and we should have oversight committees who help monitor what is happening. the proposal to defund is counter to everything that should be happening right now.
6/6/2020 11:58	Anonymous Constituent	Dear Council Members, I am writing in response to the recent news of the proposed defunding of the SLCPD. I only want to say this: Last night my friend and I were the victim of an aggravated assault. If you think I'm making this up, I'll get you the police report number. If you think that we need to further disable the resources of our police force, you should experience what it feels like to stare down the barrels of two guns being pulled on you by violent criminals. Our force is stretched thin as it is, talk to the officers like I did last night and ask them how they feel about the current state of affairs. Our population continues to grow, so must our funding and support of the brave men and women that protect our community.
6/6/2020 12:01	Jacqueline Daniels	
6/6/2020 12:06	Billie Oliver-Scott	With police defunding becoming a hot topic in our city and also country-wide, I urge you to not make any rash decisions based on our current political state. This is a decision that could potentially negatively impact our communities for years to come. If we're going to make budget cuts, let's start with the salary for the University of Utah football coach and use that money to put into after school programs and affordable housing. Our police officers serve a huge purpose in our communities and with a slashed budget, we will see much less of them. Until research and data are completed on cities with drastically lowered police budgets are completed, I'd ask that you wait to make such a potentially devastating decision.
6/6/2020 12:12	Zach Scott	I have heard rumors that there is a motion out there to defund the police. I think this is a horrible idea. Do not remove or reallocate funding for the police. Our officers are often overworked. If anything, we should increase funding for an initiative to hire more officers and recruit more persons of color to the force. Defunding does not solve the problems we have...it will likely cause more.

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6/6/2020 12:30	Jonathan Bone	We need our law enforcement. I had a gun pulled on me last night in the Harvard/Yale area where I have owned a home for the past 10 years. I would encourage more training for law enforcement, but no defunding. I implore you to please consider this request.
6/6/2020 12:30	Jacqueline Daniels	Defunding the Salt Lake City Police Department by 30% is the most ridiculous thing I have heard and does nothing to solve racial issues. If anything, we need more police on the job, not less. I read about crimes in our area on a daily basis; homes being burglarized, cars stolen, packages stolen, cars being broken into, etc. These are not violent crimes, certainly, but still they are crimes, and if criminals are not caught the crimes they commit will escalate in nature and frequency. The vast majority of police officers are good, hard working men and women who want to serve the public. They put their lives on the line every single day, never knowing how dangerous the situation they are walking into will be. And they have to listen to the vile insults and endure the hateful violence being hurled at them for doing their jobs. How does having less police do anything to solve racial issues? Are there not black police?
6/6/2020 12:33	Barbara Bean	I support our police and would like to advocate correct training and not defunding the department.
6/6/2020 12:39	Richard Kanner	I realize these are hard times for municipal budgets but the Police Force is not the place to make cuts. If anything we need more well trained police in our neighborhoods.
6/6/2020 12:41	Daniel Cannon	This idea is poorly thought out by those promoting it. I can see redirecting budget resources to new training initiatives but just cutting the PD seems short-sighted and undoubtedly will lead to other problems. I fail to see how this proposed budget cut would benefit any of the communities in our city.
6/6/2020 12:43	Carolyn Lee	I am not in favor of cutting funding for police. I think the police need all the funds they can get to keep up their good work.
6/6/2020 12:36	Mel Martinez	Salt Lake City Council, I'm writing you to let you know I'm in support of deinvesting or defunding the SLCPD. I agree with Decareate Utah's demands for a hiring freeze, no increase in funding, budget cuts, and most of all protecting and expanding alternatives to policing and programs that address root problems for community issues. I also demand the release of the body camera videos from the May 23rd killing of Bernardo Palacios by SLCPD in Rose Park. Thank you, Mel Martinez On Jun 3, 2020, 09:17, Mel <MelMMartinez@protonmail.com> wrote: Salt Lake City Council, Below is the comment I left you yesterday. I also listened in on the meeting last night June 2, 2020 on the proposed 2020-2021 budget through a friends live feed in Instagram. This is my follow up comment to the meeting. I still stand by all the comments I made in my first e-mail. And want to reiterate that I agree with Decarcerate Utah's demands of systematically defunding the SLCPD (and all police departments. I heard the council say 2.1 billion of the increase is mandatory by law. But I'm sure you can find a way to continue to contribute to retirement funds and raises without new money. Like by not hiring new officers, and cutting the police budgets in other ways. Chief Tim Doubt also spoke about funding for additional trainings and more body cams. I also STRONGLY disagree. Those tactics do not work. I do not want anymore money going towards that. The police have had their chance to change. it's too late. Now is the time to defend and create or invest in alternatives. Again, I do not believe policereform is possible. I think investing in alternatives to policing is the answer. I think creating new alternatives to policing is the future. I think putting money in places that help restructure power and class is the answer. Thank you, Mel Martinez Sent with ProtonMail < <a href="https://protonmail.com">https://protonmail.com</a> > On Tuesday, June 2, 2020 10:22 PM, Mel wrote: Salt Lake City Council, I'm writing to say I disagree with the 2020-2021 budget increase for the police department. And I agree with Decarcerate Utah's demands to strategically defund the Salt Lake Police department (and all police departments). This can be done with immediate, medium term and long term actions and goals, as outlined below: 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. I am especially in support of plans to increase funding for (where already existing) and create alternatives to many current policing "duties", as mentioned in the 4th bullet point. For example mental health first responders, social workers and services, and community based organizations. Thank you, Mel Martinez Sent from ProtonMail mobile

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6/6/2020 12:40	Joseph Mitchell	I watched men in uniform push an elderly man to the ground, another officer shoot a man in the back point blank with a beanbag gun, and yet another fire into peaceful protestors. The FOP have the city drinking the kool aid. We know that there has never been any evidence of officer numbers affecting crime rates. We know the historic legacy of police has come from one of two places the oppression of the working class or slave patrols. We cannot in good conscience support an institution that is unjust in its very fabric. Please defund the police and put that money towards community programs that actually make a difference.
6/6/2020 12:40	Margaret Prochaska	I support the police and state patrol. The naivete of people that things would be better less law enforcement is shocking. I value the presence of police in the SLC metro area-- I can move around the city freely with little fear of crime committed against me and others. SLC seems to me to be so family oriented and safe-- i would hate for that to change-- I am against defunding the police.
6/6/2020 12:51	James Lee	The recent riot in downtown SLC is ample proof that we need a strong police department. Out-of-control mob violence does not extinguish itself. How much property damage would have occurred if there were 30% fewer police at the riot?
6/6/2020 12:50	Debra Bowman	I read with dismay that the City Council had met to defund our SLC Police Force. We do not have enough officers in the city as it is and you want to give them less???? This seems like an extremely reactionary response to world events, and not well thought out. Crime and violence are not slowing down, and to reduce the amount of assistance we as citizens can get from the police seems very short-sighted. I feel sad about recent abuses of the system and understand why people are feeling angst about it. However, to make a decision of this importance to our community based solely on an emotional response is foolish. Educate, train and SUPPORT our officers.
6/6/2020 13:01	Anonymous Constituent	The issues we are facing are not going to be resolved by cutting the funding of our SLPD. Police officers, fire fighters, etc, those that we expect to protect and serve are under paid as it is. Funding needs to be used for training, programs in the community, and resources to improve our situation, not make it more stressful.
6/6/2020 12:55	Louise Bowles	reducing funding for the police is the most ridiculous idea ever proposed. i do not want to live in Venezuela. this is just simply a far left ploy to gain control of our government and turn this country into a socialistic society.
6/6/2020 13:39	cindy Stoddard	please support our local police departments!! They deserve, and need us to have their backs through this!!!!
6/6/2020 13:03	Sue Skeen	I'm asking you to not de-fund the police force. our society is not getting safer, crimes in my area are going up. please support our Police Dept!!
6/6/2020 13:03	Kay Arnold	I SUPPORT INCREASE OF POLICE FORCE AND INCREASE OF WAGES...ANY PROBLEMS OF POLICE BEHAVIOR IS A DIRECT PROBLEM WITH THEIR POLICE CHIEF...WE NEED 'GOOD' WITH CONSTANT AND PROPER TRAINING NOT 'COWBOY'POLICE
6/6/2020 13:09	Anonymous Constituent	This is the last thing we should be doing right now. With violent protesters, and crime going up due to poor economy and residual from lock down and Covid-19 and current mental instability that seems to be affecting so many people right now, we need our officers more than ever. I work in media and my husband is an er doctor. We are seeing first hand how out of hand things are and its not going to improve any time soon.
6/6/2020 13:12	Katrinka Condie	How can we possibly consider defunding our police dept? Honestly, they protect us and save lives. Just because one is bad does not make them all bad. they give their lives for us daily and choose to go into harms way. The thought of not supporting them sickens me.
6/6/2020 13:24	Mark Nison	I plead with you to not cut the police buget! We need all of the brave Men and Women in law enforement we can get!
6/6/2020 13:35	Cori Pugsley	Now is not the time to decrease funding. With the economy stalling, crime rates will most likely rise. And we need well-paid, well-supported, well-trained officers to meet the challenges of the day. In the end, you will probablty end up paying more for programs inadequately funded now.



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6/6/2020 13:36	Aleta Tew	I am writing in opposition to the defunding of the Salt Lake City Police Department. I do not feel that this helps the situation with police brutality toward black individuals at all. The last years of my life have been working in Human Rights and am the Assoicate Director for the Tanner Center for Human Rights at the U of U. The systemic racism that has gone on is much more complex than blaming one group of people. Particularly when the percentage in that group is by in fact a small percentage. Of course measures need to be taken to stop any form of police brutality but cutting the budget seems to be a way to passafy the problem when in reality it will hurt all of us. I could write a novel on all the different areas of racism that need to be address and ideas on how we must change our social norms so that racism is NOT tollerated. However, right now i would like my voice heard that defunding the police force is not a good idea - infact it's a horrible idea.
6/6/2020 13:38	Patricia Allred-Sorensen	This a very bad idea, the less police presence the more crime. We have to few officers now, do not make matters worse. It is very sas that Floyd was killed, but that does not justify cutting the budget for police who almost all are good guys.
6/6/2020 14:15	Anonymous Constituent	We believe in support law enforcement and as a resident of Salt Lake City do not feel like we should defund the police. If anything we need more police on the streets. In our neighborhood we have countless car prowls and other crime. SLCPD has our complete support.
6/6/2020 14:14	Anonymous Constituent	This is NOT the time to decrease funding for the police department! We actually need MORE funding to provide for the safety and law enforcement in our city. We are very grateful for the fine job our police force provides, and we thank them for their dedication and dilligence!
6/6/2020 14:11	Linda Wagstaff	I would need to hear someone explain how this makes sense. The protests are ample evidence that law enforcement is needed to keep things in check. Reducing funding reduces numbers of officers or equipment.
6/6/2020 14:13	Jon Liddle	please dont let the actions of a few hurt the efforts of the many. support local police
6/6/2020 14:14	Beth Athens	Please do not allow this to pass. I would prefer to pay moret taxes
6/6/2020 14:19	STEPHEN BRADLEY	I will make sure to work to vote the entire city council out if you defund the Police during this time. We have a contentious election vcoming up and we have plenty of conservative "skin heads" with weapons in this city and state. We need the police force in full force at that time. Plus since, Covid, we have had increasing petty vandalism and thefys, and car breakins in our neighborhood.....because the police are going all over to stop violence in the protests. Why our police are going to Ogden is beyond me. They should fund their own force adequately. DO NOT DEFUND THE POLICE! Cut the parks and recreation, bicycle trails, Zoo, recreation centers, whatever...all of that can be made up for in the future. Keep the fire department and the police stronger than ever.
6/6/2020 14:23	Mark Brinton	I understand that some people came to the City Council meeting last Tuesday asking the Council to defund the city police. I am very strongly opposed to this idea. The police need greater resources during this chaotic time, rather than less. I would encourage increased oversight of questionable police actions. The review board should be independent of the police and should have the authority to take disciplinary action. I know that the great majority of my neighbors feel the same about being strongly opposed to any reduction in funding for the police.
6/6/2020 15:04	Barbara Madsen	It would be horrific if police funding were to get cut, especially in today's world. I live on the east side, prime target area for thieves, and police presence here doesn?t exist now.
6/6/2020 14:42	Christopher Gamble	I do not feel reduced funding for the SLCPD is appropriate at this time. I would encourage adequate funding for all staffing needs, funding for increased training in deescalation of community conflict, funding for training in appropriate reponse to constitutionally protected peaceful protest by the citizenry despite it's protential to be highjacked towards violence by fringe elements of both the citizenry and the police. Transparency of process, accountability for inappropriate use of force, ownership of inherent biases by both police and citizens in their response to each other, and demilitarization of police reponse, are all aspects of training and response paradigms that should receive adequate funding to support their scruntiny and improvement. I would like to offer my support to the SLCPD for their recent and ongoing dedicated service during these difficult times.

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6/6/2020 14:46	Anonymous Constituent	NO on reducing SLC PD funding, BUT: --Yes on ensuring that necessary amounts of SLC PD budget are spent on screening applicant, training, internal affairs and discipline. --Yes on greater transparency of complaints, investigations and disciplinary actions. --Yes on promptly discharging officers found to have engaged in abusive conduct, or to have displayed racist or homophobic behavior. --Yes on greater funding of projects and organizations focused on raising up disadvantaged neighborhoods. --KUDOS to our great officers, and good-bye to officers who are unable to meet the highest standards which our community is entitled to demand. Having a monopoly on street power comes with the very highest of duty. --- Robert P. Rees
6/6/2020 14:46	KODY ADCOCK	As a resident of Salt Lake City for several years now, I've grown to appreciate how safe our city is, while also realizing crime is on the rise in our peaceful city. Having been a victim of burglary since moving here, and losing a friend/co-worker to murder last year, I politely request that you do NOT reduce funding for our police department. These men and women are devoted to serve and protect our communities. They deal with more awful things in a couple weeks than many experience in a lifetime. They deserve their early retirement and wages. perhaps even more on the wages front. I am a 26 year old Mexican American man and while I denounce any sort of racism in this country and our communities, I don't think taking money from our police force is the answer to systemic racism. There are people who need to be held accountable for their actions, yes, but not every cop is a bad one. Unfortunately one bad one reflects poorly on the bunch, but I know many cops who are loving mother's and fathers. Please continue to support our local police force. Thank you. Kody Adcock
6/6/2020 14:49	Anonymous Constituent	I do not feel that reduction of funds will solve the problem. We need to reform the police system and find ways to train and weed out people who are not fit to act justly under pressure. All deserve fair treatment and justice, criminals and **POLICE. Everybody should be accountable for their own actions. unions have backfired in many instances. I think unions have killed the arts. While we do need protection of police accountability should not be forgotten. If there are complaints they should be acting on. If there are wrong doings they should not be justified away. I don't underestimate the girl the impossible task of being law-enforcement. We should take better care of the good ones and weed out the bad.
6/6/2020 14:49	Anonymous Constituent	My neighborhood already feels less than safe due to theft and burglary. please don't cut the budget of our police officers!
6/6/2020 15:03	Max Woolsey	By no means should we be cutting funding for our Police Department. We need more patrolling of our city streets not less
6/6/2020 15:07	Jamie Clark	I was made aware of the proposed budget cut to the SLCPD & I wholeheartedly ask that you do not cut their budget. My husband & I feel strongly that their department is vital & that they are doing such a great job. We are thankful for our officers.
6/6/2020 15:11	Gwen Cannon	It is unfortunate that police everywhere are being castigated for a terrible event which happened in Minneapolis. I agree that brutality in any form should be decried. Please do not cut the police budget in our beautiful city. We appreciate so much the hard work these officers do. I am the daughter of a former Utah Highway Patrolman who went on to serve as colonel, twice. My sister recently retired as a special agent for the FBI. I know first hand how hard these people work and how dedicated they are to protecting our community. Please, please continue to support the men and women who place their lives on the line to protect our liberty.
6/6/2020 15:13	Anonymous Constituent	This is an absolutely inappropriate decision which will worsen criminal situation in the city right in the middle of the political crisis. it should not happen. If anything, the funding of the PD must increase. The city government must represent all citizens of the city vast majority of which do want their police department continue doing their good and very important job. This is not the time and place for politically-influenced agenda which has nothing to do with the needs and desires of the majority of the population.
6/6/2020 15:25	Steve Schwemmer	To Who it My Concern: As a resident of Salt Lake City, I applaud our Salt Lake City and Unified Police Departments, Utah Highway Patrol, the Utah National Guard, and any other local and state agency who work and serve to protect our streets, neighborhoods, communities, cities, highways, counties and Utah as a state. To think that we can do without such personnel is laughable, incredibly selfish, naive, and extremely unconscionable and ridiculous. I urge you not to even cut the budget for such agencies. We ALL benefit from their services. Thank you for your consideration. Steve Schwemmer Amanda Ave.
6/6/2020 15:22	Anonymous Constituent	I support full funding of the police force. If anything, we need more officers like the good ones we have now. I suggest a thorough review of the current policies and procedures. If there are officers found to be lacking, then they should be replaced. Mike Mallon

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6/6/2020 15:40	Patricia Christensen	Councilman Dugan, I just finished reading the message sent to our Distric 6 by Detective Meinzer regarding the issues discussed at last week's city council meeting regarding defunding our Police force in SLC by 30%. At a time when listening and respect is at the utmost importance I know that you will seek to hear all voices of your Constituents and just not those making the loudest noise at the moment. While I believe issues of reform need to be addressed, I think they extend far beyond our law enforcement. It also seems counter intuitive to cut funding to a department when reform' is being demanded. Our Police force is made up of incredible individuals that work tirelessly on our behalf, please support them so they can support EVERYONE in District 6. I'm confident that you, someone that has worn a uniform, sees the vital role they play in our community. Thanks for your efforts, Patti Christensen
6/6/2020 15:35	Lisa Thomson	I have learned that there is a vocal group of people demanding that SLC reduce the funding of police by 30%. That is absolutely the most absurd request I have ever heard. I request that the city council use level heads, sound minds, and appropriate reasoning to reject these calls for defunding. The people asking for such measures are having an emotional response to current situations. They have not thought through what they are really asking for. Reducing our police force is not the answer to any of their concerns. If they want an answer related to funding, they should be demanding an increase in funding for additional training that would prevent future incidents like we have recently seen. The emotionally charged mobs should not determine the future of our city, our police force, or our neighborhoods. We elected you to be thoughtful and rational as you make decisions for our city. We urge you to deny this demand.
6/6/2020 16:10	Emily Coelho	I am in full support of the protests against police violence in Salt Lake City and around the country. I'm appalled by the police conduct during these protests. I'm often appalled by police conduct. I'd prefer to see real, thorough police reform. I don't know how defunding the police will achieve this. There has been embarrassingly little done to change our systemic problems in law enforcement and due to this fact, I'd rather see a smaller weaker force than to continue the way things are. I'd like to voice my support for cutting the police budget as a financial signal to them that they are doing a poor job. Also, cutting the police budget doesn't change our local officials' complicity in these problems. Cutting a budget is no substitute for implementing real reform.
6/6/2020 16:53	DENISE ORME	This is a time when we should invest more in our police officers. If we want an unbiased police force focused on "doing no harm" while serving the citizens of SLC, we need to pay more to attract the most qualified candidates. We need to provide those candidates with more in-depth training and longer internships with the best veteran members of the force. I cannot fathom how reducing the number of officers and reducing the resources available to them can result in anything other than an overworked, frustrated force that does not feel valued.
6/6/2020 17:07	Walt Booker	I agree with the detective that we should not reduce funding for our police department. Why? Without any research on my part the funding already is most likely not enough to run a great department. The Utah legislator seems to want to continue to reduce taxes and give money back to the taxpayers while not using the money to protect us or upgrade our infrastructure like roads/bridges etc or increase our fire and police departments or have more money on the balance sheet just in case everything goes haywire (like what's going on now). They have done a horrible job of managing the money the taxpayers have provided them from what I see. Bottom line is we need to provide funding at the same level we are collecting taxes at. Don't cut taxes and don't cut funding levels in the future. Right now go borrow the money to keep everything running correctly. If we would have saved more we would not have to worry about borrowing. Thanks
6/6/2020 17:11	Anonymous Constituent	Do not defund the police, at all. What a terrible idea.
6/6/2020 17:29	Anonymous Constituent	I am totally against the idea. They are underappreciated, disrespected and a weak force now. If not for the reinforcements and help from other agencies the other night we would be looking like NYC. I believe in law and order and see it going down the drain. I do not want to be left vulnerable. There may be an occasional bad apple here or there but on the whole our force needs to be respected and supported. It's too bad someone gets hurt once in a while resisting arrest (which in itself shows total lack of respect that law breakers have), but our brave officers are putting their lives on the line every day for us. Don't cut their budget!!

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6/6/2020 17:45	Eileen Stayner	don't do it! My family and I support the police and appreciate their service. It is actually terrifying to me to hear that some want to cut back. How will that help anything? That is NOT the answer to the reality that some few policemen that behave badly. We need more protection, not less. They need our support, not our derision. I am frightened. For the first time in my life, I am thinking of purchasing a firearm.
6/6/2020 18:08	Anonymous Constituent	As a citizen of SLC, I think it would be a major mistake to defund the police. We all benefit from the services provided by the police department. They are supportive and hard working. My neighbors and I want to be certain to have the necessary police response when it is needed. Do not do harm to all of us by cutting funding. It would be a mistake.
6/6/2020 18:18	Francis Dolce	To whom it may concern: This may be, quite possibly, the most foolish item ever to be considered by Salt Lake City, which is saying a lot. This is a city struggling to manage the current abundance of crime with the existing under-funded police force. This city should be working to bolster the resources of these brave people, not the opposite. To even consider any defunding measure is ridiculous to the point of being comical. I will never support this proposal. I will never support any public official who, even for the most fleeting moment, considers defunding those who have dedicated their lives to Protect and Serve.
6/6/2020 18:34	Anonymous Constituent	In a time of crisis we need to maintain or increase our police budget. These men and women are protecting our community 24/7. They have been working the protests and riots working 12-16 hour shifts. They care about our community. We should support them and continue fund their departments. In reality we need to increase their budgets. Please support our officers.
6/6/2020 18:27	Margaret Holloway	with bullets flying all over rosepark and fair park. same places always. the east side and avenues wouldn't put up with it but we are supposed too.
6/6/2020 18:40	Anonymous Constituent	My husband is a veteran police officer for SLC. First, I do not believe the council should even be discussing this budget issue right now. Things need to calm down so that changes are not made to appease people who are strongly opinionated right now....and I say right now because no one even brought any of this up until a man from another state was killed by a rogue officer. I also do not believe that the council should base any police budget funding/"defunding" on what the public (who has NO clue) thinks. They have no idea what demands are placed upon these officers each day, what equipment they need or what the budget is even used for.
6/6/2020 18:43	Jeffrey Campbell	don't you dare cut the police budget. Get your heads out of the sand!!!
6/6/2020 18:54	Lindsey Whinnery	I want to ensure that all voices are being heard. Decreasing funding to SLC police is an absurd idea and those that are suggesting this action lack the comprehension skills to understand the ramifications of such a decision. This is an emotionally charged proposal and should be dismissed immediately.
6/6/2020 19:09	Sherry Keene	Please DO NOT defund our police force. If anything, they need more funding. Those funds could be used for further social skills training that could alleviate brutality. It could be used to increase the force. Doing so, would lessen the tension felt by over-worked officers. I say this as someone who was a victim of excessive force. More, training, more pre-employment screening, more officers equals more funding.
6/6/2020 19:13	Nicholas Whinnery	Please do not defund the police department! I don't have a problem with my tax dollars funding the Salt Lake City Police department. To be honest, I would prefer if all of my tax payments went to the SLC Police department. It would be nice if we could eliminate other wasteful departments within your organization. Government inefficiency is a conversation for another day. For now, just focus on keeping everyone safe.

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6/6/2020 19:58	Anonymous Constituent	I think its important to have many points of view with regard to defunding the police any amount. on the one hand, im not opposed to defunding it'some, police appear to have a lo of money for things they dont need. what i dont want, however, is a lack of funding to be used as an excuse why officers don't have video of an incident. Along with defunding there should be a specific reallocation of funds as well as ordinances that state that officers must always have body camera on, that officers not be able or allowed to turn it off, and that officers must make sure to have it uncovered so it can view everything and face any tests or incidents and evidence they find with the camera. Many officers turn away from another officer interacting with people'so it isn't on camera. Many officers turn the video off to talk about what they can arrest soemone for and what they should look for or say. Constant video camera footage and forcing officers to make sure they are watching interactions and tests by essentially excluding that testimony if it isn't on video will help people who claim theyre being harrassed by police as well as officers who insist they did their job solely by the book and did nothing wrong. Reallocation of funds not just in the city but throughout the state (as many more rural areas of utah have no access to video camera and have more sustemic racism) is liekly more important than just defunding, though some aspects such as access to weapons, tanks, etc. should have some defunding regardless.
6/6/2020 20:04	Joanna Lynch	please please do not defund thr police, we dont have enough coverage as it is. i pay taxex and deserve poetection. please look at how to educate. the young peopke dot understand the value, YOU. need to deal with the bad apples.
6/6/2020 20:25	Anonymous Constituent	Dear city council members, Please do not reduce the police budget. Our officers are already working with limited resources and are risking their lives everyday for us. They deserve all of the resources they can get.
6/6/2020 20:08	Anonymous Constituent	i'm concerned about the cut in the police budget. How can we justify with all the chaos and crime that is going on right now in our cities that we would cut the police budget. We barely have enough police officers protecting our streets as it is and to cut the budget so we have even less makes no sense. Regardless of what everyone is saying these men and women put their lives on the line every day to protect and serve even those who drag their names in the mud. we need more budget money and more police officers not cuts.
6/6/2020 20:15	Lindsey Kelley	Make no mistake that because so many are silent that we dont love and honor our police. We need them, we depend on them, and you seem to want to cater to the loudest voices when they are not the majority, not even close. You are pandering to people who have no clue what the facts are, and we know the facts do not support that cops are racist or use force without cause. If you reduce the budget and show you dont support our officers, all the good ones will leave. You seem to live in an alternate reality where you think if we are nicer and "listen" to criminals they will somehow listen to reason and suddenly stop committing crimes. i want to live in your alternate reality, because human nature is to be evil. Your officers are all that stand between the wicked and the vulnerable. You think the loudest are the majority and you will find yourselves SORELY mistaken, and voted OUT. We are more quiet and respectful, but WE are the majority.
6/6/2020 20:25	Anonymous Constituent	It blows my mind that you would consider defunding the people that keep your city safe. you are succumbing to the mob. what an extreme disappointment and embarrassment. You will need to be explicitly clear on how defunding the department will help. Officers do much good that goes unnoticed and is unappreciated. Officers were already feeling drained from the pandemic and this is a kick in the groin. --An aggitated police wife if a diverse family
6/6/2020 20:44	Nicole Bailey	Please DO NOT defund police. in my opinion, they need MORE funding for better training. If we treat them as a valuable profession, we will see that paid back into our communities.
6/6/2020 21:10	Alisia Wixom-Kesler	We are all devistated by the recent events that have highlighted Police brutality in our country. Whilereform may be warranted, defunding our own police force is not the answer. I live in a lovely east side neighborhood that is plagued with property crime, people'speeding constantly - which is a threat to our children's lives. We are begging for more officers, traffic control, and are constantly told there isn't help available. Please do not make this situation worse by letting national news and the current social climate cloud your decisions. Thank you for reading my comment.
6/6/2020 21:11	Anonymous Constituent	please do not defund the police. I live in an area with high crime and we need more police presence, not less. Thank you.



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6/6/2020 21:14	Kim Peterson	With all the recent harm to people and damage to property during the riots in SLC, it seems to me that we need MORE funding for our police department now, certainly not LESS! A reduction in the size of our police force I'm afraid would result in even more anarchy and crime than we're already seeing.
6/6/2020 21:38	Jonathan Park	
6/6/2020 21:37	Anonymous Constituent	Now that the city council has spoken, I feel much more free to commit armed robbery without the threat of the police potentially confronting or shooting me. Thank you for making the streets safer for me. At one time the threat of police deterred me from committing crimes, but your kind words and actions have inspired me to be the best armed robber I can be. At one point the saying was "play dumb games, win dumb prizes." The narrative used to be that I was responsible for my own behavior and the resulting consequences. Thank you for changing that narrative.
6/6/2020 21:49	Anonymous Constituent	I previously wrote a clearly sarcastic message about being thankful for your actions as it would protect me, an armed robber. I'm clearly not an armed robber. But you are smart, you figured that out. The reason I'm commenting is because I have been held at gunpoint by a real armed robber while on vacation in Utah. I know Salt Lake City is relatively peaceful compared to the rest of the country, but violent crime happens here too. I have no problem with someone running around with a gun and running from police being shot if that protects the officer from dying in the line of duty. Police officers have a split second to react before being shot themselves. I fear the danger of turning people like this man into a victim when he was so clearly in the wrong. All this is going to do is encourage more crime.
6/6/2020 22:42	Peter Humphrey	Hello, I'm writing concerning the mayor's recommended budget of over \$84 million dollars allocated to the police department next year. This number worries me. I have seen the effects of police involvement all around me: friends confronted by police who had no idea how to help during a mental health crisis, reports of stalking, sexual assault and abuse belittled and ignored, and above all, the fear my black friends face every day that they might be the next unarmed "threat" murdered by an officer. Last night during the protest, police boxed in a group of protesters and refused to allow them to disperse until they--the protesters, not the police--calmly negotiated that they be ALLOWED to comply with orders. We have limited resources and plenty of programs that desperately need them. We don't need to hire any more officers. What this city needs is increased funding for education, housing for the homeless, and aid for those most impacted by the COVID-19 epidemic. At least \$30 million of the proposed budget for police should be going to community development programs and programs which will support black people and other people of color in SLC instead of harming them. Thank you for your consideration, Peter Humphrey
6/6/2020 22:46	Anonymous Constituent	You cut the police budget, and you will see the negative repercussions for years you come. I think a bigger concern is the lack of ethnic diversity of this city council.
6/6/2020 23:40	Jill Greenwood	PLEASE, PLEASE do NOT defund the SLC police dept. My god, if anything they need more staff, support and training. How do we call if their spread to thin... you? Please do not bend over when our community needs all them most. Crime is out of hand already... will defunding the police make it go away?
6/6/2020 23:44	Anonymous Constituent	I'm under the impression that defunding the police by ~30% will endanger civilian lives and burn out the officers as I was under the impression that the police force is already spread too thin as it is. And I also imagine moving forward, it will be difficult to recruit future police officers at the same frequency now the occupation of law enforcement has now gotten such negative press. Resources will need to be used to maintain current officers, including compensating for overtime at the very least. I hope the council will consider this situation in the next discussion. Thank you for your time!
6/7/2020 0:14	Bryan Herbstritt	our district 6 police need more funding not less. please do what's right for the city. we need more patrolling to curb the crime. slcpd are doing an outstanding job given weekday they have. they need more funding and better support from city officials.
6/7/2020 7:02	Helene Shugart	I am opposed to defunding the SLPD. This is a wrongheaded, reactionary, and unfounded response to legitimate national patterns and concerns across the nation and/or arising from numerous and profound structural inequities. I could support a program to review SLPD data on engagements with the public and appropriate, specific (to identified practices warranting redress, if any) training. But defunding our local police is not a sensible or justifiable response to apparent patterns in other locations across the nation (it isn't an appropriate response in those cases, either, although obviously reform is warranted).

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6/7/2020 6:56	Anonymous Constituent	we should not cut the police budget until we understand the implications. maybe increase the training budget and update content instead
6/7/2020 9:06	Corinne Keane	please do not defund our police. I understand the frustration, however without adequate funding how do we fix the issues? They need training and competative compensation so when hiring we're not scraping the bottom of the barrel. We need to intice qualified, dignified recruits whi understand the community and worldly issues webare facing.
6/7/2020 9:10	Anonymous Constituent	I am in support of those who are protesting against racism and continued police training on issues concerning race. However, I do not support defunding or decreasing funding for the police department. I do think that the Salt Lake City Police did an outstanding job showing restraint during the recent protests and violence downtown. Racial sensitivity training needs to be ongoing and that takes funding and community support.
6/7/2020 9:34	Linda Wolcott	I would like to pledge my support for the officers of all police departments and beg for NO reduction to their budget. they are underpaid and under appreciated. i have been a part of the Police Colonels and have tried to be a fund raiser for them. i have seen their struggle with recruiting and being under staffed. as a state with a huge "rainy day fund" consider this a cyclone and stop this unnecessary budget cut!!!
6/7/2020 9:49	Zoey Sheinberg	I am a resident of salt lake city. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Zoey Sheinberg [REDACTED]
6/7/2020 10:13	Neil Russell	In light of recent events it'should be obvious that we need more police resources, not less. Please do no decrease funding.
6/7/2020 10:36	Maureen Morris	How is that going to help? If anything, we need to fund the police officers more! We need to pay them more so that we get dedicated people that are willing to do the difficult job of police work. Plus, we need to expect more education and give them incentives to continue their education. We need to fund law enforcement, bring diverse people together from the community to work with our police force to solve our complex problems, And, we need to hold individual police officers accountable for crimes against a person's civil and constitutional rights especially when excessive force contributes to a person's injury or death. In other words, de-militarize the police, move to community policing.
6/7/2020 11:00	Jeff Mortensen	y are our neighbors,friends and family members as well as that thin line between choas and anarchy. If we are able to intergrate them into our schools and show that not all engagements are nefarious. Our children can grow into adulthood with a better synergy between authority and society. Police officers can become jaded since they usually only deal with criminal behSalt lake city is has been a leader in many areas. Defunding the police force shouldn't be one of them. I believe we shoud actually increase funding to the police department and engage them into our comunities and school system to reduce the stigma of "Us versus them mentality." Police officers are an intergral part of our society. Theavior and only see the worst of society. I believe we can keep their hearts soft if they can see the innocence and civility that most of us enjoy on a daily basis.
6/7/2020 11:20	Lynn Ames	I do not support defunding police. please do not not rule based on a loud minority. i have been involved with the homeless efforts and cleaning up the Road Home area and see the great need for these officers.

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6/7/2020 11:36	Emily Holt	I live in Salt Lake City with my husband and three small children and I wanted to express my concern and opposition to defunding the SLCPD. I realize there are many different views on this - but I personally believe we have an extremely quality police department and if anything, they are underfunded. I would be more in favor for additional funding for training if needed. However, I am not in favor of defunding.
6/7/2020 12:22	Betty Long	
6/7/2020 12:26	Kate Bowman	<p>Dear Salt Lake City Councilmembers, I'm a resident of District 6 and I am writing with a comment regarding funding for the police department in this year's budget. I have lived in the Salt Lake City area for nearly 10 years, including 5 years in my current neighborhood on Gilmer drive and 2 years on 900 east and 1300 south. In that time, my car has been broken into twice and my house was broken into once. My partner's car has been rifled through while parked in front of my house. All of these incidents were reported, but as far as I know none of the culprits were ever identified and none of the stolen property was ever found or returned. I now know to tell visitors that they should not leave any valuables in their car or leave their car unlocked when parked in front of my house. I have also recently become aware of several very recent incidences of car break-ins in the few blocks around my house and one altercation where someone was threatened with a handgun. Neighbors all seem aware of this problem and also believe that it is associated with one particular house on my street. I bring these issues up to say that although I feel safe in my neighborhood, I am concerned about the level of theft and property crime in the city. Neighbors in my community are clearly vigilant and concerned, and yet it does not seem that the current level of funding for the SLC police department is working to reduce incidences of property crime or improve the likelihood that stolen property is found and returned. As we have a national conversation about the role of police in our communities, I think it is important to think critically about the problems that we are trying to solve and think creatively about solutions. it's time to have an honest conversation about whether there are better ways to address persistent problems with homelessness, drug use, and property crime in Salt Lake City. To that end, I support a reduction in the police department budget, and I would like to see the funding diverted towards services that help to address the underlying causes of crime (including treatment for drug addiction, homeless services, job training, and affordable housing.) I would also like to see the funding go towards services that provide comprehensive support for individuals in crisis, including counseling services that help victims of domestic abuse leave unsafe situations, trained professionals who can respond appropriately to individuals experiencing mental health crises, and services to help homeless individuals. Funding for these services can help to avoid the need to send police to deal with acute crises as a last resort, and avoid situations where the presence of an armed police officer may escalate a situation unnecessarily. Given the likely impact of the pandemic and subsequent recession on the city's budget, I am especially concerned that these types of services will fall by the wayside at the time when we need them more than ever. <b>Continued Below 1/2</b></p>
6/7/2020 12:26	Kate Bowman	<p><b>Continued 2/2</b> Other low-cost opportunities to fight crime could include funding for community neighborhood watch groups, or security cameras at popular trailheads where car break-ins are so common that the parking lots are constantly littered with broken glass. I recently became aware of the 8 Can't Wait campaign (<a href="https://8cantwait.org/">https://8cantwait.org/</a>), which lists 8 data driven policy actions that can reduce killings by police. I was heartened to see that Salt Lake City has already implemented all eight policies. Nonetheless, it is clear that these policies are not enough, and so I also support increasing the oversight and independence of the Civilian Review board. I would like to thank Mayor Mendenhall, the City Council, and the SLC Police Department for your service to protect our communities and your commitment to transparency. I am proud to live in Salt Lake City. I support a reduction in the police department budget not out of animosity for the officers who are committed to protecting and serving our city, but because I believe that there is a need to diversify our approach to crime prevention. It is clear that a history of racism and discrimination has had lasting effects on the structures of our institutions at every level of government. I believe that we must reform existing institutions while also building new ones that actively seek to reverse the injustices of the past. I hope that we have reached a critical turning point in the history of our country, and I hope that Salt Lake City can seize this moment as an opportunity to begin the difficult work of building a community where everyone is safe.</p>

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6/7/2020 12:35	Megan Kratz	I am adding my voice to those of my neighbors and asking you to reallocate \$30 million from the police department budget into affordable housing and community development, particularly in our lower income neighborhoods. I also ask you to put pressure on appropriate people to fire, arrest and charge the officers who murdered Bernardo Palacios. It is disgusting and unconscionable that they are still receiving taxpayer money. While I support requiring more training and accountability for police, please do not use this as an excuse to give them more money.
6/7/2020 12:54	Cameron Honarvar	Good day! I understand that on or about June 2nd there was a city council meeting and a loud and determined group was present requesting to decrease police department funding by 30%. I'm writing today to convey my total disagreement with this proposal. We wish funding to be maintained (or increased!) for our wonderful police department. As depressing as recent events in Minnesota were, and while I feel great sympathy for Mr. Floyd and for African-Americans who may be exposed to racism, this is not a law and order issue in Salt Lake City, and the SLC Police Dept enjoy most of the citizenry's utmost respect and support. I would hope that such an important issue as this would not be decided based on an organized and loud group of attendees at one meeting (most citizens probably had no idea that this would be discussed), and would rather be on a referendum of some sort to gauge the true nature of the majority feeling. We are still a democracy, and the voices of the majority need to be heard as well! Thank you for your time in reading my message, and please be transparent if and when this issue may be discussed publicly in future. Sincerely, Cameron Honarvar Citizen, Tax Payer, Businessman - Salt Lake City
6/7/2020 13:04	Ellie Smith	Hello, I live in Sugarhouse in Salt Lake City. As an important policy-making tool, I want to make sure that the fiscal budget is reflective of the community and is actively making improvements to pressing matters of this time. I do not support increasing the police budget. It has jumped from \$74M in 2019 to \$84M proposed for 2021. I support a significant defunding from the proposed amount. At a minimum, I would like to see the refunds added to their budget in recent years rerouted to social services, civic support, and community outreach programs. Also, I don't think we need a stronger police presence in city parks - I do not want tax money funding these projects. I also do not support reducing the funding of the Sustainability Department. Based on the response of the 2019 survey, sustainability and the resources provided by the department are clearly important to the residents of SLC. Climate change is an extremely pressing matter right now and I would like the sustainability department to have no budget cuts this year at the minimum, if not expanded. There are many ways for this money to be spent to improve the environmental conditions of our community and I would like to see the department fully funded. For example, I sent an email about how the city's composting services currently aren't available for apartment buildings. Thank you for listening to the public and I hope to see changes before the final approval!

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6/7/2020 13:57	Alex Burlison	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, Alex Burlison
6/7/2020 13:07	Elise Hinman	Dear SLC Council, I believe that we should defund the police force in Salt Lake City. First, I think we should reduce the number of police officer positions, and add social workers and mental health counselors. Additionally, the money taken from the police fund should be used to increase the influence of social and education programs, including other mental health services and youth programs. Decriminalizing drugs and other lesser offenses will allow remaining officers to focus on the issues that require intervention while we do the hard work of improving social programs. This will be a marathon effort, but it starts NOW. Additionally, "merit-based" raises for police officers should only be provided to officers without complaints on file against them. My hope is that this would incentivize officers to avoid actions that lead to complaints and reward only the high quality officers. This should not be an automatic system, and additional dollars not awarded to police salaries should be put toward additional training for the high quality officers. Currently, police officers who de-escalate situations are rewarded with pins on their uniforms. Maybe a better use of some funds from cutting officer positions is providing monetary awards for officers who de-escalate situations rather than fatally wound unarmed suspects. Also, how about funding an independent research data analyst position whose job is to present statistics on police department operations and provide the public with information to increase transparency? Thank you for listening to my concerns and suggestions. Respectfully, Elise



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6/7/2020 13:24	Adam Addley	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Adam Addley [REDACTED]
6/7/2020 13:28	Adam Anthony	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
6/7/2020 13:21	Aaron Khan	I am a resident of Davis County. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Aaron Khan

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6/7/2020 13:36	Afton Gehmlich	I am a resident of District 17. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Afton Gehmlich
6/7/2020 13:29	Adam Tye	I am a downtown SLC resident. \$84 million for SLPD in the next budget! That money needs to be spent on establishing a citizen council, hiring more diverse officers, LOADS of deescalation training, teaching them that citizens are to be protected and not seen as their enemies. I was told by multiple cops how disgusted they were by Derek Chauvin's disgusting acts in Minneapolis. I don't believe every cop is Derek Chauvin just waiting to kill someone. But I do believe that every cop is much more likely to act like Thomas Lane, J.A. Kueng and Tou Thoa than to do the humane thing and save George Floyd's life. It only takes one bad cop in a world predicated on following orders and protections the badge over protections the community.
6/7/2020 13:27	Adam Anthony	You are elected by the people and the dignity of a response to the people is warranted.

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6/7/2020 13:32	Adrianna Garza	I am a resident of Brooklyn, NY. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Adrianna Garza, 515 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn NY 11216
6/7/2020 13:35	Adrienne Krueger	Erin Mendenhall and Co, I am extremely dismayed by your proposal to increase the budget for police. \$84 million is already an insane amount of money to be pouring into a police department which is apparently only good for displacing our vulnerable homeless population and murdering our young Latino citizens. We do not need more money, more training, or more equipment, we need to drastically defund the police. For a candidate who ran on an air quality ticket, you of all people'should understand the importance of reallocating this money away from power hungry murderers who are loathed by the entirety of your city at point, and instead invest it in the bright future of clean air and renewable energy. Release the body cam footage of the Bernando Palacios murder. Thank you for your time. Adrienne Krueger 84103

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6/8/2020 1:01	Meghan Burrows	Hi, I am emailing to express my concern and demand change in the police department. I have 3 main concerns and requests. 1- The police budget should be decreased by at least 30 million dollars. 2- A hiring freeze should be placed on the SLCPD for the next year. 3- The money diverted from the SLCPD'should be invested in the community, increasing access to food, affordable housing, clean energy, more public transportation, and public health programs. Police target communities of color and low-income communities more than white communities. As a white member of the community, I believe it is inequitable and needs to change. Sincerely, Meghan Burrows
6/7/2020 13:47	rebecca johns	I am against defunding police officers, I actually feel the need for more officers to patrol my area where car thefts and and stealing of other items from garages and front yards, porches is reported daily on our neighborhood internet site. However, I realize less than 6% of crime occurs in our area and they are needed elsewhere. I appreciate police functioning in crowd control and preventing destructive riots. I do think the means they use ...neck holds and knee pressure...should be reconsidered and changed so they can not murder people they are trying to restrain in anger.
6/7/2020 13:44	Anonymous Constituent	Dear Council, I wanted my voice heard that I strongly disagree with any defunding of the police. The police perform a valuable and appreciated job and put their lives on the line for the well being of the community. The police do not have enough current resources to address the issues they presently face. Salt Lake City is a beautiful city and I would hate to see it ruined by crime if we lack the resources in the police force to maintain law and order. Thank you.
6/7/2020 14:05	Alexandria Monroe	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, Alexandria Monroe.

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6/7/2020 13:38	Ahmed Eftin	I am a resident of [YOUR DISTRICT]. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Ahmed
6/7/2020 13:41	Alanja Oliver	Kindly, Defund the police and invest the money in care and support for our community. Signed, Alanja Oliver
6/7/2020 13:41	Aileen Norris	Dear Salt Lake City Council, I am reaching out as a concerned Salt Lake City resident about the \$84 million police budget allotted for 2020-2021. I am adding my voice to many others in demanding the following: 1. Decrease the police budget by at least \$30 million. 2. Enact a hiring freeze on SLCPD for the next year. 3. Divest from policing and rather invest in our community, especially programs that invest in food security, housing, public transportation, and public health. Especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, I'd like to highlight the need for rent relief in many areas of our community as well. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City, and I hope that the council is able to step up to the insistence for better policereform. Sincerely, Aileen Norris (she/her/hers)



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6/7/2020 13:54	Alec Sherwood	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. I listened to the public hearing last night and heard approximately 200 people'speak, and was so proud to hear ourselves nearly unanimously in support of people of color, particularly our Black communities, and against police brutality. How to represent the people of your community could not be more obvious. I trust that last night's city council meeting has given you clarity on what to do now and the lifting of the curfew was a great first step. If you do not act on your constituents' demands and defund the SLCPD, you cannot claim to represent your people and do not deserve the office you hold. You are causing the violence that is occurring in this city by creating the very situation that people are protesting against. Your constituents are tired of police brutality and murders by the police, so we spoke up. Your solution was to send the militarized police force to brutally suppress them. Your solution is exactly what is causing the problem. It is not too late to make a change.
		Lastly, I was driving through Salt Lake two weeks ago and I noticed a police station flying a Blue Lives Matter flag. I find it deplorable that the police are making a political statement that is in direct conflict with the Black Lives Matter movement, on top of targeting black and brown constituents. To fly that flag on a government building shows all the Black people of Salt Lake City where they stand in the eyes of the police. it'silences the Black voices we should uplift and causes them to fear the police; in flying that flag, the police are showing that they, without a shadow of a doubt, do not care about Black lives. The Black Lives Matter movement has never claimed that no else's life matters, only that theirs have been shown time and time again to have less value in the society we live. To respond with ?well, my life matters too?, particularly on a state-sanctioned platform, is, at best, defensive and childish. At worst, it perpetuates the SLCPD's culture of violence against Black people. We need to listen to our Black community members, work with them, and divert resources to them, because what they are saying is the truth. An officer, as a civilian, has every right to fly that flag, but it has no place on a government building. I urge you to take action and prohibit the display of this affront to our Black community on government platforms. At the end of the day, an officer has this privilege: the ability to take off their uniform, to otherwise stop appearing as a police officer, or to quit their line of work. It was their choice to become a police officer. Being Black is not a choice and being oppressed, beaten, attacked, and stolen from is not a choice, but we have the choice to stop all of this. Sincerely, Alec Sherwood

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6/7/2020 13:58	Alex Graff	My name is Alex Graff. As a concerned citizen, I am emailing to demand that the proposal for the \$84 million budget be used to find constructive solutions Salt Lake's increasing homeless population, to provide aid for those without homes and jobs, and to be put into public education to strife for more well-rounded and well-informed citizens of Utah and the United States. The police department does not need nor do they deserve an increase in PUBLIC funds. This money NEEDS to be used for bettering the public. USE TAX MONEY FOR BETTER CAUSES.
6/7/2020 13:58	Alex Mack	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, Alex Mack
6/7/2020 14:09	Alex Walker	To the members of the council, The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the city and the SLCPD is up for renewal on June 27, 2020. I urge the council to include language within the new MOU that will strengthen citizen oversight over the SLCPD and increase accountability for officers. HOW POLICE UNION CONTRACTS BLOCK ACCOUNTABILITY (from <a href="https://www.checkthepolice.org/">https://www.checkthepolice.org/</a> ) * Disqualifying misconduct complaints that are submitted too many days after an incident occurs or if an investigation takes too long to complete * Preventing police officers from being interrogated immediately after being involved in an incident or otherwise restricting how, when, or where they can be interrogated * Giving officers access to information that civilians do not get prior to being interrogated * Requiring cities to pay costs related to police misconduct including by giving officers paid leave while under investigation, paying legal fees, and/or the cost of settlements * Preventing information on past misconduct investigations from being recorded or retained in an officer's personnel file * Limiting disciplinary consequences for officers or limiting the capacity of civilian oversight structures and/or the media to hold police accountable. Please target 0 officer involved deaths and a 100% reduction in police violence. Thank you -- Alex Walker

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6/7/2020 14:20	Alexander Diamond	I am a resident of district 3. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Alex Diamond
6/7/2020 14:34	Allison Martin	I am a resident of Salt Lake County. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Allison Martin -- -- Allie L. Martin, DVM

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6/7/2020 14:10	Alexa Gowon	Please decrease the \$84 million budget for new police officers and put the money elsewhere. Help the community and support the community with that money. Stop hiding cops!
6/7/2020 14:12	Alexa Wilcox	I am a worker of Salt Lake. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform. We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Alexa Wilcox
6/7/2020 14:03	Anonymous Constituent	The police force is essential to the safety and well being of our city. If law and order aren't maintained, our city will look like Baltimore, Washington DC, Chicago, etc. Also, there will be an exodus from the city as people look to escape the increased crime. This will impact the U, downtown businesses, etc.
6/7/2020 14:06	Alex Palomino	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 Researcher, SMART Energy Lab, University of Utah

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6/7/2020 14:19	Alexander Arnis	Hello Council, My name is Alex Arnis and I have been a resident of Salt Lake City for the past six years. To preface, I believe police officers have essential duties and I can sympathize with the daily stressors, struggles, and dangers they routinely face. Nonetheless, as a taxpayer, I do not wish to see my money funding the militarization of the SLC police department nor used to hire more officers. I would prefer to see my money work towards organizations helping citizens living in low socioeconomic households. I take issue not with individual police officers, but with the nationwide trend towards a domineering, authoritarian and militarized use of force as a first recall to control citizens. I would rather see the budget allocated toward addressing the root of the issue and elevating the quality of life for citizens living in dire straights. In addition, I believe a police officer's pay must remain competitive in order to provide qualified individuals to protect our communities. Therefore, I will support increasing the cap on wages so we may remain competitive with other departments but oppose hiring more officers or increased militarization. Thank you for your time council. Best, Alex Arnis
6/7/2020 14:24	Alicia Chen	Dear Council Member Mano, 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. Sincerely, Alicia Chen



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6/7/2020 14:12	Alexa Wilcox	Hello, My Name is Alexa Wilcox and I am a resident of Park City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Alexa Wilcox
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6/7/2020 16:13	Bianca Beyrouti	Greetings, I am a former resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Bianca Beyrouti
6/7/2020 16:14	Braidee Kolendrianos	Hello- My name is Braidee Kolendrianos and I live on 400 N 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, Braidee Kolendrianos 84116 Sent from my iPhone
6/7/2020 14:11	Alexa Washburn	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, Alexa Washburn

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6/7/2020 14:33	Alicia Savage	Hello! I am writing to express my concern on the mayor's budget proposal. Salt Lake City does not need an extra \$2 million to go to the police next year for a total budget of almost \$85 million. The year before (FY 2018-2019) the Police budget was raised by \$6.5 million. The Police Department already had 29% of the total city budget that year. Over the same time period the Fire Department went up by less than \$700k , 911 went up by \$100k, and Public Services budget went down by \$1.2 million. If those important departments stayed flat or went down, then the Police definitely do not need an increase and we should take back the one which was given last year. The money should go to help the public, not to police the public. The Police do not need more riot gear and equipment. The people of Salt Lake need public services and services for the homeless. The city should also start a program in the Department of Economic Development to help black owned businesses. Salt Lake should become an example of a city that got it right, not a city which makes the same mistakes. Thank you, Alicia Savage -- "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter," Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
6/7/2020 14:35	Allie Payne	I am a resident of Salt Lake County (South Jordan). I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Allison Payne

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6/7/2020 14:21	Alexis Maxwell	<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: Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring any 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 oppo 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, Alexis Maxwell</p>

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6/7/2020 14:22	Ali Vallarta	Good afternoon Councilmember Valdemoros! 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. Thank you for responding to this crisis with swift action. I appreciate your time and service. Thankfully, -- Ali Vallarta
6/7/2020 14:33	Alison Olson	Hello- My name is Alison Olson and I live on Indiana Avenue 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, Alison Olson 84104



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6/7/2020 14:32	Fae Hadlock	Hi, my name is Fae Hadlock. 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
6/7/2020 14:36	Amanda Johnson	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Amanda Johnson

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6/7/2020 14:36	Alyssa B	We need to DECREASE the police budget for the safety and wellbeing of our citizens.
6/7/2020 14:44	Ammara Siddiqi	Attention leaders, I would like to request that the City Council stop prioritizing the unnecessarily large police budget and reallocate those funds to help community wellbeing. We need to have funding redirected to help local communities, including house district 40 and senate district 3 which I am resident of. What we are witnessing is citizens of American coming together to oppose the systemic violence of policing, recognized directly here in Salt Lake City?s own police force. Historically there is documentation of SLCPDs murdering black people and even within the last week several instances of violence, instigation, and unnecessary force but our local police force. This is unacceptable and must stop. The local police department have defined their own mission to "preserve life, maintain human rights, and promote individual responsibility" and I am greatly disappointed, they have lost all "respect and compassion towards the community they serve". It is not enough to denounce these acts; you must work actively now to create real change and reform. I will not stand by and let innocent protestors who are exercising their rights to peacefully assemble be harassed and assaulted. Suggestions and empty gestures, prayers and warm words do nothing for our communities. Support for communities in need is necessary without delay. In direct opposition to what is required, our Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD and for what? This money could be used elsewhere and for better initiatives. I demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Please, listen to your constituents and revise the budget proposal for fiscal year 2020-2021 which proposes increased funding for the SLCPD. In this time of history, ensure that you are on the right side, we the people will not soon forget. The public demands it. Thank you for your time, Ammara Siddiqi
6/7/2020 14:45	Amy Moon	To Whom it May Concern, I own a house in the Highland Park area. I love our neighborhood and I love our city. I feel we are at a pivotal point in our city and nation. While I understand the importance of a strong police force and presence and as a white person, have always felt protected by them, I know that not all my neighbors feel this way. I would like to suggest that as a moment of solidarity and a commitment to our neighbors of color, we use this opportunity to decrease funding to the police force and use that money to bolster education. I firmly believe that education is our key to peace, opportunity for all regardless of skin color or social background, and will benefit our society in the future. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Amy Moon

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6/7/2020 14:55	Andrew Hutchins	I am a resident of PLEASANT GROVE. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform. We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thanks Andrew Hutchins Sent from my iPhone
6/7/2020 14:36	Amanda Diaz	Hello, 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 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 in direct antagonism and violence towards them. We demand a change. Thank you for your time. Amanda Diaz

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6/7/2020 14:48	Branden Reall	To Ana Just wanted to thank you for your comments in city council regarding the situation between police, protestors, curfews, rioting... It was really good to see community leaders standing behind correct values and not giving way to tolerance of bad actions. I live south of SLC, but was really getting frustrated in watching all the rioting, looting and people being hurt by a few individuals taking advantage of the situation. Many people in our communities are trying to build up our communities and are all for people having freedom of speach. But those who use these situations to hurt and tear down businesses, and steal property are undermining the whole process ofreform. As we saw on the news, it was those same good people who were out removing grafitti - where it'should be those criminals who sprayed it on. Our police force is not perfect - but they are human and defininitely are needed. I find it crazy the type of crit'sm they get hit with. Most of those crit'sising would not be able to handle much of the load these guys have to carry. I don't condone bad cops - but neither to good police officers. Just like I don't condone rioters and looters - just like good protesters and good citizens. They both need to be held accountable for their actions. Thanks again for your comments, Branden
6/7/2020 14:57	Andrew Worsham	Salt Lake Council, Thank you for your time. Please let these comments be known during the meeting the night of June 2nd. The increase of the police budget to \$84 million is unacceptable. Even before the increase, there is much more need in other sectors of our city. Programs that promote sustainability, housing, public transit, and social equity are in dire need of funding and are not getting it. Most of these operate on a fraction of the police budget. Implementing these changes to the budget is crucial to understanding and representing your community in these times. Please support those in your community that need it. Andrew Worsham 84103
6/7/2020 14:44	Amaya Schindele	I am a resident of Salt Lake City, Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions ofreform. We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Amaya Schindele



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6/7/2020 15:06	Anne Marie Moses	I am a resident of [YOUR DISTRICT]. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Anne Marie Moses
6/7/2020 15:06	Anne Salisbury	Good Afternoon, My name is Anne Salisbury, I'm a resident of Salt Lake City. I'm emailing to demand that you invest in our most vulnerable communities by taking the \$84 million allocated to policing in Salt Lake City and invest directly in our most vulnerable communities. Our communities need resources to thrive, and we can no longer invest in police as the solution. Because policing acts as a supporting structure for white supremacy, and I know that the residents of Salt Lake City value Black lives, we must defund the police. Please listen to the citizens protesting and Black voices and change your funding decisions accordingly. Sincerely, Anne Salisbury
6/7/2020 14:45	Amy Sailer	Dear Salt Lake City council, I am writing to urge the Salt Lake City police department to require police to be required to use de-escalation tactics. Many police departments across the country aren't required to use de-escalation tactics, though they are a common sense measure to ensure the best outcomes from police encounters. After examining the Salt Lake City police policy manual, I am distressed to see that de-escalation measures are only encouraged in one brief place. In order to make Salt Lake City safer for all of its citizens, I implore the police department to specifically train to use de-escalation measures in all encounters. Thank you for your time, Amy Sailer

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6/7/2020 14:45	Ana Diaz Sacco	Hello, My name is Ana Diaz Sacco. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Ana Diaz Sacco

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6/7/2020 14:55	Andrew Alba	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. Andrew
6/7/2020 14:56	Andrew Phillips	I am a resident of Holladay. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPDs well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform. We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Andrew Phillips

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6/7/2020 15:06	Anne Allen	I am a resident of House District 52/Senate District 10 in South Jordan. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Anne Allen
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6/7/2020 15:01	Rachel Buchi	I urge you to shift money in the budget from the police department to programs and resources that support the health of our neighborhoods. The disparities our community is seeing with positive COVID-19 cases highlights the need for increased public health funding. We need more money for people experiencing homelessness and food insecurity. Residents of Salt Lake City need access to affordable housing, healthcare, and quality education. Shifting money in the proposed budget from the police department to the priorities mentioned above helps our community thrive.
6/7/2020 15:04	Ann Jenkins	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Annie Jenkins
6/7/2020 15:04	Ann Owsley	Greetings, Please re-work the SLC budget to exclude purchases of intimidating, frightening, deadly instruments of war to be used against our own citizens. Please re-direct those funds to help in other areas, such as our pitifully under-funded education system. Sincerely Ann Owsley
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6/7/2020 15:14	Aria Marie	Hello, My name is Aria I would like to put in a comment to decrease the police budget. A decrease by at least \$30 million. I would also like to put in a comment about divestment from policing and an investment in our community. An investment in housing, food, transportation, and public health. Thank you.
6/7/2020 15:13	Annie Young	To Whom It May Concern, I am writing in regards to the proposed FY21 budget. I urge the city to slowly defund the police and reallocate these funds to other sectors such as education and public services. It is important that we invest in an equitable future and I believe that increased funding for children and for those most vulnerable in our communities is the way forward. Thank you for your time. Best, Annie Young SLC Resident
6/7/2020 16:12	Ben Swisher	Hello ? As a City Library employee who has often witnessed unnecessary police force at the library, and is seeing so much of it happen on library grounds, 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 ? such as 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: * Reduce the police budget by at \$30 million, if not more * Impose a hiring freeze in the police department until existing policing 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) Thank you, Ben Swisher ? an Salt Lake resident and City Library employee
6/7/2020 16:14	Brandie Doss	My name is Brandie and I am a SLC resident. I?m writing in regard to the 20-21 fiscal budget. I demand before the vote on Tuesday the city makes drastic cuts to the SLCPD police budget by at least 30 million dollars. This money needs to be used in the Black community. The mayor also needs to maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important !!! Black lives matter. Police murdering innocent black lives have to stop! Thank you for your time Brandie Doss
6/7/2020 15:14	Anthony Hedberg	Good Afternoon, My name is Anthony Hedberg, I'm a resident of Salt Lake City. I'm emailing to demand that you invest in our most vulnerable communities by taking the \$84 million allocated to policing in Salt Lake City and invest directly in our most vulnerable communities and education system. Our communities need resources to thrive, and we can no longer invest in police as the solution. Because policing acts as a supporting structure for white supremacy, and I know that the residents of Salt Lake City value Black lives, we must defund the police. Please listen to the citizens protesting and Black voices and change your funding decisions accordingly. Sincerely, Anthony Hedberg
6/7/2020 15:14	Anthony Giorgio	Council Members, I am a citizen of West Jordan and I work and go to school in Salt Lake City, and I am writing to you all regarding the proposed police budget for tonight's meeting. In the context of recent events, I am sure that have already drawn some conclusions about whether the SLCPD need the budget that they have, more, or less. I would urge you, no matter your opinion on the matter, to consider that diverting funds that are currently meant for the police department, and spending them instead on public services like health services, education, and shelter for the homeless, may in fact reduce your necessary expenditures for the police department. If you're worried about decreased employment opportunities for officers, do not fear: they can continue to protect and serve by building shelters for our homeless, conducting public health services, or engaging with the community through youth programs for early violence prevention. If you insist on retaining the current budget, I recommend that you reallocate a larger portion toward sensitivity and deescalation training. Clearly, comparing SLC's performance to other PDs around the country, the training they have received is working, and they could continue to set a good example for the rest of the nation. I hope your decisions tonight reflect responsible choices on behalf of your constituents. Thank you, Anthony Giorgio



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6/7/2020 15:15	Ariana Ritter	I am a resident of Murray. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Ariana Ritter
6/7/2020 15:24	Ashley Saenz	To the Council Members and the Mayor, I am a resident of Salt Lake City?s third district. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Ashley Saenz

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6/7/2020 15:27	Bea Hurd	Hi, I?m am emailing because of the effort to defund the police. We cannot continue to fund a system that was founded on the oppression of POC and those in poverty. I think to continue to fund the police as you do, you are subsequently saying that you are putting more value on archaic ideals and systems over the that of a human life. You are the people meant to lead us into a safe and satisfying life and community. We cannot trust nor will be show respect to a government that endorses a system of oppression, violence, and hate. If you allow a cop to kill one of us, you have killed all of us by your display of complacency in the face of hatred. ?Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere? 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. - Bea Hurd
6/7/2020 15:25	Aspen Nall	I am a resident of Lafayette. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Aspen nall Sent from my iPhone

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6/7/2020 15:25	Austin Breen	I am a resident and am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Austin Breen
6/7/2020 15:25	Autumn DeLacy	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 could be better spent elsewhere. In infrastructure, welfare programs, and assisting the homeless population of the city! I am urging anyone on this council to vote against this budget and lower the proposed amount to \$30 million. I also advise the SLCPD before they hire more cops, start having more vigorous training, at least more than it takes to become a barber. -Autumn DeLacy
6/7/2020 15:26	Bailey Roberts	Hello Ms Valdemoros, I am writing to thank you for your comments in last night's council meeting. I also don't know how much the council was involved in the decision to lift the curfew but I thank everyone for that too. Also hurray for the Artesian Well park being done. We live right by it'so if it weren't for COVID we'd be lined up once the water was on again. Sincerely, Bailey Roberts
6/7/2020 16:21	Brandon Adams	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 Adams

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6/7/2020 16:21	Breanne Hathaway	I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Bre Hathaway Get Outlook for Android [REDACTED]
6/7/2020 16:26	Brynne Hinchman	To the members of the city council: I am writing you today to discuss public funding for my home city of Salt Lake. I have some concerns about the budget allocations and urge you to reconsider these spending decisions. In FY 20-21's projected budget, the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the SLC Police Department. In contrast, housing is receiving \$23,248,016, transit is receiving \$4,700,00, legal defenders are receiving \$1.2 million dollars, tuition aid programs \$300,000, the Rape Recovery Center \$30,000, and "Diversity Outreach" an almost laughable \$3,000. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Despite the SLCPD's claim that they have increased anti-bias training, most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence, carelessness, and discriminatory practices of the police here. Personally, I have seen the impact of this bias in action. As a white woman living on the east side of the valley, I have driven my own vehicle around for 6 years with no interaction from the police. My close friend is a person of color, and has had quite a different experience. In an identical vehicle, this person has been pulled over twice and questioned by police. Neither episode ended in a citation, and in neither case could the officer explain why they were pulled over. I also love to ride my bike around this neighborhood. Not once in my entire life have I been stopped by an officer on this vehicle. My African american friend, however, has been stopped on his no less than 15 times. As a person with a science background, I am well aware that one (or two) instances does not make draw a conclusion. But when you combine my personal experience with the established national statistics demonstrating that the likelihood of a person of color to be engaged by the police is significantly more than a white person doing the same activity, the abstract nature of such disturbing statistics becomes very real and personal. Imagining losing the person that I love most to racially discriminatory police violence brings tears to my eyes as I write this email. I can't even imagine the emotional pain and fear they carry with them every single day, living their life, knowing their skin color makes them a target. Can you? Before continuing, please take a sincere moment to ponder that question. I am glad that some attention is being given to the anti-police brutality protests of the last few days, as evidenced by some budget proposal changes in I-2: Funding for Public Safety Overtime and Training (\$988,000, General Fund ? Fund Balance). However, I must draw your attention to the glaring irony contained in this statement. The proposal states, "As outlined in a joint Mayor, Council, and Police Chief Letter on May 30th, the Police Department already conducts Fair & Impartial Policing, Blue Courage, Arbinger, Crisis Intervention Team, and Human Bias Training." If a number of trainings that are supposed to fix this problem are in place, how are we supposed to believe that spending our tax dollars to add even more will make a difference this time? To protect my neighbors and loved ones more effectively, I implore you to consider diverting these funds away from the police and into community-based initiatives that address food insecurity, housing insecurity, public education, social services, public transportation, or any number of additional public goods and services that will help build our communities, and actually begin to address the systematic inequities that turn people towards crime or the streets to begin with. There is a direct link 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.

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6/7/2020 16:37	Caroline Anderson	To whom it may concerns, In lieu of the ongoing police brutality and murders in the black community, I join with others to ask for immediate and long term changes to our SLC police department. I hope you choose to create a budget that reflects the citizens needs. Demands: 1. 1) Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring 23 new officers, as has been proposed. 2. 2) To vote no to any increase in police funding or to increase the police department?s budget. 3. 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. 4) To protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police. 5. 5) To do everything in their power to compel SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members. I want to live in a community where our needs our represented and we can feel safe in our own neighborhoods regardless of race. Thank you, Caroline Anderson Sent from my iPhone
6/7/2020 16:11	Beau Phenicie	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, Beau Phenicie
6/7/2020 16:11	Ben Harrison	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time.



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6/7/2020 16:12	Beth Carter	I am a resident of the avenues. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Beth Carter Sent from my iPhone
6/7/2020 16:13	Det. James Bishop	City Council members, I am writing to ask you to critically and actively think about the proposal to defund the police department and ask you NOT to do it. I ask you to not give in to public pressure and kneejerk reactions and think about all the good people and actions within the Salt Lake City Police Department. My public service career began with my entrance into the military in 1995. 25 years later I am working for the Salt Lake City Police in my 12th year of service and throughout the 25 years of public service I have never worked for a better organization. I have worked with several of you as a CIU detective. I currently work with CIU in the D7 area. I love the community of Salt Lake City. All of the SLCPD love this community and its the reason why we serve it with respect for the community. Defunding the SLCPD would cause harm in our ability to recruit qualified applicants, reduce our efficiency in handling issues, and cause officers to be injured on duty due to lack of property equipment. The SLCPD is recognized as a proficient law enforcement entity and defunding the police department would cause a setback that would take years if not decades to recover from. Thank you. ?Det. James Bishop CIU District 7 Salt Lake City Police Department [REDACTED]
6/7/2020 16:13	Ian Borders	I am absolutely disgusted with this counsel. Releasing a letter like that without knowing all the facts is irresponsible and childish. After 4 years with this department, I now regret my decision to work for Salt Lake City. I have never been so disheartened with this profession and the lack of understanding for the leaders of this city. I ask each of you to reach out to the training staff of SLCPD and have them put you through some scenarios. See what decisions you make when in a deadly encounter with a violent felon with a firearm. Or maybe speak to the victim who had a gun pointed at his face just moments before by Mr. Palacios-Carbajal. Or his other victim who was pistol whipped by Mr. Palacios-Carbajal. Ask them how they felt and what they would have done if they had a firearm. Mr. Palacios-Carbajal had already proven he had a propensity for violence, he had just committed two aggravated robberies. Posting that letter has just added fuel to the fire that I am risking my life to put out. How do you think this city will handle not having a police department because that is looking to be the best option for us officers. Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S10+, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

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6/7/2020 16:14	Ian Borders	Council Members, My name is Ian Borders and I am currently employed as a patrol officer for the Salt Lake City Police Department. I have been working around the clock on the Public Order Unit'since the riots last Saturday. I have never experienced the amount of violence and hatred in my 16 years as a police officers. Rioters evened sharpened the end of poles to throw them at is as if they were harpoons. They were not protesting, they were actively trying to kill us. If it weren't for your officers who are willing to defend this city, Salt Lake City would have burned. I was actually knocked unconscious for a brief moment from a gallon of milk being huralded at my head yet here I am, day in and day out protecting this great city. The cry to defund the police department is absolutely ludicrous. You cannot do more with less. A society cannot thrive without rule of law. I am willing to stand on the front line and defend this city against those who would do it harm as long as the city supports my efforts. Defunding the police department would make this impossible and force me to seek employment elsewhere. I love working for SLCPD. There is no great police department in this country. Decisions need to be made with logical minds and not based off emotion. I support and will defend the right to protest but what happened Saturday was not a protest, it was a riot. Without funding, the police will no longer be able to protect this great city and it's citizens. The people deserve to feel safe; those who live here and those who visit. Please don't give into the loud minority; listen to the silent majority who support us and want a police department who will protect them. Thank you Ian Borders - Q46 Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S10+, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone
6/7/2020 16:21	Brandon Holfeltz	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 Holfeltz

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6/7/2020 16:34	Cairistiona Flatley	Hello, I?m writing as a concerned constituent in your district. For the council meeting today I hope to see money going towards de-escalation training and victim advocacy in our police force prior to money being spent elsewhere. There is clearly a systemic issue going on in our nation that needs to be addressed from the top down in our police force. Thank you, Cairistiona Flatley SLC, UT
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6/7/2020 16:25	Bryan Young	Hello, My name is Bryan Young. I'm a 22-year old black American from Mountain View, CA. I'm sure that we are all aware of the issues facing the black community and that long history of racism and injustice that has culminated in protests and calls for change. While I do support the protests and feel that it's a necessary mechanism for a community to vent their frustrations, I also believe we need immediate policy change. While I applaud those who have verbally supported the cause, words aren't good enough. Making one policy of banning a chokehold or don'ting to a BLM fund doesn't help fight the fundamentally broken system or change the officers' discriminatory views. As a black man who is deeply invested in these issues, I've spent a lot of time thinking about what steps would combat these problems. Here I want to lay out some of my proposals. I understand that you may not be able to take action on some of these, but remember, you have friends in government, you know people who know people, you can propose things and hopefully get them moved up the chain of power or start a conversation. If you genuinely care about these issues, I urge you to consider what I'm saying and take the time to discuss if any of these are feasible. We need real substantive change, and the only way to do that is to makereforms in a system we all know could be much better. Proposals: -Hold officers accountable for crimes committed against people. If there's evidence an officer did something to harm or endanger another person, charges must be brought against them. We can't continue to let officers slide when they hurt people because it emboldens others into thinking that they can get away bad behavior. -Require all officers to wear body cameras and require that the camera is on at all times. Officers should also wear a separate mic or camera that is always on in case the primary body camera is turned off. I understand many officers turn off their cameras, and this should be a heavily frowned upon practice and investigated. There should be no reason for a camera to be turned off. An officer could argue for their primary camera being obstructed, but for it to be completely shut off, especially during an arrest or stop is unlikely. -Mandatory police volunteer hours and community service in the cities they work in and required attendance at community events dressed as civilians. As I see it, you can't police a neighborhood you don't engage with. I understand the constraints of overtime pay, but I think you can have a scenario during training or during a regular shift, an officer spends part of their time being with the local community to get to know the people they're working with better. We have to keep in mind that we're dealing with people, and people vary depending on location. The needs of one community may be different from the requirements of another. And you can't know someone's needs until you spend time around Continued Below 1/3

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6/7/2020 16:36	Caroleine James	To whom it may concern, As a resident of SLC, I strongly oppose the proposed police budget increasing and the hiring of new officers. The police force in SLC has consistently failed its citizens, particularly citizens of color. It has engaged in police brutality re the murder of Bernardo Palacios. Our resources should be going to healthcare, community resources, education, and the homeless population. I ask that the Salt Lake City Council defund the SLCPD and commit to never increase the budget again. I ask that you invest in community led health and safety strategies as an alternative to police. Finally, I ask that you encourage SLCPD to cease their violent tactics on community members. Sincerely, Caroleine James
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6/7/2020 16:35	Camilla Ingraham	Hello, my name is Camilla Ingraham and I?m a resident of Farmington, Utah. I?ve recently learned that the Salt Lake City government wants to give \$84 million to the police department in their new budget. In light of recent events across our country, such a move would be at least disgraceful, at most violent in and of itself. it's become glaring that the police department is failing in their duty to protect and serve their citizens, in fact, they are doing quite the opposite. Police brutality is rampant across our country, and SLC is no exception. Until legislation is passed for radical change in our police department, I demand a decrease in the police budget in 2020. The money planned to go to the police, which will likely be used to brutalize the citizens of SLC, could be much better used to improve public schools, provide supplies for our hard-working doctors and healthcare staff, or be invested in the community one way or another. I demand the police budget be decreased significantly, by at least 20%, and that the money be invested in Salt Lake City?s schools and hospitals instead. Sincerely, Camilla Ingraham
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6/7/2020 16:44	Carolyn Taylor	Hi, My name is Carolyn Taylor and I am a resident of downtown Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Carolyn Taylor

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6/7/2020 16:47	Cecelia Berman	I would like to submit my comments for the public hearing regarding increasing police budget and hiring more officers: Until there is extensive training around racism, de-escalation, not using force on peaceful protesters, not harming homeless people, and not using military grade weapons on civilians, there should not be any more money spent on increasing police force or budget. Money should be going to improving social services, Covid testing, making sure that there are places for homeless people to eat and sleep, not on arming and harming the communities here via police. People of color do not feel safe in this country, in this city, in this state. That is important and should not be swept under the rug or ignored. Stop funding the organizations that are acting as judge, jury, and executioner to unarmed Black bodies? regardless of whether those people were involved in petty theft or suspected of anything? we are supposed to get due process not shot down by police. don't participate in turning this country into a violent police state. -- Cecelia Berman

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6/7/2020 16:48	Cecily Airinios	To whom it may concern: I demand a decrease to the budget allocated to our police department. I do not want my tax dollars to go towards arming civil servants like they are going to war against the public. This money can be spent elsewhere actually bettering our community. I suggest reallocating it to more culturally diverse groups that actually need the funding. Thank you, Cecily A. Sent from my iPhone
6/7/2020 17:20	Nate passey	I support reduced funding for police and increase funding for community development projects.
6/7/2020 17:13	Matt Smith	I am opposed to any type of action taken to defund our police force. That is the most foolish idea I have ever heard. These young people who are suggesting such foolishness have no clue of what they are asking for. I do not see or hear of race issues in SLC. I do not believe our police force is racist and to suggest that we need to defund the police is SLC does not make sense. This whole protest does not make sense when you look at the facts. This is data is from the FBI uniform crime report from 2019. There were 10 million arrests in the US in 2019. There were 1004 fatal shooting involvomg the police. There were 41 fatal shootings with unarmned people. Of the 41, 19 were white and 10 were black. There were 89 cops killed in 2019 and 45 were murdered. More police were murdered then unarmed people were killed. The numbers do not match the protesting. There is no reason to defund the police. As a city council, DO NOT overreact.
6/7/2020 17:28	Chalea Grant	Hello I live in Salt Lake City proper and I absolutely do NOT want the tax payer money going to the police departments. The police need defunded now. They have continued to show they do not know how to deescalate a situation, they murder black and people of color, harass peaceful protestors. It would be an embarrassment to give them more money!! Chalea Grant Sent from my iPhone
6/7/2020 17:28	Cerene Shepard	Hello, My name is Cerene Shepard. My family and I are residents of SLC Utah and we demand a decrease in the police budget. We must hold cops accountable for the behavior and end police brutality. These funds need to go into the community in other ways that help the health and well being of our town. Thank you Cerene Shepard
6/7/2020 17:29	Chasity Mayo	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, Chasity Mayo

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6/7/2020 17:30	Chelsea Norton	To Whom It May Concern, As a member of the Salt Lake Community, I think more money should be allocated to helping the local citizens, than the police department. Increasing the police force and increasing arrests and incarcerations fixes nothing. We need to be taking care of the people and requiring increased and IMPROVED deescalation training and tactics for police officers, not increasing budgets and number of officers. I saw footage of police officers pushing an older man at a protest this weekend. This man did not appear to be acting violent or resistant in any way. This is unacceptable behavior, it is unhelpful and creates a distrust between public and police; it is counter-productive. If there is an argument that the man in this video was mentally unstable or intoxicated, I would implore you to examine and edit policies in order to HELP people who fall into such categories. The system is failing our people, WE MUST CHANGE IT. Thank you for your time, Chelsea Norton
6/7/2020 17:30	Chiemi Bernuy	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 immunityreform. 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.
6/7/2020 17:31	Christie Fox	Dear Council Member Mano: Thank you for doing a difficult job at a difficult time. I'm writing as your constituent to ask that you reduce the police budget. Yesterday, I watched the bodycam footage of the police shooting of Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal with horror, even more than the horror I've been feeling watching the police fairly consistently attack unarmed protesters. The decision of the SLC Police to wear riot gear to respond to protesters has only escalated the situation. it seems to me that in cities where there was no violence, the police responded with de-escalation tactics. it's time to reduce the police budget and to force them to get rid of their military-grade weapons and equipment. This is not the time for a police budget increase. I ask that you propose large cuts to the police budget, putting that money instead into social services that will result in less crime and less need for a police response. Sincerely, Christie Fox Liberty Wells 84115 -- [REDACTED]

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6/7/2020 17:46	adam clayton	please do not relent to emotions of the moment. defunding the police is not a solution to any problem. it is an emotional appeal with no intelligent thought behind it. we understand emotions are high but the consequences would be terrible for our society. please keep the police fully funded and well redourced.
6/7/2020 17:57	Anonymous Constituent	Mayor Mendenhall and City Council: My name is Laurel Clayson. I am a resident of Salt Lake City in the Glendale neighborhood. I am writing to express my concern over the proposed City budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year. I have been paying close attention to the recent protests against police brutality and the murder of Gerorge Floyd and our own Bernardo Palicios at the hands of police. I believe now is the time to decrease the police budget. Over the last week since the riot on Saturday I have seen the results of our city's overinflated police budget. I have seen the expensive riot gear, the batons, the guns, the shields, the armored vehicles and the helmets. I have seen how these tools were intentionally used to intimidate and bring violence upon mourning, frustrated citizens. Please do not misunderstand me- I want a safe city. But I no longer believe police keep me or any other citizen safe, and in fact actively take lives and inflict harm, disproportionately on Black and brown people. This is not a result of a few bad apples but a systemic problem that goes back to the roots of police as slave patrols. It was not fixed when our police started wearing body cams. It cannot be fixed with more money and more training. I challenge the City Council to reconsider the proposed budget. I challenge you all to be fearless and imagine what our community could look like if we chose to move funds from the police force into other important projects like affordable housing, public transit, a public green energy fund. Many community members have proposed cutting 30 million dollars from the police budget and moving it to social services. I agree with this idea and I hope you will give it thought as well. Let us as a city be proactive and use social services, housing, and education to prevent crime before it happens. Let us stop using police to beat, arrest, rape, and kill our citizens. I hope you will consider these ideas. Lives depend upon you doing so. Sincerely, Laurel Clayson Resident, Council District 2
6/7/2020 18:08	Anonymous Constituent	the police officers are wanting us 2 complain via this site. the act like all their \$\$\$ will b gone. NO, it's just getting moved around. I cannot support their wining, oh, boo goo! our services by the PD is so poor as it'stands more \$\$ will do nothing! make them be here for us & get the heck out of their CARS & DO community policing. we pay for what is miniscule police action, NEVER, EVER has there been a CAR come on our street, no one has EVER been given a speeding ticket & I have offered for PD 2 SEE my RING DOORBELL TAPESo they can see what goes on. NOPE, SLCPD couldn't care less. burglar, breaking, gangs, no action, no prevention tactics by SLCPD. & list goes on. WE do not need these whining PD ( I haven't had a day off in a week")...OH, BOO HOO! This is the job you chose, don't complain or find something else. WE NEED A TOTAL CHANGE IN THE WAY THE SLCPD RUNS THE DEPT & MORE \$\$WONT FIX IT. there is NOT ONE STREET LIGHT ON MY ENTIRE BLOCK, BUT MY TAXES PAY FOR THEM. SPEND \$\$ for our safety which, the PD DO NOT PROTECT. they tell us to go complain 2 city council. GEEZ, been there, done that! ALL PROMISES & COMMITMENTS WERE BROKEN. IVE HAD ENOUGH OF CRY BABIES, WHIMPERING PD. GROW UP OR LEAVE. DO NOT GIVE THEN MORE FUNDING UNTIL WE SEE A SMALL AMOUNT OF THEM OUT ON THE STREETS, BIKES. ETC. NOT JUST A FEW DOWNTOWN ONLY. NEIGHBOORHOOD POLICING PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE

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6/7/2020 20:22	Isabel Deiss	I am a resident of District 4. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Isabel Deiss
6/7/2020 18:26	martha jaye rieser	With the enormous increase in multi unit, high density housing, Population of Salt Lake City must be increasing. I strongly support the budget for law-enforcement to remain as it is or increase I also support greater oversight of their enormous budget. Oversight would yield information about why there's never enough money to process sexual assault kits, How much is spent on training for trauma, if money is allocated for officers to use therapists without shame, etc. I believe there needs to be a culture change but not a budget reduction.

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6/7/2020 18:57	Christine Fiscer	To Whom It May Concern, The very fact that Salt Lake City is even considering increasing the budget for law enforcement at this time is a spit in the face of justice. It is time to reel in law enforcement, as it has been shown time and time again that racism is prevalent and systemic. Officers need better psychological evaluations, better screening, and more accountability for their actions. Not a bigger budget, while it is on the table to decrease the budget for education in Utah. In the midst of officer incited violence at otherwise peaceful protests clearly indicates that we need to see a reduced presence, not the overreach of late. Utah needs to show the country that black lives do indeed matter. Thank you, Christine
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6/7/2020 19:02	Claire Adler	Dear City Council Members and Mayor Erin Mendenhall, Like many Americans, I was shocked, furious, and heartbroken at the murder of George Floyd. I also know that his death is not an anomaly, but a symptom of a system which perpetrates enormous racial injustice and violence in every state in this country, including this one. Erin, I voted for you last year because I believed you had the people's best interests at heart, that you would work to make salt lake a more just place for all people. After your actions this week, I would not vote for you again. Your refusal, and the refusal of the city council, to push for defunding the police is a profound failure to represent my voice, and the voices of many thousands of other folks in Salt Lake City who are tired of spending our tax dollars on upholding an already bloated, and always violent and racist, carceral system. Who are tired of being harassed, oppressed, and jailed by that very system. I understand that there are preexisting agreements in place that make it difficult to divert funds from the police to the many, many other branches of government which so desperately need support. But it is your job to do difficult work in the name of justice. I am unimpressed with additional trainings and body cams?decades have proven thesereforms ineffective. They are worse than bandaid solutions?they are excuses which disguise the need for real change. The only meaningfulreform is to stop funding the police. To divert as much money as you can. To invest instead in affordable housing, in education, in libraries, in health infrastructure, in us. I look forward to hearing back from you on what next steps you and your office will be taking to represent your constituents on this issue. Best, Claire L. Adler
6/7/2020 19:57	Diamond Demartino	I DEMAND A DECREASE IN POLICE FUNDING!!!!



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6/7/2020 19:07	Claire Russon	<p>Dear Councilman Mano, 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 &lt;<a href="http://www.seattle.gov/police-manual/title-8---use-of-force/8100---de-escalation">http://www.seattle.gov/police-manual/title-8---use-of-force/8100---de-escalation</a>&gt; 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 &lt;<a href="https://www.theiacp.org/sit's/default/files/IACP_UC_De-escalation%20Systematic%20Review.pdf">https://www.theiacp.org/sit's/default/files/IACP_UC_De-escalation%20Systematic%20Review.pdf</a>&gt; " 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</p>
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6/7/2020 19:20	Taryn Culverwell	To the city council I am a current Detective with the city and I ask of you at this time do not defund the police department. I was a lateral from another department who came here because I had seen what Salt Lake City PD stood for. I know that by defunding the police department you will lose the best of the best officers to other departments. If you defund this department you will see a decline in officer safety, public trust, low morale, unwillingness by officers to perform at a higher caliber, etc? Bottom line is you will see negative impact on the city and its representation. I know from my own experience and the calls for service I have attended and still am assigned this city can not afford to defund the police department. it'should be the opposite and the city should increase the funds of the police department to draw the best of the best officers from all over the country. The city should fund the best training available as well. I know if this is done the city will be well represented by the best officers and will garner a sense of safety to the community and visitors. The city wants to have the Olympics here again in the future and with a defunded police department we will not be able to support this as we will most likely not have enough officers to assist the public?s needs and will have to pay outside departments for help. PLEASE pay attention to the statistics from credible sources and not give into the media driven narrative of emotional outcry. Make an informed decision based on data. If there is a problem and it is proven by data then lets change it but if we choose to base our decisions on emotion alone I believe we are headed in the wrong direction and you will see the best officers leave in masses. Thank you for taking time to read this Detective Taryn Culverwell

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6/7/2020 19:19	Crystal Roberts	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, Craig Applegate
6/7/2020 19:22	Anonymous Constituent	There is no rational thinking to justify defunding our police department. I would say better training, perhaps professional licensing and continuing education would be a better solution then defunding our police. Where is the leadership here? Why is following the knee jerk reactions of the crowd now the go to of our government leaders!?! This is shameful.
6/7/2020 19:23	Stella Lee	I am a resident of South Jordan. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Stella Lee

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6/7/2020 19:24	Jeff Mortensen	I couldn't think of a more insane proposal than defunding police. No one really wants to have an honest conversation about what systematic racism is. 10 unarmed black men were killed by police last year. While every life taken is tragic, its certainly doesn't point to a targeted race. In contrast almost 8000 young black men were killed in this country in the same neighborhoods that want to expell police presence. Could you imagine the deaths that would follow? Most of those death were at the hands of other young black men. I didn't hear anyone read one name of those victims. 89 police officers were killed in the same year. Black babies are being aborted at frightening levels and most of the abortion clinics are in predominately black neighborhoods. Racism exists in every nation on earth and comes from every race. That will not change, however, the overwhelming majority of people in this world could care less about the color of your skin. If we continue to promote a tribalism culture instead of "one nation under god" mentality, America will descend into a chaotic society the likes of which we have never seen. For one brief moment, this country was united against what they saw happen to George Floyd. A week later, Mayors and City Counsel members all over this country are promoting division about systemic racism that I would bet not of them could explain. They are turning this into another political matter. America has to have a common goal that we all pull together to achieve. I say increase police funding and bring law and order back. I would be happy to discuss how to achieve a new partnership between police and communities of every color.
6/7/2020 19:40	Anonymous Constituent	I want to voice that I am 100% against police defunding of SLC PD or any PD in Utah.
6/7/2020 19:44	Danielle Carpenter	I am a resident of Bountiful. I know I do not live in your district, but I am writing anyway to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Danielle Carpenter
6/7/2020 19:41	Meghan Eldridge	I am a resident of Salt Lake. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Meghan Eldridge

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6/7/2020 19:42	Dave Adams	I am a resident of Chicago IL. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Dave Adams
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6/7/2020 19:46	Daisy Gonzalez	Hello City Council, My name is Daisy and I'm a concerned constituent. 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: infrastructure, welfare programs, public education system, transportation, public health, and protecting/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. Use the resources already allotted in their budget to make adjustments and cuts. 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 innocent citizens who join! \$84 million budget is an absurd and that money could be used for something else the community believes in. Divest the 2.7% increase budget for the Police Department into Public Schools and assisting our homeless population! I hope you read these words and deeply consider this sentiment. - Daisy Gonzalez
6/7/2020 19:47	Dan Theman	As a member resident and human I am demanding a decrease in the police budget we need money in other parts of our community more than the police department does please help your community more Sent from my iPhone
6/7/2020 19:47	Danica Bisig	Decrease the Police budget for SLC!!!!!!



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6/7/2020 19:47	Dana Kendall	Hi, I strongly disagree that the police budget should be increased. Please consider reallocating those funds towards public health, education, and/or housing to help our most vulnerable populations. Sincerely, Dana Kendall
6/7/2020 19:54	Deb Tsao	Hi, 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. Any funds that are given to the SLCPD should be allocated towards de-escalation training and funding for a victim advocate. 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.
6/7/2020 19:55	Deborah Tsao	Hi, my name is Deborah Tsao. 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. Any funds that are given to the SLCPD should be allocated towards de-escalation training and funding for a victim advocate. 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.

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6/7/2020 19:55	Devin Smith	Hello, my name is Devin Smith and I am a resident of Sugarhouse, and would like to make a comment on the proposed addition to the police budget. I believe that until major policingreform is achieved that the additional funding is a misuse of public money, and believe that decreasing the budget and demilitarizing our police is necessary. Given the current social and political climatei think it would be irresponsible to do otherwise. Thank you for your time and your consideration. Sincerely, Devin Smith
6/7/2020 19:57	Devon Jecmen	I am a resident of Salt Lake County. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. I'll thank you when we see some action, Devon Jecmen

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6/7/2020 20:02	Dyani Wood	I am a resident of Salt Lakes City, the west side. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Make the hard changes. Thank you for your time, D'yani Wood
6/7/2020 20:03	Dustin Madsen	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, Dustin O. Madsen

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6/7/2020 20:04	Amberly Doubt	<p>Mayor Mendenhall, Councilmember Rogers, Councilmember Johnston, Councilmember Wharton, Councilmember Valdemoros, Councilmember Mano, Councilmember Dugan, and Councilmember Fowler, First, let me address the elephant in the room, which is my last name. Yes, I am married to SLCPD Assistant Chief Doubt and have been for 18 months now. I have worked for Salt Lake City Police Department for over 20 years and was well-established in my career long before our marriage. My marriage to the Assistant Chief holds no bearing on my personal opinions and he holds no control over my personal actions. Additionally, this is my personal statement and does not reflect the opinions of the department, the CompStat Unit, or my husband. I am not a politician and I am not a public speaker in any sense of the word so I apologize up front if any terminology I use is politically incorrect or otherwise offense. Please note that because I am admittedly uneducated in such forums, anything that falls short of utter respect in my letter would be unintentional and I apologize upfront for that. That said, I would like to address the Mayor and the Council regarding the ongoing civil unrest. I spent nearly two years working part time for the Center For Policing Equity (CPE) &lt;<a href="https://policingequity.org/">https://policingequity.org/</a>&gt; while at the same time holding my job at SLCPD. I traveled the country with highly educated data and social scientists from UCLA, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Harvard, and many others as we studied police departments and measured bias in policing. I have been on both sides. For the record I would like to state that I believe that Black Lives Matter. I believe that police brutality and unnecessary excessive force is uncalled for. I also believe that it's quite apparent that these things are already being addressed loud and clear by the media, politicians, protestors, etc. I am here to shed light on the other side of the story. There have been demands nationwide for defunding and slashing budgets of police departments. Some cities are already caving to these demands. As you may have guessed there are already rumors circulating throughout the rank-and-file members of our department about the Council taking similar actions. The Council?s statement that was released last night appears to verify that these actions are being considered by the Council. Media reports that the Council has been bombarded with communication requesting the Council slash the department?s budget is likely the only feedback you?re hearing. Police Employees are frozen. They are afraid to provide their own statements or even defend themselves because they fear Council retaliation to the department or themselves. I am stepping forward in the hopes of giving all of us a voice. I know there have been words of support and encouragement for our officers and our employees. But like your statement said, words are not enough. You cannot expect officers to lay down their lives day after day and then take away funding for things that keep not only them alive and safe, but the citizens of our City as well. Expecting this is demeaning and demoralizing. I fully support punishing bad officers to the fullest extent. <b>Continued 1/3</b></p>

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6/7/2020 20:04	Amberly Doubt	<b>Continued 2/3</b> I cannot support punishing an entire department of exemplary employees by taking away the things that literally keep them alive, and that is funding. I know our Command Staff has made a few comments about what's been happening on our side of things, but I don't feel as though they've done it justice. I want to be more specific. We have Commanders, Chiefs, Detectives, Officers, Dispatchers, Peer Support, and Analysts working literally around the clock. I know that's a popular phrase so let me be more specific on a more granular level that I can personally speak to. I have five analysts who worked their normal schedules Monday through Friday the week before the protest. When the riot broke out on Saturday, they answered the call and have not stopped working since. They get about six hours of sleep a night if they're lucky. They have worked 13 days straight, the last six days being 12-16 hours days for each of them. THESE are the people who are identifying threats against the Department, the City, the Mayor, and each one of you. These are the people providing intelligence in hopes of restoring peace and saving lives. Throughout the last week our department has functioned on very low fumes. A big part of this is because of the lack of support from the Mayor and the Council. Words of support and encouragement mean very little to employees from supervisors when the Council is looming over them with threats and demoralizing them by encouraging citizens to report behavior of police which is more often than not, self-defense. Employees have had to start taking care of each other and each other's families just to be able to survive ? financially, mentally, emotionally, and physically. I had three hours of time off this week to myself yesterday and it was spent caring for the children of one of our employees who has no choice but to work 20 hours a day every day for the last 13 days - who just had a family member pass away, and whose wife is hospitalized. These kids have had to be cared for by total strangers because their only available parent has to be away working protests without any support from the City. My point is, we have no support. We have no resources. We already don't have those things. Any time off any of us have at this point is used towards supporting other employees. People will start breaking down. Your police department is the last department you want falling apart. Because our Command Staff values public safety in the most literal sense of the word, we would have no choice but to cut funding for our Civilian Staff in order to attempt to save lives on the streets by retaining sworn officers, equipment, and training. Our Civilian Staff are the brains behind the operations, quite literally. Our Civilian Staff implemented and runs the CompStat program that so many of you ran your campaigns on and touted when speaking about the considerable the decrease of crime in our city. In 2016 the crime rate for our most serious crimes was higher than it's been in several years in Salt Lake City. Between 2016 and now, we ? as a department ? have reduced that crime rate by nearly 20%. Is it really a logical decision to slash the budget and bring that back up? If all of you are willing to take that risk, I feel that makes a very loud, very decisive, and very damaging statement to not only our employees, but the citizens who entrusted each of you to keep them safe. This isn't keeping them safe, this would be feeding them to the wolves.



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6/7/2020 20:04	Amberly Doubt	<b>Continued 3/3</b> Last Saturday there were approximately 4,000 people participating in the protest-turned-riot. That is 2% of Salt Lake City's population and not even 1% of Utah's population. Using SLC, that is 98% of your residents that you have no idea what they feel about the current situation. There were 300(ish) people who called in to ask that you defund us on Tuesday. That is 0.15% of Salt Lake City's population. That means that there are 99.85% of people left who you are not listening to whether they agree or disagree. It is groundless and unreasonable to take such a small percentage of opinions when making such impactful decisions. Again, this comes from a place of respect. In my 20 years as a City Employee I saw the first ray of hope in my career when this Mayor and Council were put in. There was so much good. Morale was coming back. People were actually happy. They were relieved and hopeful and once again excited about the future and proud of our City. All of you are educated people and I truly believe you want the best for our citizens and our employees. Because of the statement last night and a few throughout the week, I can only guess that your behavior and actions were because you weren't given all of the information. As someone who works with data, I understand what an injustice that can be, so I wanted to take the time to provide some of it for you. This is what the other side of the story is. Defunding us or slashing our budget and continuing to issue damaging statements will breed hate, low morale, discontent, high turnover, and most importantly ? it will increase the crime rate. The City hired me and trusts in me to provide accurate crime statistics, trends, and patterns. Please trust my professional and educated words of caution when I tell you ? by extraordinary amounts, it will increase the crime rate. Respectfully, Amberly Doubt, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
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6/7/2020 20:22	Isabella Cowgill	Hello, my name is Isabella and I have to express my upset and concern with what has been going on for far too long in this country. I strongly agree with the demands proposed by Utahans against this police brutality and believe that our tax dollars that go towards funding the police can and should be prioritized in a more beneficial and safe way. It is time to make important programs like housing, transit, education, rehabilitation, therapy, I have had my own experiences with the SLC police where I felt harassed by them or not assisted when needed. I've had police tell me that I'd look prettier if I smile and demanding that of me while I was peacefully riding the trax with my bicycle heading home. I assured these officers that I was fine and didn't feel like I needed to smile and to please leave me alone. They proceeded to harass me telling me to my face how much better I would look to men if I just smiled at them. I tried to ignore them then eventually asked them their names and what department they were with and they both refused to tell me. I told them they had better things to do than to talk to me in this way. I recognize my privilege as a white female with that underlaying thought of safety and awareness from being in a dangerous scenario that I think about on the regular when leaving my home, going somewhere new, walking etc this is the closest I can come to understanding what it may feel like for people of color in this country and the expanded amount of fear the live in every day to protect themselves when there isn't anyone else to protect them. I ask that slcpd ask put themselves in the shoes of black people in this country and how unnerving and scary that everyday feeling must be like. Right now all I can think of is calling to report "multiple white males in police uniforms threatening people of colors lives" what now, what will you do to help change this??? There are many different ways to prioritize the funding in to support, serve and protect the community at large. Lets move forward in the direction of community, compassion, respect, understanding and uniting as a state with humane and ethical practices. Please, please do your part. Thanks, -Isabella
6/7/2020 20:23	J. Cooper	Lead by making real change and bring solutions that make sense. 1: Make all police complaints reviewed and investigated by a 3rd party that has no relationship with the police. No more letting police investigate themselves. Why are they allowed to but other departments are not? Because its a obvious conflict of interest. Its needs to stop to return trust to the police department. 2: All prosecutions of police will be handled by outside counsel with no relationship with the police or DA. No more allowing the local DA that works with the police everyday to handle them. Those 2 things will actually cause real change that people can see. Right now politicians are just giving lip service with no ideas on what to do. Well these 2 small things are a good start. Lead, don't follow. I am a registered voter and vote in every election, including primaries. I'm looking for real change, not more broken promises. Thank You

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6/7/2020 20:25	P Sharp	There's a great deal of press about the protestors who "attended" your council meeting, but you should never forget that the rest of us, your citizens who respect law and order, are NOT in favor of rioting, looting, and violence - and such actions are never justified in a free and peaceful society. Imbecilic suggestions of defunding the police can only lead to anarchy and chaos! We have good police and we support them! All the rest of us who aren't out in the streets tearing things down and rioting, looting, burning, attacking - are decent citizens who are not racially prejudiced and who support constitutional rights and freedom for all. Some bad cops don't justify crazy reactions from mobs of an immature and unwise younger generation determined simply to destroy. Change can be effected peacefully, and we expect you who have been elected to support the police and protect the lives and property of all the rest of us instead of fawningly reacting to riotous protests. P. Sharp
6/7/2020 20:21	Jen Nieto	I am a resident of Utah and I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahns during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time.
6/7/2020 21:44	Ira Hinckley	Hi, I have much concern about how the Mayor handled the rioting. it's seems to me that in order to pander to the mob she delayed implementing measures to stop rioting, looting and vandalism. Furthermore, even after a mandatory curfew evacuation the rioters were allowed to continue their rioting for hours before being made to disperse. A firm hand was withheld by the mayor which only emboldened the mob and caused more serious damage. Additionally I don't believe our Mayor is supportive of the Police who were the ones who defended our city, the ones who took the brunt of her mismanagement and suffered the injuries. Instead of lending them her support she called out for the rioters to make complaints against them. I also question why the protestors were granted permission to gather in huge numbers when the rest of us were required to social distance and stay away from gatherings. Why did they receive preferential treatment? It appears to me this city is rapidly sinking under this mayor's mismanagement. One has only to look at the shambles the vagrants are making of this city. From North Temple to State Street to Liberty Park to Sugarhouse the vagrants are having their way with the city and nothing serious is being done about it, rather she places the blame on the innocents like The Leonardo and throws them under the bus saying they are the abusers of the vagrants when all they wanted to do was to water their lawn and keep their property tidy. Mayor, I believe it is time for you to resign. Sincerely, Ira Hinckley resident

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6/7/2020 20:24	John Michael Biggs	Hello, 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. Thank you, John Michael Biggs
6/7/2020 20:38	Jacob Dayton	Decrease the police budget, do not increase funding for the police department do not hire new cops. Instigate realreform to help decrease the unnecessary deaths. Fund de-escalation training for all cops. Enact laws for cops so that they must: warn before shooting, report all uses of force, ban chokeholds and strangleholds, must use all other means before shooting, require intervention if another cop is using excessive force, restrict shooting at moving vehicles. Fund an independent agency to investigate uses of force/ killings by police to ensure that cops don't protect bad cops. Do not add gas to the flame. Legislate laws that protect your citizens. Protect Black Lives.

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6/7/2020 20:42	Jacob McLaws	<p>To Mayor Erin Mendenhall, City Council members, and Police Chief Mike Brown, My name is Jacob McLaws. I grew up in Park City, but now my most of my family now lives in Salt Lake City. My wife's family is all there as well. I am currently on assignment to Japan for work, but Salt Lake City is my long-term home and where I will likely settle in the near future. In light of many recent events and the long history of police brutality towards Black people and people of color, I have been looking through the SLC municipal code and police use of force data. I am glad to see that the use of force database is publicly available. I also laud the intent of the Use of Force policy &lt;<a href="http://www.slcpd.com/open-data/use-of-force/">http://www.slcpd.com/open-data/use-of-force/</a>&gt; (though I find it extremely vague and up to wild interpretations). I call for the following changes to the policies based on strong nation-wide analysis &lt;<a href="https://static1.squarespace.com/static/56996151cbced68b170389f4/t/57e1b5cc2994ca4ac1d97700/1474409936835/Police+Use+of+Force+Report.pdf">https://static1.squarespace.com/static/56996151cbced68b170389f4/t/57e1b5cc2994ca4ac1d97700/1474409936835/Police+Use+of+Force+Report.pdf</a>&gt; , expert research &lt;<a href="https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2020/06/how-actually-fix-americas-police/612520/">https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2020/06/how-actually-fix-americas-police/612520/</a>&gt; , and the NAACP &lt;<a href="https://www.instagram.com/p/CA3sZirBGkQ/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link">https://www.instagram.com/p/CA3sZirBGkQ/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link</a>&gt; 's request: 1. Ban police offers from using knee holds, choke holds, strangle holds or any type of hold that could cause breathing to be impaired. 2. Require officers to de-escalate situations by communicating with subjects, maintaining distance, and otherwise eliminating the need to use force. 3. Require officers to intervene and stop excessive force used by other officers and report these incidents immediately to a supervisor. 4. Ban officers from shooting at moving vehicles. 5. Require officers to report each time they use force or threaten to use force against civilians, and make these reports public. 6. Reduce funding to police departments and redirect those funds into investments in non-policing community services. Funds spent on departments should prioritize tactical ethics training and auditing. 7. A use of force continuum should be put in place with at least 6 steps, and with clear rules on escalation. Externally audit this training and test officers for retention of policies. <b>Continued 1/2</b></p>
	Jacob McLaws	<p><b>Continued 2/2</b> Officers who violate these rules should be investigated for decertification at a minimum. Clearly define ?reasonable means? with steps and examples and then require officers to exhaust all other reasonable means before resorting to deadly force. Require officers to give a verbal warning, and then at least multiple seconds for the person to cooperate peacefully, before shooting. Or, better yet, require officers to get approval by calling a central dispatch before resorting to using guns or other deadly force. 8. Implement Citizen?s Review Boards in each municipality that provide transparency and accountability on ALL police incidents in which officers make physical contact or use weapons of force. Commit to a 30-days-or-less release of information about all incidents. Ban any methods that shield officers from conviction in the case of breaches of any of the use of force regulations. 9. The Open Records Act must ensure officer misconduct information and disciplinary histories are made public and not shielded. Recertification credentials must be denied for police officers if determined that their use of deadly force was unwarranted by federal guidelines. 10. Implement and audit early-intervention accountability systems for officers. 11. Train and externally audit first-line supervisors for adherence to all of the above policies; including corporals, sergeants, and lieutenants. There is no excuse for not acting now. These changes are within your power and of the utmost urgency. Sincerely, Jacob McLaws</p>
	Italia Reguil	<p>To whom it may concern, I want to take the time and first thank you all for looking out for our city. I find that the crime here is low and that is greatly appreciated. With that being said, I do not think the police needs a bigger budget as it could go towards something else we as a society could better benefit from such as schooling, the homeless problem etc. Thanks again for hearing us out, Italia reguil</p>



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6/7/2020 20:24	Jacob Northcutt	Dear Ms. Valdemoros, It is currently 9:50pm, and my partner and I are trying to relax in our house as we prepare for bed, however, a police helicopter is continually circling overhead, flying low above our neighborhood. I understand the mayor's decision to enact a curfew this week to insure there are no violent protests in the city, but I do not understand this decision to fly a helicopter into the night over our neighborhood. It feels intrusive, and frankly, unnecessary. I hope that you might pass this message along to mayor Mendenhall and ask her and our police chief to reconsider this action in the coming nights. There must be some other way to enforce this curfew than to fly a helicopter over our neighborhoods during what is a reasonable bedtime hour. Thank you, and I look forward to your response. Jacob Northcutt
6/7/2020 20:39	Jacob Westwood	Hello, We need to defund our useless police force. 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. Best, Jacob Westwood

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6/7/2020 20:45	Jaina Lee	<p>Dear Salt Lake City Council Members, My name is Jaina Lee and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. As I watched the council meeting last night, I was filled with hope as hundreds of Salt Lake City residents came to voice their opinions on the proposed budget for the next fiscal year. Echoing my fellow residents, I also cannot support the \$84 million dollars being allocated to the police department. In the beginning of the meeting, I heard council member Ana Valdemoros praise the peaceful protests but condemn the violence that occurred. As much as I agree that violence is not the answer, with the proposed \$84 million, it is as if you are continuously supporting and encouraging the way police have been behaving. it's seems as though the support that was shown yesterday by council members were superficial, or as some refer it to as "performative activism". The reason for these protests are so that we can SEE change. You continue to praise these protests, but what changes are we seeing? What are YOU doing for our city, our state? All we've been met with are curfews and empty words. I have a few proposed areas where we can reallocate the funds from the police into serving justice for the people of Utah. As one resident mentioned, the University of Utah has a program called UPEP (University of Utah Prison Education Project). This group has been actively providing education to those who have been incarcerated. In hopes that when the incarcerated leave prison, they will be able to assimilate back into society more easily and come outreformed rather than broken. it's been proven that education and reformative measures reduce the recidivism rates in our prison system. The least we can do for the disproportionate amount of people of color in prison, is to help them, not punish them. There is a reason why more POCs are put in prison, while white folks walk away having committed the same crime. This is wrong and frankly disgusting. We should be helping those who have been born into a life without the same privileges as us. I know that similar thoughts have been reiterated for countless hours, but POCs have been enduring this treatment for centuries. Please be the leaders we need during these times and help support the voices of the people that have voted you into office. Thank you for you time, Jaina Lee</p>



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6/7/2020 20:47	Jake Trimble	<p>Dear City Council member, I am a constituent here in Salt Lake City on the west side. I am following up after the council meeting that took place a few days ago. I was unable to attend, but wanted to share my thoughts and requests of my city council members regarding the current protests in Salt Lake City. First, I want to convey condemnation for the military and militarized police response to the protests. People are angry, and have a right to be angry after so many years of institutionalized racial oppression and violence. The violence from protesters Saturday stemmed from that very justified anger. When a child is angry and breaks stuff, we don't call the cops on them. We empathize and try to see what trauma has caused this anger. Instead of listening and correcting the issue, our city has responded with more violence, creating more trauma that has caused these protests in the first place. We must demilitarize the city now! The capitol needs to be opened! The National guard sent home! Second, I want to urge you as strongly as I can that you please, defund our police forces. The militarization of our community gives me fear. Yet, I have been out on the streets with the protests in solidarity of my black and brown neighbors that are targeted daily by our police. Yesterday, walking by the public safety building in the march, I was met with the snide sneers of men and women in multi colored uniforms from different departments with riot gear and military grade weapons and vehicles. They covered their names and badges. Wednesday they were putting on riot gear in response to the crown chanting. A curfew was created in the middle of a march on Monday to criminalize our public presence in the street. This intimidating show of force is violent, and serves to create more fear. I personally know people from brown, black, and queer, and white communities that are afraid to protest. people'should not be afraid to protest in public. We need to invest in education, not in police repression. There are many examples of what abolishing police could look like as other cities around the nation have similar conversations right now. I urge you to look around at your neighbors and find creative ways to do better. Domestic disputes can be shifted to social worker first responders. The homeless can interact with a new city task force instead of the police. The state-condoned systemic racial targeting and violence by the police force has to stop. Please defund the police now. Third, the city has the ability to shift and tighten police contracts. We need to do everything in our ability to create accountability, and to prevent the existence of racist cops. This looks like promptly releasing footage from tragedies such as the murder of Bernardo Palacios. With no footage, there is no accountability and no convictions. It is also more than implicit bias training. We cannotreform our way out of this. Murderers with badges that are above the law are roaming our city, and they are heavily armed. There are no "bad doctors" because they get sued for malpractice, yet rarely an officer is convicted for killing. This has to stop. We need to keep our cities safe for all citizens. Thank you for your time. I have personally attended many of the protests this last week, and I see a disparity between the new reports and what I see in the street. I would be happy to clarify or explain anything I have mentioned that doesn't seem clear, or answer any questions to the best of my ability regarding the current movement for the basic human right to live a dignified life without being killed by the police. Thank you for your service and for doing the right thing. Please, stand with us on the right side of history, Jake</p>
6/7/2020 20:54	James Jarrard	<p>Hello, I'm writing you to demand a significant decrease to the mayor's proposed \$84,422,651 budget for Salt Lake City Police Department's general fund. There is a 60% decrease in CDBG funding?from \$8.8 to \$3.5 million?are we supplementing that loss from anywhere? Decrease the SLCPD funding by half; buy property and develop mixed-income housing for individuals experiencing homelessness. There's an idea. That would be far more effective than giving the Police a bloated budget?especially since they'll already be misusing additional, seized funds and property from private citizens. Thank you, James J. Poplar Grove resident</p>

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6/7/2020 20:55	Jamie Gross	I am a resident of Logan City, Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, James Wirth [REDACTED]
6/7/2020 20:57	Jamie Kallan	Dear All, I am a resident of Sandy, Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police now. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time and consideration, Dr. Jamie E. Kallan

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6/7/2020 20:57	lyman king	please DO NOT defund by any amount, our SLC Police department! The strident voice of a few do not represent the vast majority of us who pay the taxes that support our police and allow them to do great work in SLC.
6/7/2020 22:00	Javier Ortiz	As I understand, Salt Lake City is discussing the possibility of budgeting \$84 million to the police department along with hiring 23 additional officers. I am sending this email to urge the appropriate council to NOT approve any additional funding for law enforcement. I urge the city to consider funds for other local organizations like schools and small businesses. The police have shown a system of abuse that needs to be resolved before any addition to headcount or additional funds me given.
6/7/2020 20:58	Madison Donnelly	Hi, my name is Madison Donnelly and I am a recent graduate of the University of Utah, and lifelong resident of Salt Lake City. We are 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 really keep us safe and healthy, especially in Black communities, Indigenous communities, Latinx communities, and communities of color. In the 2020-2021 budget, please consider the following. 1. Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring any new officers.
6/7/2020 21:36		2. Please vote no to any increase in police funding or to increase the police department?s budget.
6/7/2020 21:31		3. Please vote for at least \$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. 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
		7. Increase the funding of public defenders, who are only allocated \$1,292,774, with no increase from last year 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 Donnelly

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6/7/2020 21:31	Jared Stewart	Ana & Priscilla, I've heard a lot the last day or so about defunding the police budget. I think that progressive change is trickier than many people realize. For long term benefits, investment in education is critical. We need to better fund our education system. That said, an increase in funding for SLCPD would possibly help improve the program and pay our officers more (thus making it more competitive and attracting officers who share an inclusive vision). I don't think it is bad to increase funding to the SLCPD, but I am curious what planned improvements there are in place for these funds. Any insights to the use of these funds? Thanks, Jared Stewart

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6/7/2020 21:36	Jeffrey Kenney	Hi, I apologize for my comment being late and I'd like to weigh in on the current budget. it's my understanding that the Mayor Mendenhall and the police chief recently started meeting with community leaders. Thank you. I hope you continue to listen to the black community leaders and come up with tangible change. A big step starts with this budget. How you choose to spend the city's dollars communicates true priorities. Does having a police budget of \$84 million and adding additional 8-13 additional officers help people of color? Does it break down institutional racism and mass incarceration? Instead what programs and services can we fund that help people? Thank you for listening, Jeff Kenney

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6/7/2020 21:37	Jeff Kleinman	Hi, my name is Jeff Kleinman and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. We are 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 really keep us safe and healthy, especially in Black communities, Indigenous communities, Latinx communities, and communities of color. In the 2020-2021 budget, please consider the following. 1. Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring any new officers. 2. Please vote no to any increase in police funding or to increase the police department?s budget. 3. Please vote for at least \$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. 6. 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 7. Increase the funding of public defenders, who are only allocated \$1,292,774, with no increase from last year 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, Jeff Kleinman
6/7/2020 21:38	Skyler Bush	Hi, my name is Skyler and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. We are 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 really keep us safe and healthy, especially in Black communities, Indigenous communities, Latinx communities, and communities of color. In the 2020-2021 budget, please consider the following. Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring any new officers. Please vote no to any increase in police funding or to increase the police department?s budget. Please vote for at least \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget as the city responds to projected COVID-19 shortfalls, a housing crisis, and rise in unemployment. Protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police. 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: 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 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, Skyler Bush

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6/7/2020 21:34	Anonymous Constituent	Hi, my name is Landon Young and I am a constituent of yours in the 4th district. Myself, along with others in the community are 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 really keep us safe and healthy, especially in Black communities, Indigenous communities, Latinx communities, and communities of color. In the 2020-2021 budget, please consider the following. Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring any new officers. Please vote no to any increase in police funding or to increase the police department?s budget. Please vote for at least \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget as the city responds to projected COVID-19 shortfalls, a housing crisis, and rise in unemployment. Protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police. 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: 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 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 regards, Landon Young
6/7/2020 21:34	Jeff Stone	I am a resident of Pleasant Grove, but work in Salt Lake. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, -js Sent from my iPhone

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6/7/2020 21:37	Jennifer Perry	To who it may concern, I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time. Jennifer Perry
6/7/2020 21:45	Lance Lindberg	The events of the past week have brought to everyone's attention the systemic racism that is present in our country. All though the focus has been on police departments, and rightfully so, I do not believe that defunding the police will solve this problem. I do not support defunding the Salt Lake Police Department. The change needed must come through greater transparency and accountability. This should be achieved by removing powers that exist in police unions that prevent real change. Please do not defund the Salt Lake Police Department.



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6/7/2020 21:46	Erica Bindas	Hello, I am a resident of SLC District 4. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Erica Bindas SLC, UT 84111
6/7/2020 21:43	Benjamin Jensen	To Whom it may concern, I am an officer for the Salt Lake City Police Department. The call for decreasing funds to the police department is a detriment to Salt Lake City And I strongly believe is not what most of the Citizens want. Decreasing the police fund will cause less training for officers, longer wait times for calls for service, unsafe and worn out equipment to be used, and morale to plummet. The men and women of Salt Lake City Police Department have stepped up to the call for service every time, while others are safe in their homes. We have been there for multiple active shooters, pandemics, natural disasters, and riots, all while still handling the regular calls for service the city depends on us to complete. We have been here serving when the rest of the city is sent home due to storms. Over and over we are told to be here because we are ESSENTIAL. It would be absurd to decrease funding to something so necessary it runs rain or shine 24hrs a day 7 days a week. We miss holidays, birthdays, special events and much more all for this city and it's people. As I am writing this email, I am now on day 8 of working the protests. I have not seen my family for more than 20 minutes during this time. When I left my home on the start (05/29/20) my wife was sobbing as I walked out the door, not knowing if I would make it home. I still showed up along with many others with the same story. We will defend this city and it citizens. Defunding this department should not even be a consideration. With respect, Officer Ben Jensen
6/7/2020 22:13	Jess Oveson	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, Jess Oveson

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6/7/2020 21:55	Jessi Crowley	<p>I am a resident of SLC, UT. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Jessi Crowley</p>

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6/7/2020 21:59	Jessica Diaz	Hello, 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 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 in direct antagonism and violence towards them. We demand a change. Thank you for your time. Jessica Diaz
6/7/2020 21:55	Emilyn Gil	I am a resident of District 14. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Emilyn Gil Lindon UT
6/7/2020 21:59	Eduardo Hernandez	City Council, I have thoroughly read your proposal budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and am upset with the proposal of allocating \$84 million to the police department. There are countless areas where these tax-paying dollars could go to such as infrastructure, welfare programs and education. I urge you to take these comments seriously and have anyone in the council vote against this budget. I agree with my fellow Salt Lake residents that there needs to be a hiring freeze for the next year. We're constantly being told to do more with less so our leadership needs to reflect that. There is a distrust with the public and the officers of the SLPD, and I do not blame them. Please heed our voices, because no one else will. Best, Eduardo Hernandez
6/7/2020 21:56	Ellyse Simons	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Ellyse Simons Salt Lake City, Utah 84103
6/7/2020 23:01	James Dalton	The Salt Lake City COVID lovckdown rules are bullshit and need to end! Now!!

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6/7/2020 21:57	Jessica Rollins	I'd like to comment on the amount of money that is budgeted to the Salt Lake City Police. I'd like to not see an increase of funds for the SLC PD. If there is to be an increase in funds, it should go towards sensitivity, cultural and non-aggressive communication training. There are much larger cities in the world with larger problems than ours. We are a midsize community that deserves to be treated as citizens with rights. Seeing militant-force (Iraq looking armored vehicles, Vietnam-esque helicopters) being used is unnecessary and only makes the public distrust the police more. Thank you for having this channel of communication open, Jessica R. Rollins SLC Resident
6/7/2020 22:00	Jessica Terbrueggen	My name is Jessica. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Jessica Sent from my iPhone
6/7/2020 22:02	Jonny Holmgren	I'm emailing to demand that the Salt Lake City police department budget be decreased drastically. Put a freeze on hiring police for the next year. Create more training and requirements to become a police officer. it's absurd that it takes more training to become a hair stylist than to become a police officer. Demand real change in how the police de-escalate conflicts and hold officers fully accountable for their violent actions. Divest money from policing and invest heavily in what the community needs. Support local POC and minorities and help build them up. -Jonathan Holmgren Sent from my iPad
6/7/2020 22:06	Jordan Bellazetin	I am a resident of Salt Lake City District 2. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Jordan Bellazetin Salt Lake City UT 84115

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6/7/2020 22:34	Julia Button	I am a resident of Cottonwood Heights. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Julia M Button SLC, UT 84121



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6/7/2020 22:35	Jessie Pham	Jessie baray pham is my name, and I think at least take in to caution and retrain these guys spend the money on a two year plan and make these cops work to be cops advise to deescalate and to not shoot, these cops are fighting scared when they should be confident in moves to deescalate a situation, as humans we are able to do that on even some of the worst times and I think you all need to be behind making sure no more lives are loss for incapacibilities of keeping a calm, cool, and collected mind, just like they wanna go home to their families so do we, this is unknown grounds to everyone but similar to a history repeat, and unfortunately it will keep happening until history is changed, as much as I'm gonna do my part to not be a weight upon society or cause trouble, I feel as I'm backed into a corner with no choice but to get out, as I'm sure the cops and town officials feel, someone has to take a stand if you won't, so please do something to stop this, be the first in all of this to make a mark in history for the better, BE THE EXAMPLE, it's not always easy taking that route but wouldn't you rather be in the right? I wanna know that I'm also not gonna have to worry about inequalities for my family and friends, I wanna know the state I live in, truly does care for it's people I'm proud to live in the state of Utah, and I wanna stay proud and I wanna be proud of y'all. Thank you. I am a resident of [salt lake city]. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, [
6/7/2020 22:37	James Forrest	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that Salt Lake Cityadopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, James Forrest Resident SLC



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6/7/2020 22:07	Elexiona South	I am a resident of Davis County. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Elexiona South Layton UT 84041
6/7/2020 22:10	Joe Smith	Hello, Looking at the proposed budge, I wish to express concern. \$84 million for police is a tremendous sum. That money could be allocated for far more beneficial departments. Public transit, welfare programs, and affordable housing could all do more with that money and make a meaningful impact. Thank you, J. Smith

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6/7/2020 22:23	Ellora Staker	I am a resident of Millcreek. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Ellora staker SLC Utah 84124
6/7/2020 22:11	Elizabeth Briggs	I am a resident of Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Elizabeth Briggs Midway Utah

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6/7/2020 22:15	Jim Goodman	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. Thanks, Jim
6/7/2020 22:12	Emily Payne	I am a resident of Salt Lake. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Emily Payne

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6/7/2020 22:14	Simone Schmidt	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Simone Schmidt
6/7/2020 22:31	Joellen Pyle	Hello, I am writing to express my concern with the proposed budget for FY 20-21. The mayor has allocated an unreasonable amount for SLCPD. In light of the continuing misuse of force that police are allowed to inflict upon our community, I can not support such an amount of funding. Those funds would be better used in so many areas with housing and transit being just a couple that come to mind. The resources that are given to police would be so much better used to help the many people experiencing homelessness in our city. When the resources are used to subsidize housing and help those in distress this would mean that fewer police officers would be needed. Let?s reimagine our city and make improvements that take resources away from a punitive and violent police force and lift all community members to a more equitable future. Most black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police in our city. The police are violent in the face of non-violence and peaceful protesting. Let?s make our city a truly peaceful place and defund a department that is violent at its core. Thank you, Joellen Pyle

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6/7/2020 22:14	John Bergin	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, JB Bergin
6/7/2020 22:15	John Paul Chunga	Hi, I'm John Paul Chunga. I live in Salt Lake City. I am concerned with the funding directed to the city's police department. With an over militarized police force, it leads to distrust and an antagonistic relationship with the community. I would rather see funding moved to infrastructure or education. There's no reason for the police to continue to receive a large proportion of the budget when our streets are in shambles and we lag behind the nation in per pupil spending. Thank you for considering my thoughts. Best, -John Paul Chunga



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6/7/2020 22:25	John Patrick McKenna	<p>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 Sent from my iPhone</p>
6/7/2020 22:24	Johnnie Galanis	<p>I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Johnnie Galanis</p>

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6/7/2020 22:26	Julie Donaldson	<p>Re: I'm urging you to respectfully consider and respond to these concerns and call to action Dear Ms. Fowler, Thank you for your consideration of the misgivings that I, and many others, share regarding the risks pertaining to the deployment of 5G technology. This week, more than 150,000 people are participating in an online Summit to examine the facts pertaining to 5G. To be clear, we understand that there are indeed benefits to this technology. We also understand, however, that there are very significant risks associated with the technology which have not been addressed to date. As my elected representative, I urge you to examine then take immediate action to mitigate these risks. What are the risks and negative impacts from 5G? These fit into the following broad categories: 1) adverse health impacts, 2) privacy impacts, 3) national security risks and 4) budgetary impacts. ADVERSE HEALTH IMPACTS have been confirmed in over 3,600 medical studies that include cancer, sterility, heart conditions, and much more including environmental impacts. PRIVACY IMPACTS include the harvesting of personal data about citizens without their knowledge or consent; including granular "contact tracing" surveillance, which 5G facilitates. NATIONAL SECURITY RISKS include providing hostile nations with access to sensitive military and critical infrastructure networks. BUDGETARY IMPACTS rise from lawsuits against municipal authorities for failure to comply with current statutory protections such as those provided in the ADA and FHA. Individually, these risks would merit further action. Collectively, they should justify treating the matter as an urgent, immediate priority. To be clear, to date there are no independent safety studies demonstrating the safety of prolonged exposure to the microwave and millimeter-wave frequencies; or phased array beamforming intended to be used for 5G in the future. Thus, with thousands of studies indicating harmful bio-effect(s) from wireless radiation, and since the wireless industry tells us that 5G requires installation of transmitters emitting wireless radiation 24 hours a day in front of every 3-10 homes, causing or facilitating the deployment of 5G is an act of harm and/or negligence. States such as Wisconsin, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Louisiana, Oregon, New York, and California have taken action to limit and exert more control over the 5G rollout. Federal legislators, Senators Richard Blumenthal and James Gaughran, and Representatives Anna Esho, Thomas Suozzi, Daniel Lipinsky, Andy Kim, and Peter DeFazio have all formally initiated an inquiry regarding the safety of 5G technology and have requested documentation of its safety. Countries and cities around the world, including Switzerland, Brussels, Italy, Greece, UK, Slovenia, Nigeria, New Guinea, have completely halted or postponed the roll out of 5G until its safety has been firmly established. <b>Continued 1/2</b></p>
6/7/2020 22:26	Julie Donaldson	<p><b>Continued 2/2</b> Leading tech and industry professionals including Frank Clegg, the former President of Microsoft Canada, have made pragmatic appeals to policy makers regarding the risks of 5G technologies (see: <a href="https://youtu.be/xSP2exnmJXg">youtu.be/xSP2exnmJXg</a> ). Mr. Clegg has requested that his industry, the telecommunications industry, be required by policy makers to do full safety testing on 5G and pursue technological options such as fiber optics which mitigate health, privacy and security risks. What actions can be taken? Contrary to what you may be told by federal authorities, state authorities or even your own legal counsel, there are significant actions you can take right now to join other communities in the protection of the rights of the citizens within your community. THESE ACTIONS INCLUDE: 1) pursuing ordinances that require the telecom provider to comply with the ADA/FHA; 2) requesting applications for installation from 5G service providers stating their compliance with FCC installation requirements; 3) submitting these applications to FCC for environmental impact assessment; and 4) ensuring that electrosensitive citizens (3.2% of population on average) are provided with an environment free from harm. Furthermore, please note that at least 23 municipalities from around the US are currently suing in the federal 9th District Court for the rights to regulate and control the rollout of 5G infrastructure in their local communities. For more information, and/or to receive a summary of key legal facts and proven-successful steps you can take within your local government, please see ?5G &amp; Wireless Facts at a Glance? (copy-paste this link): <a href="https://solutionsforhumanity.net/wireless-facts-at-a-glance/">solutionsforhumanity.net/wireless-facts-at-a-glance/</a> You are the last line of defense for the members of your community including your own family and friends. It is my hope that you will join with others in the pursuit of ordinances that protects all of us. Sincerely, Julie Donaldson Salt Lake City, UT 84103 Constituent</p>

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6/7/2020 22:33	Erik Olson	<p>Dear Salt Lake City Council, I am writing to you today anguished at what is taking place over our country, and in our community, and to call for change within the city and county. Though George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery's deaths did not occur in Salt Lake City, they represent the experience black, indigenous, and people of color experience often all across America. Though I know you and the Salt Lake police have taken steps to reduce instances of force and train officers on discrimination, I am asking you to go further. Today, Campaign Zero released a set of policy recommendations &lt;<a href="https://8cantwait.org/">https://8cantwait.org/</a>&gt; targeted at local and regional governments to reduce instances of violence by police. While these are far from all that is necessary to be done on demilitarizing police and reducing impacts on BIPOC, they are quite reasonable and can be accomplished with dedicated support. I urge you to consider these recommendations, as well as taking steps to increase police accountability and reduce barriers recently outlined in The Daily podcast.</p> <p>&lt;<a href="https://www.nytimes.com/2020/06/02/podcasts/the-daily/george-floyd-protests.html">https://www.nytimes.com/2020/06/02/podcasts/the-daily/george-floyd-protests.html</a>&gt; Additionally, I wanted to include resources from the ACLU &lt;<a href="https://www.aclu.org/blog/criminal-lawreformreforming-police/heres-how-communities-and-city-councils-can-reject-trumps?page=1&amp;redirect=blog/criminal-lawreformreforming-police-practices/heres-how-communities-and-city-councils-can">https://www.aclu.org/blog/criminal-lawreformreforming-police/heres-how-communities-and-city-councils-can-reject-trumps?page=1&amp;redirect=blog/criminal-lawreformreforming-police-practices/heres-how-communities-and-city-councils-can</a>&gt; specifically targeted at city and community councils to assist in demilitarizing police. They include, among other things: - Banning chokeholds and strangleholds - Requiring warning before shooting - Requiring de-escalation - Requiring comprehensive reporting - Stricter negotiations with police unions I apologize for the measures that are out of your control, or are already implemented, but ask for you and your staff to thoughtfully consider how more progress can be made on these recommendations. I am only recently a Salt Lake City resident, but care deeply for this community and for Utah. I plan to peacefully protest as long as I am able for however long it takes for meaningful change. Thank you for your time and your consideration on this issue. Regards, Erik B. Olson Salt Lake City Resident Link to podcast: <a href="https://www.nytimes.com/2020/06/02/podcasts/the-daily/george-floyd-protests.html">https://www.nytimes.com/2020/06/02/podcasts/the-daily/george-floyd-protests.html</a> Campaign Zero's 8 can't wait: <a href="https://8cantwait.org/">https://8cantwait.org/</a> Further resources from ACLU: <a href="https://www.aclu.org/blog/criminal-lawreformreforming-police/heres-how-communities-and-city-councils-can-reject-trumps?page=1&amp;redirect=blog/criminal-lawreformreforming-police-practices/heres-how-communities-and-city-councils-can">https://www.aclu.org/blog/criminal-lawreformreforming-police/heres-how-communities-and-city-councils-can-reject-trumps?page=1&amp;redirect=blog/criminal-lawreformreforming-police-practices/heres-how-communities-and-city-councils-can</a></p>

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6/7/2020 22:37	Katelyn McKay	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, Katelyn McKay
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6/7/2020 22:55	Ethan Archibald	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, Ethan Archibald
6/7/2020 22:56	Emily Uchida	Hello, The actions and attitude our government has taken against protesters are unconstitutional, no matter how you frame the conversation. In listening to the council meeting last 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. I am both asking and demanding 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. 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 Uchida

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6/7/2020 22:38	Joseph Ezra	Please vote against the mayors proposed budget. Nothing is more infuriating than being locked down further in a pandemic and policed by cops who don't own a business downtown, don't shop downtown, and don't live downtown. We did not ask for them and they don't serve anyone but their masters. Please push to fund community resources and end this brutal system that inherently ruins black and brown lives. I know you will do the right thing, your constituent, Joseph
6/7/2020 22:59	Kaliea Cushing	Until there is a decrease (AS IN NO) in the killings of our black brothers and sisters by the the police we need a decrease in police funding! We need policereform! We want our police force to be held accountable for their actions.
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6/7/2020 22:47	Kasey O'Connor	<p>Mr. Rogers Yes, the recent events spoke loud and clear just where this govt stands on law enforcement and equal justice for all. It was a disgrace to many that pay taxes for a police dept and govt that is supposed to enforce the law equally without color tinted glasses. How long did it take for the police to take action and how much property was damaged before anything was done? I am sure with the asinine Wuhan Virus restrictions in place and any violators or business owners of that would have been promptly dealt with, fined, and jailed as has been the case. Speak facts, not platitudes. Yet we have the police chief get on TV and spout the idiotic phrase, no property damage is worth a fatal bullet or some such tripe. Is he saying that the only way the P.D. can deal with issues is to terminate lives? Lets shatter his or any of your windows and burn your stuff down and see if he sings the same tune. Lawlessness given free rein will just create more of the same. They know they can get away with it and will keep doing it. Look at the joke on curfew enforcement, until a stand was taken and ENFORCED it was laughed at. Where is your proof for the accusation there is systematic racism, or systematic oppression, or discrimination or bigotry in our city? Just to be clear, Mr. Floyd was no angel, look at his history but what happened to him, the video showed it was a crime and will be dealt with. If I refuse to march, destroy public/private property, violate ordinances, stop traffic, etc. does that mean I tolerate or support the vile crap of racism? I don't recall there being racist terms being used; are people just buying into the MSM and P.C voices that are blaring it? Are we painting with a broad brush, suffering from white guilt or some other such crap? What about the fear anger hurt and frustration felt by those that feel the city leadership has been implementing Progressive Policies and failed to uphold laws protecting the law abiding and functioning members of society, are we justified? Granted we are not perfect but your view of SLC and your constituents leaves much to be desired.. Kasey O'Connor</p>
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6/7/2020 22:40	Garrett Whaley	Dear City Council, My name is Garrett Whaley. I am a Salt Lake City resident and University of Utah student. I?m contacting you to advocate for a major decrease in the \$84 million dollars allocated to the SLC Police force for next year. This funding should be used to aid vulnerable and low income neighborhoods in SLC, as well as social resources/shelters for our unsheltered citizens. I demand that all SLC policemen be required to wear a body camera and record footage at all times while working. Our police force is over-funded in the city budget and other areas suffer as a result. Sincerely, Garrett Whaley
6/8/2020 0:16	Grace Berry	I am a resident of your district. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you, Grace Berry
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6/7/2020 22:55	Julia Suarez	Demanding a decrease in the police budget.
6/7/2020 22:57	Julie Tall	Hello, my name is Julie Tall I agree with the demands proposed by Utahns against police brutality. I do not agree with or support the recommended budget where police receive \$84,422,651 There are more important and beneficial programs like housing, transit, education, rehabilitation, rape recovery that only see a fraction of that amount. I have witnessed excessive force by the police department across the nation and in my hometown of Salt Lake. The currently proposed funds would create a more militant police force continuing the chain of brutality. I ask that these funds be reallocated to the previously mentioned programs.
6/7/2020 22:44	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

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6/7/2020 22:55	Katya Malovich	I am a resident of Utah's 2nd congressional district. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Katerina Malovich SLC, UT, 84106
6/7/2020 22:58	Emily Johnson	My name is Emily Johnson, 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
6/7/2020 22:58	Elliott Tackie-Yarboi	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 innocent citizens to join! I hope you read these words and deeply consider this sentiment! -Elliott Tackie-Yarboi

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6/7/2020 22:59	Emily Innis	To whom it may concern- It has been brought do my attention that a budget of 84million dollars is proposed to be allocated to the SLC police department. I would like to strongly oppose this funding source as money could be re-allocated in many more meaningful ways throughout the city. I am demanding a decrease in funding for the SLCPD. Thank you for listening and valuing a fellow citizen?s voice. Sincerely, Emily Innis
6/7/2020 23:00	Erin Perry	What I saw Saturday, was a peaceful protest made worse by riot police harassing and intimidating the crowd. Police violence is more than just a cop kneeling on a black mans neck until he's dead, it's implying the protestors might share the same fate if they don't do everything the cops say. I don't see how adding more money and more cops could have made the protest go any smoother. What our city needs to do going forward is to de-emphasis the role police play in our society. So many situations that currently involve jittery, heavily armed police, could be handled by social workers. Any emergency call that doesn't indicate the need for armed police, shouldn't involve armed police. We could do so much good by redirecting a lot of that 84 million dollars from the police department to a department of un armed social workers trained in deescalation rather than domination. Please read this article in the New York Times by Philip V. McHarris and Thenjiwe McHarris, they talk about how the Minneapolis Police Department had gone through plenty of training to become a better police force, but they still murdered George Floyd. from the article: "Municipalities can begin by changing policies or statutes so police officers never respond to certain kinds of emergencies, including ones that involve substance abuse, domestic violence, homelessness or mental health. Instead, health care workers or emergency response teams would handle these incidents." <a href="https://www.nytimes.com/2020/05/30/opinion/george-floyd-police-funding.html">https://www.nytimes.com/2020/05/30/opinion/george-floyd-police-funding.html</a>
6/7/2020 23:06	Emily Sherman	My name is Emily Sherman. I disagree with your proposal of an \$84 million budget for the Salt Lake City Police Department. I also disagree with your proposal to hire 23 new police officers. I demand that instead you decrease the SLCPD budget by at least \$30 million and that you freeze any hiring of any new police officers for at least one year. Instead of putting that money into the police department, I propose that you invest that money into our community such as: 1. Invest in more events, free resources, and skill sharing at city libraries 2. Provide free public transit and increase the length of bus time schedules and routes 3. Invest in trained mental health professionals to de-escalate, transport, and connect those in need with resources 4. Invest in more outdoor spaces and public parks in lower-income neighborhoods 5. Funding for after-school programs and providers, and for more meals for students in public schools 6. Provide rent relief and quality housing opportunities for those living at or below the poverty line I also ask that you do everything in your power to compel SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members.
6/7/2020 23:07	Emerson Oligschlaeger	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, Emerson Oligschlaeger

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6/7/2020 22:59	Emerson Randle	Hello- It has come to my attention that there is a council tonight in Salt Lake City. We need a policereform. It needs to be made harder to become a police officer. This can not happen again. How many black lives need to be lost in order to realize that there is a big problem. Please take the time to consider this email and help to make the change.
6/7/2020 23:06	Ethan Loertscher	I demand a decrease in the police budget, we could outfit endless front line workers in the proper gear to fight coronavirus yet we?re gonna give EIGHTY FOUR MILLION to murders and murder apologists? Enough is enough.
6/7/2020 23:01	Ethan Diaz	Hello, 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 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 in direct antagonism and violence towards them. We demand a change. Thank you for your time. - Ethan Diaz
6/7/2020 23:02	Ed Corvera	Hello, First of all, I want to state that I support the black lives matter movement. I am for de-funding the SLCPD. Someone stated it perfectly, "I don't want to be policed. I want to be protected and served." The police force doesn't need military grade weapons to protect their people. Disputes do not need to be met with a gun or army. Our Black community has been screaming for decades and paving the way for other POC and the LGBTQIA+. This is the tipping point. It takes more hours to train to be a cosmologist than to gain a badge and gun. It takes three strikes for a server to be fired when the point system for police officers is far too lax. Instead of funding the police, use your current budget to educate your workers. Then you should get a people's budget. Might I add, these people who dedicated their lives this job should be held to a higher standard. They are here to protect the public. The public is diverse and anti-blackness is instilled into our society. Start with yourselves. I hope to see some actual change because I don't safe in this city. -- Ed Corvera Technician, Sound Designer, Dancer Pronouns: They/Them
6/7/2020 23:02	Ellie Kaiser	Hello, I?m a lifelong resident of Holladay, Utah emailing you today to URGE you to DEFUND the police by at least \$30 million and a hiring freeze for the next year. This money should be invested in underserved communities. I dream of a future where our Black citizens are safe and protected, NOT put at risk by the system that is supposed to serve them. The alternatives to policing are HERE and they are the FUTURE we need. Ellie Kaiser
6/7/2020 23:04	Elizabeth Howey	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, Liz Howey

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6/7/2020 23:05	Frances Franki Morris	Hello, My name is Frances Morris. I am a resident of Salt Lake City, Utah and I am emailing today to demand accountability for the actions taken in response to the protests that occurred last Saturday, May 30. I demand transparency for actions taken against the police officer involved in assault against an elderly man. In addition to training outlined online, I demand additional deescalation training by police officers. The number of officers called in with threatening weapons and the behavior of officers only lead to provocation and is inexcusable. Furthermore, the statement put out by the city government that George Floyd's murder was committed "at the hands of rogue police officers" is inaccurate. The problem of racism perpetuated by empowered police departments is systemic and not rogue or random. 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, Frances Morris
6/7/2020 23:05	Erin Heller	Good afternoon, 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. 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, Erin Heller
6/7/2020 23:29	Kayla Holbrook	I am a resident of Utah County. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Kayla Holbrook Kaylah66@me.com Sent from my iPhone



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6/7/2020 23:32	Kelsey Zaugg	Dear city council members, As a citizen of Salt Lake County I do not support the proposed increase of funding to the Salt Lake City police department. The police force does not need funds right now it needsreform. Here are some evidence-based suggestions for how thisreform could come about: 1. There is no evidence that better police training programs or ?implicit bias? training changes police behavior. The trainings vary in quality and rarely result in any accountability/changes in decision-making. don't put this at the top of your agenda. Next, what works... 2. More restrictive state and local policies governing police use of force are associated with significantly lower rates of police shootings/killings by police. This is backed by 30+ years of research. Specific policies that work are identified here: <a href="http://useofforceproject.org/">http://useofforceproject.org/</a> 3. Demilitarization. Police departments that get more military weapons from the federal government kill more people. You can stop that from happening through local and state policy. Montana (Red state) has gone the furthest on this. Your state can and should follow. <a href="https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/2053168017712885">https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/2053168017712885</a> 4. Police Union Contracts. Every 4-6 years your police department?s accountability system is re-negotiated. Purging misconduct records, reinstating fired officers, department funding - it's in the contract. Cities with worse contracts have higher police violence rates. <a href="https://www.checkthepolice.org/">https://www.checkthepolice.org/</a> 5. Predictive policing on the police. Yes, use the technology against them. Data on use of force, complaints and lawsuits can be used to identify officers who are most likely to shoot someone next and prevent it from happening. Use the methodology to save lives. <a href="https://www.chicagotribune.com/news/criminal-justice/ct-predicting-bad-police-behavior-20190801-xumudeezmjlbpbmqwyvh26tdi-story.html">https://www.chicagotribune.com/news/criminal-justice/ct-predicting-bad-police-behavior-20190801-xumudeezmjlbpbmqwyvh26tdi-story.html</a> 6. Invest in alternatives to police as crime prevention strategies. Every 10 additional organizations in a city reduces the murder rate by 9%; reduces violent crime rate by 6%; and reduces property crime rate by 4%. The Research: <a href="https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0003122417736289">https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0003122417736289</a> <b>Continued 1/2</b>

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6/7/2020 23:32	Kelsey Zaugg	<b>Continued 2/2</b> 7. Establish non-police alternatives to 911 calls involving people with mental illness. For example, 1 in 5 of the 911 calls in Eugene, Oregon are diverted to mental health first responders instead of police to respond. A successor is being scaled in Portland. <a href="https://www.wsj.com/articles/when-mental-health-experts-not-police-are-the-first-responders-1543071600">https://www.wsj.com/articles/when-mental-health-experts-not-police-are-the-first-responders-1543071600</a> 8. Resource the Department of Justice (after the current president is voted out) to initiate more investigations of police departments. Departments that receive federal intervention have 25-30% fewer police shootings than those that do not. <a href="https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/kznagw/jeff-sessions-is-walking-away-from-the-best-way-to-reduce-police-shootings">https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/kznagw/jeff-sessions-is-walking-away-from-the-best-way-to-reduce-police-shootings</a> 9. Know change is not only possible, it's already happened in some places. Oakland police shot 8 people on average each year 5 years ago and, after these interventions were implemented, they had 0 shootings this year, 1 last year (the officers were fired) and 0 the year before. Lives saved. 10. Finally, there is a catalog of an extensive range of research studies and other information detailing potential solutions to police violence at <a href="https://www.joincampaignzero.org/research">https://www.joincampaignzero.org/research</a> 11. And if you don't have time to read the research right now, most of this research is presented in rapid succession in this video: <a href="https://youtube.com/watch?v=1niaq51Z2Uw">https://youtube.com/watch?v=1niaq51Z2Uw</a> In order to establish these findings they had to 1) build the most comprehensive database of police violence in the US; 2) conduct analyses of police use of force policies and union contracts in the 100 largest US cities; 3) track every state policing bill passed in the past 5 years; 4) track every research study published on the subject over the past five years and evaluate for quality; and 5) meticulously catalog the findings so they can be broadly accessible. And all that with little to no funding. Next up: evaluating the 1,000 largest police departments in the US. Stay tuned. (Source of all of the above: a thread from Samuel Sinyangwe @ <a href="https://twitter.com/samswey/status/1180655701271732224">https://twitter.com/samswey/status/1180655701271732224</a> ) -- Kelsey Zaugg PhD Student-Clinical Psychology Pediatric Health Lab Brigham Young University
6/7/2020 23:06	Kiera Help	Hi, My name is Kiera Help and I'm emailing you today to request that we reduce the funding budget requested from the SLCPD. Instead of 84 million in funding I request that you divest at least 30 million of that funding and disperse it back into our communities for public housing, transportation, food, healthcare and education. Our community is suffering due to the pandemic and the equal injustice under law taking place amongst our black communities. Please put a hold on hiring new officers until the next year. I strongly feel that it is in our communities best interests at this time, to disperse funding into resource for our community, rather than fund our police force in such a way for them to militarize and counter our first amendment rights. Thank you, Kiera Help

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6/7/2020 23:11	Keegan Allen	Hi, My name is Keegan Allen and I'm a long time Salt Lake City resident. I'm writing to give my input on the future Salt Lake's public funding. I have seen in the proposed budget for the 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 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 disadvantaged in our society: people of color, poor people, and people experiencing homelessness. Mayor Erin Mendenhall touts policereform-- bias training, boby cams, etc.-- as the answer to this devastating problem.reform is not enough. The Minneapolis Police department has been at the forefront ofreform for many 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 in more specialized programs that directly benefit our community: housing, transit, education, healthcare, green spaces in low-income neighborhoods, and mental health resources. If we prioritize 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. More outdoor spaces and public parks in lower-income neighborhoods. 6. After-school programs and providers, and healthier meals for students in public schools. 7. Increase the funding of public defenders who are only allowed \$1,292,774, with no increase from last year. 8. Free health clinics. 9. Green energy 10. More events, free resources, and skill sharing at city libraries. In the face of nationwide protests of racism and police brutality, the COVID-19 pandemic, and the economic crisis, it's the perfect time to embrace the "pioneering spirit" Utah is known for and show the world that Salt Lake City isa leader in real, impacting change. Thank you for your time and consideration, Keegan Allen
6/7/2020 23:19	Keila Rodriguez	I am a resident of Layton . I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Keila Rodriguez Layton Utah 84041 Sent from my iPhone

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6/7/2020 23:06	Kelsey Clement	I am a resident of Salt Lake City district I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Kelsey Clement Salt Lake City, Ut. 84111
6/7/2020 23:07	Kelly Asao	To whom it may concern, I am a resident of SLC county and a professor at Westminster College. I would like to know when/where you are holding budget meetings (which the website states are held in May and June and are open to the public). Given the current lack of accountability and violence incited by SLC police, it is important that people have an opportunity to voice their concerns and seek greater accountability, especially since their taxes are being disproportionately allocated to fund the police. Will there be such an opportunity before the Truth in Taxation meeting? The \$82,235,729 that we spend on police is unreasonably high compared to the other vital departments. Some of this budget should be dedicated to public services, fire, economic development (all departments which are funded at almost half of police budget). Given the lack of responsible and accountable policing, we should allocate money to areas with greater need, less controversy, and more accountability to the public who is funding them. Thank you, Kelly Dr Kelly Asao Visiting Assistant Professor   Department of Psychology
6/7/2020 23:10	Kelsey Jacobsen	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Kelsey Jacobsen
6/7/2020 23:07	Kelsie Patten	Decrease the police budget. They don't need more money. don't hire more police. They?re not protecting us. We don't want a higher, more intense police presence in Salt Lake City. My only experiences with police are negative: watching them harass homeless people constantly; watching them misgender and mock my trans roommate for his identity; and witnessing their violence during the recent protests. Our police initiated and aggravated violence during the entire protest I attended. We will not tolerate your choice to give the police millions of dollars. Kelsie Patten

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6/7/2020 23:19	Kendell M	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, Kendell M.



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6/7/2020 23:29	Kyle Hoover	Hello, I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time.

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6/7/2020 23:28	Laela Omar	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. Thank you, Laela Omar
6/7/2020 23:28	Korey Pearson	My name is Korey Pearson. As a concerned citizen, I am emailing to demand that the proposal for the \$84 million budget be used to find constructive solutions Salt Lake's increasing homeless population, to provide aid for those without homes and jobs, and to be put into public education to strife for more well-rounded and well-informed citizens of Utah and the United States. The police department does not need nor do they deserve an increase in PUBLIC funds. This money NEEDS to be used for bettering the public. USE TAX MONEY FOR BETTER CAUSES.
6/7/2020 23:31	Lacey Cisneros	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, Lacey

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6/7/2020 23:20	Lauren Reynolds	As a resident in salt lake county, I'd like to demand the police budget is decreased. Police departments among the valley have shown they do not care about serving and protecting our residents. They do not need new riot equipment and more staff when our schools can't even pay teachers livable wages. Black lives matter Arrest Brandon McCormick.
6/7/2020 23:30	Leslie De Leon	I am a resident of Millard County. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Leslie De Leon [YOUR PHONE NUMBER] Sent from my iPhone
6/7/2020 23:41	Koty Lopez	Dear Councilmember Mano, I am a resident in your district 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 hope this reaches you as the start of a dialogue. Thank you for your time, Koty Lopez SLC, UT 84115

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6/7/2020 23:21	Krystal Milliner	I am a resident of Weber county. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Krystal milliner Ogden Utah 84401



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6/7/2020 23:21	Lachlan Zuchetto	<p>Dear Mayor Mendenhall, My name is Lachlan Zuchetto and I am a registered voter in Slc 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, 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 SLCPD being trained to de-escalate altercations by using peaceful conflict resolution strategies? * Are the police officers in the SLCPD 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 SLCPD 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 SLCPD 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 SLCPD required to exhaust every other possible option before using excessive force? * Are the officers in the SLCPD required to give a verbal warning to civilians before drawing their weapon or using excessive force? * Are the officers in the SLCPD required to report each time they threaten to or use force on civilians? * Are the officers in the SLCPD thoroughly vetted to ensure that they do not have a history with abuse, racism, xenophobia, homophobia / transphobia, or discrimination? * Are the officers in the SLCPD 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 SLCPD 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 community. I refuse to let the next hashtag come from here. Sincerely, Lachlan Zuchetto</p>
6/7/2020 23:22	Francesca Vales	<p>To whom it may concern, My name is Francesca Vales and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am a Lead Ambassador with March For Our Lives. The proposition to add \$84 million to the police budget concerns me. Not only are schools and mental health services chronically underfunded, but the police force in Salt Lake City has enough money already. As a high school student, student safety and gun control are two things I am very passionate about. Defunding and demilitarizing the police are two large, important steps to a safe city for children and students. With the current pandemic redirecting funding towards health services, PPE, and other things to help flatten the curve is not only understandable but needed. Considering that this redirection hasn't happened, there are many other things that need funding in our city. We need to prioritize school funding, teacher salaries, free lunches, affordable housing, mental health services/counseling, and school safety. Our police force has enough money and resources already, but our schools are suffering. We need to prioritize children's education over expensive toys for the police. I have hope for this city. I believe that the citizens of Salt Lake City know what is best for our city, and we know that there are more important things to fund than the police. I understand that the recent riots may be concerning to you, however, they have been kept under control by the police we already have. No more excuses. Education should be a priority. The safety of black people, POC, and students should be a priority. Ending police brutality should be a priority. Giving the police this absurd amount of money is a powerful demonstration that the causes listed above are not a priority to Salt Lake City, and that is extremely disappointing.</p>

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6/7/2020 23:26	Mary Houck	Dear Council-members, I am emailing to urge you that the police must be defunded, and to instead use that money to help our community in ways that would be more beneficial. We have many struggling homeless and impoverished people in our city, so it is clear that they need our money far more than the police do. Police brutality and violence is a real thing that our community faces. As hundreds of citizens have pointed out, the police force has done harm to our homes, our friends, and out family. We cannot continue to spend more and more money on a system that enforces racism and harms minorities. Please, for the sake of myself and all of the other people out there that are scared and afraid of the people who are supposed to protect us, defund the police. Sincerely, Mary Houck
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6/7/2020 23:29	Lily Ge	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Lily
6/7/2020 23:40	Lindsey Hector	Dear SLC Council Members I've noticed since the first protest, all have been peaceful yet the military is still a permanent fixture in my city. They should have never been here to intimidate our citizens in the first place. it'shows that no one in leadership understands the very real issues in the police force across this state, and that the only solution you can think of is more force. We want solutions. We don't want the military intimidating people. I'm shocked that "leadership" in this city is so poor. The mayor's current plan is to "review" current policies. Racism in policing needed review ten years ago and now is the time for solutions to be brought to the table. There's ample research and best practices that are available for anyone with the will to look at and implement. The fact that there's no public comment section on this city council meeting should be embarrassing to all of you, and it'shows that none of you care about your citizens or even hearing their concerns. I expect better from elected officials. Lindsey Hector

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6/7/2020 23:54	K Knight	I feel very strongly that we need more police, not less, as we try and keep down the criminal elements that are spreading throughout our community. Although the incident that started the protests was tragic, if you look at statics, they do not support the idea that police generally target non-caucasian people, even though more crime appears to be committed by those of ethnicities other than caucasian. Overall the police - just like the teachers that we now appreciate more for what they do - don't get the appropriate respect, compensation, or support. If police receive what they need to do a proper job and if officials would do more to educate on proper ways to respond if police approach during a stressful incident, many of the headline making situations would not happen. If you look back on incidents that have happened in Salt Lake and surrounding areas, many were caused when someone did something they shouldn't have, then instead of backing down when confronted by police, they took aggressive stances. Police cannot be mind-readers, and if they feel threatened, should have as much right to protect themselves from harm as any of us. Less police will most likely lead to more criminals feeling like they can do whatever they want - especially to the more vulnerable in our population - and that will make our neighborhoods less secure and our society more fractured. Please do not make a bad situation worse.

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6/7/2020 23:32	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 South Salt Lake City, Utah
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6/7/2020 23:37	Finley Caciola	Hello My name is Finley Caciola. I am a resident of Cedar City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Finley Caciola Cedar City, UT Finley Caciola They/Them/Theirs

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6/7/2020 23:42	Luke Johnson	To whom it may concern, My name is Luke Johnson and I am a resident of Salt Lake County. Due to recent events of which you are certainly informed, I know that there is much change needed not only here in our hometown, but nationwide. I am a supporter of not only the Black Lives Matter movement but also the police force here in Utah. I believe that many if not most of them are good people with good intentions and that they should not be attacked the way that they are being attacked. I also believe that many if not most of the protestors are good people with good intentions and that they should not be targeted the way that they are targeted. Salt Lake City and Utah as a whole have the opportunity to be a leader in this difficult time that we are going through as a nation. I sincerely hope that drastic changes are made to the way that law enforcement functions and most importantly the way that they are trained. It is unfathomable to me that high school graduates can be given a gun and allowed to enforce our laws after only a short period of training. I am certain that through increasing the training that is given to our law enforcement, all will benefit. Thank you for the work that you do and the desires that you have to make our community a better place. Sincerely, Luke Johnson



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6/7/2020 23:55	Lauren Lengel	Dear Salt Lake City Council, My name is Lauren Lengel and, as a resident of SLC, Utah, 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. Please vote against this budget! Voting against this budget would help show the positive change from within the government. Best, Lauren Lengel
6/7/2020 23:38	Leland Rasmussen	Dear Ana, 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. Sincerely, Leland Rasmussen

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6/7/2020 23:39	Lila Leatherman	Hello, My name is Lila Leatherman, and I am a Salt Lake City resident. I am contacting you to demand that, for the 2020-2021 budget, you re-allocate at least \$30 million away from the SLCPD, and toward public services like housing, public transit, and community initiatives. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new officers. Reducing police funding and police presence is critical for keeping our communities safe. I include links to peer-reviewed research below: There is no evidence that body cameras < <a href="https://www.pnas.org/content/116/21/10329.short?rss=1">https://www.pnas.org/content/116/21/10329.short?rss=1</a> > or anti-bias trainings reduce police violence. Instead, Salt Lake should reduce funding to the police, reduce the volume of military weapons distributed to the police < <a href="https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/2053168017712885">https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/2053168017712885</a> > , and invest in community support organizations < <a href="https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0003122417736289">https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0003122417736289</a> > like our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers. Over the last week, I have never felt less safe in our city than when police in riot gear and military were deployed to our streets and skies. We need to meet demands for change not with increased violence and policing, but with tangible financial investment in the communities that we claim to want to support. We need to provide concrete and significant monetary support to the systems that uplift our citizens, not the ones that incarcerate them. Sincerely, Lila Leatherman
6/7/2020 23:41	Liam Birch	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 Birch
6/7/2020 23:52	Maddie Grant	I am a resident of Provo. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Madeline Grant Provo, Utah

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6/7/2020 23:42	Madeline Gearheart	I'm a Salt Lake City resident writing to voice my position *AGAINST* the proposed increases to the SLC police budget and staff. The police do not need \$84 million more dollars and 23 new officers. They need better training and more transparency and accountability to the people of this city. At the Utah Arts Festival last year, I was whistled at by a police officer because I accidentally entered the wrong way into a music event. I objected to him whistling at me and told him so, and he told me the alternative was him tackling me. Threats of excessive force. I am grateful for the risks police accept when they choose to protect and serve. But they need to protect and serve, not harass and abuse. I'm for policereform, not adding more money, weapons, and personnel to an already problematic force. Thank you for your time.
6/8/2020 0:04	Lindsay Clark	Hi, My name is Lindsay Clark and I am a resident in Salt Lake City. I'm calling in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because of the racial injustices that have come to light over the coming weeks, and the fear, unrest and protests occurring in our local community. I hope instead you invest the \$30 million in mental health resources for the community, and substance abuse programs. Other Demands include: * Require police training to address racial biases * Accountability for officers in a transparent way (empower citizen review boards) * Ban chokeholds & strangleholds * Require deescalation training * Require warning before shooting * Exhaust all alternatives before shooting (pepper spray? Tranquilizers? Stun guns?) * Ban shooting at moving vehicles * Require use of force continuum * Duty to intervene * Require comprehensive reporting Thank you, Lindsay Clark
6/8/2020 0:08	Luc Bradford	I am a resident of Lindon, UT. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Luc Bradford Lindon UT 84042 Sent from my iPhone

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6/7/2020 23:54	Lydia Vergara	I am a resident of Utah County. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time. Lydia Vergara Provo UT 84601 Sent from my iPhone

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6/8/2020 0:02	Mackenzie Nelson	Hello, My name is Mackenzie Nelson. I am a resident of Salt Lake City and have lived in Salt Lake County for twenty three years. I am writing you today to discuss the 2021 city budget. The mayor has allocated nearly \$85 million to the SLCPD. This is unacceptable. In Utah, Black people comprise 1.06 percent of the population, but they accounted for 10% of police killings in the past seven years. That is a disproportional rate of 9.21 times. The police are an overtly racist, militant, and corrupt institution. Instead of funding violence against our community, PLEASE redistribute this exorbitant amount of funds to resources we desperately need: housing, transit, social welfare programs and community centers. You have the power to strengthen this community and change lives. Please do the right thing. Sincerely Mackenzie Nelson Sent from my iPhone
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6/8/2020 0:03	Martha Burnett	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black and Brown people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Martha Salt Lake City, Ut
6/8/2020 0:01	Madeleine Humel	Hello City Council, I have looked at your proposed budget of \$84 million to the police department. As a citizen of Salt Lake City, I believe this money can be better spent elsewhere in infrastructure, welfare programs, protecting and assisting those experiencing homelessness and education. I am urging anyone on this council to vote against this budget and lower the proposed amount to \$30 million or lower. The SLCPD'should also go on a hiring freeze for the next year. The police force is already heavily prevalent and now more than ever would it would solely be an open call for those who wish to cause harm and violence to innocent citizens to join! I hope you read these words and deeply consider these sentiments. Sincerely, Madeleine H.
6/8/2020 0:02	Madeline Kane	We demand a decrease in the SLCPD budget by \$30 million, a hiring freeze for SLCPD for the next year, and a divestment from policing to an investment in our communities in terms of food, housing, transportation and public health for the people.

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6/8/2020 0:08	Marcus Ayala	Hello- My name is Marcus Ayala and I live on MAIN 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 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, Marcus Ayala 84103 Sent from my iPhone
6/8/2020 0:08	Aaron Pedersen	This is in response to the proposal to cut the SLC police departments budget by 30 percent. This would be a great injustice to the hard working officers in our city. Long story short, I work in tourism, in Alaska during the summer. As such, I come into contact with thousands of people every year. Everytime I tell someone that I'm from Salt Lake, they tell me what a beautiful city that we have. I have no doubt in my mind that in big part that is due to the fine job that the SLCPD does. Let's keep this a great city, and not let it turn into a mini Los Angeles.
6/8/2020 0:29	Mairin Buckley	Hi, My name is Mairin Buckley and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. This email is in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million dollars, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I work in laboratory medicine, and that is where we need this money right now. Healthcare workers need PPE and other resources, communities need safe access to food and care, people need housing they can afford to live in, and the education and mental health services required to let them survive in our world. I don't feel safe around police. They have proven to be harmful to our community in countless ways. The current state of things has proven that a police force protects status quo more than it protects people. This is not a problem of individuals or "bad apples", but a systemic problem where the needed checks and balances are not in place, and cannot possibly be with the current resources given to the police. Policing is not the answer to our problems - community resources are. Thank you so much for your time. Mairin
6/8/2020 0:09	Mariah Trujillo	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, Mariah Trujillo

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6/8/2020 0:30	Giselle Ruby	To whom it may concern, My name is Giselle and I am a life long resident of Salt Lake City. It has come to my knowledge that Salt Lake City Council will be discussing the police budget, in which SLC wants to allocate \$84 million dollars to the police. With the viral videos of SLCPD pushing down an elderly citizen and the fact that they have failed to arrest Brandon McCormick, a man who attempted to murder protesters with a bow and arrow and a large knife, I find it appalling that this is even being considered. With the rising number of the homeless population here in Salt Lake City, my taxpayer dollars should be put to better use than funding SLCPD which still has yet to release the bodycam footage of the shooting of Bernardo Palacios. SLCPD has shown nothing but incompetence this last week, and I believe they pose a greater risk to society. These are people that are supposed to "protect" us, and instead, they are doing the opposite. I demand that SLCPD be defunded. Salt Lake City needs to reallocate funds into the community, such as addressing homelessness, or the affordable housing crises. These issues are more important than increasing the police budget, especially during a pandemic. I trust you all to make the right decision, and if you don't I will be voting you out next election cycle. Sincerely, A concerned citizen.
6/8/2020 0:40	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 Sent from my iPhone
6/8/2020 0:14	Gabrielle Blanco	City Council, As a citizen of this city I have looked at the proposed budget of \$84 million to the police department. Believing this money can be spent somewhere else infrastructure, welfare programs and assisting and protecting the homeless population. I am urging anyone on the council to vote against this budget, and lower the budget to \$30 million, and SLCPD goes on a hiring freeze for the next year. Thank you Gabrielle Blanco

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6/8/2020 0:15	Madison Donnelly	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black and Brown people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Madison Donnelly SLC, UT 84111 [REDACTED]
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6/8/2020 0:17	Margaret Bale	Mayor Mendenhall and City Council Members, I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Margaret Bale SLC, UT 84105 [REDACTED]

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6/8/2020 0:17	Maggie Chvilicek	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Margaret Chvilicek SLC

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6/8/2020 0:20	Mailee Yang	To the Salt Lake City City Council, Last week I woke up to the news of another Black man being killed by a police officer. Like many of my community members, I was outraged, heartbroken, and tired of seeing this happen again and seeing the police department and officers not be held accountable for their actions. I am demanding that as a constituent of Salt Lake City that the Salt Lake City City Council opposes the proposed budget increase for the police department and defunds the Salt Lake Police Department. I have already read the same countless emails from you and our elected officials emphasizing how you're making an effort by providing de-escalation training to your police department throughout the years, but I have yet to see the difference it has made. This isn't just an issue in Salt Lake City, but in our whole nation because Police departments are built on White supremacy and the oppression of Black + POC folks. Your proposed increase of \$2.2 million to \$884.4 million budget to the police department budget is a message that tells us that you don't care about our community, our voices, and our futures. All we see is yet another form of being gaslighted. We see another form of government that doesn't care for or listen to its constituents. It outrages me that such a large increase is being proposed to an institution that keeps our most vulnerable and marginalized communities in poverty, stuck in school-to-prison pipelines, and oppressed while our public services are only being given a proposed \$106,952 increase to bring it to \$46.5 million - almost half of the what the Police department budget is. Push yourselves to reimagine what our community could look like if we invested in our public services like low-income housing, education, and public health systems to strengthen our communities and resolve the disparities that we are trying to address. Our city needs you. We are all crying for help and for you to believe, trust, and invest in your community. We stand for our Black lives. We cannot afford to excuse more SLC police department injustices and attacks on Black lives and other vulnerable populations. Defund the police! Sincerely, Mailee Yang
6/8/2020 0:18	Marley Wright	I am a resident of Kamas, UT. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Marley Wright Sent from my iPhone

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6/8/2020 0:39	Marielle -	The Slc police budget is grossly inflated and not necessary. As a constituent I implore you to access and re allocate the funds properly to help the community and not further increase the budget of an already overwhelmingly over funded department.
6/8/2020 0:18	Guillermo Ramos	As a Salt Lake City resident, a student at the University of Utah, and a person of color, I hold extremely evident that an increase of budget to the city's police department will only yield more unnecessary power to officers who have historically abused their power onto Black residents and other minorities in the city. I demand to not only ignore the \$84 million budget proposal, but I also demand a DECREASE to the current police budget since it would logically and objectively improve the quality of life in Salt Lake City. Sincerely, Guillermo Ramos University of Utah Student

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6/8/2020 0:19	Mal Morris	To Whom It May Concern, I am writing in regards to the proposed increase to SLC?s police budget. In light of the unprecedented public health and unemployment crises we are facing, in addition to the ongoing conversation regarding unchecked police brutality, I ask that the council deny this request to increase our police budget and instead focus our money and efforts on social services, covid prevention and testing, and protecting and serving those who are most marginalized in our communities. SLC needs our leaders to unite the community in caring for each other. Not to crack down on our constitutional right to protest. Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter, Mal Morris They/Them/Theirs
6/8/2020 0:25	Margarita Ruiz	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. As a teacher working in Rose Park, I can attest to the need for housing food and more educational support in our community. Many of our student's families were displaced in the last two months and are struggling to find housing and income to feed their families. In my class of 24 students, only half were able to attain internet access, they were not able to stay connected, learn, received their language, speech, and SPED resources that are crucial for their mental health safety and academic success. Funds can be used to ensure the internet as a utility that all students have access to. This digital divide is another form of racial disparities in our communities today. 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, Margarita Ruiz Salt Lake City, 84103



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6/8/2020 0:29	Gentry Loghry	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, Gentry Loghry

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6/8/2020 0:30	Gabe Martinez	Hello Council, My name is Gabe Martinez. I am a student at the University of Utah and resident of Salt Lake City. I am also a Hispanic man and former Student Body Vice President of the University of Utah. I write to you today to discuss my support in increasing the SLPD budget and hire more officers. Let me provide you with a few reasons why. If something were to ever happen at my apartment, who would I call? Who would you call? Both myself and you would most likely call the police. What if you believe that the police are inherently racist? When it really comes down to it....when things really do hit the fan, would you call the police? I think the answer here is easy. Regardless of our feeling towards the police, especially in our current political climate, when you really need the police to come and assist you, you will call them. And they will come regardless of your feelings towards them. In today's political climate it may seem to be the right thing to defund police, or withdraw from hiring more officers but over time this would hurt the salt lake community, let me explain why. Police will never go away. It is a reality that many cannot believe. Our society needs police, so much like the old saying, if you can't beat them, join them. If there is a problem with racism in police forces? (which I believe there isn't but for the sake of this argument many individuals do) then that money can go towards advanced training, education and outreach. Additionally, you will see what Heather McDonald describes as the Ferguson Effect. First, Police will withdraw from these communities (Salt Lake and Greater Salt Lake) over time due to money/people constraints and the public's problems with police?. Crime rates will begin to increase. Violent crime rates will also go up and you will see more death and violence in these communities. I believe that over time this increase and expansion of the SLPD will better the community it aims to serve and if it did not pass, will devastate marginalized communities in Salt Lake. Thank you. Please let me know if my comment will be included in discussion. Thank you. Best, Gabe Martinez
6/8/2020 0:20	Grace Cushing	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Grace Cushing Cottonwood Heights, UT 84124
6/8/2020 0:22	Giuseppe Juliano	Departments like cottonwood heights have a much higher officer/citizen ratio than areas that have more serious problems. I remember hearing something like 4.5 officers per 1000 people when the average is 2.4 per 1000. Cottonwood heights police department shot and killed my friend Zane Anthony James 2 years ago, in a residential area, right outside my friends house before I picked him up from school.

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6/8/2020 0:21	George Chavez	Council Members I urge you to reconsider making any increase to the police force budget. This is showing not to lead to order; resources and programs for the communities do. This increase should go towards creating a safer community that doesn't lead policing, and that involves investing back into social service programs. Now more than ever that vision is clear, and if it is not, it is as putting an ear out to this painful time we are living through. We can do better for our communities, but it requires the participation of everyone in the community. Thank you for your time Regards George West Valley City Resident
6/8/2020 0:22	Grant Gittus	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Grant Gittus Salt Lake City, UT 84106

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6/8/2020 0:23	Gwyn Fisher	I am a resident of the 2nd Congressional district of Utah. I'm writing to ask that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Gwyn Fisher. Salt Lake City, 84105, UT
6/8/2020 0:30	Grace Cawley	Hi, My name is Grace Cawley and I am a resident and student in Salt Lake City. I am writing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the SLCPD has shown utter failure to protect the citizens of Salt Lake City, a large portion of which are BIPOC and should, therefore, be disciplined with cuts to their budget and a freeze on new hires. I hope that you instead invest \$30 million into programs to help the large homeless population the City of Salt Lake displaced earlier this year. Thank you so much for your time.
6/8/2020 0:24	Maria Campos	Hello, I am a resident of City District 5. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. I believe there are police officers that do a good job and don't hurt people, but I feel there are just as many or more ?bad? cops, who are unpredictable, and prone to anger and violence. I feel that the system of policing is inherently flawed and morally wrong, and provides a legal, and even revered, way for people to abuse people. Police are often called heroes collectively, and I?m sure a few of them are, but too much is asked of them. They are allowed to commit all kinds of acts of violence under the cloak of upholding the law. Police are human beings, and all human beings are fallible, and no human should be given the authority and power that police are given. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahns during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Maria Campos Salt Lake City, UT 84105
6/8/2020 0:24	Marleny Lopez	The SLCPD doesn?t need that much money when last year you guys have funded them \$70 MIL and housing for Salt Lake City so low? We have a bigger issue and it's been an ongoing one. Homelessness in downtown but since y?all closed that one down now they?re moving into the lower income communities where POC live and all the minorities. But is that what your goal was Mayor Erin? Instead of actually housing these folks you planned on having them find a new city to move to? Please fund the right places and the right groups. & I also want to bring up NYC has declared the prohibit and use of the term ?alien? in local laws, rules and documents from now on the term will be noncitizen. What will you do for the people Erin?

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6/8/2020 0:31	Grace Lundquist	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Grace Lundquist



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6/8/2020 0:30	Greta Geary	I am a resident of Salt Lake. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you all for your time, Greta Geary, age 23, life-time Salt Lake resident
6/8/2020 0:31	Marley Dominguez	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, schools, 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 amount to \$30 million. I also advise that the SLCPD go 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 to those who wish to cause harm and violence to innocent citizens. I hope you read these words and deeply consider this sentiment. -Marley Dominguez 84105

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6/8/2020 0:32	Charli Goodman	It is not in Salt Lake City?s best interest to cut the police department?s budget. Our hiring pool has already dwindled and we need to hire the best officers this city can afford. With a budget cut, this will make the job of hiring great candidates nearly impossible. This is only one of the many negative side effects that a budget cut will cause. Please realize the sacrifice officers are making during the last 3 months since COVID, the earthquake and the riots. We must keep public safety at the forefront of our minds and with a budget cut, it is interpreted as your lack of concern for public safety and the safety of the citizens of Salt Lake City. Respectfully, Lieutenant Charli Goodman Salt Lake City Police Department Professional Standards Division Internal Affairs
6/8/2020 0:33	Mary Grace Lewis	To whom it may concern, My name is Mary Grace Lewis and I am a recent graduate of Westminster College living in the 84105 zip code of Salt Lake City. As a constituent, I hope that you will hear me and consider NOT raising the police budget, and instead funneling that money into different necessary social services, such as increasing the number of beds for people facing homelessness in Salt Lake. Thank you for your time. Mary Grace Lewis She, Her, Hers Lateral Entry Peer Mentorship Coordinator   Westminster Honors College PEER Team Educator   Westminster Title IX Office
6/8/2020 0:39	Daniel Romero	Hello, City Council I have looked into your proposed budget of \$84 million to the police department. As a citizen of Salt Lake, I believe this is money is better spent elsewhere in infrastructure, welfare programs and protecting 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 advice that SLCPD goes on a hiring freeze for the next year! The police force in Salt Lake is already heavily prevalent and now more than ever it would solely be an open call for those who wish it to cause harm and violence to innocent citizens to join! I hope you read these words and deeply consider this sentiment - Daniel Romero

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6/8/2020 0:41	Megan West	Hello Mayor Mendenhall and council members, 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. Sincerely and respectfully, Megan West
6/8/2020 0:42	Maya Hopkinson	Salt Lake City Council Office, I saw 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, schools, beneficial programs, and protecting the homeless population of the city. I am urging the people on this council to vote against this budget and consider lowering the proposed amount to \$30 million. Thank you for your time and I hope you consider this sentiment. Maya Hopkinson



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6/8/2020 1:01	Maya Wheeler	Hello, I currently live in sugarhouse, and have lived in Salt Lake City my whole life. I was disheartened to hear that there is a plan to increase the budget of the police department. I feel strongly that this money would be much more beneficial to the community if used to fund programs that have shown to decrease crime and benefit the community. Programs that help people with mental health issues, rehab those struggling with addiction, help formerly incarcerated people get back on their feet, to not become repeat offenders, provide early education for low income families, and keep black students out of the school to prison pipeline, are all proven to not only benefit our community, but also to reduce crime. If the police department budget is unbalanced perhaps they could spend less on armored vehicles and and other weapons that contribute to a paramilitary culture in the police force. There is a terrible mistrust between the general public and the police, that desperately needs healing. Officer outreach is important, but when I see the people who are meant to protect me wielding guns pointed from armored vehicles, I certainly don't feel like thats a person I can later trust to help me, not hurt me. Thank you for hearing our voices, Maya Wheeler
6/8/2020 0:49	Meagan Hunter	I am a resident of Lehi. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Meagan Hunter Lehi, UT 84043

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6/8/2020 0:49	Mel Martinez	<p>Salt Lake City Council, Below is the comment I left you yesterday. I also listened in on the meeting last night June 2, 2020 on the proposed 2020-2021 budget through a friends live feed in Instagram. This is my follow up comment to the meeting. I still stand by all the comments I made in my first e-mail. And want to reiterate that I agree with Decarcerate Utah's demands of systematically defunding the SLCPD (and all police departments. I heard the council say 2.1 billion of the increase is mandatory by law. But I'm sure you can find a way to continue to contribute to retirement funds and raises without new money. Like by not hiring new officers, and cutting the police budgets in other ways. Chief Tim Doubt also spoke about funding for additional trainings and more body cams. I also STRONGLY disagree. Those tactics do not work. I do not want anymore money going towards that. The police have had their chance to change. it's too late. Now is the time to defend and create or invest in alternatives. Again, I do not believe policereform is possible. I think investing in alternatives to policing is the answer. I think creating new alternatives to policing is the future. I think putting money in places that help restructure power and class is the answer. Thank you, Mel Martinez Sent with ProtonMail &lt;<a href="https://protonmail.com">https://protonmail.com</a>&gt; Secure Email. ??????? Original Message ??????? On Tuesday, June 2, 2020 10:22 PM, Mel &lt;MelMMartinez@protonmail.com&gt; wrote: Salt Lake City Council, I'm writing to say I disagree with the 2020-2021 budget increase for the police department. And I agree with Decarcerate Utah's demands to strategically defund the Salt Lake Police department (and all police departments). This can be done with immediate, medium term and long term actions and goals, as outlined below: 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. I am especially in support of plans to increase funding for (where already existing) and create alternatives to many current policing "duties", as mentioned in the 4th bullet point. For example mental health first responders, social workers and services, and community based organizations. Thank you, Mel Martinez Sent from ProtonMail mobile</p>
6/8/2020 0:52	Melanie Aphayrath	<p>Hi, My name is Melanie Aphayrath. I am emailing you today regarding the funding budget SLCPD requested. I am requesting to divest at least 30 million of the funding and distribute that back into our communities for healthcare, education, transportation, and to public housing. I am also asking to please put a freeze on hiring new police officers. Especially in a time of a pandemic and the injustice taking under law amongst our black communities. I strongly believe that it is the community?s best interest to distribute funding back into our resources rather than to use the funding to militarize our police force going against our first amendment rights. Thank you for your time, Melanie Aphayrath</p>
6/8/2020 1:04	Mckenna Schwab	<p>Hi, My name is McKenna Schwab, and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing about the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city makes drastic cuts to the SLCPD budget by at least \$30 million and relocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the police system is broken. Systematic racism is in its blood, and we need it to bereformed. Officers are violent towards black people and people of color, and they are not towards white people. All violence needs to end; they need to be taught to de-escalate these situations. One good cop means nothing if nine cops are complicit with violence. I hope instead you invest \$30 million dollars helping communities who are disenfranchised and funding education. Thank you for your time.</p>
6/8/2020 1:04	Megan Kratz	<p>Ms. Valdemoros, I'm a resident of the district you represent, and I'm writing to ask you divert money from the SLC police department budget into funds for housing, public health and community development. We should learn from the failures of Operation Rio Grande that investing in policing instead of housing support, transitional housing, treatment programs and public health does not make our city safer. Instead it does long term damage to our most vulnerable residents. Police protect the property of the affluent. Instead we need to fund programs that assist the most vulnerable and marginalized people of our community. Sincerely, Megan Kratz Salt Lake City</p>

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6/8/2020 1:12	Mike Corrigan	Please do not hire more officers, we obviously have plenty. Please use all monies that have to go to law enforcement for a review board or some entity outside the current system to investigate and hold police who break laws accountable. A group that has teeth, that can force a district attorney to bring charges so it is out of their hands. We need accountability not more of the status quo. Thanks, Michael Corrigan 84104

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6/8/2020 1:13	McKay Colleni	We the people DEMAND that the council do not allow 84 million dollars go to the police or that 23 new officers be hired. The world has seen that the police are militarized, violent, and are more concerned with asserting their sadistic power trip on the people than protecting or serving. Defund the police. This bill will only radicalize people who are already hurting, afraid, and angry even more. Do not do this. Do not divide people and start a war. Instead put that money towards education, addicts, the homeless, anything that would actually benefit its citizens. This money should to be used to bolster Salt Lake and make it's stronger, it's citizens happier, not promote tyranny and senseless violence. The people are paying attention. We are not blind. don't turn a blind eye and continue to fracture this already hurting community. Mckay Colleni
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6/8/2020 0:52	Megan Frasca	To whom it may concern, The police 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!
6/8/2020 0:53	Megan Thompson	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Megan Thompson Salt Lake City
6/8/2020 1:00	Megan Van Wagenen	I am writing to share my support of reallocating the \$84 million for the police department back into the community. I know that budgets are being cut due to COVID 19. All across the country we need to re-think the way we police. While I want the police to have what they need to protect the communities they serve, I don't want them to have greater access to methods that can produce deadly consequences. I am a Provo resident, but was born in Salt Lake and I work in Salt Lake. For these reasons, what happens on Salt Lake matters to me. Thank you, Meg Van Wagenen Sent from my iPhone



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6/8/2020 1:01	Nathan Meinzer	<p>Salt Lake City Council members, I wanted to take this time to express my opinion from an open heart in regards to the defunding of Police departments. To give you a short background of who I am so you can best understand my message, I am a SLCPD Detective, I with in the Community Intelligence Unit and am assigned to District 6. I have been an Officer for 6 ½ years now. Before that I served in the United States Army for 7 ½ years until I was injured and medically discharged. Being in the service of my people is how I choose to live my life. I recently heard about the previous council session and how much support was present for the topic of defunding the SLCPD by 30 million dollars. I made a post on Nextdoor informing my citizens in District 6 of what is occurring. I asked that they make their voice heard, whichever way they feel, for or against. I feel that the citizens who attended the council session were not a good representation of the majority of our citizens. I ask that you take the time to consult with the citizens in your districts and hear the overwhelming support they have for our Officers. I will now share with you what I shared online to show what your Officers are doing to fulfill the oath they swore for the City. This story is from my perspective. Monday May 25th, I began my work week. A seemingly normal week filled with problems about car prowls, traffic concerns, Covid concerns and many other things. I worked my normal week attempting to hear the concerns of our citizens and develop plans on each issue. Friday May 29th, I assisted Ogden Police Department due to their Officer giving his life in the service of his community. I assisted in the function of Peer Support to help those who dealt with the traumatic incident and help talk them through a road to recovering mentally and helping them deal with grief. Saturday May 30th, I woke up and got ready to assist the community of Ogden again only to be called out for a planned protest. I serve on our Public Order Unit and have received special training to deal with large crowds. During that 16 hour day that I worked, there was a moment in time where I thought we were about to have an Officer drug from her vehicle and killed. The radio call came out that an Officer was trapped in her Police vehicle and protesters were attempting to get inside to get her. As I sped to the scene to help my sister in blue who swore an oath to this City, I was flipped off, yelled at, and had things thrown at my vehicle. We were able to safely extract our Officer from the situation and the decision was made to leave the vehicle behind, due to life safety concerns. We then watched from a distance as our vehicle was overturned and lit on fire. What then proceeded to occur for the rest of the night was absolute chaos. The armored vehicle was shot. We had hatchets, spears, poles, bricks, brake rotors, small manhole covers, bottles, and many other items thrown at us. I watched as an officer was struck in the neck by a bat.</p> <p><b>Continued 1/2</b></p>
6/8/2020 0:00	Nathan Meinzer	<p><b>Continued 2/2</b> As I watched him fall I thought we had lost our first Officer of the night. There were 21 Officers who fell from injury and needed treatment. The most concerning situation that I witnessed that night was citizen on citizen violence. I watched as a 15 year old Hispanic boy was thrown down from the side of a building to the ground, where the back of his head and neck hit the corner of a concrete planter box. His unconscious body was then jumped on by 3 other Hispanic boys. The 3 boys then proceeded to strike the unconscious boy in the chest and head. As Officers we had to fight through the crowd to get to this boy. By the time I reached him and stopped this malicious attack the poor boys orbital socket appeared to be broken. We had medics respond and treat him. All the while we had protestors who thought it was us who attacked him. That is a short recap of the vast incidents from Saturday. Since then there have been protests every single day. I am now on my 13th day of working without a day off. I haven't had a meal with my wife and children since over a week ago. I finally got to see my two daughters awake for the first time yesterday before coming in to work the protests. I have since been reassigned to work fulltime on our Public Order Unit until this unrest ends. Be safe our there and know the shaping of the world depends on everyone?s input. Know that we will continue to serve the City and fulfil our oaths to the best of our ability. Thank you for your time Detective Nathan Meinzer Community Intelligence Unit'salt Lake City Police Department ██████████ Work</p>
	Mel Martinez	<p>RELEASE THE SLCPD BODY CAMERA FOOTAGE OF THE SHOOTING OF BERNARDO PALACIOS ON MAY 23, ROSE PARK, SALT LAKE CITY. it's RIDICULOUS, DISRESPECTFUL, AND ALL AROUND FUCKED UP THAT IT HASN'T BEEN RELEASED YET. AND THE SAME APPLIES TO THE FACT THERE THERE IS NO POLICY FOR RELEASING BODY CAMERA FOOTAGE TO BEGIN WITH. RELEASE THE FOOTAGE. INVESTIGATE AND PROSECUTE GUILTY POLICE OFFICERS. - Mel Martinez Sent from ProtonMail mobile</p>

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6/8/2020 1:01	Sarah Call	Hello, I believe that housing is a MUCH more deserving program to send \$84 million dollars to than police. Defund the police. Thank you, Sarah Call
6/8/2020 1:03	Michael Lopez	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Michael Lopez Ogden, UT, 84403 Sent from my iPhone

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6/8/2020 1:25	Melissa Sanchez	I am a resident of SLC. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, [YOUR NAME] [YOUR ADDRESS] [YOUR EMAIL] [YOUR PHONE NUMBER] Sent from my iPhone
6/8/2020 1:33	Molly Bell	I am a resident of West Valley City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Molly Bell

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6/8/2020 1:10	Monica Ford	I would like to share my opinion. The police budget money should go to teachers who can help educate our children about important topics. We can then as parents reinforce what they have heard in school about love and kindness and treating humans fairly. Thank you! Monica
6/8/2020 1:13	Morgan Wambaugh	Hello, I am a resident of Salt Lake City District 4 I attended this meeting virutally and would like to comment concerning the proposed budget, especially regarding the Salt Lake Police Department as well as the proposed budget of Housing and Public Transport. In short I would like: - Do not increase the Police Department Budget - Increase in Housing and Public Transport Budget - Investing in more mental health training and strategies to de-escalate situations - Investing in more open spaces and public parks in lower income areas, as well as after school programs and more meals for students in public schools Like others in the meeting, I do not want an increase in the Police Department which a proposed increase to ~\$85 million. Salt Lake City has seen multiple issues of police misconduct for years. These include arrest of a nurse for not taking blood from a critically ill individual, the poor misconduct of the Lauren McCluskey case, the miscoduct brought on protesters as well as citizens simply walking down the street, misconduct toward black and brown citizens, and others. The police department of Salt Lake City does not appear to be serving or protecting its citizens and thus does not warrant a budget increase. Additionally, as mentioned by others in the meeting a decrease in budget and/or transparancy of this budget so citizens know how much is used for training as well as an increase of training in ways to de-escalate situations, understand how to deal with individuals that may be having a mental break that are not violent, etc would be more acceptable. Additionally, I also believe police should end broken windows policing. Minor offenses and harmless activities such as sleeping in parks, drug possession, and looking suspicious should be addressed by healthcare professionals and social workers and community oversight programs rather than police. Furthermore, as mentioned by others, a better assessment of who is hired to the department may help. Like others in the meeting, I believe the money would be better allocated to increasing housing and public transportation. As the nation was unprepared for an unexpected pandemic I think that money would be better used to combat the rise in homelessness and unemployment due to the pandemic, which has also disproportionatally affected black and brown communities. Providing rent release and quality housing opportunities for those living at or below the poverty line. Additionally, I think there should be an increase in public transportation especially in the west side of the city as mentioned in the meeting. I also believe investing in more outdoor spaces and public parks in lower income neighborhoods as well as funding for after-school programs and providers, and more meals for students in public schools would benefit the city and its citizens. On a general note, in concern of the pandemic, I do not think Utah in general should prematurely re-open (move to green) and especially Salt Lake City. Thank you for your time, Morgan Wambaugh



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6/8/2020 1:26	Michaela Rappleyea	Decrease the police budget! The police system is corrupt and should not be given any more funding, it needs to be decreased so that the corrupt forces will have less power.
6/8/2020 1:26	Michelle Anklan	As a resident of Utah, I do not support the \$84 million proposed to fund police forces. That money should be divested to education, homelessness, health care, mental health, or so many other better uses. Any money spent on the police force should NOT be used for further militarization equipment, and instead be used on training in deescalation or implicit bias training. Thank you, Michelle Anklan Murray, UT
6/8/2020 1:27	Miles Folsom	Good afternoon, As a member of the Salt Lake City community, I demand a DECREASE in the police budget by at least \$30 million. I demand a hiring freeze for SLCPD for the next year. I demand a disinvestment from policing and investment in our community (food, housing, transportation, and public health). Thank you, Miles Folsom
6/8/2020 1:11	Sarah Mullen	My name is Detective Sarah Mullen with SLCPD. I am writing to ask that you do not vote to reduce our budget, it is much needed especially during this time. Thanks for considering, Detective Sarah Mullen Sent from my iPhone
6/8/2020 1:11	Miles Hubler	I am a resident of South Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Miles Hubler Sent from my iPhone

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6/8/2020 1:23	Mina Berglund	I am a resident of Summit County. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Mina Berglund
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6/8/2020 1:35	Mitch Frazier	I am a resident of District 6. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Mitch Frazier Midvale, UT 84047
6/8/2020 1:35	Molly Barnewitz	Dear Council Member Valdemoros, I am a constituent in your district. I wanted to express that I am proud to be represented by you on the City Council. I am writing, however, to also express that I am deeply concerned about the City's actions and inactions in regard to police brutality and fighting systemic oppression. I understand that it is the budget season, and I hope that you and the other council members will carefully review the Salt Lake Police Department's already inflated budget. I ask that more funds be directed to addressing equity issues and finding sustainable ways to support our communities that don't involve more policing. I also hope that more public review boards, trainings, and policy will be enacted to ensure that police officers who are perpetuating prejudice and violence against people of color are no longer allowed to serve. I trust that you will carefully consider and take action to prevent the police from unjustly killing Black people, Indigenous people, and people of color in our community. Thank you, Molly Barnewitz

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6/8/2020 1:36	Hannah Hyde	I am writing to express my disgust at the idea of increasing funds to the police budget. We should be focusing on decreasing that budget and using said money to increase community support- through more shelters and support houses for houseless folks, through more harm reductive strategies for folks experiencing drug addiction, through supporting LGBTQIA and People of Color's experiences in SLC. The police is rampant with too much power and a lack of accountability right now. Lets do better. -Hannah Hyde current resident of SLC
6/8/2020 1:36	Hailey Mishler	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 the majority of this money is better spent elsewhere in infrastructure, welfare programs, assisting the homeless population of Salt Lake, and helping the city fight other pressing issues such as healthcare and the fight of COVID-19. I am urging anyone on this council to vote against this budget, lower the proposed amount, allocate more of this \$84 million to programs that would better help the citizens of SLC during this unprecedented time, and advice SLCPD to go on a hiring freeze. Our citizens have seen the immense police presence and right now more than ever, an increased police presence and budget is not making me feel safe, and it is not making my friends and family feel safe. Please, please consider these words and the others you have been receiving. -Hailey Mishler
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6/8/2020 1:25	Harley Williams	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for Salt Lake City. After looking at the projected Budget for 20-21 I see that 85 million has been allocated for the Salt Lake City Police Department while Housing is only receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,000. This is unacceptable. This is a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. The police in this city have shown a blatant disregard for well being of Black residents, all residents of color, the LGBTQ community. It has been even more for showing in recent weeks with the continued protests regarding George Floyd's death. There is a clear link between the majority colored neighbor hoods having an increase in excessive police force due to the housing and transit underfunding. Underfunding these detrimental assets of life is a system that is set up for failure. Please consider redesigning the allotted funding to give the people of Salt Lake City the proper life we all deserve. Thank you, Harley Williams
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6/8/2020 1:27	Hannah Skolnick	As a life long member of the Salt Lake City community, I believe that the funds being directed to policing should be allocated to other community resources that do not sustain and encourage a deep rooted societal system of racism and discrimination that ends with terror upon black and POC bodies. -- Hannah Rose Skolnick   Designer
6/8/2020 1:31	Hannah Bybee	Hello Council Members, As an educator at a Title 1 school, and as a responsible citizen of Utah, I am dumbfounded by the proposed cuts to Utah education. What is even more astonishing is the 20% proposed increase in law enforcement, 5 million dollars more, when only 1 million is currently set aside for mortgage and rental relief during the covid19 crisis. Please re-consider the astronomical increase. Hannah Bybee Byers Salt Lake City 84106

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6/8/2020 1:33	Myles Davis	Hi, My name is Myles Davis and I would like voice my disagreement with the proposed budget increase to the SLCPD. I demand at least a \$30 million decrease in the proposed budget for SLCPD. Furthermore, I demand a hiring freeze for SLCPD for the next year. I demand divestment from policing and a re-investment in programs such as housing, transit, mental health services, and education that could be far more beneficial with an increased budget. I do not support SLCPD and I do not support my tax dollars being used to further support them. Best, Myles
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6/8/2020 1:34	Hannah Myers	<p>I am a resident of UT. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few month. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Hannah Myers</p>



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6/8/2020 1:38	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.

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6/8/2020 1:39	Heather Anderson	I am a resident of salt lake county. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Heather Anderson
6/8/2020 1:38	Haley McCormick	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Haley Jenkins

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6/8/2020 1:40	Heleena Sideris	Hello, My name is Heleena and I am a lifelong Salt Lake City community member. Given the recent developments I find it necessary to voice my opinion on a variety of different issues that directly affect the health of our community and our society as a whole. But first, I'd like to thank you for your public service and for taking the time and energy to hear and understand the various viewpoints of your constituency. Firstly, I'm asking that the city make significant cuts to the SLCPD, by at least \$30 million, and those funds be reallocated to community building services like mental health education and resources, homelessness reduction, social welfare workforce, and countless other community initiatives that would contribute to a safer society. The perceived task of a police department is to protect its citizens, unfortunately we have lost sight of this task greatly and instead instituted a system poisoned with ingrained biases and allowed excessive and unnecessary force against the very people they are sworn to protect. it's painfully clear, reform in the way we police our communities is necessary. The below solutions offer a way to move forward: * Require police training to address racial biases * Accountability for officers in a transparent way (empower citizen review boards) * Ban chokeholds & strangleholds * Require deescalation training * Require warning before shooting * Exhaust all alternatives before shooting (pepper spray? Tranquilizers? Stun guns?) * Ban shooting at moving vehicles * Require use of force continuum * Duty to intervene * Require comprehensive reporting I would also like to address the shooting of Bernardo Palacios. The body cam footage released on Friday, June 5th from the officer involved shooting of Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal on May 23rd was absolutely horrifying. The officers displayed a complete disregard for human life when they shot him 20 times in the back, reloaded their gun and screamed at his lifeless body, ?Show me your f---ing hands!? The officers who killed Bernardo behaved like lawless, belligerent, rage-induced monsters and they have no business patrolling our streets, let alone patrolling our streets with guns. As long as the officers who unloaded their guns into Bernardo's back are not held accountable and remain employed at the Salt Lake City Police Department I will not feel safe, and I will protest their employment. The body cam footage says it all, there is nothing else we need to know, nothing an investigation can tell us that will change the course of this devastating, fatal and entirely preventable encounter. The officers must resign. Furthermore, in his statement after the release of the video, Chief Mike Brown expressed no compassion for the friends and family of Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal. He expressed only love to the men and women of the Salt Lake City Police Department. Who is he serving and protecting? I look forward to hearing of the concrete action steps and policy changes that our city will enact to fight the cancer that has become so apparent in our society. Respectfully, Heleena
6/8/2020 1:39	Hana Ratcliffe	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Hana Ratcliffe Sugar House

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6/8/2020 1:41	Hannah Abebe	I am a resident of Davis District. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Hannah Abebe
6/8/2020 1:41	Hunter Murphy	Dear Ana, After what I saw on Saturday, May 30th, it became very apparent that many officers do not have the mental capacity for high stress situations. What I saw, among other things, was two officers throw a man to the ground, and get on top of him. Quickly, but after the fact, a third officer rushed over and beat the person on the ground multiple times with a baton. I imagine that the law protects this officer for doing that, which I do not agree with, and if so, I would like that changed. I also imagine this officer does not have the mental patience it takes to deescalate a situation. I see that you and your constituents "will review the police department budget, look at requiring additional police training, review body camera use, and examine changes to the city's Police Civilian Review Board" on June 9th. I ask that you push for more. Police don't just need "additional" training. The system needs restructuring and how we look at policing needs restructuring. Police need cultural training, de-escalation training, emotional maturity training, conversational training, and much less training in the use of weapons and force. Last, will you or someone please address that not only are the cops violent in their use of force but in their spread of COVID-19. Few, if any, were or are wearing masks and it's insane. They work for the public. Thank you for taking the time to read this. I look forward to your action. -Hunter Murphy
6/8/2020 1:52	Haleigh Larmer	I am a resident of Utah's Second District. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Haleigh Larmer Salt Lake City, Utah

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6/8/2020 1:42	Justin Homer	<p>Dear members of the city council- My name is Justin Homer and I am currently a Police Officer for SLCPD. I came from different agency looking for a better place to work. I have been in law enforcement for 8 years now. I have spent four of those years in Salt Lake. I really have enjoyed my time working for this police department. I have worked with some of the best officers in the state. I have worked with some of the best sergeants and lieutenants in patrol as well. It makes coming to work easier. Right now is the worst I have seen in the profession. Its been very hard to be a protector of peace over the last several years due to a lot of civil unrest. I have worked with some of the best officers who take their job seriously and serve selfishly. We take our Oath to serve this country seriously and do all we can to not do something to violate the trust of the people. I personally hold my Oath sacredly and do what I can to serve my community I work in. I am emailing you in regards to recent callings to defund police departments across the country. There are talks of defunding our own police department. I emailing you let you know this is a huge mistake which will yield grave results. You have a police department that has continued working through an earthquake, through a COVID-19 pandemic and now through some of the worst rioting ever seen. We have been working non stop a police agency to continue to take care of the citizens of this city. We been working long days and putting in a lot of overtime deal with all of these issues. Working patrol I have been held over several hours each day to deal with these protests. I have been sacrificing time with my wife and one year old son to spend time in your city to work and protect the citizens. I have had rocks, baseballs, water bottles and who knows what else thrown at me this week. I have been told the only good cop is a dead cop. I have been told I am a racist because of one mans actions. I have been told to quit my job and to take off my badge. I have seen all the graffiti in the city from the riot about how people want me cops dead and how much they hate cops. I have had things so foul said to me that no human being should ever have to hear, and that I can't repeat to you in this email. I shrug it off and continue to do my job everyday. This kind of behavior and things will only get worse if you defund the police department. We are already suffering in gaining and retaining police officers. No wants to do this job anymore because of how we are treated. With no money we will not get training we need to fix the issues at hand. That will suffer and suffer greatly. You won't be able to hire and retain good ethical police officers. You will have to lower your standards to have people become police officers because all the good ones will see this is not a job worth doing. Why do a job where you are persecuted on a daily basis. If you want to stop funding the department you will see huge and lasting negative results. I for one would not stay in the profession. I have served faithfully and diligently in my 8 years. I have been the best cop I can be. But one can only get beat down for so long before they give up and have to make a change. There are a lot of issues in this world that need to be fixed. I am more than willing to help change and be one to make it a better place. I try everyday to treat anyone I come in contact with respect and treat them as a human being. I treat them and give them help no matter who they are and no matter if they hate my guts or not. It makes no difference for me. To give you a little background on my family life. I am a white cop married to a black woman. <b>Continued 1/2</b></p>
6/8/2020 0:00	Justin Homer	<p><b>Continued 2/2</b> Our son is half white and black. I know the struggle that is ever present in our society. I have learned everyday of the hardships my wife has had to deal with her entire life. Now its even harder being a black person married to a white cop. I volunteered to come in to work on my day off when the riots got out of control. My wife was frustrated with me. She was angry and upset that I chose to come in on my own time when I was not commanded to come in. She understood I have sworn to protect, but also did not want me to put myself in harms way. She was torn between my decision to work as a police officer and the civil unrest in the nation that she is a part of. Nothing like leaving your wife and child at home to potentially not come home to fight against racial injustice when you are married to a woman that is black. To hear all the evil spoken to me at this riot when those people'speaking ill have no idea who I am as a person and don't know my background. Yet I still went and risked my life. Please, please, please DO NOT take away funding. It is not going to make the issues at hand better. It will only make things worse. You have some of the best officers in the state of Utah working in Salt Lake City. We deserve better. Please think really hard about the lasting affects this could have. I thank you for your time. I know this email may have rambled on, but I have to express my concerns and also express the importance of having good people working as police officers. -Justin Homer</p>



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6/8/2020 1:42	Rachel Dodge	To whom it may concern, The citizens of Salt Lake City do not want an increase in police budget. \$84 million should NOT be added to the SLCPD. We do not want more officers. That money should be put into public education. That money should be put into public health to deal with COVID-19. That money should be put into social services. We will not accept this. It is a reprehensible use of our taxpayer dollars and local resources. R. Dodge
6/8/2020 1:49	Rachael Katz	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Rachael Katz
6/8/2020 1:50	Rachael Katz	Hello, I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Rachel Clair

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6/8/2020 2:14	Rachel Nemelka	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. -- Rachel Nemelka
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6/8/2020 2:19	Rayn Dyke	I am demanding a decrease in the police budget! the last thing we need is more money going into the slcpd! put that money to better use by supporting our homeless, education, mental health, and other resources for people of color ! - Rayn Dyke born and raised in slc

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6/8/2020 2:21	Rebecca Hoffmann	I am a resident of Salt Lake County. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Rebecca Hoffmann
6/8/2020 2:24	Taylor Reid	Hi, my name is Taylor Reid, I live in Salt Lake City near Trolley Square, and I saw that you are planning on increasing the police's budget right now? Can I just voice how upset and confused I am that you think this is an appropriate use of our tax dollars when we live in this time? There is a pandemic going on right now, that is hurting communities of color more and more, and you want to make sure the extra money and resources you have are going to cops that indisputably also make minorities lives harder? While I am grateful this weeks protests were not met with teargas, and the police could have done a worse job, that does not mean they should get millions of dollars in funding as a reward. That money could instead go and help small business, and people who are struggling right now. It can go to community outreach programs that help people of color. I'm upset I even have to send this email. I've been seriously considering moving away from this state because of how people who are not apart of the hegemonic culture are treated, and this makes it's so much harder to stay even though I love so much of the home I have built for myself here. Sent from my iPhone
6/8/2020 2:24	Rachel Iverson	To whom it may concern, In light of the events happening throughout the nation, and certainly in Salt Lake City, I address you as a concerned, lifelong resident. During COVID-19, an economic crisis, and much-needed protests by the Black Lives Matter movement, I need to see the Salt Lake City Council step up and DEFUND the SLCPD. Like all major (and surely minor) cities around the nation, SLC is seeing, up close and personal, police brutality. We're also seeing budget cuts in most areas, the police being the exception. 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. We need to invest in trained mental health professionals. We need to increase funding for public defenders. We need to create a safer Salt Lake with our sights set on alleviating the pain, suffering, oppression, inequality, and police brutality affecting our black communities. Respectfully, Rachel Iverson

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6/8/2020 2:33	Rachel Langston	My name is Rachel Langston, I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Rachel Langston
6/8/2020 2:35	Rebecca Varn	To whom it may concern, I understand you are meeting to discuss adding 84 million dollars to the police budget and hiring more officers. This money could be used to do a lot of good in other capacities. I want to know where this money is coming from and what other projects you have considered giving it to before that money is allocated. Instead of amping up the police force can we do de-escalation training with the current force. Can we provide some money to the Utah Community Action Plan to help families with bills they cannot pay. Can we give some money to the local NAACP chapter to help them in their pursuit of justice and equality for our black brothers and sisters. I think there is a lot more we can do with that money that give it to the police. Respectfully, Rebecva Varn

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6/8/2020 2:29	Markus Reynoso	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Markus Reynoso

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6/8/2020 2:36	Nic Siniscalchi	Hello, My name is Nic Siniscalchi and I have been a resident of Utah my entire life. With the current nationwide crisis of the centuries long issue of police brutality and racism, I strongly oppose the money that will be budgeted to the police force. There needs to be a reform of the department as it stands now and that money should not go to them. They have enough money as it is, evidenced by the militarized gear and weapons that have been used even in the last few days. I also find it incredibly inappropriate to have this issue discussed at this town council as it sends the message that what is going on in our nation is irrelevant here in Utah. Which is completely untrue. Instead that money should go to areas of benefit for the community such as schools, public transportation, and better resources for those who live in Salt Lake. Respectfully, Nic Siniscalchi

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6/8/2020 6:18	Natalie Thongrit	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Natalie Thongrit

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6/8/2020 6:17	Nathaniel Breen	<p>I am a resident of Provo. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Nathaniel Breen Provo, UT</p>

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6/8/2020 6:17	Jacob Nattress	<p>Salt Lake City Council Members, I have been a sworn officer with the Salt Lake City Police Department for almost thirteen years now and am currently in a detective role with the department. I write to you now because there is a loud minority in your ears, who are demanding the Salt Lake City Police have funds cut from them. I have even heard demands that go as far as suggesting to defund and dismantle the police completely. This is an extremely radical, unlawful and dangerous thing to suggest. This would leave the good citizens of Salt Lake City vulnerable to those who would prey on the innocent unchecked. Salt Lake City has historically been behind on having sufficient police resources in the ever-growing City. To cut the budget now would only cause further harm and create lesser quality police service. I am sympathetic to your position as council members in this difficult time in history. When it seems like we have gone through about all we can handle this year, we now have this civil unrest that has come to a head. This is an emotional time and there are some great injustices that have happened. I am appalled by what happened to George Floyd and see it as nothing less than evil. I have never seen a need to ever kneel on someone's neck for even a moment, let alone almost ten minutes. I have never been trained to do that and have never seen any of our officers do anything like that. There are many great and good hearted men and women at the Salt Lake City Police Department that have very pure intents. We can't let the very rare misdeeds overshadow the good that is done in our city. While I recognize racism as a living problem in our society today, I think law enforcement as a whole and especially here in Utah has made leaps and bounds to do better. National and local statistics show this and those statistics don't support the narrative that is being loudly vocalized in the ever noisy media and social media. There will always be mistakes made by police as long as humans are doing the job. It will never be perfect, but with technology such as body cameras, we are more easily able to weed out bad behavior. Cutting the police budget would only decrease the quality of policing the city gets. Simultaneous calls for more training are being made, but how can that be achieved with a budget cut? It is counter intuitive to getting better. I know it is difficult to stand up to the loud voices that make these demands. I do sympathize with the position you are in, but these difficult times call for unifying and sound judgement. Wrong needs to be called wrong and right needs to be called right. The job of law enforcement is to stand up to what is right and be a barrier against violence, predation and injustice. It is my hopes that our country becomes more unified through all that is going on when the dust settles and that our citizens of Salt Lake City can have that same unification. I believe you as Council Members have a very powerful position to be a voice of reason and unification and ask that you not react to the well-intended, but misguided shouts for defunding. Thank you all for your time and service to the great city of Salt Lake. Respectfully, Detective Jacob Nattress Salt Lake City Police</p>

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6/8/2020 6:27	Nayra Green	Hello, I'm writing to you today to share my thoughts on public funding for the future of Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I've learned that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving only 23,248,016 and transit only 4,700,000. This is an unacceptable use of funds. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. As one of the (less than) 2% of Black Utahns, I urge you to consider the implications of allocating this large amount to the police. Many other residents of color have experienced violent and careless behavior exhibited by police. In light of not only the George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, and Breonna Taylor murders, but countless other Black deaths at the hands of police officers it is our duty to dismantle the systems that continue to oppress people of color. There is a direct link of systemic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. There should be more emphasis on housing equality and access to public transportation than on the funding of the SLCPD. Without these necessities, people cannot succeed or break out of systemic poverty. In order to account for minority residents of the Salt Lake Area, it is imperative that the SLCPD not only receive less funding, but also require implicit bias training in order to serve and protect all SLC residents! The fact that police brutality persists in the midst of a pandemic displays, to me, a blatant disregard of Black lives, as well as willful blindness to systemic racial issues by government officials. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources that aim to help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary hostility and tension. Our communities deserve better. Caring about the residents of Salt Lake means caring for the people of color and LGBTQ+ who reside here and aiming to protect them. Our libraries, housing, and transit deserve priority and larger allocated funds. I send this message with great sadness in my heart to the state of our nation and city, but with the hope that we can and will grow stronger. In order to strive for equity in our community, listening to the demands of the unheard is a necessity. Our city, our residents, deserve better. Listen and understand that this proposition addresses a plea for justice not with violence, but with a deeper understanding and desire to dismantle systemic conditions that elicit these propositions in the first place. I mean no disrespect, thank you for your time. Sincerely, Nayra Green
6/8/2020 6:18	Nicole Taylor	To the City Council, News of the proposed police budget has been circulating. While I am grateful for much of the service our police officers perform, it is clear that the system is overall broken. I believe that we ask our officers to do too many varied tasks, and that the job is so fractured that it is too much to expect officers to always know how to handle a case, causing gaps that can be filled with bias. it seems that our police force is well funded. Instead of adding more to the pot, why not use that proposed budget to help minorities and those in poverty have better access and care to education and public goods? For example, I am a teacher at a school that is predominately attended by immigrant and refugee students, and there is a joint mentoring program between the school and DWS. It is the only one in the state, although several schools and their students could benefit from similar programming. The mentorship includes getting help from a mentor (I believe we're starting peer mentoring next year in addition to the adult mentors) as well as help with getting and keeping a job. Resources like this one are more and more necessary as our city becomes home to more and more people from around the world. Please consider earmarking that funding for programs that will help youth before they need to be part of the police system! Thank you, Nicole Taylor teacher at UICS

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6/8/2020 6:19	Nicholas Alba	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 immunityreform. 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.
6/8/2020 6:20	Nirvana O. Borland	Dear Salt Lake City Budget Council, I am a constituent of yours in South Salt Lake. I am writing to you to show my support for city-wide policies that mandate our police force to employ mandatory de-escalation techniques training, implicit bias training, mandatory body cameras on all on-duty officers, and the use of less-than-lethal weapons. I am concerned about the excessive force that some police officers have been using in order to make arrests. With that said I am writing in support of defunding or greatly cutting budgets for the Police Forces in Salt Lake City and surrounding metropolitan areas. This money can be used to support other sectors of the community such as: Firefighters Mental Health Workers Mental Health Programs After School Programs Environmental Sciences Public Green Spaces We have been asking for policereform, police accountability and transparency from our lawmakers and that hasn?t happened ? yet. You can still make a difference and listen to the people. I am suggesting a hiring freeze for the remainder of the year as well as cutting the current proposed budget by 30 million dollars. This money can be used for other people and programs that would truly help the community you serve. I hope action will take precedence over injustice. Defund or decrease the budget for the SLCPD. Show support for the community and what the people are asking for. Thank you, Nirvana O. Borland

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6/8/2020 6:28	Blake Noble	Mr. Rogers, I'm a police veteran of almost 19 years. I respectfully submit that the last thing this city needs is to limit and cut the police budget. The very thing the public is asking is for officers to receive more training and education. As it stands already, the training budgets are minimal and training is often sacrificed. We are not even the top salaried agency as it stands and I don't understand why, in the capital city of Utah. How will cutting the budget improve officer training, education and the safety of the public we serve? It will not. That is a certainty. Officer morale is also very crucial and vital. Cutting the budget will send the wrong message to a police force that is already struggling in these difficult times. We all experience vicarious trauma, even when we go home each day. We do a very, very difficult job. The community needs us. We are there to protect and serve. We give of ourselves everyday. It isn't easy putting a uniform and sidearm on, when you know you may not take it off at the end of the day, as Officer Lyday of Ogden Police experienced, or didn't experience. We are willing to lay down our lives for the public and the citizens of Salt Lake City and wherever we are. That should mean something. It does to me. It does to my wife and children. They have worried for my safety my entire career. Will I make it home is always on their mind. Please don't cut our budget. There are other measures that should be taken. Sincerely, Detective Blake Noble
6/8/2020 6:31	Nick Riebeek	I am a resident of Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Nick Riebeek Logan, UT
6/8/2020 6:20	Olivia Longmire	I am a resident of Salt Lake City district. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Olivia Longmire [REDACTED]



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6/8/2020 6:29	Benjamin Nielsen	<p>City council members of Salt Lake City, I am reaching out to you as an employee and police officer for our great city with concerns about some recent callings from select members of our community to cut funding to the police department. I have been with the city since March of 2016 and came over to work here after being employed by another agency before that. I can tell you that from my perspective of coming from another agency I was excited to start working with the capital city of our state. When I left my old department both the chief and mayor asked I remain at the city as I have pride in saying I am a model officer. I found that many other lateral officers who came over with me were also shining examples of what officers should be. Experience and training are what make great officers along with the best intentions and personal motives behind the men and woman with the desire to serve and protect. The department I came from struggles to pay their officers wages that are even on par with the rest of the state and the quality behind the work and service they provide is evident in the attitudes of the employees. In this profession the old adage that you get what you pay for is true as with most things. If funding is cut men and women will either leave voluntarily or be pushed out by layoffs. Cheap replacements may come in time as the need for officers will not go away and could even be estimated to increase as community policing and building relationships with the community will all but disappear. I fear what a detrimental mistake may be made if these decisions are made off of emotional decisions in times of anger and mistrust. I am critical of the reasoning behind the calls to defund the department as many of the requesters are ignorant to the actual operation of a police department and what our job consists of. Without question it is evident in any aspect of any profession training is required to ensure the best product and minimal liability. Without proper training to help officers understand the dynamic situations in this profession I feel that similar issues which have angered the public will actually increase causing further tensions with the public when we should be trying to foster better relationships with them. I do not want to create an email which is too lengthy and will be breezed over so I will finish now. Before going know that I love this department. I have personally given this city many parts of me and my soul. I am a different person now after being here and know I will suffer mental distress the rest of my life because of things that have occurred on the job. My family has suffered in agony wondering if I will be coming home as I have been involved in countless situations where most members of the public have nightmares and little understanding of what the worst aspects of society consist of. Please consider the repercussions of a rash decision and the people who work for this city. Officer Benjamin Nielsen</p>
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6/8/2020 6:27	Nona Farrar	5/31/20 As a potential visitor I am very concerned that some of your police are out of control. I just saw on MSNBC a white elderly man being pushed down by one of your police. I saw other police who were also wearing shields help the man up. I did not see any of the officers arrest the out of control officer. I am emailing you to get in touch with the proper entities responsible for dishing out the discipline and filing the paperwork for termination to begin the process. I can only imagine what the out of control officer would have done to a black elderly person. Anyone that assaults an elderly person not only has a mental issue but, has other issues that would not pass the muster for them to have a police badge. Please act swiftly. Nona Farrar - Chicago, Il
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6/8/2020 6:36	Olivia Brister	Hello. I am a resident of Vernal, UT, and a frequent flier in Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLPD?s well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Olivia Brister Vernal, UT 84078
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6/8/2020 6:38	Victoria Garza	I am not a resident but like many others I spend tens thousands of dollars a year to ski here. My family and I are people of color and we want to be safe while visiting SLC. If no change occurs, we will go to a safer city and spend our money there! I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Victoria Garza, Texas Sent from my iPhone
6/8/2020 6:38	Victoria Wilson	Hello, I'd like to submit the following comment from the council meeting on 6.2.2020 I am joining the chorus of voices calling forreorm to the SLCPD. Knowing that police must be funded as a matter of state law, I'd like to see some of this funding go to improvement measures for the civilian review board. Recommendations for improvements to a civilian review board: * investigatory authority in addition to review authority * subpoena power (to make an officer testify) * shared accountability for decisions reporting, in other words, the chief of police should not be the final say or the board's review is only symbolic Additionally, this board could be assembled more fairly than simply having the mayor'sselect members. Members should evenly represent the public, and there needs to be accountability to ensure this. Perhaps "civilians" could be assigned to board duties similar to how jury duty is assigned. Thank you, Victoria Wilson



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6/8/2020 7:05	Peter Jorgensen	I cannot in good conscience support an increased police budget with the current way things are being handled in Utah. The planned increase will only fuel the fire and will not help the various Utah police departments better serve the people of Utah. We demand mandatory de-escalation training, conflict intervention training, mental health screening, and stricter qualification requirements for ALL peace officers including DNR park rangers, UHP, SLPD, SWAT, etc. The most important tool the police has is a connection with the people. Right now that connection is broken. Pulling harder will not fix it. Peter J.

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6/8/2020 7:05	Peter McDonald	<p>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 <b>District 7</b> [REDACTED]</p>

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6/8/2020 6:39	Pamela Silberman	Hello Councilmember Valdemoros and Mayor Mendenhall, I am writing in support of the proposals to reduce funding for the SLC Police Department and redirect those funds toward programs that improve the lives of marginalized members of our community. I would also like to see evidence-based training that has been proven to reduce bias and anti-black attitudes implemented across the police force on an annual basis. Finally, I would like SLC to make a public commitment to no longer accept military equipment from the federal government, nor use it on non-violent protesters. Rather police officers who demonstrate strong de-escalation skills should be the only ones deployed during demonstrations and rallies. As in many areas, SLC can be a model for the rest of the country. Thank you for your consideration of my suggestions. Pamela Silberman SLC 84102
6/8/2020 6:47	Patricia Doi	I am a resident of Salt Lake. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Patricia Doi SLC 84111 Sent from my iPhone

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6/8/2020 6:55	Piper Connelly	Hello Ana Valdmoros, My name is Piper Connelly, I am 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 <a href="https://grassrootslaw.org/pledge">grassrootslaw.org/pledge</a> < <a href="https://www.google.com/url?q=https://www.google.com/url?q%3Dhttp://grassrootslaw.org/pledge%26amp;sa%3DD%26amp;ust%3D1591231941383000&amp;sa=D&amp;ust=1591231941400000&amp;usg=AFQjCNHqxOv_3W1S2yuWBBhKhi5UJ_jqTA">https://www.google.com/url?q=https://www.google.com/url?q%3Dhttp://grassrootslaw.org/pledge%26amp;sa%3DD%26amp;ust%3D1591231941383000&amp;sa=D&amp;ust=1591231941400000&amp;usg=AFQjCNHqxOv_3W1S2yuWBBhKhi5UJ_jqTA</a> > and fill out the form. If you?d like to discuss this effort with me further, please email me back or call me at (918)760-7814. Too many people have lost their lives to police brutality, and we need everyone in public office to stand up for justice. Thank you, Piper Connelly
6/8/2020 6:46	Peyton Feurer	Hello, I would like to share my opinion on the multi million dollars potentially being given to the SLCPD. We can do so much with 84 million dollars, I think it's absolutely outrageous to give that money to the police department. We are in a health crisis right now with COVID-19. That money would be better spent towards fighting this pandemic, or really spent anywhere other than the police. The amount given to the police department should be much smaller. I want you to decrease it by at least 30 million, and place a hiring freeze on the SLCPD for the next year. Defund the police, and reinvest that money into the community, the community that is struggling right now. Send that money towards people and businesses that actually need it. Thank you for your time, Peyton Feurer Salt Lake County Resident

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6/8/2020 6:54	Vy Pham	<p>I am a resident of salt lake city. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, vy pham, midvale ut, 84047.</p>

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6/8/2020 6:52	Piper Westrum	I am a resident of Piper Westrum. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Piper Westrum Ann Arbor, MI, 48108
6/8/2020 6:52	Valentina Ramirez-Cruz	I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Valentina Sent from my iPhone

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6/8/2020 6:53	Wiley Adams	<p>Hello, my name is Wiley Adams. Please do not increase the budget for the SLCPD next year. We are still in the Civil Rights Movement, and choosing to invest that \$84 million into our most vulnerable communities that this movement has been for, instead of into the system that has been opposing this movement and operating under the hand of the oppressor this whole time, is what is going to put this State on the right side of history. \$84,422,651 for SLCPD. \$23,248,016 for housing. \$4,700,00 for transit. Access to bus's, trains, and the Frontrunner are aspects of this valley that almost everyone who doesn't have a working vehicle relies on every day for their work, school, or when looking for work. The SLCPD has been harmful to many communities in and around Salt Lake, particularly for people of color and the LGBTQ community, and of course those being affected by homelessness. Most of our police officers are not friends to them, treating them worse than stray dogs, well actually many SLC cops enjoy killing dogs, especially domestic dogs. The fact that Mike Brown, a reportedly abusive Chief, still has his position is especially frustrating. The idea that the UTA and housing, combined, are only getting 1/3 of the budget being given to an institution that harms people of color and those affected by homelessness and keeps them in a state of fear, is really terrifying and makes me worry about the way Trump gave all the state leaders "permission" to use the military against protesters. The SLCPD doesn't need more tax payer money for more covert corruption and abuse. Taxpayers should be seeing more of the states budget going into more affordable housing and better public transportation, things you, Gary Herbert, have control of, that actually help people instead of harming them. Please do not increase the budget for the SLCPD next year. We are still in the Civil Rights Movement, and choosing to invest that \$84 million into our most vulnerable communities that this movement has been for, instead of into the system that has been opposing this movement and operating under the hand of the oppressor this whole time, is what is going to put this State on the right side of history. Thank you for listening to the people, Wiley. <a href="https://kutv.com/news/local/utah-against-police-brutality-calls-for-firing-of-slcpcd-chief-mike-brown">https://kutv.com/news/local/utah-against-police-brutality-calls-for-firing-of-slcpcd-chief-mike-brown</a> <a href="https://archive.sltrib.com/article.php?id=58250381&amp;itype=CMSID">https://archive.sltrib.com/article.php?id=58250381&amp;itype=CMSID</a> <a href="https://www.deseret.com/2017/2/18/20606515">https://www.deseret.com/2017/2/18/20606515</a> &lt;<a href="https://www.deseret.com/2017/2/18/20606515/judge-rules-against-man-whose-dog-was-shot-and-killed-by-police-during-search-for-toddler#file-sean-kendall-whose-dog-was-shot-by-a-salt-lake-city-police-officer-in-his-backyard-while-searching-for-a-missing-child-talks-about-his-meeting-with-police-officials-on-monday-june-23-2014-in-salt-lake-city-homeowner-haley-bowen-is-in-the-the-background-u-s-district-court-judge-robert-shelby-said-in-a-ruling-issued-friday-feb-18-2017-that-kendall-failed-to-establish-either-an-unconstitutional-search-or-seizure-in-the-shooting-death-of-his-dog-the-court-awarded-summary-judgement-to-salt-lake-city-and-the-salt-lake-city-police-department-officers-named-in-the-lawsuit-and-remanded-the-case-back-to-state-court">https://www.deseret.com/2017/2/18/20606515/judge-rules-against-man-whose-dog-was-shot-and-killed-by-police-during-search-for-toddler#file-sean-kendall-whose-dog-was-shot-by-a-salt-lake-city-police-officer-in-his-backyard-while-searching-for-a-missing-child-talks-about-his-meeting-with-police-officials-on-monday-june-23-2014-in-salt-lake-city-homeowner-haley-bowen-is-in-the-the-background-u-s-district-court-judge-robert-shelby-said-in-a-ruling-issued-friday-feb-18-2017-that-kendall-failed-to-establish-either-an-unconstitutional-search-or-seizure-in-the-shooting-death-of-his-dog-the-court-awarded-summary-judgement-to-salt-lake-city-and-the-salt-lake-city-police-department-officers-named-in-the-lawsuit-and-remanded-the-case-back-to-state-court</a>&gt; <a href="https://wxow.com/2020/06/01/use-of-force-criticized-in-protests-about-police-brutality/">https://wxow.com/2020/06/01/use-of-force-criticized-in-protests-about-police-brutality/</a> <a href="https://archive.sltrib.com/article.php?id=3614580&amp;itype=CMSID">https://archive.sltrib.com/article.php?id=3614580&amp;itype=CMSID</a> Wiley J. Adams West Valley, UT 84119</p>
6/8/2020 7:06	Willow Jones	<p>I am a resident of Weber District. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Willow Jones Ogden, UT 84403</p>

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6/8/2020 6:54	virginia hylton	I emphatically oppose defunding SLC's police department budget. I also emphatically support review of history and complaints against officers. Officers like Derek Chauvin, who have a history of abusive police practices should be immediately terminated. Period. We need our police force. We need them to become part of communities of color. We need them to enforce the law to the degree that punishment fits the crime. We need all of our public safety budget. If current protests have shown us anything it's that public safety priorities need adjustment. We don't need less law enforcement, we need better law enforcement. Thank you, Virginia Hylton Sent from my iPhone
6/8/2020 6:55	Zoe Flavin	Dear City Council, I am writing you today to ask you to open your eyes to the current political climate. Salt Lake is changing and it is changing fast. I will organize as hard as I can to ensure that each council member and mayor will not be re-elected if these demands for basic human rights in our community are not met. 1) Demand the IMMEDIATE RELEASE of the body cam footage from the shooting of Bernardo Palacios Carbajal, 22, of Salt Lake City, last Saturday at the hands of Salt Lake City police near 900 S and 300 W. He is now dead. 2) Never again increase police funding or the police departments budget. 3) Invest significantly in community-led healthy and safety strategies instead of the police. Mayor Mendenhall took office with a lot of empty claims to support the ENTIRE city of Salt Lake. She is just funding the police instead. You can do something about that. 4) Do everything in your power to compel SLCPD to immediately cease enacting violence on community members. You will be remembered in history. Remember in 2020 when the U.S. erupted in peaceful protests? What did you do? You supported the police in physically attacking them. You made up a curfew to criminalize people organizing in the streets. You are the problem. You also can be a big part of the solution right now. Act now. Sincerely, Zoe Flavin
6/8/2020 7:07	Victoria Solarte	I am a resident of cache county. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Victoria Solarte logan Utah



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6/8/2020 7:07	Whitni Garcia	<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, Whitney Garcia Salt Lake County Resident Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android</p> <p>&lt;<a href="https://go.onelink.me/107872968?pid=InProduct&amp;c=Global_Internal_YGrowth_AndroidEmailSig__AndroidUsers&amp;af_wl=ym&amp;af_sub1=Internal&amp;af_sub2=Global_YGrowth&amp;af_sub3=EmailSignature">https://go.onelink.me/107872968?pid=InProduct&amp;c=Global_Internal_YGrowth_AndroidEmailSig__AndroidUsers&amp;af_wl=ym&amp;af_sub1=Internal&amp;af_sub2=Global_YGrowth&amp;af_sub3=EmailSignature</a>&gt;</p>
6/8/2020 7:06	Willow Lange	<p>I am a resident of Park City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Willow Lange Park City, Utah 84060</p>
6/8/2020 7:24	william woods	<p>The mayor's administration mis- prioritized terribly during the weekend riot and just afterward. Allowing ?space? to protest was fine, but there was no effective plan to immediately deploy police when the arson started to prevent further anarchy. Sunday the mayor'solicited complaints against police and witnesses to help prosecute an elderly and possibly cognitively impaired man who was beaten senseless by the mob. This, after 21 officers were medically treated for heat stress and injury. She is out of her depth and requires that the city council hold her accountable. &gt; William Woods</p>

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6/8/2020 7:05	Erik Lee Wynn	Good afternoon - I hope you are well and your families are safe. I am a resident of Salt Lake City and I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, Black, Indigenous, and other people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Erik Lee Wynn
6/8/2020 7:06	Xander Gordon	Mayor Mendenhall, city and county leaders, Please order the national guard out of Utah. The military is not to be deployed against American citizens. Calling them in was an unacceptable overreach. They need to leave the city immediately. Please do what you can to demilitarize the police. Rubber bullets or bullets of any kind should never be used on protestors. Riot gear is unacceptable. Tear gas is insane. Need I go on? Civil rights of all people are being trampled and our country is on the brink of Fascism. Help America heal. End the war on citizens.Senator Kitchen, > > I believe the 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 the list of exceptions that the order is allowing every other regular life activity to go forward and is only restricting people who want to exercise their freedom of speech during this terrible time. > I recognize that violence and destruction 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 this curfew nor do many of the people in my life. > I also intend to advocate against this curfew and participate in rallies and protests as is my right as an American citizen. > > Thank you I appreciate the service that you give to the state.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. Xander Gordon Salt Lake City, UT > 84102

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6/8/2020 7:16	william woods	For the second time in seven days I have to communicate how extremely disappointed I am with your responses to crime issues: this time regarding the Palacios-Carbajal shooting involving Salt Lake Police officers last month. The council has demonstrated absolute lack of moral fortitude, Lack of intelligence and lack of rationality and have surrendered to your political and emotional instincts. You have, in effect abandoned reason and reinforced every negative stereotype regarding progressive local politicians and their inability to govern effectively on public safety issues. Those ?laws? you criticize developed out of millennia of experience and conflict and your actions will do nothing but drive away the quality officers you proclaim you want for Salt Lake City PD. Sent from my iPhone
6/8/2020 7:16	Brielle Bongard	I am a resident of Salt Lake City, UT. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Brielle Bongard

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6/8/2020 7:17	XiLin Choi	Hello, My name is XiLin Choi and I'm writing as a citizen concerned about our current structure of policing. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time
6/8/2020 7:08	Zoey Jensen	I am a resident of Utah county. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Sent from my iPhone
6/8/2020 7:16	Charlie Junkins	Dear Mayor & City Council, I'm sure you're aware of the George Floyd case and public reaction currently happening around the country. I'm a black citizen living here in Salt Lake. I am scared, and I am angry. What actions are you taking to prevent police officers from unjustly killing me, my family, or others in the Salt Lake City community? What are you doing? Are you fighting to narrow the allowance of use of lethal force? Are you creating and fostering relationships between the police force and black and other minority communities? Are you calling for anti-bias and anti-racism training requirements for all police officers? Are you calling for de-escalation training? Are you fighting for diversity in government and police administration? Are you fighting to invest in minority education? You are in positions of power. It is your responsibility, and your job to protect your citizens' lives, even from the police. If you do not take action, this will happen in our city. Officers will (and have, I'm sure) kill unjustly, and there will be protests. Sincerely, -- Charlie Junkins (he/him/his) University of Southern California, 2018
6/8/2020 7:18	Yvette Coronado	Esteemed Council Members, Now more than ever, it is critical to take a unified stance against police brutality and to heal the longstanding wound inflicted by law enforcement on marginalized communities, especially communities of color. As a resident of Salt Lake City and social worker, I urge you to consider transferring the proposed funding for expansion of the police force into social service programs that actually prevent and address the safety needs of our communities. We owe it to the folks who've been killed to do better. I'm asking you to be a part of that positive change to heal and better our communities. Thank you in advance for your consideration and time. Kindly, Yvette West Valley City Resident Sent from my iPhone

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6/8/2020 7:18	Zoe Freeman	I am a resident of Orem, Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a Peoples Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPDs well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform. We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhalls draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a Peoples Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Zoe Freeman Orem UT 84058
6/8/2020 7:24	Zac Shiner	I am a resident of West Jordan. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for time, Zac shiner
6/8/2020 7:25	Zachary David Barthomolew	Hello, This message is as an individual and not as a representative of the Liberty Wells Community Council. I 100% understand and know that the SLCPD is well on their way to reforming and mitigating any true or perceived brutality within the dept. That said I completely disagree with the calls to reduce, diminish or do away with any current plans for a budget increase. Liberty Wells and the surrounding communities depend on the police with regards to Domestic Violence, Property Crime, Elderly Abuse, Larceny and many other human related issues. While human life is incredibly more important than property crime our community in Liberty Wells and near it are always on the edge of these less serious crimes. We are working class individuals that need our cars, bikes and other property to function each and every day. I welcome the police in our neighborhood when they are focused on Protecting and Serving all communities equally. If we simply look at the data, when the police work an area that has the above types of issues, the numbers go down dramatically and people feel safe to be out in their community. I would caution the Mayors office and the City Council in making quick decisions regarding this topic. Maybe reach out to the Communities proper via a robust community survey or townhalls to get a consensus on the issue. To conclude, I applaud the leadership of SLC, this has been an incredibly difficult 6 months and I for one am glad that I live here in SLC. Sincerely, -- Zachary David Bartholomew



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6/8/2020 7:19	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 policereform 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 isreformed, 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
6/8/2020 7:24	Zoe Dehaan	On Fri, Jun 5, 2020 at 10:23 AM Zoe De Haan <> wrote: I am a resident of Salt Lake City . I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Zoe Dehaan Murray, UT Sent from my iPhone

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6/8/2020 7:19	Stephen C Clark	<p>Dear Mayor Mendenhall and Council Member Wharton, I am the former Legal Director of the ACLU, an attorney currently in private practice, a resident (along with my husband) of the Upper Avenues neighborhood, and a concerned citizen. I am experiencing tremendous anger and frustration about current events, particularly the devastating effects of individual and systemic racism on so many of my brothers and sisters in Utah and across the country. I am trying to move out of feeling helpless, if not complicit, through silence and inaction. Part of that involves learning more about my own latent racism, and working to become not just more aware and sensitive but actively anti-racist. Part of it involves learning more about what the various communities (workplace, neighborhood, city and state) where I might make some positive contribution are doing to address racism, and how I can help. Yesterday, I saw President Barack Obama remind me what leadership looks like. I was also reminded that his 2015 Task Force on 21st Century Policing issued this report: <a href="https://cops.usdoj.gov/pdf/taskforce/taskforce_finalreport.pdf">https://cops.usdoj.gov/pdf/taskforce/taskforce_finalreport.pdf</a>. He implored every mayor across the country to immediately conduct a review of their police departments' use of force policies and commit to report on planned reforms." In the ensuing discussion, former Attorney General Eric Holder and other leaders in the police reform movement laid out eight specific reforms that they said "can't wait" and don't require a law from Congress or an executive order from the White House. I am writing to ask that you follow President Obama's exhortation, and report not just to me but to everyone what Salt Lake City has done since 2015 and what it plans to do immediately and in coming days, weeks and months to accelerate necessary change and reform along the lines of the recommendations that are within the City's ability to implement. People of good faith, including both of you, have said, and continue to say, the right things about how absolutely unacceptable it is that a single person's life be taken unnecessarily by those sworn to protect and serve. Respectfully, however, words fail at this historic juncture; immediate action and accountability are needed. Thank you for your consideration of my plea. Please let me know if I can contribute in any way to actions the City will take to build on an historic groundswell of energy and commitment to change. Stephen Clark</p> <p>Stephen C. Clark   Attorney [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]</p>

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6/8/2020 7:19	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.

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6/8/2020 7:34	Nora Price	City Council Member Darin Mano, I am a resident of Salt Lake City, District 5. 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, I urge the Salt Lake City Council to pledge 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 urge you to commit to the following during the Council Formal Meeting and public hearing on the proposed city budget: 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. Inclusive of mobile surveillance cameras. 3. To propose and vote for a \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget (proposed at \$84,422,651, p.E-69) 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 (inclusive of further spending on bias training and de-escalation training without exhaustive review of their scale and efficacy, esp. in lieu of accountability for use of force policies and brutality charges) 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 SLC Public Libraries. 3. Provide free public UTA 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 like YouthCity, and for more meals for students in public schools Thank you for your civil service. Your constituent, Nora Price
6/8/2020 7:23	Kate Foley	Hello, 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. Thank you, Kate Foley
6/8/2020 7:30	Megan Young	Dear Mr. Mano, I am a resident of District Five in Salt Lake City. I am requesting that you and the other members of our City Council demand the curfew is lifted immediately- this is an interference with the right to peaceably assemble, and is without justification. I also request that you hold the mayor accountable for the actions of our city's police force- both in violently assaulting a man in full view of the media and in releasing the individual who attempted to shoot protesters with a bow. We should hold officers to a higher standard, and they have failed us miserably. They should not be allowed to further police protesters until they have dealt with these issues. The silence of City Council in the face of Mayor Mendenhall's overreach has been disappointing but not surprising. Please do better to ensure the rights of Salt Lake citizens. Respectfully, Megan Young

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6/8/2020 7:32	Ben Jones	Hi Darin, 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 Thank you -Ben Jones
6/8/2020 7:40	Bret Richmond	Dear Council Members, My intent was to email each one of you individually. But as I wrote what I was thinking and have been feeling I didn't think I would be able to capture the words in my heart 7 different times without it being the same words each time and seemingly redundant. So I decided to speak to all of you at once via email and I hope that this is ok? I like so many of my fellow officers am not good at this part of our profession. We have people that are very articulate verbally and in writing and we love them for those abilities, but here we go. I am writing you with respect to dialogue of proposed budget decreases to the Salt Lake City police department. I understand that we are in evolving times and certainly there is some stressful conversations that are happening now and into the future. However as a member of the police department for 15 years I can tell you that I have never seen any systemic racism of any kind. I am not naïve and I am very aware of my surroundings and I know that at our police department we don't have this issue. In my years at SLCPD we have always been the pillar of law enforcement for the state of Utah. Incomparable in our training, tactics, community oriented policing procedures, bias training, advanced education training and service to the people of our great city. With the attrition rate of police officers via retirement and leaving policing more often than in years past, coupled with the low numbers of officer hiring and enhanced with the increased work load of policing it is imperative that we have a budget that is adequate to serve the community of Salt Lake City. What the citizens of Salt Lake City receive is the modern day police officer who is more than they have ever been before, namely a protector, an investigator of multiple crimes from complicated homicides and robberies and special victims cases, to everyday calls for service to a myriad of differing communities. The modern day police officer is a tactician that can use his physical abilities as well as weapons (lethal and less-lethal) to defend the innocent and apprehend the most vicious among us. They are also counselors to children, youth, adults and our elderly. They are proficient in investigating and interviewing children, every day people and suspects. They know federal laws, state laws, city codes, department policy as well as city policy all of which change yearly if not more often. They are proficient in computers, office software, report writing, public speaking and driving. They must go from a friendly smile and general conversation to a rescue situation in the blink of an eye. What I am trying to convey to you is that we are Salt Lake City police officers because this is the best city in this state to serve as a police officer. We serve not because we have to but because we want to. We believe in a higher power and a higher moral code wherein we hope that in sacrificing 20 or 30 years of our lives, our family time our health in general is that this sacrifice helps to make our great nation be great. Never perfect, because it won't be, but better because of what we do. One smile, one handshake, one conversation, one case solved with these maybe we made a difference. Let us make that difference. I/we can't speak for other agencies but I/we can speak for ours. And you have 400 of the best officers in this country. Thank you for your time if you were able to read this what turned into an overly long email. Sincerely, Sergeant Bret Richmond



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6/8/2020 7:35	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!
6/8/2020 7:38	Riley Olmstead	I am a resident of [YOUR DISTRICT]. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Riley Aptos Ca
6/8/2020 7:39	Riley Saxton	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,

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6/8/2020 8:25	Ryan Harbison	<p>Dear Darin Mano, My name is Ryan Harbison and I am many things. I am a husband, a proud resident of Salt Lake City, a Marine Corps combat veteran, and an American. But right now, I am also angry. I was angry watching George Floyd being slowly suffocated over nine minutes. I was angry watching protestors and police clash in Minneapolis. I was angry watching largely peaceful protests being overshadowed by the actions of small groups of individuals hell-bent on causing destruction over pursuing real change. I was angry listening to President Trump threaten to use the United States military to forcibly quash protestors across the United States. The same protestors that largely come from communities that have been oppressed for decades and are simply begging for their voices to be heard. But right now, I am the angriest with the leadership of Salt Lake City. I was a supporter of Mayor Mendenhall throughout the mayoral race. I supported her quick action to help stop the spread of the Corona Virus. I think her progressive platform and inclusive rhetoric is exactly what this community needs at a moment in history when it feels like we are becoming more divided every day. However, the decision to implement a week-long curfew beginning at 8 P.M. is unacceptable and limits the ability of our community to confront the issue of systemic racism and police violence head-on. We don't need to be isolated in our homes during these trying times, we need strong vocal leadership to help organize and direct the cacophony of voices trying to be heard. I thought that maybe, just maybe, that Mayor Mendenhall and our city officials would have provided that leadership. Your community wants change. Your constituents want to see the Salt Lake City Police Department become a model for the rest of the nation. We want to be heard. I was willing to lay my life down at the altar of freedom because I truly believed in the institutions and the ideals that our country was founded upon. It pains me to say this, but maybe I was wrong, maybe I was just naïve. When presented with a real chance to change the status quo, and make real progress, instead of encouraging peaceful protests and substantive dialogue between law enforcement and the communities they are supposed to protect and serve, Salt Lake City leadership enacted a curfew that demolishes the same principles that I was willing to die for. Systemic racism and police violence don't end at 8 P.M., and neither does my right to be heard. I understand the actions taken by protestors on Saturday were unacceptable, dangerous, destructive, and counterproductive. I don't condone nor defend the actions taken by these individuals, but I intend for my voice to be heard. I intend to continue to pursue real change. We have the opportunity as a community and as a nation to embody the ideals of progress and inclusivity. President Trump called those pursuing change through collective action today ?domestic terrorists?. I am not that. I am a proud American citizen and Salt Lake City resident that wants to build a better, more inclusive community. However, in the process of pursuing these goals through peaceful protest, I hope I don't become a well-intentioned victim of the decision by Salt Lake City officials to criminalize practicing my first amendment right to be heard. Ryan Thomas Harbison Salt Lake City, UT 84105</p>
6/8/2020 8:31	Robert Williams	<p>To: Mr. James Rogers Salt Lake City Council Member [REDACTED] From: Robert Burgoyne Williams Salt Lake City, Utah 84116 Mr. Chris Wharton, the Salt Lake City Council Member in the Avenues where I moved from to Fair Park where I live now, gave me your email address. Thank you Mr. Chris. According to local newspapers, the curfew that Salt Lake City was under has been lifted. But, I have not seen this announcement on the Salt Lake City main web page at <a href="https://www.slc.gov/">https://www.slc.gov/</a> and I have been checking the web page each day since Wednesday for the curfew's lifting. The Salt Lake City's main web page should show the lifting of curfew and more emergency important news as soon as it happens 24 hours 7 days a week. Many people use the computer to get information. This is critical and essential. Request both of you all to check on this. You All Be Safe &amp; Careful Thank You For Your Service During the Pandemic, Earthquake, Protests and More Robert Williams</p>

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6/8/2020 8:28	Roberto Sandoval	Hello, we all know that the minimum you could do is decrease the police budget, so why dont you start with that? You know damn well that people will be even more upset if you dont decrease it. You know in you that the reason you want police is because you are afraid of us people of color from poor neighborhoods. Youre afraid that we just might get equality. You fear equality because you know you benefit from inequality. Would there be as much crime if we had jobs and safety and health? We wouldn?t have to resort to negative outlets if our standard of living was bearable. Use your money to help us. Let us speak for ourselves and use your money to support us. Anything else than that is opportunism from career politicians and greed from the wealthy classes. Put your money where your mouth is and stop killing us, start by defending the police which we all know is obsolete. The police does nothing but protect and serve the interests of the ruling class. Why was nothing done when the violence of the state was inflicted upon brown and black people? Why do you only take action when your property is at stake? You know you value property more than our lives because to you our lives are not human, we are even less than your dogs because you feed and shelter your dogs. It is your very same property that you defend with guns and police that keep us poor. You have less jobs available than there are people. We have no choice but to rely upon those that have property. And yet those with property exploit the propertyless. We work longer hours for less money. We cant even afford homes or healthcare. And you wonder why were so upset. What other choice do we have but to be angry? This is a reflection of our lives and we want more. I do not expect any of you to understand. All you have is empty words and promises but no actions. I wish you could prove us wrong but that would require that you have morals and a consciousness. You have neither. best, a concerned citizen
6/8/2020 8:30	ROBIN Richards	Hi there -- As you consider options to make up for lost revenue, rather than cut school budgets and other critical infrastructure, consider cutting the police budget. An investment in schools is a much better investment than more guns and muscle in the police department. Those are dollars well spent. Sincerely, Robin Richards
6/8/2020 8:49	Roslin Castell	As a local small business owner and taxpayer, I would like to request that police funding be decreased and educational funding be increased. Roslin Castell
6/8/2020 8:32	Rory 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, Rory Miller

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6/8/2020 8:35	Roxy Diaz	Hello, 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 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 in direct antagonism and violence towards them. We demand a change. Thank you for your time. Roxy Diaz
6/8/2020 8:44	Ryan Gall	To the city council- My name is Ryan Gall. I have been a resident of SLC since 2014 and am a recent property owner in Capitol Hill. Thank you Chris Wharton for your representation of District 3. I attended the 6/2/2020 SLC Budget Public Hearing via Webex, though there was an audio connection problem when it was my time to speak. Thank you for staying with your community so late to listen to our budget concerns. Most of you are doing great, thank you (not James Rogers: Inland Port, general apathy..). Here's what I wished to say: 1) More than anything, I think Salt Lake City residents (and all of the Utah residents watching us) need a good response from the city regarding a path to a better, more inclusive future. I imagine the path will need some budgeted funds. I suggest taking it from the SLCPD budget-- that will speak loudly to the city and state population. 2) I support re-allocating a substantial portion (30%) of the ~\$84 million SLCPD budget to increased sustainable public transport, city parks, and city infrastructure in areas that will aid marginalized groups and improve our city as a whole. I support the current portions of the budget that are invested in police training. Less budget associated: 1) I think Mayor Erin Mendenhall is doing well during this very difficult time to lead. Can we remove the curfew now? My dog needs to use the bathroom after 8pm, and she can't do it on my 5th floor balcony..... There are many other and better socially responsible reasons to remove the curfew. 2) Do we need to investigate SLCPD members for potential association with alt right groups? 2) I'm not hearing or reading much about the inland port or air quality lately; that's scary. Not that we the people can handle more bad news. Thank you for taking the time to listen to SLC residents. Sincerely, Ryan Gall
6/8/2020 8:45	Ryan 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, Ryan Lee

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6/8/2020 8:46	Ryan Hawkes	My name is Ryan Hawkes, and I am in SLCPD Academy class 150. Today I went to Officer Nathan Lydays funeral with some of my classmates to honor and remember his sacrifice. I watched as his wife was awarded a medal on behalf of her dead husband. Today I read that people are calling for SLCPD to be defunded. The police budget translates directly into resources and training that keep me safe, and god willing will help me go home to my wife. By defunding the PD, you would be putting lives at risk. If the public wantsreform and change, those things require training, equipment and resources, and the last thing we need is a smaller budget. Please do the right thing, and help us make a better community together. With Repect Recruit Officer Ryan Hawkes.
6/8/2020 8:48	Charles Davis	Please do not cut the Police Budget at all, instead we need more Police Officers. You should increase the Police Budget by 30%. I have lived in the Harverd/Yale area since 2004 and for 10 years back in the late 80's. In the pass 5 years I have heard multipule reports of prowlers, car break-ins and thefts, my car has been broken into twice. Within the last year I had a prowler/peeping Tom so I called the Police and it took almost 20 minutes for them to show up and by then the guy had run off.
6/8/2020 8:55	Jessica Guynn	Hello. My neighborhood officer in Harvard/Yale just posted a recap of the City Council meeting last week in which many concerned citizens demanded the defunding of the SLPD. I'd like to argue against such s rash and dangerous move. Please allow our officers ro continue protecting our city as we all work to make it a safer place. Sincerely, Jessica Guynn
6/8/2020 8:58	SaBree Goff	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although the City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, SaBree Goff Salt Lake City, Utah 84101



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6/8/2020 9:00	Sabrina Terebreton	I Sabrina Breton, DEMAND a decrease in the budget by at least \$30 million. I DEMAND a hiring freeze for SLCPD for the next year. I DEMAND divestment from policing and an investment in our community! sincerely Sabrina Breton
6/8/2020 9:08	Sage 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 Sage Dumas

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6/8/2020 9:08	Monica Dobbins	I am a minister at First Unitarian Church, but here I speak only for myself and my own personal convictions. I believe that the City has a greater responsibility to address the oversight and funding of its police force than the simple statement it has made thus far. The shooting death of Bernardo Palacios reveals that police brutality is not a faraway or somewhere-else problem - it is a problem right here in our city. I want the council to think hard about the role policing plays in our communities, and the role it ought to play. Then I'd like to see meaningful change in the way the city allocates funds for law enforcement and crime prevention, reallocating away from everyday beat policing in neighborhoods and towards community services that really help people. Defunding police in thoughtful ways should not be seen as a lack of support for law enforcement, but rather as respect for human beings living in our city. I will be watching the council meetings going forward to see if any real energy is given to proposals to defund police and hold them accountable for violence toward residents.
6/8/2020 9:12	Samantha DeSanto	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. -Samantha DeSanto
6/8/2020 9:10	Samantha Dickens	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, Samantha Dickens
6/8/2020 9:10	Samantha Cuevas	Council Members, I am a salt lake citizen and demand that you do not give \$84 million to fund a violent police department and demand no more hiring of police officers. In fact, we need to defund the police department. That money will only harm salt lake city locals. Instead, please direct that money to local programs like homeless shelters and social workers. Listen to us and do the right thing. Thank you. Samantha Cuevas

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6/8/2020 9:20	Sarah Auchincloss	Hello, I am emailing the slc city council to demand a decrease in the police budget. Instead of increasing the SLC PD's budget, I believe that the SLC PD should earn the public's trust by outlining/documenting a pledge and apology to all people of color. This pledge should outline how the police force will change their policing strategy to protect people of color and hold all officers accountable to this pledge. If any additional spending is approved it'should be used to provide additional training to all officers on implicit racial bias and how to act when policing POC. The riots/outrage will not stop until there is some type of reconciliation between the BLM and police, it is astounding that no effort was made by the police to try and communicate with protesters. Instead they resort to cowardice and hide behind their riot shield and guns. THE ANSWER IS NOT TO MILITARIZE (OR "FUND") OUR POLICE. I hope this motivates those in positions of power to communicate effectively instead of in sighting more outrage. regards, Sarah Auchincloss
6/8/2020 9:21	Sam Shewan	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of violence, brutality and discrimination against people of color. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Sam Shewan
6/8/2020 9:19	Samantha Christensen	To Whom It May Concern, Please adopt a people's budget which defunds the police! More cops are not the answer--in fact, that will only make things worse. We need the funds to go to new programs that help prevent crime instead of paying to bring in more law enforcement officials that abuse their power and are not trained properly. PLEASE DECREASE THE POLICE BUDGET and put the money toward a change in the system that will actually last. Thank you, Samantha Christensen

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6/8/2020 9:30	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.
6/8/2020 9:31	Rima Saif	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
6/8/2020 9:22	Gretchen Krebs	Dear Councilmembers, I am a SLC voter writing to ask you to reduce the police budget. Our communities -- particularly our already marginalized communities of black and brown people -- are struggling with unemployment and a health crisis, on top of the evergreen challenges of systemic racism and police violence. I ask you to fund services, healthcare workers, and essential employees instead of the police. This past weekend, we got a great view of the many, many law enforcement officers and their large arsenals of equipment. They have enough. On the other hand our nurses, health care assistants, custodians, etc, need appropriate personal protective equipment for the coming rise in Covid-19 cases as the state continues to reopen. Our grocery store employees and other essential workers (so many of whom are already working for less than a living wage) do, too. And our unemployed citizens need financial and material support. Thank you for your consideration.

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6/8/2020 9:23	Ken Andrews	The word is out that the council is considering reducing the police funding as a result of the protesters and hooligans that perpatraed violince on our city and who are demanding defunding of the police. This idiotic demand must not only be rejected by the council but the council needs to emphatically state that they will not be intimidated by the protesters into even considering such a ridiculous demand. The council is charged with protecting the lives and property of all of it's citizens and it's members need to grow a backbone in rejecting the defunding demand. The law-abiding citizens demand that the council carry out it's legalling binding duties by maintaining and strengthening the SLC police force.
6/8/2020 9:24	Sara Baldwin	Hello, As a citizen of Salt Lake City, I am writing to request a reduction in police funding, but rather increasing the budget for the Department of Community & Neighborhoods. Thanks for your service. Sara Baldwin



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6/8/2020 9:33	Sara McLaws	<p>I am a resident of district 7 I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. In addition we demand that the ?soft hiring freeze? become a hard hiring freeze. We do not need more police, we need less. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. You saw how much your people had to say this past week with the City Counsel meeting that lasted into the morning. We are crying out. Our black brothers and sisters need care not cops knocking down their doors and overly policing their neighborhoods. We need to quit feeding the systemic racism of this country and we need to start with our own people. Thank you for your time, Sara McLaws E. [REDACTED].</p> <p>[REDACTED] Best, Sara McLaws</p>
6/8/2020 9:25	Sarah Boss	<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, Sarah Boss</p>
6/8/2020 9:26	Sydney Maves	<p>Hello Mayor Mendenhall and Elected Officials, My name is Sydney Maves, and I am a resident of Salt Lake City (84105). I am commenting in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic, lasting cuts to the SLCPD budget by at least \$30 million, allocating the money to community-building services. Let's develop programs and services to INVEST in our community members (particularly marginalized communities) rather than militarizing our police force. I also demand that you, the Mayor, maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because Black Lives Matter. I hope you instead invest \$30 million in strengthening and building new programs to assist with mental health, domestic violence, homelessness, education, and affordable housing. Let's end the long history of divesting funds from marginalized communities. Thank you very much for your time.</p> <p>Sydney Maves [REDACTED]</p>

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6/8/2020 9:26	Sarah Dyer	Dear Erin, I'm writing in strong support of defunding the Salt Lake City police, rather than reforming them, and I urge you to actually listen to the people you claim to represent. We know that police don't actually keep people safe: if anything, recent events have illustrated the fact that police are often a threat to our communities. History has also demonstrated that police reform DOESN'T work. What actually keeps our communities safe is caring for youth, not criminalizing them and sending mental health teams not police to respond to mental health crises. We need to not only defund the police but to redistribute the funds to go towards things that benefit our communities--increased access to mental health services, affordable housing (which we know is a major problem in SLC), funds for universal basic income, etc. I'm disappointed in your authoritarian response to the protests. You can do better. We deserve better. Best, Sarah
6/8/2020 9:28	Jenifer Moore	I am completely against defunding or taking away funds from police. I live and work downtown. I no longer feel safe walking downtown by myself even in broad daylight. Our community needs our police.
6/8/2020 9:32	Marci Hall	Dear City Council: What is the problem trying to be solved by defunding the SLPD by 30% or any amount? How is defunding the SLPD the solution? As a society, we have laws in place. That is not changing. People break those laws, from speeding to stealing to killing, and many actions in between. Those actions are not going away by the public. Therefore, we need a police department. What do we want? We want a police department who are well trained, capable of doing their job, in the best way possible for their own protection, the protection of our community, and to respond to and deal with those calls of need in our community with appropriate response. I hope this is not new or changing. Are we discussing police brutality? Individual police officers believing they are above the law they are meant to enforce? If yes, these may problems that need to be addressed. How extensive are the problems in the SLPD? What are the facts supported by data? How many incidents happen per year? Are these incidents handled appropriately/acceptably? Admittedly, I am not knowledgeable of the policies and procedures of the SLPD, my guess is nor are most people raising their voices in recent weeks. There is a lot of anger and supposition happening. What are the facts about the SLPD? Let us remember, the police department does not create the situations in which they are called out to perform their duties. The public does. Police officers put themselves in harms way to protect and serve the community. Let us not forget, they are people too, men and women. They will make mistakes. When mistakes are made, transparency and accountability. Did they follow the correct policy and procedures? Did the officer have the training? Did they pass? Was this an "one off" action by the officer or a repeated pattern? What is the disciplinary action? I would like to respectfully remind us all that we hear the worst cases in the news. We don't hear about the every day activity of the police department doing their jobs well. Having said that, these are extreme times, where divisions of race are ever prevalent with a heightened awareness. The police men and women did not create those divides. They may, at times, exacerbate them, but there are systemic problems in our society that go well beyond the police department's role in our community. Work needs to be done on many fronts and in many individual's hearts and minds to create race change. Please be thoughtful in your discernment of the events over the past weeks, in determining how best to proceed. Please create change in an impactful, non-reactionary way to improve our community, for all of our well-being. In conversations with our family and friends, based on national news, not specific to any one police department, we come back to themes of police department policies, procedures, transparency and accountability. These suggestions are made respectfully in an attempt to help the police department and the community build/regain/have trust in each other. Policies: Are there any policies in place that allow for extreme police brutality or other circumstances that have become a problem in our community. Refer back to actual data. Procedures: Do new procedures need to be created or existing procedures better followed when an officer needs to be reviewed for an incident? Transparency could come in the form of reports to the Mayor (or other appropriate audience) of required training each officer attends and PASSES. A review of current training, and perhaps new training needs to be incorporated. We trust, there are processes in place if an officer does not pass a training, to have them repeat it, be put on probation and/or re-assigned (depending on the training). Accountability could come in the form of following those processes/procedures and management being held
6/8/2020 9:32	Sarah Fosburg	Hello, I'm a University of Utah student and lifelong resident of Utah. Today I am asking that the \$84 million allocated to the Police Department for the year 2021 be invested in vulnerable communities and community programs. I am deeply disturbed by the militarization of the Salt Lake City Police Department. Along with my friends and family, I have been shaken by countless videos of police brutality in Salt Lake, as well as the arrests of peaceful protestors. I am a taxpayer and a registered voter, and I disagree with this allocation of funds. Sarah Fosburg

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6/8/2020 9:34	Anonymous Constituent	I vote NO on defunding SLCPD. Maybe somereforms, retraining, etc., but NO DEFUNDING!
6/8/2020 9:42	Sarah Goldzweig Panitz	I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Sarah
6/8/2020 9:47	Sebastian Durante	Re-purpose the \$84 million police budget to areas where it won't support oppression and violence. We don't need or want more cops.
6/8/2020 9:56	sarah shepherd	Hello, I am following up after the budget proposal meeting. I echo many others who are wanting to see a reduction in police budget instead of a increase. A budget of 84.4million is excessive, instead of increasing budget to accommodate retirement fund contributions, how about you reallocate already existing funds - by reducing purchases of lethal / riot weapons, eliminating deadly cops - such as the ones who needlessly shot Bernardo Palacios Carbajal, and instead focused on continuing to cultivate police who are ethical and dedicated to ending police brutality. 2.1 million could easily be trimmed from the existing budget. However, that is not enough. More needs to be cut to reallocate funds to increased police trainings and requirements, with the goals toward mandated licensure. More should be cut to fund programs such as housing, mental health and suicide prevention, and education. By investing in our futures we will further reduce the needs for police. Obviously SLC is not going to eliminate the police force. But the more important issue is to listen to citizens and spend our money the way we want our city to be run. Sarah Shepherd 84012
6/8/2020 10:48	Sarah Turner	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Sarah Turner
6/8/2020 10:58	Ryan Fedor	Hello- As a citizen and home-owner in SLC, I would like to see money diverted from our police department into programs that better serve us at citizens, such as the dept of community and neighborhoods, parks and recreation, the arts, and education. Instead of dumping money into fancy new guns, weapons, and gear, please consider spending it on items that aren't used to kill and terrorize our own citizens. Thank you for listening. Sent from my iPhone

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6/8/2020 11:09	Sabrina McCracken	Hello- My name is Sabrina McCracken and I live on 2100 S 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, Sabrina McCracken 84106
6/8/2020 11:04	Sandra Luo	Hello! I had written the email below for Tuesday's meeting but recently got an error message saying it was never delivered - hopefully, the email system can handle accepting emails now! We've seen cities (Chicago, L.A., D.C., San Francisco, Minneapolis) across the country implement policies from the "8 Can't Wait" demands, but they're still failing the communities and police brutality is still rampant in these places. D.C. has 7 of the 8 measures in place AND still: * In 2015, 100% of people killed by MPD were Black. it's been near 100% since 2013. * 8 out of 10 people stopped and frisked by police in DC are Black. * More than 90% of kids arrested in DC public schools and/or sent to DYRS are Black. I wanted to forward the below email again to stress the importance of addressing systemic racism at their roots, but to also provide some additional resources and visuals about what it means to defund the police and invest in the community, these are all "easy to digest" graphics on social media platforms (less than 5 minutes each, yay accessibility!): * Why Policereform Isn't Enough < <a href="https://www.instagram.com/p/CA_-_vgDukS/">https://www.instagram.com/p/CA_-_vgDukS/</a> > * Public Safety Alternatives to Policing Communities cTonight's Public Hearing riting to ask that you defund our police rather than seek to provide \$84 million and hire 23 new officers. Our mayor'said she wants to address "systemic racism" - pouring money into the police department (which, might I add, is already overfunded based on the amount of resources that are being allocated to harm peaceful protesters) instead of to our education, healthcare, social services, and public transportation does not, in any way, achieve this goal. Especially as our state is looking to cut funding to our education and social services, we need all we can provide to these resources! Stop funding these "bandaid" solutions that only perpetuate cyclical violence against and toward our Black, Indigenous, People of Color, disabled, undocumented, poor, homeless communities. Start allocating these funds to programs and resources that ACTUALLY address systemic racism and poverty!
6/8/2020 11:06	Scott Temple	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for police and for essential services in Salt Lake City. The projected budget for FY 20-21 includes 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department; this is in contrast to the less than 5 million earmarked for transit and 23 million for public housing. In the midst of the covid19 budget shortfall, and considering the housing and homelessness crisis in our city, not to mention pervasive racism and police brutality in the SLCPD, this is unacceptable. Reduce the police department budget to make up for the covid budget shortfall. Fund things that people need, and fire racist cops to pay for it. Sincerely, Scott Temple
6/8/2020 8:47	Scout Cohen-Pope	Good morning, My name is Scout Cohen-Pope, 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, Scout Cohen-Pope

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6/8/2020 9:09	Shane Graham	Dear Council Member Mano: First, congratulations on being elected to your post last year, and thank you for serving the city through a traumatic series of crises. I'm writing as your constituent to ask you to do what you can to rein in a city police force that is out of control. The spectacle of riot police in armored vehicles lobbing teargas and pushing over elderly people will do nothing to win over a population that already has an adversarial relationship with the police. I am of two minds about the push to defund police departments entirely, but I do know that the city leadership MUST do something to rein in a police force that has behaved in such a cavalier and arrogant manner. The city budget would seem to be the most important leverage you have, so if threatening to defund the SLCPD altogether (and certainly taking away their overtime pay and their expensive toys) is what it takes to make them behave like public servants, I think it's worth a try. You should also come out strongly in favor of a true citizen review board, empowered to hold accountable LEOs who abuse their power. Thanks again for doing a really difficult job. Sincerely, --Shane Graham Liberty Wells, SLC, 84115
6/8/2020 9:24	Shane Halloran	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, Shane Halloran
6/8/2020 11:07	Selma Alomerovic	I am a resident of the 4th congressional district. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Selma Alomerovic West Jordan 84084



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6/8/2020 11:09	Kriss Skeem	Ana, It was brought to my attention the city counsel is considering a reduction of the police budget. With the social pressures and turmoil surrounding these decisions, I understand there is a tremendous amount of influence and stress placed upon you. ? My family, my fellow officers and I strongly disagree with a decision to reduce the police budget. The reasons are as follows: 1) Fewer officers working the streets 2) More work load and stress to the individual officer in an already busy city, resulting in compromised decision making 3) Slower response times due to less officers; resulting in more damage and theft to property, increased injury and death to persons 4) Very upset citizens and businesses not feeling safe, resulting in move outs and re-locations of businesses, cutting into an already diminishing tax base 5) Less funds means the department will struggle with meeting the demands of the protesters; ie cameras, advanced technology and additional training, etc. In conclusion, police can't meet the growing demands of reformation without funds and support to facilitate the changes. All classes, races, and genders will be less safe by defunding the police. Thank you Officer Kriss Skeem?
6/8/2020 11:19	Seth Ack	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Seth Ack
6/8/2020 11:20	Shea Garcia	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Shea Garcia

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6/8/2020 11:16	Shadd DeHerrera	Hi Council Member Darin Mano, 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 <a href="http://grassrootslaw.org/pledge">grassrootslaw.org/pledge</a> < <a href="http://grassrootslaw.org/pledge">http://grassrootslaw.org/pledge</a> > and fill out the form. If you?d like to discuss this effort with me further, please email me back or call me at (832) 555-1234. Too many people have lost their lives to police brutality, and we need everyone in public office to stand up for justice. -Shadd DeHerrera
6/8/2020 11:27	Nicole Larkin	As Salt Lake City works to address some of the violence and inequities that have plagued police forces throughout the U.S., we are hampered by the lack of transparency for investigations of alleged misconduct. While there are considerations of privacy for most types of government workers, the police are a special case; mistrust of the police plus lack of accountability degrade the relationship between police force and community. The "brotherhood of the police" has led not to positivity and support but to a closing of ranks whenever there is scrutiny. We as citizens must ensure that the special treatment police receive is not an outcome of the brotherhood's pressure. Instead, we must carefully consider what exceptions are necessary, starting with the default that there are none and then determining what to add. There are times when secrecy is crucial; for example during ongoing investigations. There are times when secrecy is a net negative, such as when it could reduce accountability. Please create elected civilian review boards for police misconduct and improve transparency across the board.
6/8/2020 11:17	Shannon Young	I am a resident of downtown Salt Lake City and have lived blocks away from the Capitol building for a few years. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that fiscally prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the well documented history of police murdering Black people across the country. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, Black, Indigenous, and all people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahns during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. We demand action, not lip service to Mayor Mendenhall's signing of President Barack Obama?s call to action for Mayors specifically. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Shannon Young
6/8/2020 11:22	Shykell Ledford	Councilwoman Valdemoros: 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. Shykell Ledford SLC Resident, 84102

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6/8/2020 11:21	Sierra Swan	Hello, My name is Sierra SwN and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Sierra Swan

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6/8/2020 11:22	Lee Besner	I urge you to take the protests and Black Lives Matter movement seriously, and stand against militarization of police, senseless curfews, and deployment of the military and national guard against peaceful protestors. Militarization and heavy handed tactics only lead to more violence, instead seek reconciliation by demanding the police recieve appropriate training and exercise restraint. They should work for citizens and always be held accountable to them. No one is above the law, including police.
6/8/2020 11:23	Sue Geary	I generally have great respect for our law enforcement officers who do difficult and dangerous work for inadequate pay. As the mother of two African-American children; however, I hope that our city leadership will take this moment in history for a critical and corrective look at the disproportionate numbers of police shootings of racial and ethnic minorities and of people with mental illness. There is a clear need for a change in expectations and training in de-escalation and/or retreat instead of shooting.
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6/8/2020 11:26	Evelyn Muir	I disagree to defund the police department. I strongly encourage to give our police officers the respect they deserve and increase the funding for better cars, training and equipment. They protect my family and I want to protect them by speaking up for them. I am a law abiding citizen, I pay my taxes and I try to respect others so they can respect me. But if the police department gets defunded, I fear the crime rate will increase, violence will be overwhelming that our police officers will not be able to attend to me if I need help. If our citizen would follow the law and respect each other and stop acting like the victims our city will be better. I am a minority, born in Lima, Peru. I became a US citizen 14 years ago. My father saw this country as an opportunity for his children to improve in their education, to respect the laws and be respected. I have never felt as the "victim" and I think disarming the police officers will be a tragedy. I have been loyal to this country and I will protect it by defending our officers. Thank you for your time !
6/8/2020 11:36	Skyler Bradsby	I am a resident of Salt Lake County. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community well being, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Skyler Bradsby -
6/8/2020 11:34	Soledad Martinez	As a Utah resident who is a person of color and part of the LGBTQ community, I would like to discuss on the public funding for Salt Lake City. I understand that you are giving the Salt Lake City Police Department nearly 85 million dollars, and I do not agree with this decision at all. I do not feel safe, protected, not comfortable around the police officers here in Salt Lake City. I have face discrimination from them, and it is clear with the recent incidents and murder of George Palacios that the SLCPD will never change. Instead, I would prefer to see a \$30 million dollar decrease in the budget of SLCPD and a freeze on hiring new ones for next year. I would like to see an increase in the funding towards our community such as: food, housing, public transportation, and public health. We need to improve and help our communities, and clearly the police department here in Salt Lake is not doing that. They are terrorizing black residents, residents of color, and residents of LGBTQ. We need to make these marginalized groups feel safer and more welcome here in Utah. I want to feel welcomed and accepted, and I know my friends and families feel the same way. Please reconsider the Salt Lake City Budget and do what?s right. Thank you. Sincerely, Soledad Martinez



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6/8/2020 11:45	Stephanie Cao	Hi, I don't know if this is too late but I wanted to say that for Formal Meeting #1-408-418-9388, Meeting Access Code 961 798 351, that increasing the police budget would be destructively counterproductive to the well-being of the city and its people. This will explicitly only create more needless violence rather than peace building. You don't need more police power, you need the ability to communicate and support the needs being out-cried by protesters. Plus, the consequential reduction of the CDBG will create even more distress in already vulnerable populations, like the homeless population. This will be a blatant mistake. -Stephanie
6/8/2020 11:48	Sophia Hill	We demand a halt on an increase to the SLCPD budget and in fact 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 Say Their Names
6/8/2020 11:46	Stephanie Costa	Dear Council Member Rogers, I've been deeply disturbed by the military presence in SLC in response to the Black Lives Matter protests. I have wanted to exercise my right to peacefully protest alongside my neighbors, but admit I've felt intimidated by the local police and national guard. That should never happen. it'should not ever feel unsafe to exercise our democracy peacefully. My support is with our Black community and all of our communities of color. I'm writing to join others in requesting that the city government institute increased police oversight andreform in our community. This past week I have seen horrendous, unacceptable behavior by police around the country, and even in our city. I'm not seeing "serve and protect," I'm seeing intimidate, instigate, and abuse. It is time forreform. I specifically ask you to: 1. Institute a community review board for all police disciplinary actions, and be a strong voice in support of this at the state level. 2. I ask that you vocally support a significant reduction of the the police department budget. More police, with more advanced weaponry is not the answer. The funds should be rerouted to increasing support for social services and combatting the institutionalized practices that keep communities of color disadvantaged. 3. Be willing to stand up to the police, in this state and around the nation, and be willing to denounce them when they are wrong. You do not serve the police, you serve the citizens. 4. Support the removal of the National Guard from our city streets. 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 to enact change in this community. Please stand up and act for the most vulnerable in our community. Sincerely, Stephanie Costa Fair Park Community Community Council District 1

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6/8/2020 12:00	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
6/8/2020 11:50	Steve Cater	Darin, I live at _____, SLC. I have owned a house and pay taxes to the city and county for about 20 years. I am worried about the increase in the SLC police department budget (20-21). I do not think it'should be increased this year in the budget proposals. I am worried about the increase in police presence and the military like build up and use of military like equipment the police are using in SLC. I do not believe this is healthy for a community. Sincerely, Steve Cater



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6/8/2020 11:53	Susie Fasick	Hello, My name is Susannah Fasick. I stand with the demands proposed by Utahn's Against Police Brutality. I do not agree with or support the mayor's recommended budget of \$84,422,651 towards the funding of the police force. I believe that more important programs such as housing, transit, education, rehabilitation, and rape recovery that don't see even half of the police budgeted costs deserve to receive more funding. I believe that the police force budget would be better suited to be allocated towards these more important programs. I do NOT support the SLCPD, and I do NOT want to see my tax money support them. Susannah Fasick.
6/8/2020 12:06	Tali Maio	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Talia Maio
6/8/2020 12:09	Supriya Patel	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Supriya Patel Salt Lake City

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6/8/2020 11:58	Tavata Studders	I am a resident of Salt Lake. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Tavata Studders
6/8/2020 12:05	Tamsen Reid	I am a resident of Salt Lake City district 3. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Tamsen reid Salt Lake City, Utah 84103
6/8/2020 12:10	Tatiana Christian	Hello, I am e-mailing to request that the City Council vote in the name of the people, and drastically reduce the amount of money being given to the police. At least 50 million needs to be taken from the budget and given to community services, like publix transit, housing, the library, economic development. The police don't deserve to exist and don't need 80 million dollars. I realize the City Council doesn't care about Black people, or about the police murdering people - but you're publicly elected officials who were selected to best serve the community. So you are professionally and morally obligated to listen and work on our requests. And our request is that you divest from the police and allocate resources elsewhere. Do this. Thank you. - Tatiana

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6/8/2020 12:04	Tanner Allen	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Tanner Allen Salt Lake City, Utah 84103
6/8/2020 12:19	Tatiana Christian	Hello, I sat in on the City Council's call last night for 3 hours and was really overwhelmed by the turn out. So a few things: 1. It is neither easy nor clear how to gain access to the ability to call in AND watch the City Council meetings. It took me multiple tries before I was able to hop on. And I am upset that I had to download a 3rd party app in order to participate. Something less technologically tedious would be ideal. 2. Although I was only audio, the fact that several people pointed out how bored and uninvested both the Mayor and the Council members were is really disgusting. If the City Council doesn't care about police brutality, or Black lives then you need to resign. TODAY! 3. The City Council is a publicly elected organization which means you need to listen to your constituents. Our voices matter more your personal feelings, and if we want a defunded police department then you should work to make that happen. 4. Black lives matter and if the city cares as much as it claims, then 90% of the budget for the police needs to go to housing, transportation, education, library, economic development, etc. The police are a threat and you are enabling that threat by even suggesting to give them 80 million dollars. As someone said on the call last night, if you actually cared about Black people WE WOULD NOT BE HERE. Show up for the people of Salt Lake and do the job you were voted in to do! - Tatiana
6/8/2020 12:13	Taylor Daley	Hi my name is Taylor Daley, I agree with the demands proposed by Utahns Against Police Brutality. I do not agree with or support Mayor Erin Mendenhall's budget where police receive \$84,422,651 while more important programs such as housing, transit, education, rehabilitation, rape recovery & domestic abuse survivors don't even see half that amount. I do not support the SLCPD. I do not want to see my tax money continue to support them. * * * * * Taylor Eastman
6/8/2020 12:17	Taylor Natalie Christensen	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. Thank you, Taylor Natalie Christensen
6/8/2020 12:16	Anonymous Constituent	I support Redirecting funds from SLCPD to Community programs that address the issues that contribute to public safety problems.

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6/8/2020 12:17	Anonymous Constituent	I am a resident of Salt Lake City and student at the University of Utah, I am sending feedback and concerns relating to the 2020-21 fiscal budget. I demand that before tuesdays vote, the city make drastic cuts from SLCPD by at least \$30 million and reallocate money to community building services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I am part of a community whose voices are often overlooked and often lack resources. I want my community to be adequately funded and served which also means that police are part of our problem and we do not want them harassing our communities. Instead, I hope you invest 30 million in education for students of color and students in communities like Rose Park and Glendale. Thank you for your time.
6/8/2020 12:22	Luciano Marzulli	No amount of training or reform is going to stop cops from killing people, especially Black and Brown people. Body cameras on the police, when on, only give us a front row seat to these violent atrocities that are carried out with impunity. This needs to stop. Defunding and disbanding the SLCPD will stop this. The city of Minneapolis has taken the first step in announcing their intent to dismantle their police force and explore non-violent, community based approaches to achieving safety in their city. Salt Lake is well suited to join the effort. There are many other worthy areas of the Salt Lake City Budget that the SLCPD's budget could fund like actually affordable housing, housing for people without homes, healthcare for people without healthcare, you wouldn't have to hike Salt Lake City residents water rates for the foreseeable future. Please act to defund and disband the Salt Lake City Police Department.
6/8/2020 12:20	Nora Price	Hello, My name is Nora Price and I am a resident of Salt Lake City, District 5. I am commenting in reference to the 2020-2021 Recommended Budget. I demand that before tomorrow's vote, the city cut the Salt Lake Police Department's budget by at least \$30 million and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on SLCPD throughout the full fiscal year. This is important to me because our city's Black and Brown citizens deserve nothing less than the full benefit and enrichment that is the mandate of the institutions of civil society, and must not be subject to the unrelenting terror and targeting they experience at the hands of the police and criminal justice system. And I don't want our unsheltered neighbors experiencing another winter of harassment and criminalization at the hands of the police. And I don't want my friends protesting the destruction of whole ecosystems and native lands by railroading private interests to be brutalized. I hope instead you invest \$30 million in Free and accessible UTA public transit, quality low-income housing and rent relief during COVID-19, community programs like YouthCity and Sorenson Multi-Cultural center. Thank you for your time.
6/8/2020 13:40	Greg and Debra Cayias	We have heard of the suggestion to cut the Salt Lake City Police Department budget by as much as 30% - that is wrong, they put their lives on the line everyday for us. There are bad officers, just as there are bad people. However, the vast majority of the officers are good and should be treated with respect and given the pay and equipment they need. Cutting their budget would decrease the number of officers and their equipment. This is not acceptable, people now complain officers do not respond to their situations fast enough, cutting their budget would only increase this problem. We need to work out the issues and problems currently before us, but not like this. We need to think logically and long range. We do not think the Salt Lake City Police Department should have their budget cut.

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6/8/2020 12:46	Taylor Wilkes	I am a resident of West Jordan City in Salt Lake County. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Taylor Wilkes
6/8/2020 12:58	Cindy Burian	Our police force is already unable to do everything that we need them to do. Any cut to their budget, much less nearly a third, is simply ridiculous, and will only invite more chaos and crime. Please do not make a knee jerk decision because of our current tumultous times. Thank you.
6/8/2020 13:08	Ian Merizalde	Defund and disarm the police. The risk of a single undertrained officer discharging a weapon and killing a citizen is too great. The State should not have the capacity to end the life of one of its citizens without tremendous checks and balances. If lethal force is required, the average officer should have to call in specialized personnel with more advanced training. Defund the police. There is no need for the police to have military gear on the streets of America. The people can not be the enemy and public funds should not be allocated to treat them as such.
6/8/2020 13:25	Joseph Taylor	To whom it may concern, I write this as I sit in the rain waiting for the possible protests tonight, hoping that they will be peaceful, praying that I can shake hands and show what my purpose of police officer is... to keep everyone safe tonight. I?ve been here with many others, night after night and day after day, going home only to sleep and come back in and do it again. I have invested the last decade of my life in service to this city, and each individual in it. There is so much on my mind, and many things I would like to say, but I will try to keep it to the point today. The police budget is in integral part of keeping the department functional and up to the high standards that we maintain. Cuts to the budget would be incredibly detrimental to any effort to improve the department. A few passionate yet uninformed voice have expressed the idea to cut police budgets. This is incredibly short sighted and potentially dangerous. The legitimate protests demand a better educated, more highly skilled officer. Police budget cuts will create the opposite for the city. For example, the proper budget is required to recruit quality officers. Any reduction in budget could result in hiring officers of less caliber which one can imagine the multitude of issues this could cause. Training is another important function of the budget. This requires money for the actual training of officers, including having enough officers that those in training have the time to go and others can cover the city during that time. Proper equipment is essential, it must be functional and safe to use. Quality gear and equipment do this as well as increase morale of officers. With the morale issue, cutting budgets can damage morale among the officers. Unfortunately poor morale could have it own unfortunate consequences. There are many reasons to not cut the budget to the police department. I have attempted to give a few examples of why. Please logically consider the facts as you make this decision. Yours in service to the city, Joseph Taylor O13



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6/8/2020 13:15	Teagan Stewart	You have probably received many emails, phone calls, and alerts about this issue but that is not enough. I demand a decrease in the SLCPD funding for the 2020-2021 budget. It is RIDICULOUS that these officers deserve \$84 million. How can you pay people who don't protect their people. I have been turned down personally help from the SLCPD. In 2016 I was in an abusive relationship with a man. Even though we were both underage, I was hit, shoved, belittled by this man. Eventually when the SLCPD were involved, they thought we were just stupid teenagers. Didn't help at all. Didn't even listen to me cry and try to help. I was refused help while being in danger. Isn't a cops job to protect and serve their community? It doesn't seem like it. But I am only one person. I am white but I stand with BLM. I am a women and I stand with other women of all races. I am only one person but my voice deserves to be heard, and so does everyone else who's emailed their concerns. We do not need this much funding for an academy that doesn't help but instead hurts it's people. So in this email here are my demands: 1.) I demand that at LEAST a \$30 million dollar decrease in their \$84 million dollar funding. 2.) You do not need to hire more police but instead train your officers better and more efficiently. So I demand a hiring FREEZE. 3.) The funds not being used for SLCPD needs to be put into our communities. We have children dying from starvation. Increasing drop-out rates because of the lack of educational funds. We don't have enough housing in this city. We need money in our community. Not in a department of suburban abusers, killers, rapists, white supremacist, ETC. Thank you for reading these demands. Please think about every outcome before you fund the police with more than they deserve. Regards, T.S. 2020
6/8/2020 13:25	Anonymous Constituent	I would like to voice my concern as a SLC resident, student, and worker of the Westside on about the proposed budget for SLCP throughout the 2020-2021 fiscal year. I strongly believe that there should be a cut of the SLCPD by at least 40 Million and reallocate those funds toward something more useful and community oriented. Things that NEED the funding would include public education, housing, and unemployment among other various important parts that are needed to make striving communities. Thank you for your time and i'll await the right budget cut released tomorrow.
6/8/2020 13:29	Anonymous Constituent	Members of the City Council, I must confess to you what is burdening my heart. I submitted a very inappropriate and sarcastic comment on Saturday evening that I am embarrassed to have written. In the comment, I satirically took on the persona of a potential armed robber in an effort to make a political point regarding policing practice. This was neither the time nor the place to make such a point. I feel a crushing regret that I allowed myself to write what I wrote. The context, timing, and content were completely wrong and I am incredibly ashamed. My intentions were to highlight my feelings as a victim of a crime out of concern that more men like the one who carjacked me would be emboldened by the recent events and council response. I let bitterness and continued fear of my attacker get the best of me. Ever since the moment of hitting the "submit" button I have not been able to stop thinking about how wrong I was to have written it and I have not been able to sleep. Mr. Palacios-Carbajal was a human being with a family and people who loved him, and I feel incredible shame for using the response to his death as a poor-taste talking point. I deeply apologize to all of you. You have been through hell over the last few weeks and you certainly did not need me piling on. I know you are doing your best for the community and working through an incredibly stressful time. I know that my offensive comment may be listed as part of the public comments section following the upcoming meeting. At this point I have no idea if anyone has even read it or submitted it for review, and I hope they haven't. I believe it was submitted around 11pm on Saturday evening but I am not certain of the exact time. Although it did not mention him, I would ask that the comment be removed from the public comment list if at all possible as I do not wish to offend or cause emotional harm to anyone who may read it, especially Mr. Palacios-Carbajal's family. God bless all of you. Thank you for what you do.

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6/8/2020 13:33	Andy Stevenson	In the words of former Dallas police chief David Brown, "We're asking cops to do too much in this country" every societal failure, we put it off on the cops to solve... Policing was never meant to solve all those problems." When I read those statements, I'm reminded of my time working in libraries. In recent years, libraries too, urban and rural, have been asked to do too much. They are de facto shelters to house the homeless, they are resource centers, job centers, crisis centers, childcare, preschools, etc. In the absence of community services, libraries across the nation have had to step up to these challenges. For the most part, they have armed themselves not with weapons and policies that shut people out, but by prioritizing their (relatively meager) funding to ensure everyone has a place at the library. Instead of hiring more security officers, some have instead hired full-time social workers to respond to those in life crises. Instead of shutting down some of the very few free, publicly accessible restrooms across cities in fear of rampant drug use, libraries have armed themselves with bathroom attendants to check in on people and keep restrooms safe, and trained staff in how to use naloxone to reverse opioid overdoses. What if we maintain public safety in our cities not with weapons of mass destruction, but with tools and services that address the root problems of crime, violence, and drug use? This is why I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in trained social workers and crisis responders, community-led safety strategies, the Salt Lake City Public Library, transit services that specifically benefit low-income and minority communities, public housing, black-owned small businesses, health services in divested communities, and immediate COVID-19 financial support for those impacted by the ongoing pandemic. Thanks, Andy Stevenson
6/8/2020 13:34	Anonymous Constituent	I DO NOT support defunding the police department. I have never wanted to own a gun and for the first time in my life I feel I may need to get one to protect myself. I never felt this way until I heard talks of defunding the police. the thought of doing so terrifies me. This is a poor decision and I will not vote for anybody who supports doing so. I will be at the voting booths. I am not alone in this, I have had several people I know also say feel they need to purchase a gun. You are terrifying your citizens
6/8/2020 13:41	Curtis Miller	The COVID-19 pandemic and the recent protests regarding police brutality make us question the role of the police in our community, especially in the presence of budget cuts. The refrain "Defund the police" means different things to different people. Policing in the Utah valley is deeply flawed. Utah is not immune to racial disparities in policing. The incarceration rates for communities of color far surpasses the equivalent rates for whites, and officers kneeling at protests won't change that fact. Utah is just as much a Police State for the Colored as the other American states. Meanwhile Utah police fail other communities, such as women, in spectacular fashion. Lauren McCluskey's murder in 2018 showed how poorly the police serve women, and the fact that the police officer who fumbled her case?who in addition to failing to protect her also ogled lewd photographs of her she sent in order to get help??remained employed as a police officer in Utah, is disgusting. I discovered that I have many female friends who the police force failed to take seriously (some featured in the Tribune), which bothers me. I must ask how the police force is serving the community it is supposed to serve in the presence of these failings, and if there is not a better way. Perhaps rebooting the force from scratch is the only way to fix it and also prove we are serious about reform. A force that is impotent at best and an oppressor at worst is not a force I want in my community. Cities across the country are considering radical reforms to law enforcement. Minneapolis, Ground Zero for this recent bout of outrage, disbanded their police department. Utah should at least imagine and seriously consider radical reform too.

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6/8/2020 14:10	Bonnye Wallace	I believe defunding the police department would be disastrous for SLC. We are already feeling te effects of a decreased budget. Twice our cars parked in our driveway have been broken into and both times the police were unable to come out and make a report. I have increasingly felt unsafe in our community and have considered moving out of SLC, but I love my community and would be sad to move. However I am trying to understand the need forreform and as I have done this, I thought about our many visits to Japan to visit our son and was impressed with the police boxes seen in every community. Ok, at first thought, it may seem like an increase in in police presence, but actually it isn't, just a different dispersing of assets. The police become a trusted part of the community, a place for members to go to feel safe with questions or concerns. An opportunity for the police to interact with the youth, mentoring and befriending. Not threatening, but reassuring. Attached is a link to a description in Japan. Titled "Police Of Japan 2018". Please check out the Community Safety chapter. <a href="http://npa.jp/english/Police_of_Japan/POJcontents.html">npa.jp/english/Police_of_Japan/POJcontents.html</a>
6/8/2020 14:05	lindsay peterson	I do not support the budget cuts for our police department. especially right now, they are overworked as it is. I understand the call for possible additional training, overwatch, etc., so that incidents of police brutality lessen. However, it's seems that would take more funding, not less. However, I also think our police do a great job 99% of the time and are helpful, good people. If budgets need to be cut do to coronavirus, I understand that's a tough issue. However, there have been 4 incidents of crime in my relatively safe area, and we need our good officers to be fresh and ready to help our communities. Thank you.
6/8/2020 14:38	TERRY CLEMMER	I am very concerned that defunding of the police forse would even be conidered by the council. Now is the time to increase the budgets of our lw enforcers. They need more funding so they can increase the caliber of our law enforcers and replace the few that shold be replaced. I personally feel I have need for more quality police not less and certainly I not do not want to go to an underpaid and demorlied forse. The vote of every individual council person regarding this issue should be transparent and made public. Terry P. Clemmer MD retired
6/8/2020 14:46	Kevin Cahoon	DO NOT DEFUND
6/8/2020 14:49	Tracey Valentine	Dear Council, Please do not resuce the funding of our Police Dept 1 dime. Every night I see neighborhood posts of people roaming freely through provate property and stealing anything not nailed down. The Police already do not have enough resources to deal with these daily, repeated property crimes, as they are overwhelmed with more serious offenses. Funding decreases will put our brave officers in physical danger. As a taxpaying citizen, I ask that you please give full consideration to both sides of this discussion. Thank you.
6/8/2020 14:56	Anonymous Constituent	?Defund the police? is an empty phrase, a sound bite for small minds irrespective of party allegiances. Most of our police officers have unimaginably difficult jobs and do them to the best of their ability, not to the worst.reform is, of course, necessary and absolutely critical given the atrocities that have occurred recently but the answer is not in radical, extreme steps. Nuance and thoughtfulness, as with all things, is required. Do not allow us to descend into anarchy due to a small percentage of very bad apples. Education and police union oversight and monitoring is vital, but reducing the number of officers in the field will simply make all of our lives (and theirs) more difficult and lead to greatly increased crime statistics in Salt Lake City.
6/8/2020 15:01	Anonymous Constituent	I do not agree with defunding the Police. In my neighborhood - [REDACTED] , there is barely any police presence. I learned at council meetings that this is because our officers are called out to other cities to help. Why? Why doesn't every city have enough police officers to police their own cities? I need a police force dedicated solely to my city. Citizens in distress deserve to be able to call the police and get a timely response. don't defund the police and make it worse! The city thought it would be a good idea to put shelters all over the city. They said it would not increase crime in our neighborhoods. The fact is it has. Defunding police is not going to make this situation better
6/8/2020 15:04	Jim Faulkner	Council Member Wharton and Mayor Mendenhall, As a concerned constituent, I'm writing to ask that you both to take action toward defunding the SLCPD by \$30 million or more, and reallocating said funds to address the systemic inequality affecting so many of our city's residents. I'm disappointed to see phrases like "examine [police training]," and "continue to fund [social programs]" in your notes for Tuesday's Work Session, and I expect to hear phrases like "reallocate SLCPD funds," "hold officers accountable," and "increase funding for social programs" in Tuesday's Session. I voted for you both because I believe in you to do the right thing in moments like these; please don't squander this opportunity to improve our city. Thank you, Jim Faulkner

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6/8/2020 15:11	Hayley Thomas	We need our amazing men and women in uniform protecting our city! They should have an increase in pay!
6/8/2020 15:12	Jenny Shadel	I support and appreciate the great work and service our SLCPD provides. Do not reduce their funding.
6/8/2020 15:18	Jonathan Webber	My wife and I am opposed to the absurd proposed cuts to the SLC Police Dept budget.
6/8/2020 15:25	Ashley Hoopes	While I have been critical of police forces in the past, in regards to abuses of power by individuals, I do not believe that cutting the budget of the Salt Lake City Police Department is the solution. I do believe that dash and helmet cameras, trauma-informed training, therapy for all officers to prevent secondary trauma, and the hiring of minority and female officers would do a great deal to help. Thank you, Ashley Hoopes
6/8/2020 15:28	Joe Barker	
6/8/2020 15:28	Anonymous Constituent	Hi my name is Sharay and I am a resident student of Salt Lake Community college, in Salt Lake City. I am calling in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote. The city makes drastic cuts to the Salt Lake city police department at least 30 million. And relocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because my community lacks many resources for our people and kids. I believe that my community should also have the same resources as upper middle class students as well as invest money in marginalized communities. Creating more environments for our kids who are growing up here to feel safe and be proactive as well. I hope instead, you invest 30 million in creating programs for kids in communities that lack resources for example, Glendale. Provide more food supplies to take home. Provide educational resources like tutoring, field trips and supplies for kids to go to school with. Thank you so much for your time.
6/8/2020 15:38	Anonymous Constituent	I urge you that defunding the police is not the solution. I think that many cops suffer from PTSD so providing counseling might be helpful but do not cut the budget for that. We have many people in the police academy willing to be a more positive influence in their roles as future policemen and women. Give them that chance. I have had the help of the police who helped me escape my abusive ex husband and take me to the hospital and I respect them for it. We need their protection and support. Who will protect us when altercations occur, when you get domestic violence calls, when people need to be rescued? The police community can make positive changes just be creative and give them the chance. We can work together as a community to figure out how. Thank you.
6/8/2020 15:48	Joe Barker	I am the head of household for a family of 4. I am writing in support of the SLC Police Department. We feel that the Police are understaffed and under budget presently to keep our city safe. They performed miracles during the recent violent and ongoing protest. Please forward this to the SL City Council to show the majority of citizens support of Police.
6/8/2020 15:45	Todd Tanner	Please do not buy into the evils of the police and public safety personnel who put their lives on the line with EVERY call. They will make mistakes, on a very rare occasion, but do not turn this into Baltimore where the Police rightfully avoid protecting lives and PROPERTY for fear they will be prosecuted for doing their jobs. Public Safety needs the strong and vocal support of our elected leaders and especially from the fear of prosecutorial abuse from the City and County attorneys. I believe our Public Safety providers, especially the police, are being verbally and physically attacked in the streets and now in City Hall for trying to protect ALL citizens, including their property. They have my support, I hope they have yours. Do not fail to understand that many of us may be quiet in our anger over the rioting and the screaming voices of those who feel disenfranchised because of their personal decisions and choices. Please do not make us have to beg the State to come to our rescue ... again. The SLC Police are not the enemy of the people. They are here to protect and serve. Please do not throw them under a bus for political expediency.
6/8/2020 15:49	Ben Lear	I am an upper-middle class white guy who grew up and lives on the east side of Salt Lake. I have never been investigated, arrested or charged with a crime. I have very little to complain about in life. But I will say this: In the few interactions I have had with police officers I felt they were more interested in intimidating me rather than protecting me. I do not know why that is. I am not an expert in the criminal justice system nor in the characteristics and backgrounds of the typical police officer. But I know I've felt that way. I do not pretend to have solutions to the--I think we can now agree--widespread problem of violence between police and the communities they serve. But if I, the most privileged of members of American society, feel the police seem more intent on making me cower than making me feel safe, then I think something has to change. Regards, Ben Lear

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6/8/2020 15:54	Marvin Jensen	I'm in agreement to defund our Police department, maybe we can take funds away from equipment purchases and not officers. Less spending on military style arms and more on training and community issues.
6/8/2020 15:56	Kelly Stevens	I'm sorry. i dont't have time to read 280 pages of the budget. I think we should not militarize our pokice force. So if there is something in there for tanks, etc remove it. Do you know Finland has zero or one police murder in the past five years or so. Lets take money from police and move ut to social services especially mehtal health support for police and citizens. money should be spent on extensive training for police. i like tye 8 can't wait initiative. thanks!!!
6/8/2020 15:56	Victoria Floyd	I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Victoria Floyd Logan, UT 84321
6/8/2020 16:07	Christy Clay	Please use this opportunity to reexamine the priorities that are funded in the City's budget. Shift money away from our broken police system and invest resources into our community to support the health and wellbeing of our residents, through education (teachers/paras, NOT SROs), physical and mental health programs, housing, transportation and a healthy environment, with an emphasis on racial and geographic equity.
6/8/2020 16:07	Tiffany Oliver	TELL SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL TO 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. 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: Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring any 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 oppo 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. <b>Continued 1/2</b>



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6/8/2020 16:17	Tevan Mcpeak	Hi, 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. 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. -Tevan McPeak

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6/8/2020 16:54	Thomas Larmore	<p>Good Evening, My name is Thomas Larmore and I live at _____ I'm an accounting manager at a Utah based company and student at the University of Utah. I'm writing again to demand that you reject the \$84 Million proposed Salt Lake City police budget for the coming fiscal year. This money will do nothing to serve or protect our community, and only further militarize the police force, resulting in additional police violence against the community. It has become clear in recent days the role of the police is too large and poorly defined. Because every police officer is uniformly armed and armored, this dictates that every interaction with police is an armed intervention. Nationally, only 5% of police responses are to violent crimes. We do not need armed intervention for things such as traffic stops and car accidents, missing persons reports, reports of sexual and domestic violence, welfare and wellness checks, loitering, etc. This proposed budget for the police department should instead be diverted to meet other community needs, such as non-police crisis intervention, expanded public housing, expanded medical and mental health services, food, medical, and sanitation supplies for houseless community members, and resources for victims of sexual and domestic violence. Much of the role currently performed by the police would be better performed by healthcare professionals, social workers, and community leaders, and would no longer involve armed intervention and potentially fatal escalation. it's time to refocus the priorities of Salt Lake City on providing services that truly save lives, and create a healthier, more unified, better served community. I'm also calling again for your support of broad and immediate policereform. In addition to the reduction of police budgets, and narrowing the scope of responses that required armed officers, reform must include policies targeted at reducing police violence. These include mandatory de-escalation of all situations by all officers, the banning of chokeholds and strangleholds, a duty to intervene for all officers who witness police misconduct, a community lead review board with disciplinary power that oversees all investigations into police misconduct. These policies are proven to reduce police violence nationwide, and must be part of any true policereform. It is imperative we take steps now to ensure the level of violence of police against community members, and righteous and justified civil unrest on display in Salt Lake City is not repeated. This can only be achieved by creating a new, smaller, less militarized, more transparent, more civil police force, and instead shifting our focus to community building and outreach. It is my sincere hope that you will be an ally and champion to this end. Best, Thomas Larmore</p>

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6/8/2020 16:34	Timothy Schoof	<p>Dear Mayor Mendenhall, My name is Timothy Schoof, I am 23 years old Utah native, and I have lived in Salt Lake City off and on for five years now. I am proud of Salt Lake, without question, and because of this I am writing you today to call for your leadership. On Saturday, May 31st, I saw an overwhelmingly peaceful protest overshadowed by a more violent, destructive riot in the streets, like a cloud of black smoke washing over the day's events. Certainly, I was concerned at the public danger caused by burning cars, broken glass, and clearly agitated actors - including the man who threatened protesters with a bow and arrow, the police officer who carelessly pushed down an old man who was walking too slowly, and the individual who battered an officer with a baseball bat - but the brunt of my concern lied elsewhere. Witnessing the ongoing state of affairs and knowing the long and bloody history of race relations in this country, many Americans, myself included, are deeply outraged by the manner in which police can and do act lawlessly across the country without the same repercussion normal citizens would face. My concern is that leaders like yourself will loose sight of this issue as time wears on and that the problem will go unsolved, causing further damage. I am disheartened that so little interest on a policy-making level has been focused into using the power of the state to restructure the civic institution of policing. Clearly, this is a - if not the - root issue of the crisis of unrest unfolding around us. Millions of Americans are profoundly disgusted not only by the recent deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery, but hundreds of other Black, Latinx, Indigenous, and minority citizens stretching back for years at the hands of the very people's sworn to protect them. In the case of George Floyd specifically, it was not just one "bad apple." An entire police department failed. George Floyd didn't have to die. His murder was entirely avoidable had the system worked properly. Zooming out from this one tragedy to the scores of other names that Black Lives Matter protestors evoke, the reality becomes clear. Growing up, I have seen instances of wanton police brutality against black and brown people'so frequently that it'seems as though this is normal, but any moral human knows this is not the case. This is not normal or healthy. The institution of policing as it exists today failed us at the cost of human lives; parents, children, loved ones, friends. Difficult as the truth may be, we as citizens must face it head on. Without intervention, unrest and distrust will continue to foment, undermining the commonly-held perception of fair and equitable law that is necessary for a functional civil society. For the past few days, Utahans of all demographics came to peacefully but fervently exercise their First Amendment right and hold truth to power, echoing calls for justice that are ringing out from the Atlantic to the Pacific and well beyond this continent. I have continued to see that remain true, as people I know and love are out in the streets with the masses. I hope you will remember that as well. I hope that the ongoing protests in Salt Lake and other neighboring cities will encourage local leaders like yourself to take an active role in changing the institution of policing. I cannot tell you exactly how to govern a city -<b>Continued 1/2</b></p>

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6/8/2020 0:00	Timothy Schoof	<b>Continued 2/2</b> I am only a single young Political Science graduate with a lot of learning left to do. However, as someone who believes that data can help us build a more humane society, I would recommend you and your staff take a serious look at some of the data accrued over decades that addresses how to reduce police violence. Salt Lake ought to be an exemplar of progress as it grows, a place for other communities to look for guidance. These reforms listed below are by no means an all-inclusive list, and each may only be a first step in fixing the ongoing crisis of police brutality: - more restrictive local policies regulating police use of force - demilitarization of police - increased training periods for officers - investing in alternative community programs - ensuring that qualified immunity, if enforced, is done so with the utmost scrutiny to stop violations of civil rights - decreasing police funding in favor of alternative social programs, especially in the midst of the looming economic depression Many people have lost faith in the fidelity of rule of law as it applies to police, which ultimately undermines the legitimacy of law in the eyes of the public. I don't blame them. With perennial police violence, soaring temperatures, Great Depression-level unemployment, and an ongoing public health crisis not seen since 1918, no wonder so many people are risking catching a plague to take to the streets to make their voices heard against the failures of our state. It is unfortunate some are expressing their anger and nihilism in violence, but in order for it to be happening in the first place, it is clear that the system has catastrophically failed. When riots, large scale demonstrations, and uprisings have happened in the past, they all point to one truth - something must change. It doesn't have to be this way. Enough is enough. I commend your efforts to center and amplify the voices of Black leadership in Utah in a sincere way so far. I cannot stress how important that is, and how important it is that you keep doing it during the rest of your time in office. Utah needs more of it. In fact, that's the reason why I am reaching out to you and your administration in the first place. I believe you are reasonable and responsible enough to rise to the occasion in the name of our brothers, sisters, and siblings who have been deprived of the justice they deserve. Regardless of whether you or a member of your staff reads this, I hope that my cry to action is heard and that I have reinforced the voices of those Utahans demonstrating. I urge you, as an elected representative of the people of this great city, to protect the interests of the citizens and hear loud and clear the message underlying this mass discontent. There is a long road ahead of us to reach a more equitable society, and I hope that you will join the people as their outspoken advocate. Use this energy to galvanize much-needed revolutionary reform. Please be an agent of positive change in these trying times. The best, Timothy Schoof
6/8/2020 16:39	Victoria Floyd	We the people DEMAND that the council do not allow 84 million dollars go to the police or that 23 new officers be hired. The world has seen that the police are militarized, violent, and are more concerned with asserting their sadistic power trip on the people than protecting or serving. Defund the police. This bill will only radicalize people who are already hurting, afraid, and angry even more. Do not do this. Do not divide people and start a war. Instead put that money towards education, addicts, the homeless, anything that would actually benefit its citizens. This money should to be used to bolster Salt Lake and make it stronger, it's citizens happier, not promote tyranny and senseless violence. The people are paying attention. We are not blind. don't turn a blind eye and continue to fracture this already hurting community. Victoria Floyd

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6/8/2020 16:37	Tosin Morohunfola	Greetings, I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, --Tosin M
6/8/2020 16:38	Tori Treseder	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, Tori Treseder
6/8/2020 16:50	Bonnie Barker	I absolutely am not in favor of defunding our police. if anything, they need more funding. the police serve everyone in our community, of all colors, races, and political persuasions. mist of the officers are fine outstanding officers. they ar underpaid for the level of risk they take every day. Please listen to all voices inmour community, not just thise who speak the loudest. Do not defund our police. it would ve disaster fir a city that needs them all the more in this day and age.



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6/8/2020 16:54	Hunter Bocage	I am a resident of [west jordan, ut]. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Hunter Bocage
6/8/2020 16:56	Tyler Kemp	To Whom It May Concern: You, collectively, should be ashamed of yourselves. When this city is in the national news, when it's citizens are on lockdown- during a pandemic, with military equipment flying overhead and through the streets. Sleeping during a city council meeting. Muting yourself to have a forty minute side chat. Do you guys just not care anymore? Because I know a lot of people in this city that care more than ever that would be glad to sit in on such important business. I?ve always loved this city. But this is disgraceful. We are better than this. You are better than this. If you don't want to be on the council, resign. Go do something else. There are so many important issues on the table right now, apathy and indifference is not a good look for any of you. Fake it. Just fake it. Make it look like you care. If that?s the bare minimum you can do, do it. But don't allow social media to be filled with ridiculous images of our leadership team nodding off and laughing. Right now. Laughing. Sleeping. Get it together. Sincerely, A Constituent
6/8/2020 16:55	Tyler Andrews	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. 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.) 3) SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease violence on community members 4) 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 for your time, Tyler Andrews

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6/8/2020 16:59	Tyler Fetzer	I am a resident of West Valley City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Tyler Fetzer WVC 84118
6/8/2020 17:10	Tyler Matsamas	Dear Salt Lake City Council, ?I am a resident of District 1. I am writing to demand that the Salt Lake City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing, and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread uprising over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering BIPOC folx, especially Black folx, at the highest and most disproportionate rate in the country. We will no longer accept empty gestures of ?shock? and ?disgust? or suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way Salt Lake City allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, Mayor Mendenhall and affiliates has proposed a drastic increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Brown & Indigenous people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. We demand a MINIMUM year-long hiring freeze for the SLCPD. Although City Council has avoided voting on or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. I request you adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Tyler Matsamas Salt Lake City, UT 84116

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6/8/2020 17:25	Tyler Woods	I am a resident of Holladay. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Tyler Woods Holladay UT, 84117
6/8/2020 17:24	Margaret Melville	My name is Margaret Melville and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I work downtown at Cicero Group and volunteer regularly with the Refugee Services Department. I am writing to request that the city makes significant cuts to the SLCPD and reallocate the money to other more preventative community measures. By investing in education, housing affordability, mental health treatment, and other social services, I believe we will see a large impact in the safety and security of our community. Black people in Utah are more disproportionately killed by police than any other state. Even though they represent a small portion of the population, their lives matter. We have a responsibility to provide equal opportunities for all residents and fight systemic discrimination and poverty. I recognize the extensive work that SLCPD has done in recent years to reform their police department by adding body cameras and providing deescalation and implicit bias training, This shows that you recognized a problem and took action to make change, which is admirable. However, it has become clear that these measures were ineffective and further reform is still needed. Bernardo Palacios was unlawfully shot and killed while running from police last month. The police have also inappropriately responded to protests and used excessive force on an elderly man. Thank you so much for your time and I hope you take into consideration my concerns.
6/8/2020 17:36	Tobias Larson	Please enlist experts with solutions to present alternatives to our current policing model. This should ideally include local and out of area individuals with research and policy experience that can help design a better public safety system. Please do not try to solve this as a council or with current city employees only.

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6/8/2020 17:38	Anonymous Constituent	Those calling for arbitrarily slashing the police budget are vocal and dominating the council meetings. They should be heard. But so should differing points of view. Please don't dismiss those who have been silent. Personally, I strongly support the right to peacefully protest, as we've seen in the last week, and those with sincere concerns and opinions have the right and deserve the chance to be heard. It is my opinion, the vast majority of our SLC Police Department perfrom valuable service to the community and serve very responsibly. If my job required not reacting as others through bottles, rocks, and fireworks at me, I would quit. Most officers are true professionals who will welcome addtional training and will be the first to support ridding the department of those who are not qulified to wear the badge. Yes, there is definitely and clearly a case for somereform or a revised focus. However, something as important as slashing our police budget must be carefully considered, not as a reactionalry response to the heated and emotional atmsosphere we are in, but as a throroughly considered, balanced way. Our council must never forget that those officers are put in harms way on a regular basis and make life and death decisions that impact suspects and perpetrators, AND the victims of violent crime, AND themselves and their families. I wish, just once, I'd heard our Mayor and Council also extend condolences to the family of the Ogden officer recently murdered. Perhaps they did, and it didn't make the news. I don't know if our Mayor has the ability when under pressure to recognize and acknowledge her OWN personal biases(yes, we all have them) But she is Mayor of the entire city...her job is NOT to stifle opinions that differ from her own (the whole Stratford Avenue street closing is a prime example...the survey she touts didn't allow for a "vote" to NOT close), but to lead ALL to the table to responsibly discuss and make decisions for the betterment of our City. So, I ask the Council to really listen and carefully consider your responsibility to the citizens of Salt Lake City, and to all who work in and visit our city..... this is not the time to make an impulsive decision. Thank you.
6/8/2020 17:43	Rachel Bodily	
6/8/2020 17:46	Katherine Jorgensen	I 100% believe we have a duty to support every life equally and currently, the people of color are not getting that (and haven't for 400+ years in the United States). We have racism throughout our entire country and it is running deep unfortunately. And I think that the police department and actions taken by some police officers is a huge part of this issue; there is no doubt about it. However, I feel that the 30% that is proposed to be cut should be reallocated to an outside party to provide better training for the police force. We need police officers.... but they should be educated on how to respond, deescalate, and not judge people based on the color of their skin. Obviously not all cops are bad, but the fact that people of color continue to be discriminated against, and killed, goes to show there is something missing in the education of a lot of cops (again not all.... but enough aren't making the change that needs to happen). As a health care professional... if I do something wrong or against the law, it follows me for the rest of my career. it'should for all police as well. I am educated on how to restrain a patient when they are a harm to themselves or others, but know how to do so in a safe and calm way. So should all police officers. I do not think defunding is the answer... but that money should be put to better education and resources to make the change that needs to happen... otherwise more people will end up hurt and killed, more fighting will continue, and unfortunately... more opportunists will take advantage of a peaceful situation and turn if ugly.
6/8/2020 17:57	Barbara Thurgood	Please dont consider this ridiculous request. Instead give them additional funds for education and diversity training.
6/8/2020 18:06	Rebecca Rigby	I am very concerned when I hear you are thinking of refusing SLCPD budget by 30%. please reconsider this it will leave the police officers without the ability to protect those they are serving. What they do is already an extremely difficult, dangerous job that is vital to keeping our community safe.
6/8/2020 18:18	Michela Ballard	I believe that we need to defund the police department. That money needs to go to more pressing matters. There is no need for the amount of funding going to the police currently.
6/8/2020 18:43	Brent Peterson	Protecting life liberty and property is the most basic duty of government. That is what the police does more directly than any government program. I am appalled that a group of elected officials would put our community's most basic rights in jeopardy based off of social pressure and a narrative that police brutality is rampant, which has no statistical merit.

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6/8/2020 19:00	Anonymous Constituent	<p>The arrest technique used by the Minneapolis PD is, by Salt Lake City Police Department standards, unauthorized and a violation of policy. Applying pressure to the neck is strictly prohibited, and officers are well instructed that such use of force is illegal and can result in death or serious injury. SLCPD officers are trained to intervene and stop the action of another officer who is using incorrect technique or even getting upset and not using effective communication techniques. There has been talk of more training for officers based on a sudden reaction to public pressure. Under Mayor Biskupski all city employees were required to attend many sessions of diversity training, ranging from implicit bias to harassment and issues in the workplace. Any form of discrimination has been strictly prohibited in the SLCPD'since long before I was hired 25 years ago. There is no place for it and it isn't tolerated by officers. As a whole, we serve the public fairly and impartially, striving to treat people with respect, even when the members of the public we deal with are racist, hateful or biased towards us. We have appreciated Mayor Mendenhall's efforts to speak with our officers on a regular basis and we look forward to open communication with the council. We are not perfect and we know this, but we do our best. We come from the community we serve and share in the experiences that all humans do, including pain, sorrow, fear, anger, and loss. If we were immune to emotion, we would be without humanity, being incapable of understanding what those we deal with are going through. The amount of training devoted to physical use of force, defensive tactics and arrest control has decreased significantly over the past few years to focus more time and attention on issues such as equality and diversity. We need to move back to training in appropriate techniques that are most effective to protect our community, offenders, and officers during confrontation. The true cost of training is in what it prevents later on and not just in how it makes people feel now. I encourage you to come out more often with officers and see first hand how we deal with the mentally ill and those acting out under the influence of drugs and alcohol, which are the basis for most of our violent encounters. People under the influence are not capable of rational behavior, are more prone to resisting arrest, and can have unpredictable, violent behavior that requires several officers with escalated appropriate force in order to keep the public safe. These situations are too dangerous for an unarmed social worker to deal with. Many of the most vocal voices in the community are those who have lost loved ones in violent interactions with police, because of crimes committed by those loved ones, and they demand what they believe is justice, while at the same time denying justice to the victims their loved ones harmed. No police officer wants to take a life. We all hope, rather, to save one. Through pandemics and riots, patrol officers have worked extra days and hours until they are exhausted, while protecting the quiet community, peaceful protesters, people experiencing homelessness, victims of violence and crime, and even injured rioters. You have hard decisions to make about where to make cuts. We serve the citizens of Salt Lake City, every day, 24 hours a day. This isn't the last storm the City will face, but how you address it will certainly affect how we are able to handle the next one. Respectfully, Lt. Russell Amott [REDACTED]</p>
6/8/2020 19:28	Anonymous Constituent	<p>I moved over 21 times as a kid before we settled in Salt Lake City when I was 13. My parents were renters before that and we mostly lived in West Valley, Magna, West Jordan, after we came from Phoenix. My parents wanted to move to a good city and a good school by the time their oldest, me, was a teenager. We had been helped by the police several times in my 33 years of experience living and working in Salt Lake. They showed up in emergency when we needed them and that could not have been done with community services. By the time we moved to SLC we were in a lower middle class. We would not have qualified for community services with a social worker. Our emergencies were just that, emergencies. I can't imagine how the police departments would function if the council defunded them or even reallocated funds toward more social services. The lower middle and middle class would be hurt. The poor might get services and the rich will hire private security. It will be us that will be left without emergency help. I want so badly to not be anonymous and I'm scared to death to even say who I am because of rioters and people threatening. Thank you, Dana</p>



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6/8/2020 19:35	Spencer Jentzsch	The police budget needs to be cut for two main reasons: 1) Police are not (and shouldn't have to be) trained in order to handle all the different things we are currently counting on them for. Social workers and other trained specialists should be the first to respond in situations such as dealing with the homeless, drug abuse, etc. We do not want police members or people with lethal weapons anywhere near these types of situations. 2) Our tax money is funding the police department and it has become increasingly clear in the last while that the police are not here to protect the people. I don't say this in a rhetorical, national level--but specifically about the use of police brutality in SLC as well. In addition to the growing list of police killings in the last several years in SLC, the conduct and attitude of the police force during the protests towards the people they are supposed to defend and protect has been unconsciounable. Arriving in military gear and using war tactics against your own people is unacceptable. Attacking peacefully protesting citizens is not the way. Actions have consequences. We've seen through the guise through these recent actions and are realizing that the police department has grown wildly out of control and is hell bent on holding on to their status of power instead of taking a hard introspective look about what they have done wrong and how they can change. The change of decreasing the budget to the police will not be easy. We will have to invest in other ways, find new ways of doing things. There are other cities like Camden, NJ who have done things like abolishing the police force and building it back up in a way that was more aligned with the values of the city and cut the servitude to the police unions. There are safe, productive, and proven ways to do this. Without a significant cut to the police budget, you will show your constituents that you don't care about the safety of your people, that you don't care about black/brown lives, and that you are advancing the systemic racism in our society. We've made and continue to make too many mistakes throughout history in regards to civil rights and human rights. Now is the time to be bold and make changes that will help rectify some of the huge miscarraiges of justice that have plagued our society for centuries. You voting to significantly decrease the police budget is you voting to stand with your constituents, stand with black and brown lives, and stand on the right side of history.
6/8/2020 19:50	Arnold Klemens	Why doesn't the city have a tree planting program where reaident can pay half and the city will pay half? Something similar to the sidewalk program. I know there is a tree planting program but i think you have to sign up and the city plants until they run out of funds. A shared program would go farther i believe.
6/8/2020 19:51	Janice Sommer	I read that there we citizens that came to a meeting recently wanting to reduce the police department by about 30%. I just want you to know that I feel that many citizens are strongly against this. I support our police department. I support the officers that work hard to protect our city and our citizens. I strongly feel like it would be a terrible mistake to reduce the budget fir the SLCPD.
6/8/2020 20:25	Marissa Jones	I strongly disagree with defunding the police department. What are the unintended consequences by defunding. What happens when there are rapes, petty crime and there aren't enough officers to respond. Rather than defunding we should be spending for further training for our officers. Our city council should analyze all consequences before a knee jerk reaction.
6/8/2020 20:27	joshua aune	Hello, I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because i want to see an honest effort in changing the way our cities laws are upheld as well as focusing on large issues such as mental health and edication. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in public services to combat the growing homeless and mental health issues, prioritizing education, and making sure services are accessable to everyone in need. Sincerely, Joshua Aune
6/8/2020 20:53	Charlotte Jarrard	Hello, I am a resident of Salt Lake City and work in West Valley. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because my undersransing is that thereform that the black comunity across the US has been asking for has not been taken seriously. It is also my understanding that our Utah communities do not feel heard, protected or served in the same way that I do, as a white woman. I want this to change. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in initiatives that will serve, protect, and improve the livelihoods of our black, POC, less abled, homeless, mental health professional, and low income communitues. Sincerely, Charlotte J.

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6/8/2020 21:10	Amy Carmen	Neighboring roads such as Logan, Kensington, Rosecrest, and many south of 1700 S. have been repaved in the last 5-10 years, and still look very nice. Bryan Ave. between 1700 E to 1900 E. has not. My next door neighbor has lived here about 50 years, and has not ever remembered it being repaved. There have been chuck holes filled in every year after you dodge them during the winter, many asphalt patches, the fine gravel stuff, and for the 25 years I have lived here, there is an asphalt "mound" going from sidewalk to sidewalk. It would be nice if it were scraped off, and our street was flat. I thought with Mayor Biscupsi living up the street from us that something might be done, but it wasn't. She knew about the problems on our street. I appreciate all that our new City Councilman Dan Dougan has done so far, hopefully we can work together on this. it's not just me, all of my neighbors on this street have the same feelings as I do. Thank you for listening!
6/8/2020 21:12	diana alm	I live in West Jordan and love and appreciate our police officers. They are needed! I hear there are some plans to potentially reduce their budget by 30% and I very against this. We live in a sketchy part of the neighborhood and the police are always there to help and answer calls. We have experienced a drive by shooting, a gang member chasing down my friend/next door neighbor and we have also seen the WJ police arrest a drunk lady who refused to pulp over. They have been there for us always. They do not deserve to lose funds. People are crazy thinking to pull funds. Who wilo protect us? There may be some bad eggs but that is everywhere in all professions. I encourage you to not vote for the 30% decrease in funds. i am not related to or even know any officers on a personal level. I just have been grateful for all they do!
6/8/2020 21:13	Cam Holt	Salt Lake City has a great police department with a strong reputation. I am in favor of the proposed budget increase to help fund additional training and body cameras to help improve our police force and help hold them responsible and accountable. You cannot measure and improve that which you do not track or collect data on to analyze. I am in favor of the proposed budget. Thanks.
6/8/2020 21:16	Tyson Whitney	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 Tyson Whitney

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6/8/2020 21:18	Olivia Tabah	Dear Mayor Mendenhall, I am a resident of the greater Salt Lake City area. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police and reinvests it into anti racism initiatives and marginalized communities. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for listening and responding and the good work you do to lift up our community. Olivia tabah Park city, UT Sent from my iPhone.
6/8/2020 21:34	Olivia Sunday	My name is Olivia Sunday. I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing about the murder of Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal at the hands of the Salt Lake City police department. I saw the footage. I demand that the officers involved be fired, arrested, and prosecuted for his murder. I demand the resignation of police chief Mike Brown for allowing this unjust use of force and not taking immediate action against the officers involved. Thank you for your time, Olivia Sunday Salt Lake City UT
6/8/2020 21:35	Olivia Sunday	My name is Olivia Sunday. I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. I demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. I join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. I demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahns during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Olivia Sunday Salt Lake City UT

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6/8/2020 21:41	Noah Ford-Dunker	I am a resident of Fargo, ND. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Noah Ford-Dunker Fargo, ND 58102
6/8/2020 21:44	Nicole Pignanelli	Hello there! I am a resident of Taylorsville City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Nicole Pignanelli Taylorsville 84123

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6/8/2020 21:45	Olivia Mackelprang	I am a resident of Logan Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, olivia mackelprang Logan UT, 84341
6/8/2020 21:54	Nubia Gutierrez	Hello, My name is Nubia Gutierrez and I am a [RESIDENT OF Ogden WORKER IN Homedepot STUDENT At Weber State University! Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. it's important to me because people are being murdered by police And getting away with it. How are suppose to trust the people who are suppose to protect us when all they do is kill is and justify it by being afraid.... it's disgusting to see how you all defend it. Defend our people, defend the black lives who are dropping because of you. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million into communities in need! Into our education system that is not paying teachers enough... we don't even have enough space in schools anymore! We need more teachers, and free lunch for all students! Sincerely, Nubia Gutierrez
6/8/2020 21:56	Nora Price	Hello, My name is Nora Price. I am a resident of Salt Lake City, District Five. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black and Brown people, including the recent murder of Bernardo Palacios. I demand that the police involved in his murder be immediatley fired and prosecuted for their crime. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Nora Price



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6/8/2020 22:01	Nora Lang	I am a resident of Salt Lake City district. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well-documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Best in your day, Nora Lang Pronouns They/Them SLC, UT, 84111
6/8/2020 21:46	Noelle Baysinger	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Noelle Baysinger

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6/8/2020 21:48	Nina Feng	Dear Council Member Fowler, I hope this email finds you well. Today, we received a letter on NextDoor from Detective James Bishop advocating for police funding, which prompted me to email you. As an instructor who works with anti-racist pedagogy, I am committed to addressing injustice, but I also work to hear my students and my community, no matter if we have opposing ideologies. I hope that you will work with the initiative to defund the police; it will not only protect marginalized populations, but it will also save officer lives. We would not need a large police presence if we were putting more money into education, housing initiatives, and mental, emotional and physical health supports. Police are overtasked because we do not have enough infrastructure that draws on other highly valuable communities of knowledge. I know the Detective is also concerned for the livelihoods of the officers, but their roles will be transformed, not eliminated. Unfortunately, everyone grows up with implicit bias, and when people with internalized racism (and explicit) become police officers, they may react in violent, unconscious ways towards black and brown people. History shows that policereform has not worked, and it is time to reinvest funding into initiatives that will address deeper problems of poverty and systemic racism. Please help us use that funding to address CAUSES, not SYMPTOMS, of issues with public safety. The research shows these investments in our community, and our people's needs, will reduce crime. I ask us to reconsider how we might address many of the issues that we ask the police to handle, instead distributing responses to mental health and behavioral teams, or crisis intervention and prevention specialists, or other structural supports we might envision together. Thank you so much for your time! Nina Nina Feng (she/her/hers)
6/8/2020 21:48	Nicolaj Valentiner	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black, Indigenous, all people of color. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Nicolaj Valentiner
6/8/2020 21:51	Nikayla Sutherland	I am a resident of District 2. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Nikayla Sutherland Millcreek, Utah 84124

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6/8/2020 21:53	Gail Avendaño	
6/8/2020 21:58	Noelle Byrne	Hello, My name is Noelle Byrne and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because our communities need these resources far more than the police. Schools, healthcare, medical care, social work, the homeless population... \$30 million dollars could go such a long way. The safest communities have the most resources, not the most police officers. Sincerely, Noelle Byrne
6/8/2020 21:47	Nicki Nielsen	Hello, My name is Nicki Nielsen and I am a student of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because this money is a disservice to the community. The SLCPD has proven unworthy of financial resources and this budget proposal shows a massive distrust in the community. Giving SLCPD more money will only guarantee more police brutality, not a decrease in crime. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in public education and teachers, resources for people experiencing homelessness, rent relief, medical insurance aide, free therapy for the community and free meals for residents. Sincerely, Nicki Nielsen
6/8/2020 21:59	Nicole Jaatoul	Hello, My name is Nicole Jaatoul and I am a resident in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I want a peaceful community. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in equal rights, education and healthcare. Sincerely, Nicole Marie Jaatoul Sent from my iPhone
6/8/2020 21:50	Douglas Wortham	I would like you to know that I deplore the notion of defunding our sheriff's office; what a terribly poor and misleading choice of words by so many of our citizens. I do however encourage continual improvement of law enforcement via review, reallocation of funds, and augmented pay for deputies accompanied by much stricter vetting of new deputies by third parties. I proudly pay our taxes to the county for so many reasons that I approve of including a topnotch sheriff's office. But no matter how good, times change and we all must improve. Pay them more (I will pay more), a lot more, vet the hell out of them, and make us all proud!
6/8/2020 21:51	Alexandra Poulter	Hello, My name is Alexandra Poulter and I am a resident and student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Sincerely, Alexandra Poulter
6/8/2020 22:08	Nicholas Heiner	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Nicholas Heiner 84124

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6/8/2020 22:04	Nathaniel Westphal	Hello, My name is Nathaniel Westphal and I am a proud resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because it is the moral minimum for progressing towards a more racially equitable society. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in sheltering the homeless, public transportation and feeding people through the use of foodbanks. Sincerely, Nathaniel Westphal
6/8/2020 22:02	Doran Nelson Hansen	I am a resident of district 3. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering people of color. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Doran Nelson Hansen Salt Lake City, Utah

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6/8/2020 22:03	Naomi Clegg	<p>I am a resident of Salt Lake Council District 4. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing. Utah is not exempt! According to data from Al Jazeera &lt;<a href="https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/interactive/2020/05/mapping-police-killings-black-americans-200531105741757.html">https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/interactive/2020/05/mapping-police-killings-black-americans-200531105741757.html</a>&gt; , while only 1% of the population of Utah is Black, 10% of victims of police killings in the state are Black. This is more disproportionate than any other state in the country. Since 2017, police in Utah have killed 35 people &lt;<a href="https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/investigations/police-shootings-database/">https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/investigations/police-shootings-database/</a>&gt; . An overwhelming proportion of these victims of police brutality have been black and brown people. SLCPD has committed a large percentage of these murders. This is unacceptable. Utah Against Police Brutality and other groups have been advocating for policereform for years, with little to no change. Throughout this upheaval, the Mayor has offered only empty gestures: kneeling with the protestors and talking about the map of redlining she hangs on her wall while praising a police force that has oversurveilled and shot rubber bullets at peaceful protestors. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahns during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. The bottom line: I am asking for a \$30 million cut to the police budget for the coming year. I am asking that those resources be reallocated to public transit, bike lanes, homeless shelters and programs, mental health services, domestic violence support programs, social workers, affordable low-income housing, and food assistance. These resources would arguably create a safer, more just city. Although the City Council has avoided voting against or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Naomi Clegg Salt Lake City, UT 84102</p>
6/8/2020 22:11	Naba Faizi	<p>Hello, My name is Naba Faizi and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Sincerely, Naba Faizi</p>
6/8/2020 22:15	Dustin Holt	<p>Madame Mayor &amp; Council Member, I appreciate your service to the City. I appreciate the times we find ourselves in and your managment of the City as well. I support the Black Lives Matter protests. I also support the men &amp; women in uniform who, when done correctly, defend citizens of our City. please continue to fund the SLCPD as you have in the past. I would however request you make it mandatory that better levels of "de-escalating" scenarios be implemented with your current funding. Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>



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6/8/2020 22:14	Natasha Wong	Hello, I am a resident of Salt Lake and I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well-documented history of murdering Black, Latinx, and poor people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? THIS INCLUDES SUGGESTIONS TO INCREASE BODYCAMs, TRAINING, AND COMMUNITY POLICING. We are demanding that our voices be heard and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, Mayor Mendenhall has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD. The SLCPD has also seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. I, and other constituents of Salt Lake, demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahns during this trying and uncertain time when livelihoods are on the line. COVID-19 has disproportionately affected Utah's Latinx, Indigenous, and poor communities--we don't need police to brutalize them too. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, instead of empowering the police forces that tear them apart. Further, given the recent murder of Bernardo Palacios by the SLCPD, I call for the officers involved to be fired, to lose their pensions, and to be barred from rehiring by the SLCPD as well as neighboring police departments. There is no excuse for police to EVER unload 20-30 bullets in someone's back. I'd also like to remind the council that THIS is the very same policing that won SLCPD awards for de-escalation and training in 2019. When I hear the mayor, the city council, the local police call for more training, more bodycams, and better reforms, I don't see a safer world. I see SLCPD's shooting Bernardo Palacios, a 22-year-old, an artist who taught his nieces and nephews to draw, whose body was left missing fingers by the police who shot him while he lay dead on the ground. I see police shouting for Bernardo to put his hands up while he lies facedown on the pavement, bleeding out. I don't want reform. I don't want you to add meaningless formalities that hold officers "accountable" while they get off for shooting brown folks after invoking qualified immunity. What are more bodycams going to do for Bernardo's family and friends? When I hear you all claim a commitment to social justice and call for more body cams in the same sentence, I don't hear justice, I hear that in a year, or two years, or three years, there will be more SLCPD officers unloading bullets into a young Latinx man's back, but maybe this time we'll get better footage. Is that justice to you? Take a good, hard look at your award-winning police department. If there were good cops, and if the SLCPD was committed to justice or "protecting and serving" or whatever cute slogan they like to use to assert that police oppress the marginalized for the greater good, would Chief Brown look at the video of Bernardo's shooting and say he stands by his men? Would the SLCPD stand in riot gear across from a mourning family as they grieve over an altar for their dead son? Is complicity not violence too? I urge you, look closely, because SLCPD, as it exists, is already the product of reform, in fact it is an award-winning model of police reform. Save us your PR stunts and police kneeling and stated "commitment to addressing and dismantling systemic oppression". I cannot fathom how any of you are capable of watching the video of Bernardo's death
6/8/2020 22:19	Mary Spaid	I support reducing the police department budget by 30%. Less riot gear and tear gas, more social services for the public and nonviolent deescalation training for the police.
6/8/2020 22:20	Susan Holzer	That is crazy to even consider. We will absolutely have more problems if we have fewer police doing their job!! And it is minority groups that will suffer the most. Please do not let the passions of the current riot situation fuel a fire that will end up burning all of us!!!! Think!!!!

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6/8/2020 22:16	Kevin Murray	<p>Councilwoman Valdemoros, I am writing you in response to the recent release of the City Council's opinion regarding the officer involved critical incident that occurred at the end of May and the recent statements regarding a budget reduction for the police department.</p> <p>Councilwoman, I understand that this is a trying time that we are all experiencing right now and we are all wading through some uncharted waters. First and foremost I would like to recognize the tough spot that you and the other council members are in. I know that you have a duty to listen to your constituents but also must choose what you believe to be morally right. In regards to the recent release from the city council about a reduction of the police department's budget; this could not be a worse decision and I hope you all choose to not go down this road. This reduction would critically cripple our police department and we would not be able to effectively carry out our duties. A pay reduction would impact staffing levels, overtime shifts for greater officer presence, equipment and etc. I as a CIU Detective field a lot of complaints from citizens living in your district. These complainants plead with more police presence in their neighborhoods. They beg me for solutions to their problems, these solutions require money. I currently have a proposal that would cost \$350 dollars to rid our city of 10 problem residences (drug homes.) I have been told that this proposal will have to wait until after the fiscal year ends due to our lack of funds. This same proposal is a program I started in Ogden City and it has rid Weber County of over 450 problem homes and still counting since its induction in 2014. With a budget reduction many new programs or other solutions will never come and citizens will continue to live with these problems. Lastly I would like to cover the city council's statement regarding the officer involved critical incident; I feel that this was very inappropriate for this to be shared with the public of whom we both serve. This statement openly shows a lack of trust in two officers who are justified by state law in their actions that night. As an officer I feel abandoned by you and the city council. In my ten years as a police officer I have never experienced this. I also am appalled with the civil unrest going on and still I get requests for extra patrols for city official's neighborhoods despite what is going on in the city. This shows us police officers that we are not appreciated or trusted but you expect special treatment. We are tired, our families miss us and our spouses fear for our safety every time we place the Salt Lake City Police badge on our chest; we are despised by whom we serve but we still answer the call. We continue to serve the community who we love despite the lack of support from city administrators. We as police officers took an oath to uphold the constitution and we will continue to do so with or without the support of the city council. My only hope is that you as the city council support the Salt Lake Police Department and its officers by doing what is morally right and allowing us to do our job without being publicly criticized and threatened to be defunded.</p> <p>Sincerely, Detective Kevin Murray Detective Kevin Murray CIU District 4</p>
6/8/2020 22:17	Molly Fitzell	<p>Hello, My name is Molly Fitzell and I am a volunteer for a nonprofit in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because while there has been many cases of cooperation with the SLCPD, there are far too many cases of brutality and unnecessary force. All members of the SLC community deserve to feel safe and know that any officers serving are committed to protecting and serving all. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in building positive community experiences and helping provide equity to systemically oppressed groups. That money could be reinvested toward mental health services, the housing authority, arts and recreation centers or a new community space which is dedicated to sharing the history of the black community within Utah. Please consider how we could reinvest in the community through positive means which allow us all to heal and grow together. Sincerely, Molly Fitzell</p>
6/8/2020 22:18	Morgan Schild	<p>Hello, My name is [Morgan Schild] and I am a RESIDENT of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in community outreach programs that will decrease violence in our community by creating better opportunities and equality for all. Sincerely, Morgan Schild</p>

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6/8/2020 22:18	Molly Dwyer	Hello, My name is Molly Dwyer and I am a resident of SLC. I am emailing in reference to the proposed 2020-20201 fiscal Budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city makes drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocates the money to community services. This is important to me because as a school teacher, I am appalled at the ease in which the education budget is cut, while a system which continues to produce and protect violent murderer is funded. I hope instead you invest \$30 million in education, community services, and mental health services for SLC. Thank you so much for your time. Molly Dwyer, M.Ed
6/8/2020 22:22	Morgan Call	Good Morning, I am a resident of Salt Lake City, and I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community well-being and redirects funding away from the police. Given the SLCPD's well-documented history of murdering Black people, we will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We demand that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community well-being, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Morgan Call Salt Lake City, Utah
6/8/2020 22:27	Monica Goff	I am a former resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Monica Goff
6/8/2020 22:23	Molli Guthrie	Hello, My name is Molli Guthrie and I live in the Capitol Hill neighborhood of SLC. I am reaching out regarding the \$84M police budget for fiscal year 2020-2021. Right now in Utah, despite the Black population making up less than 2% of the state, Black people make up 10% of those killed by police. This is the most disproportionate killing by police in the United States (Decarcerate Utah). I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD. If you cut the \$84M proposed budget by \$30M, you can reallocate that money to meet some of our city's real, urgent needs. I also demand that you maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. With \$30M defunded from SLCPD, the city can hire approximately 235 new school teachers and give all city teachers a 20% raise (Decarcerate Utah). Education is so important, especially if we want to successfully dismantle centuries of systemic racism. We have a lot of work ahead of us, but I am inspired. Divesting from the police is a crucial step in the right direction. Please reach out to me if you have questions or would like to discuss. Molli Guthrie

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6/8/2020 22:24	Mimi Andrews	Hello, My name is Mimi Andrews and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I believe strong and safe communities are created by putting money into them in a way that can support each and every citizen, especially our most vulnerable ones. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in education, affordable housing, Covid-19 relief programs, and homeless resources. Sincerely, Mimi Andrews
6/8/2020 22:26	Michelle Richens	I am a resident of North Salt Lake but work in Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a people's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a people's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Michelle Richens North Salt Lake, UT 84054
6/8/2020 22:30	Lynn Dankowski	I live above Foothill, where many of my neighbors seem to disapprove of any reduction in police funding. I disagree. Even though we've had bikes stolen and speeders, etc. and very little police presence, I think its more important and impactful to spend resources in low-income communities. The SLCPD's seems to have a horrible record with killing minorities and others. But I dont put all tbe blame on the police. The police should not be asked to respond to every community crisis such as mental health issues, drug abuse, youth officers, homelessness and other problems. Lets take some of our police budget and use it to respond to those issues with tailored solutions and to provide health and opportunity in low-income and other neighborhoods. Use non police budget for this too! How about a housing allowance for cops to live in the neighborhoods they serve? How about better health care, better grocery stores etc. in higher crime areasa? I think thete are a lot of ways to improve our communities. it's time to improve them for black and brown and community members. Try something new!!!! it's not working now. This is the way to make our entire community safer. Thanks
6/8/2020 22:33	Anonymous Constituent	We need and appreciate our police department. PLEASE do not defund. I do not agree with the way people have thrown an "all or nothing" mentality on the police department for a few bad eggs. I appreciate you, my family appreciates you, and we are so thankful that we have good men and women protecting us and fighting for our community. I am terribly sorry for those of you have been labeled as anything but good, helpful, life sacrificing men and women. I hope you will be able to tune the noise out and know there are actually sane people who care greatly for you all. DEFUNDING IS NOT THE ANSWER. QUITE THE OPPOSITE!!!

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6/8/2020 22:36	Joni Ostler	Dear Council, Please do not slash funding for the police force in reaction to the protests. Please instead address systemic racism problems through sensitivity training and reduce police violence by changing policies and more police training in emphathy. I support the Black Lives Matter movement and its ultimate goals of reducing police violence and eliminating police bias against minorities. I do not believe that cutting funding will help achieve these goals. i believe the citizens will suffer more if police are reduced such that criminals feel emboldened and citizens feel unsafe. Please consider the fact that minority communities are often the victims of more crimes than white communities. Police presence is needed for public service and safety. Instead of slashing funding we should consider more targeted ways toreform the system to address problems. We should not throw the baby out with the bathwater.
6/8/2020 22:30	Anonymous Constituent	I am from Bountiful. You will lose 100% of my business if you have LESS police. It is already questionable at times to go to certain areas of Salt Lake. I am FAR from alone with this opinion. Work on training if needed- not cutting funds. HUGE mistake!!
6/8/2020 22:30	Erika Polley	The idea that cutting the budget to our police force will make anything better is asinine. Social programs are great - but people will still commit crimes. Property damage, personal harm, drug use and violence will not disappear simply because of redistribution of funds. More training for officers? Fine. Better options for reporting bad cops? Yes, please! More community involvement to build relationships with police force? ABSOLUTELY! But cutting the funds availalbe to those who are sworn to protect us - will simply ensure the only people that become cops are those that shouldn't (because good cops will go elsewhere), and increase harm to those in the community.
6/8/2020 22:34	Jennie Williams	Please do not reduce the funding of the SLCPD!!! We need them all! Their work is so important!
6/8/2020 23:30	Heather Shelton	do not defund the police !!! these hard working men and women put their lives on the line every single day to protect us and without them, or entire country would collapse. The police force is essential to the safety and success of our country.