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6/12/2020 7:31	Kim Stuck	<p>Good afternoon council members, I am writing to express my sadness that you would write a statement such as was written on 6/5/2020, condemning the officers involved in the Palacios-Carbajal shooting and turning this criminal into a martyr/hero. Correct me if I am wrong, but the police were called to a scene where a man was robbing people at gunpoint, then this man proceeded to run away from police with the weapon still in his possession. I was also under the impression that he was given ample opportunity to stop running and relinquish his weapon, which he did not. Saying you are "outraged" by the death of a violent criminal in the city is beyond maddening. This wasn't a George Floyd situation. This was two officers responding to an actual threatening individual with a weapon. If police officers can't respond to a criminal with a gun with deadly force, then what can they do? Are they supposed to tase a man with a gun? What are you trying to accomplish with a statement like this? The morale with the officers is already low with all they have had to deal with these past weeks. They are out there having to stand in front of protesters hurling profanities at them, being hit with all manner of objects thrown at them, trying to keep the peace. In my experience with most officers, they don't want violence. They don't want to arrest people or shoot them, and they sure aren't out there (as one person in the media put it) "hunting black people". There are many of us that bell've the system is broken and needs to be fixed, but it's not all on the police or judicial system. America was set up against minorities from the start, and I honestly don't know how to fix that. Unfortunately, the blame is lying all on the police right now, when it's should be spread between all systems that are unfair to minorities, including banks, universities, health care, justice, etc. I bell've we need to allocate more money and resources to uplift minority communities, but "defunding the police" is a strange way to do that. It won't take care of the problems we have in Salt Lake....we don't have the same problems as some of the other big cities and certainly not the same racial problems as the south (where I have lived for a short period of time). Please have a little more respect for what these officers have to deal with (not only animosity and vitriol from you, but also from a few angry protesters). The majority of the people in this state have had good relations with these officers and feel they are doing a good job with what they have. Give them more resources if needed. Change some of the outdated practices like chokeholds, but please don't make their jobs and lives harder than they already are right now. Thank you for your time. Kim Stuck Nurse Practitioner</p>

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6/12/2020 7:38	Kirsten Nicholas	<p>Dear Utah Council Members and Mayor, I am a resident of Park City, Utah. While I do not live in Salt Lake, I also consider it my city due to it's proximity to my hometown. 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,</p>

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6/12/2020 7:36	Kira Hill-Filben	<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, Kira Hill-Filben Salt Lake City, UT</p>

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6/12/2020 7:40	Kirtly Maxfield	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 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,

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6/12/2020 7:42	Kishan Thambu	<p>Hi Mayor Mendenhall, I am a student here at West High School, and I am emailing you in regards to the upcoming vote regarding the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. The recent news regarding police brutality is not new; rather, it points to long-term, systemic flaws within the structures of policing. Therefore, it is readily apparent that prior to the vote, the city should make drastic cuts to the SLCPD. These cuts should be at least 30 million dollars. This money could be reallocated to actually assist minority communities, as opposed to further funding a department which does not hesitate to discriminate and oppress. Furthermore, I demand a hiring freeze on any new police officers during this fiscal year. The system is set up in a manner which hires inadequate and unqualified officers in a position that requires the utmost preparation and qualification. Until these standards are reflected in hiring, no new officers should be appointed. This is vital; we are at a pivotal moment in history where the inadequacies of our policing system are more obvious than ever. I am not African-American. Neither are you, Mayor Mendenhall. I urge that you hear the voices of those oppressed by this broken policing system and enact real change to assist these communities that have been oppressed for centuries, not only by the police, but by the society that they claim to serve. I urge you to be a part of the change, and be an ally to those that have been suffering for centuries. Warmly,</p>
6/12/2020 7:43	Klarissa Mahler	<p>Hello, My name is Klarissa Mahler 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, Klarissa Mahler</p>

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6/12/2020 7:49	David Knaub	<p>To the Salt Lake City Council Members; I wanted to express my thoughts regarding the atmosphere which is going on in the past weeks. I've been out on short term disability due to a surgery on my left shoulder and watched my coworkers and team mates on the Public Order Unit which I'm also a volunteer member. I'm proud of the job they did in stopping the violence and unrest in the streets of Salt Lake City. We've been trained to a standard that Metropolitan Police in the United Kingdom and other countries around the world use to safely disperse large unruly or violent crowds. I'm proud of the training we've received and equi'ment, but more should have been provided long ago when we first started in April 2015, let me give you an example. While then candidate Donald Trump was running for office and visited the State of Utah on March 18, 2016, I was one of the officers stuck between two opposing crowds trying to keep them separate. We were finally able to gain a line of officers to protect the building, which was being used against a large crowd that wasn't happy he was in the State. During a after action de-briefing Chief Brown asked what we may need in equi'ment and training to better prepare. I suggested we needed some form of better communication since I could barely hear through my radio ear piece any commands or communications coming through and over my radio. The department has provide some of the protective equi'ment need, but only after we've had additional protests that could have turned violent. I have equi'ment to protect my body, but have not been issued the appropriate helmet again because of funding in purchasing enough. I do have a ballistic helmet which is not designed for these type of deployments. The appropriate helmet used by the public order unit were distinct in color (Blue, White, &amp; Yellow) which are designed to protect from injuries to the head, but also have our individual badge numbers attached to them. These helmets can be outfitted with radio headsets to help in the communication aspect to safely execute a plan quickly and safely. If anyone has these headsets installed in their helmets it's only a few, and it poses hazards to the remaining officer and public by not having the clear communication need in these loud and chaotic environments. We've also requested summer Public Order Unit uniforms by the department since all we have been issued are a thicker winter style uniform. The department should have already supplied both types of uniform so we could safely do our job in whatever temperature we will be working. <b>*Continued 1/4*</b></p>

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	David Knaub	<p><b>*Continued 2/4*</b> While I had to stay at home and watch these protest and riot occur, I could tell you I was feeling anxiety of knowing that my friends, colleagues, and family were going to put themselves in harm's way to protect and serve. I can't even image what they were feeling knowing they were going to put themselves in harm's way and not knowing when or if they would ever be able to return home to protect the city and citizens of Salt Lake. I do hope you see that without a Police Department which has the funding in place to get officers the training, equi'ment, and help they need this could have turned really bad. Having objects thrown at you for example, rock, signs, scooters, water bottles these items could easily injure and even kill someone. This riot could have turned deadly and a legally justified use of deadly force by an officer to stop someone or themselves from being injured or killed. If you haven't ever read the Utah Criminal Code on Deadly Force (Utah Criminal Code 76-2-404) I would ask you to familiarize yourself with it because as officers we are taught this over and over again in every scenario we are put through in training. Luckily the City had a Public Order Unit with the protective gear that helps protect us and changes when it's appropriate to use force all the way to deadly force. I hope you all will thank and show appreciation to the men and women throughout the Salt Lake City Police Department and other agencies who responded these past weeks that help bring civility back to the streets and protect countless lives and property from being injured or destroyed. For the last 10 years out of the 12 years I've been part of the Salt Lake City Police Department, I've I'vestigating fatal traffic collision within the City and County. The amount of people I have told that their loved ones will never return home is not fun. I enjoy my work in reconstructing traffic collision, due to the fact I get to explain, who, what, where, and why this collision occurred. The Salt Lake City Police Department has problems funding specialized training to support its officers and detectives from being the best we can be. For the 10 years I've been able to attend numerous training(s) in the science of accident reconstruction, but I've been dumb founded at the lack of opportunities the Department has given me by providing funding to attend training. The department has paid for only three training opportunities which I'm happy to have been able to attend but many of my co-workers have not had the same luck. Many of the courses in Accident Reconstruction are expensive and are not taught in the State of Utah.</p>

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	David Knaub	<p><b>*Continued 3/4*</b> The department has a very small training budget which is usually depleted with the first six months. This field I work in is one of the most expensive and doesn't get the funding it deserves like the homicide squad does, but we also investigate deaths. This isn't the only problem with training but we continue to have problems with getting the needed equipment. The technology in this field can be expensive, but makes investigating these collisions much easier. The department purchased a Faro 3D scanner which speeds up the time we are on scene by collecting millions of points of data. This data needs computers that can process the amount of information collected at the scene. Out of the four detectives who investigate these collisions we only have two computers between us. The department purchased one HP Zbook laptop and one came with the package when we purchased the Faro 3D scanner. I've asked the Command Staff for help in purchasing two additional computers. I've looked at obtaining grants to purchase them, which has been denied because the command staff wants them purchased through IMS and their budget so they get replaced when needed. The IMS budget to obtain computers stays the same and no additional computers will be purchased. Last year my squad asked our captain to put \$6000.00 in the fiscal budget for computers and it was deleted from the budget. I was told (order) at the beginning of the year to stop asking or requesting computers. I've been tempted to go out and purchase a computer for myself so I don't have to wait for another Detective working on his case to be done with a computer so I can continue and finish one of my cases. Throughout this time in trying to obtain training or equipment to do my assigned job, I have very low expectations that the command staff even cares about what happens or how the cases are investigated. This is why my confidence in the command staff is lacking in support. I sure know that Law enforcement is not a glamorous job, it's not even close to what T.V. and movies try to portray, it's something you will never understand until you actually put on the boots, take the oath, and go out to protect and serve the citizens in the community. The citizens who want us patrolling the streets in their neighborhoods are willing to have us be part of a small line of protection from people who want to victimize and hurt the good citizens of Salt Lake City. I wish that everyone would respect each other and be accountable and responsible for their own actions so the police department could be downsized or</p>



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	David Knaub	<p><b>*Continued 4/4*</b> entirely eliminated, but there are people in society who will prey on anyone they feel they could take advantage of and these are the people we protect. I'm with Mayor Mendenhall and request you as a council be a strong voice in encouraging District Attorney Sim Gill to speed up his process of deciding if an officer was justified in using deadly force or not. The time for the investigating agency to bring the case to Sim Gill is only a few weeks. Having Officers, Departments, and anyone that has an interest waiting for month(s) and even in some cases a year to be told that the officer involved shooting has been cleared. I'm saddened that at times someone may lose their life, but we all face consequences through our own actions. I would encourage each of you to ask Chief Brown to have the training unit put you through shot, no shot scenarios, and would suggest you try using the live sim-munition rounds. What we do is not a game and you can't push the restart button. We all want to return home to our families and provide for them, and I hope you realize that we want to keep the community safe by apprehending people who break the law and put other citizens safety in jeopardy by dangerous actions they do. I dream that the Salt Lake City Council will help and support the man and women of the Salt Lake City Police Department in keeping the City safe from people that would like to do it harm. The police department only functions at its best when the rank and file knows we have the support from the very top, starting with the Mayor, the Council, the Chief, and on down. Since I've been with the Police Department I've never really felt like the Mayor or the City Council truly cared about the needs of the Police Department Officers and it's support staff. Through the years I've had pay frozen, pay reduced, training denied, equipment not provided and more. We need your help in attracting the best Officers in the State and from Outside to continue to join the Salt Lake City Police Department, because every officer wants to have best people working beside us. We continue to lose the best candidates to smaller departments due to their higher pay and the incentives they're providing the officer to come and join their department ranks. We need you to show that this is the best department and city to work for and support our efforts to continue to providing the citizens the best police department in the State. Thank you for your time in truly thinking and learning about what actions taken will affect the outcome of this Police Department and help increase the budget to help it'striving to be the best in the State. With warmest regards</p>

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6/12/2020 7:57	Kris Lander	<p>Council Member Fowler, Thank you for your stand against police violence in our city. Like many others in District 7, I was outraged by the shooting of Bernardo Palacio-Carbajal. The fact that our city police officers felt that they could murder a man WHILE knowingly filming the execution with their body cam speaks volumes about why so many Utahns have been protesting for the past two weeks. <a href="https://www.sltrib.com/news/politics/2020/06/07/salt-lake-city/">https://www.sltrib.com/news/politics/2020/06/07/salt-lake-city/</a> Thank you for speaking out. I am encouraged by the words of the city council. I am anxiously waiting to see what actions the city will take following this egregious extra-judicial killing. Thank you, Kris Lander</p>

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6/12/2020 8:02	Kristy Martin	<p>Hello, My name is Kristy Martin 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 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'm a primary care provider at the VA and have witnessed my patient?s different experiences with police and the legal system based on their race and it's in unacceptable. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in social services for the homeless, MENTAL HEALTH, domestic violence services, and education. Sincerely, Kristy Martin, FNP</p>

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6/12/2020 8:01	Kristi Kruser	<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, Kristi</p>

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6/12/2020 8:38	Kiara Perez	>> ?Hello, >> >> My name is Kiara Perez and I am a resident of Salt Lake City, Utah. >> I am emailing you in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. >> I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLPD?s budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is an extremely important part of supporting, growing, and strengthening our community. >> >> Thank you for your time, >> >> Kiara Perez

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6/12/2020 8:25	Anonymous Constituent	<p>You know what you need to do: just weed out the officers who go overboard and have more training on racial stereotyping. we need our officers!</p>

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6/12/2020 8:34	Kyle Ahlstrom	<p>Hello, Mayor Mendenhall My name is Kyle Ahlstrom and I am a resident of Salt Lake City I live downtown. 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 of what I have seen and experienced in regards to the power the police have and the lack of support countless other groups and communities have. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million directly back into the community and not the abuse and oppression of the community. I live by pioneer park and while the police raid banished many of the people experiencing homelessness there those people have found inadequate refuge other places in the city. I?d love to see money go to their direct aid and not the military grade abuse of those citizens of your city. I bell've we can do more good with this budget. Thank you for your time! Sincerely, Kyle Ahlstrom.</p>

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6/12/2020 8:35	Kyle Uhlig	<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,</p>

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6/12/2020 8:35	Kylie Christensen	<p>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, Kylie Christensen</p>
6/12/2020 8:39	Kysen Hall	<p>Hello, my name is Kysen Hall and I am a tax paying resident in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 20/21 fiscal budget. I strongly encourage you to defund the police by at least 30 million. There is no reason for our local police to have militarized weapons in the street. It is a huge waste of money. That 30 millin can be used in our communities to help with homelessness and mental illness and other social/ community services. I also advocate for the firing and prosecution of the officers involved in the murder of Bernardo Palacios. Police officers do not have the right to pull their gun and shoot whenever they feel they are in danger. Police involved shootings should be l'vestigated by public citizens from around the city. It is unlawful that police get to l'vestigate other police officers. It almost always ends without justice being served.</p>

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6/12/2020 8:36	Kylie Noble	<p>Hello, I am a resident of District 1. 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,</p>
6/12/2020 8:39	Kyton Sweat	<p>Hello, My name is Kyton Sweat and I am a worker for CMN Hospitals 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. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million into community programs that will benefit those in need. Sincerely, Kyton Sweat</p>

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6/12/2020 10:08	Alyssa Geisler	I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. Support for communities in need is necessary now. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD. I demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. I demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of all Utahns, especially poor Utahns. I demand a budget that supports housing for all, living wages, health care, and community wellbeing, rather than a budget that empowers the police to harm our communities. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year. Thank you for your time, Alyssa Geisler 84115
6/12/2020 10:16	Anonymous Constituent	Please do not cut SLCPD's budget. They need access to more and better training, better recruiting and more resources to help better and serve their community. They are there because they want to serve and protect and still be able to go back home to their families at the end of their shift. Cutting the budget, puts both them and the community at risk.
6/12/2020 12:10	Lauren Martin	Hello, My name is Lauren Martin. I am emailing you with concerns regarding the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I am a resident in Park City and I frequently come to Salt Lake City to dine and play. I am calling on the mayor and leadership to defund the police department! We do not need to allocate more money to the SLCPD to further militarize them, especially given the political climate in this country right now. I believe that, at the very least, 30 million dollars be reallocated from the police department to community services that will actually reduce crime over time. Services to help with mental health care, the education system and the homeless population. I also believe there should be a hiring freeze on new police officers, a stricter hiring process and better training on how to calm situations without force. Thank you for your time, Lauren Martin

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6/12/2020 12:15	Stella Ray	<p>SLC City Council Members, I am a resident of Salt Lake City and I have voiced my concerns previously, in an email, about the proposed budget increase for SLCPD for the upcoming fiscal year. Today I heard of the plans to increase the police budget even more than previously planned, despite desperate calls from your constituents to defund the police by \$30 million. This is a disgrace! Your constituents are asking you to defund the police to prevent unnecessary death in our community. Body cameras have been shown to protect police more than they protect victims of police violence, insofar as police feel that the cameras justify their use of force and weapons, as we saw with the murder of our community member Bernardo Palacios. De-escalation training has already been in place in SLCPD and hasn't worked, with sustained police brutality as evidence of this. Increasing the police budget only allows them access to more funds for weapons and technology that has been shown to increase the incidents of police brutality. After significant calls from the community to decrease the proposed budget for SLCPD for the sake of protecting People's lives, the proposal of more funding is a shameful move on the part of the Salt Lake City Council. Let it be known that we will not forget how you acted during these times, and come next election season we will vote out those who ignore their constituents and continue to support an institution that threatens the lives of our Black and Brown neighbors. Thank you for reading. Do the right thing! Stella Ray</p>
6/12/2020 12:12	Lindee Frye	<p>Hello, My name is Lindee Frye and I am a resident and employee 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 officers are not being trained properly, hired cautiously, or educated around their own biases and how they may play into their reactions in the field. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million in psychological assessments before hitting an officer, biases training with passing test, require degrees in criminal justice before entering the field along with hiring experts in the mental health field around topics such as domestic violence, anger management, conflict resolution etc to partner up with and respond with officers in collaboration with requiring de escalation procedures to take place when responding to calls. Sincerely, Lindee Frye</p>

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6/12/2020 12:02	Kailey Quist	<p>I support law enforcement and our safety in the community. Please don't cut their budget Kailey:)</p>



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6/12/2020 12:07	Kyle Winchenbach	<p>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, [YOUR NAME] [YOUR ADDRESS] [YOUR EMAIL] [YOUR PHONE NUMBER] Sent from my iPhone</p>

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6/12/2020 12:03	Katherine Cavazos	<p>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 your time, Katherine Cavazos</p>

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6/12/2020 12:04	Katherine Rowden	<p>Please, Redirect Police Funding to Community Wellbeing I am a recent transplant to UT, am in Councilman Mano's District, and will be a registered UT voter by the end of the month. I am writing to ask that you please redirect money from police budgets to community health services: mental health services, addiction services, education, housing, child care, health care, etc. In other words, the programs and services that are known to create community health &amp; well-being. Over policing &amp; subsequent mass incarceration is not a solution that resulted in a healthier and safer society ? it is incredibly corrosive &amp; destructive to community well-being and disproportionately impacts Black, Indigenous, People of Color, and other marginalized groups &amp; communities It is clear that several decades of police reform? efforts have not solved the problem of systemic racism, police brutality, over-policing of Black / marginalized / minority communities, and death at the hands of police. It is horrifying how rarely clear abuses of power and human rights violations go un-charged, un-prosecuted, and end with little or no repercussions or changes to the system. This is a systemic &amp; institutional problem that must be solved by policy, not more reform or training solutions. The countless police attacks on peaceful protestors these past two weeks has served to highlight this issue in a distressing (but sadly, not surprising) way. Continuing to support old solutions? of funding police to respond to all of society's troubles, when history shows us that it clearly has not worked, is illogical. I urge you to support implementation of new solutions, funding priorities, and police accountability that acknowledge the innate worth &amp; value of each human being in our society. Black Lives Matter. Thank you, Katherine Rowden</p>

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6/12/2020 12:05	Kathy Yeates	<p>As a resident of Salt Lake I am begging you not to defund our police. They are very much needed. Citizens need to feel safe by knowing our police officers are there to help when called. If anything they need to be paid more for putting their lives on the line for us every day. They should not be punished because of a few bad cops. There should actually be more officers out there because of the danger of the rioters. You have not done enough to make your everyday citizens that are not rioters feel safe. Sincerely, Kathy Yeates</p>

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6/12/2020 12:05	Katie McGregor	<p>I am a resident of South Salt Lake 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, 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, Katie McGregor</p>
6/12/2020 12:09	LaVerle Ward	<p>Mayor and Council Members, As a citizen of Utah, I have grave concerns as I hear and read that SLC governing voices are considering cutting funding to the police force. This is wrong! To be motivated to do so because of screaming voices, many of which belong to terrorist groups such as Antifa and RAM, again is wrong. New recruits are beginning to leave in the face of salary cuts and the future of what their careers as a police man might look like. Please be wise, do your homework, make decisions that are good for SLC and Utah. We need a good, strong, well trained police force to defend our laws and our citizenry. Thank you, LaVerle Ward</p>

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6/12/2020 12:15	Maren Lords	<p>Hello, My name is Maren Lords 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 see every day on my way to work the military surplus's vehicles bought with excess police funding that do nothing but prepare our police to go to war against the citizens they swore to protect. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education so we can avoid higher crime rates, environment so I can breathe without constant asthma treatments in the winter, and incentives for small businesses since they are what build this community up. Sincerely, Maren Lords Sent from my iPhone</p>
6/12/2020 12:09	Laura Smith	<p>Hello Salt Lake City Council Members, Please do not take resources from police officers! People are calling forreform and more training and better handling of situations. How can we expect that of the officers with fewer resources to utilize in making these changes? If anything, follow San Diego's lead and give them more funding to allow for further training.  <a href="https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2020/06/09/san-diego-police-budget-defund-calls/5330547002/">https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2020/06/09/san-diego-police-budget-defund-calls/5330547002/</a> We have many fantastic, brave, intelligent officers that work tirelessly to keep Salt Lake City safe. Please don't abandon'them in this critical time! They need your support and backing more than ever before. Thank you for your consideration. Laura Smith</p>
6/12/2020 12:15	Mateja Lund	<p>Hello, My name is Mateja Lund and I am a University of Utah 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. This is important to me because I am working towards a degree in health and social policy-and am learning every day about the discrepancies in healthcare based on socioeconomic status. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in providing community services-mental health services, housing for those in need, and public health education for ALL and especially our underserved Utahns. Sincerely, Mateja Lund</p>

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6/12/2020 12:10	Lily Kim	Hello, My name is Lily Kim and I am a Resident of Salt Lake City, and a student at the University of Utah. 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 I'vest \$30 million in ecological restoration and school systems. Sincerely, Lily
6/12/2020 12:13	Lisha Butterfield	To whom it may concern, I realize there is much happening in the world and even right here in our own state when it comes to Black Lives Matter and police brutality. I just want to do my part to make a difference. Hence, I write this message. I agree that we need to find ways as resident, as Utahn, but ultimately as people, to show love, respect, and equality to all races, genders, cultures, beliefs.reform is needed where that is lacking. There are police that take the power given them upon themselves to create barriers, unnecessary force, and make huge mistakes. They should be held accountable. There are also police officers whom put their lives on the line every day, always are thrown into the unexpected, and quite possibly could react mistakenly to any given situation. That sometimes ends tragically. That should be handled. However, with all of that said, I see in no way that defunding the very people we need to protect us, to keep peace in the streets despite the disrespect they are given, that rush to the aid of those in need will help any of that. It is the opposite of what would be effective. Funding the police to provide better training, develop more non lethal forces, institute further accountability measures, more police to share the load so they aren't over burdened and stressed making snap decisions in that state seems the more logical answer.reform is necessary. Defunding would be covering to the social pressures of the moment and making rash decisions based on recent events and isolated incidents. Please encourage those making the decisions on the behalf of me and my family to look at the whole picture, use both logic and the heart, and dig deep to find alternatesolutions to solve this crisis. Defunding will only further the crisis, leave us unprotected and vulnerable, and ultimately not solve any of the issues at hand. Individual police officers that do not use the power they are given to do good will always exist, regardless of the financial position of the police departments. Defunding will not weed out the bad vs the good officers. It will only eliminate the tools needed for the good ones to do their job well. Thank you for your time, Alisha Butterfield



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6/12/2020 12:14	Angie Burge	<p>To all it may concern, We need our police to maintain their funding if not enlarge it for any additional training or additional man power. Our community needs full access to their protection. The people have the right to safety, especially in light of all the criminals that have recently been let out of prison and the recent riots. Safety should be priority number one, even in fiscal matters. If this is regarding bad cops (meaning they break laws like the criminals they are supposed to regulate), those specific individuals can lose their funding by firing them and criminally charging them. That I fully condone. Police of such low caliber have no place in our community. Neither do the other criminals. Thank you, Angie Burge</p>
6/12/2020 12:17	Maya Kobe-Rundio	<p>To Mayor Mendenhall and others: My name is Maya Kobe-Rundio. 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, Maya</p>

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6/12/2020 12:18	McKinley Merchant	<p>Hello, My name is McKinley Merchant and I am a resident of Rose Park. 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 work as a social worker. I see the benefit of years in school and practice that we and other mental health providers have over police. I understand they serve a role in our community but we need more money in our school systems. Last year alone there were 3 suicides at Highland High. This is not ok. Please put a social worker and psychologist in every school. This way kids won't get lost in the system and if they have basic needs the school can help fulfill them. We need to put the money back to foundations and away from those who are hurting and killing. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in getting a social worker and school psychologist in every school. Sincerely, McKinley Merchant</p>
6/12/2020 12:13	Lynn Averett	<p>Mr. Dugan, Please stand up and don't be bullied by anarchy mob rule! Law and order must prevail! Instead of this beyond incredibly absurd push to defund or disband the police, we need to thank and support all the brave individuals who choose to serve others. Those who risk their lives daily especially now as they face rioters, looters, arsonists, civil unrest and COVID-19. Those who've risked their lives in the past for America's safety and freedom and for those around the globe protecting others as well. Running into harm's way facing danger without a second's hesitation. Masks and gloves on or without. All First Responders, including Emergency Dispatch Service Members, Armed Security Guards, Border Patrol, ICE and K9s. They aren't in this for the compensation and their selflessness must not go unnoticed. To group all law enforcement with the few that do wrong is as idiotic as grouping all protesters with the looters and the vile individuals who commit violence. Again, please stand up for civility, law and order. That is what the majority of the people want and desire. Thank you, Lynn Averett</p>

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6/12/2020 12:14	Mallory Kidwell	<p>Hello, I am a PhD student at the University of Utah and 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 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. Thank you for your time, Mallory Kidwell</p>
6/12/2020 12:16	Matthew Bainsmith	<p>Hello, I am a resident of SLC and citizen that bell'ves our polarizing society does not allow space for self-awareness and growth. I wanted to write in SUPPORT of reallocating some of the funds from the SLCPD to community intervention programs such as: - Community/Peer focused criminal remediation and oversight of police practices. - Improved healthcare infrastructure (including non-coercive mental healthcare) - Affordable and accessible childcare, especially for low-income families - Neighborhood based trauma centers - Non-coercive drug and alcohol treatment programming - More mental health professionals and counselors to be involved in community distress situations INSTEAD of police involvement - I'vestment in health and wellness through community-based food banks, grocery cooperatives, gardens, and farms - Youth programs that promote learning, safety, and community care - Greater I'vestment in schools (including counselors, mental health professionals, and paraprofessionals) Best, Matt Bainsmith</p>

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6/12/2020 12:18	Mel Martinez	Salt Lake City Council, Defund the SLCPD! Both city council meetings have been full of demands to defund the police department. I hope you are listening. Salt Lake City can take the lead of many other cities across the country by cutting police budgets and working with community members to create sustainable plans for the future! Mel Martinez Sent from ProtonMail mobile

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6/12/2020 12:19	Melissa Gill	<p>To the leadership of Salt Lake City, My name is Melissa Gill and I am writing as a concerned citizen from Cottonwood Heights. In the wake of recent spotlight on police brutality and murders, and the racial injustice that has been woven into the fabric of our nation's identity since its inception, I am writing to urge you to take immediate and radical action, and lead the nation by example in how you choose to move our city's systems, policies, and programs forward to prevent future instances like that of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and closer to home, Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal. I acknowledge each area of city leadership for what they have done so far to address these issues, including Mayor Mendenhall's choice to repeal the curfew and allowing our citizens to exercise their constitutional rights, and for hosting and scheduling multiple listening sessions with community leaders, and publicly stating your disdain for the current systems, and promise of both long and short-term change to come. I have seen the statements issued from Chief Mike Brown detailing the SLCPD's policies and procedures to mitigate police bias, brutality and violence, and while I am grateful to see what is already in place like the Community Advocates Group, body cams, reporting and human bias training. These policies are encouraging, as is the Council's willingness to implement new training for officers, and review the operations of the Police Civilian Review board. No doubt our city is thinking ahead of the curve, and these new policies are simply not enough (as the City Council mentioned in their recent statement). We have an opportunity to think bigger, and truly model a reworking of government and society that breaks from our country's long and storied history of oppression. My hope is that the Mayor, Council, and Police Chief can work together to bring about radical shift in the way our city cares for its people. I urge you to make aggressive defunding of the police department and reallocation of funds your primary concern. it's clear from the recent statement from the City Council that funding of the department is up for review, and certainly with the upcoming budget vote, you stand poised to make immediate and lasting change in our city, and set an example for the nation. I know that housing is already top of mind for the Council, and I would also like to offer the data-driven policy laid out by 8toabolition as a model for the types of programming that would end not only police brutality, but take us far into the work of dismantling systemic racism. While all the points from the campaign are vital, I personally would like to see dramatic increase of funding to support the following</p> <p><b>*Continued 1/2*</b></p>

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	Melissa Gill	<p><b>*Continued 2/2*</b> Housing : Especially since the City Council has named this as a priority, I urge you to look at newsolutions including forgive burden of rent repayment during COVID-19, prohibit evictions, create non-coercive housing for youth experiencing abuse or familial rejection because of their identity as LGBTQIA+, increase funding for housing for refugees and those seeking asylum, continue to provide and expand adequate housing options for those experiencing homelessness Healthcare Infrastructure : Especially non-coercive drug and alcohol addiction treatment centers, neighborhood trauma recovery centers, women?s health resources, mind/body wellness resources (mindfulness, meditation, movement) training for mental health professionals, and free programming to low-income residents. Education : End the use of property taxes to determine school funding. Funnel resources into paying educators more, diversity and inclusion as well as trauma sensitivity training for educators and staff, and offering more and better counselling services in schools Youth Programming : Expand current and develop more and more effective youth programs that support growth, development, safety, and community care I am looking to you to do your part as the leadership of our city government to unravel the societal structures that explicitly and implicitly harm our communities, and disproportionately harm those in our community who are Black, Indigenous, or people of color. Thank you for your time, Sincerely Melissa Gill</p>
6/12/2020 12:25	Morgan Durfey	<p>To whom it may concern, I am writing this email to let you know as a citizen I support the police department and I'm very grateful for all that they do. Please do not cut their budget they are essential and much needed. Thanks Morgan Durfey</p>
6/12/2020 12:20	Mica Greaves	<p>Hello, My name is Mica Greaves and I am a Worker 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 work in Special Education. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in Special Education funding. Sincerely, Mica Greaves</p>

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6/12/2020 12:24	Misty Sheppard	<p>I am extremely concerned to learn that the city council is even considering defunding the police. This would be a terrible mistake that would have long standing consequences. It would be a slap in the face to all of the good police officers out there who protect our city and put their lives on the line every single day for very little pay. We need to send a message of unity. A message that we are going to work together to solve the issues at hand. Not a message that we cave to the pressures of those who do not even have a logical basis for defunding the police. The overwhelming majority of people in this city will never support this decision. The statistics do not support this decision. It is time to make smart, educated choices to make our city the best it can be; a city we can all be proud to live in.</p>
6/12/2020 12:22	Michelle Giauque	<p>Dear SLC Council Members, As a resident of Salt Lake City, I was distressed to learn today that the SLC Council is considering an action to defund the police. This would be a colossal mistake, and an action I bell've the overwhelming majority of SLC residents would oppose. If anything, our police need increased funding to address PTSD, to provide satisfactory riot gear, de escalation techniques, and perhaps even hazard pay when officers are placed in a riot type situation where their lives are endangered. When rioters are wielding weapons, throwing incendiary devices, overturning police vehicles, and displaying other such violence and lawlessness it becomes akin to a combat zone. I don't know anyone who is okay with rac'l'm, abuse of power, or corruption. Defunding the police addresses none of those concerns. it's my position that the unintended consequences of such an action would only exacerbate current problems while creating others. An illogical and emotional reaction from our elected representatives is the last thing we need. No one hates a bad cop more than a good one, and we need to keep good cops protected and willing to work. Maybe it'should be a harsher punishment for a cop when they do step out of line. The settlement money from these lawsuits should come from their pension/retirement. Maybe then they will think twice, and stand up when they see something wrong happening. I will encourage my friends and neighbors to contact you as well. It is my hope that you will listen to all of your constituents - not just the ones who are loudly protesting and rioting. Sincerely, Michelle giauque Michelle Giauque</p>

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6/12/2020 12:26	Paige Hardman	Hello, I am writing to express my concern about the budget cuts for our police departments in Utah. Please do not vote to cut our police department budgets! I am very concerned about the safety of my family and do not want these budget cuts to decrease the safety of my community. This is not the answer in solving any racial issues in this country. Do not risk the safety of Utah citizens to make a political statement. Thank you, Paige Hardman
6/12/2020 12:23	Mika Brown	Erin, I beg you. My name is Mika Brown. We need to do better. As an avid environmentalist and lover of animals, we know that these things can take a toll on our hearts. Right now, our family and friends are banding together in solidarity with our BIPOC family and asking for a change. I know that change is new and complicated and hard. And I know that we may not get it perfect the first time around. But we must try. I bell've in you and bell've that you only want the best for our citizens and your children and family. We need to drastically change the way we treat others. You have the ability to make an effectual change that will impacts thousands of lives for generations. By diverting a portion of fund to marginalised communities, considering implementing some of not allowing of the '8 Can't Wait' policereform policies, requiring intense diversity and anti-racist training for all public offices and employees, and one that is very important to me is to create love to all within our state. The problems I see in my middle class neighbourhood are that we have been blessed to be sheltered from many challenging talks and situations. But not that is hurting our sense of humanity. Many people around me do not even acknowledge the existence of rac'l'm that is rampant around us and I, as an Asian American, experience it more here in Utah than any of the 4 countries in which I have lived. it's not because our citizens are bad, it's because we grow up unaware. We are privileged to ignore the systemic problems and violence that exist in many communities and have lost our compassion because we see it as normal or we see it as just part of poverty. Let?s say no to this. We must all stand up and fight for those who need our help. Please let me know if we can talk or if you are considering any of these things as soon as you can. This will not go away. I hope you get this Thank you. Mika



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6/12/2020 12:32	Rachael Newkirk	<p>To Whom it May Concern, I am a resident of SLC and a teacher at _____. I wanted to write in support of reallocating significant funds from the SLCPD to community interventions including but not limited to: -an improved healthcare infrastructure -affordable and accessible childcare, especially for low-income families -neighborhood based trauma centers -drug and alcohol treatment programs -more mental health professionals/counselors to be involved in community distress situations instead of police involvement -I'vestment in health and wellness through community based food banks, grocery cooperatives, gardens and farms -youth programs that promote learning, safety, and community care - greater I'vestment in school funding (para-pros, mental health professionals, counselors) As a Special Education teacher at a Title One School, I have seen firsthand how important it is to have implementation of preventative interventions towards whole-person wellness and how these interventions have helped my students and their families. I fl'mly bell've that this is a way to greatly benefit our SLC community. If implemented effectively, it would reduce the need for forcible interventions from the police. Thank you, Becky de Freit's</p>
6/12/2020 12:34	Riley Finnegan	<p>Hello, I am a resident of Sugar House. I am writing to request that the City Council and Mayor adopt a budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. 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 institutions, organizations, and efforts that empower young people to create positive change in their communities, that provide a haven for the oppressed, that continue to uplift the arts, that work towards equality in a way that acknowledges the inherit nobility of all human beings, and that utilizes a moral framework deeply rooted in the oneness of humanity. Thank you for your time, Riley Finnegan</p>

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6/12/2020 12:36	Shaz Bennett	<p>Dear leaders, I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to implore that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police and back to the everyday Utahn. 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 can no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are imploring you to listen to us ? 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 the mayor'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, Mx. Bennett</p>

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6/12/2020 12:23	Mikah Lindquist	<p>To the Salt Lake City Council, I would like to add my voice to the many others asking you to NOT reduce the police budget. Tensions and emotions are running high at this time, which is exactly why knee-jerk reactions should not be considered. I encourage you to calmly and objectively review the police budget. Please do meet with the police administration, detectives, motors and patrolmen to discuss how the department operates, what training is currently being done, what training needs to be implemented, what types of police calls can be redirected to other organizations (i.e. nonviolent neighbor disputes, mental health calls, etc.), use of force tactics and policies, etc. I am sure if you researched the number of calls that Salt Lake City PD receives and attends you would be able to see how much good they do on a day to day basis, rather than focusing on the one bad call. I am not saying that a call for help that results in injury or death should be ignored, but it is irresponsible to let that call define the entire department and bring it to its knees. Reducing the police budget will only make things worse, encourage criminals to be emboldened to do more damage to the city and people, and will encourage residents and business to leave. We have laws to maintain law and order. If you prevent the law enforcers from being able to safely and objectively do their jobs, where will our society be? I am so grateful for the Salt Lake City Police Department and all the good that they do for Salt Lake City. Please do NOT reduce the police budget! Sincerely, Shelley Lindquist</p>

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6/12/2020 12:25 J P		<p>Mayor and City Council, I wanted to reach out to you and Council members concerning a budget proposal effecting the SLC Police Department. In good conscience, I need to provide a public comment to city council as they consider decisions and discussions relating to proposed budget reduction for SLC Police Department and any potential effects this may have. It is very sad and unacceptable in todays society that we allow those within the media or in a group (with a political agenda) to have the ability of persuasion on a City Mayor and City Council members when creating their fiscal budget, especially for essential departments such as a police department. When budget discussions takes place within City Council meetings, it is important to remember potential end results for: local businesses, citizens, out of state visitors, tourl'm, active crime, drugs trafficking, police ability to effectively protect and serve their communities and the general atmosphere of the city. There is also a moral obligation to provide necessary protection/equ'l'ment to these officers, as they risk their lives each day serving and protecting. Police Officers make it possible for us to live in a community and have a reasonable expectation to feel safe and protected. By decreasing their budget for police officers and this department, you should not expect or assume that citizens would receive the same level of service provided as before. Ultimately the decision of whether or not to proceed with a budget cut, should not be based on rhetoric or any given public dialogue, but on how best to serve the constituents of whom elected you into office. As taxpayers, we want and should expect that the city provide police protection and assurance that officers will be able to respond with necessary support, equ'l'ment, and proper training that has been available to them in the past. It is also an obligation, as a governmental representatives, when making these budgeting decisions, it is crucial that you can effectively establish without bias or intent not to make this decision as "a political statement", that said decision would be justified and establish significant evidence that the health safety of the community is well provided. Unequivocal events such as; the recent street demonstrations in SLC put citizens, businesses, and the safety of police at risk. When elected official chose to support those that do not have peaceful intentions and produce radical demonstrations, sends a clear message: it is not a crime to break the law, hurt or destroy property if done for a cause or done during a demonstration. <b>*Continued 1/3*</b></p>

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	JP	<p><b>*Continued 2/3*</b> Furthermore, it suggests that you support this type of behavior if a representative gives in to enough public panic and paranoia. Your job as an official is not to exacerbate a situation by using the phrase, "When in Rome". The public does not need to feel that they must do whatever is necessary to protect life and property. Residents need to know that you are working towards restoring balance, even if it is not the current political satire in the news. Right now I do not feel safe or protected by any means and that my elected officials are trying to sell a message that; no matter how hard you work or what you do to contribute to society, if you feel that you are entitled to act out in relation to some injustice somewhere in the country and call it a demonstration, you are then justified to break, injure or steal property.</p> <p>Ordinances are established by Planning Commission and City Councils to address the needs and concerns of the city. These should not be bypassed by City Council or a Mayor due to the current dialogue injected into the news which ultimately fails to represent the majority of the people. This proposed budget cut is a clear punishment and political message that SLC wants to send out hoping other cities will follow suit. This decision fails to be objective or determined to be a targeted attack on all police officers everywhere. This does not give confidence in our elected officials, it does instill unrest, fear, paranoia, and panic for good law-abiding citizens. When these demonstrations began, the only thing that made me feel safe was knowing that these officers were there on the streets of Salt Lake City keeping the peace and protecting everyone involved. I could not imagine what would have happened if they were not there again on Sunday Night?</p> <p>Over the past 2 weeks I have seen Law Enforcement Officers conduct themselves in such a professional manner. They have demonstrated unbelievable restraint when faced with danger, being ridiculed, disrespected, spat on, and moments they feared for their lives. Just like you and I, sworn police officers have families and need to be able to support them. They take the risks neither you or I would ever do. They deal with the most difficult people imaginable day in and day out, not to mention the emotional stress of being an officer at this time. I do not support officers that would use deadly force similar to what happened in Minnesota. I do support our police officers, they add tremendous value and support to the community throughout all of Utah.</p>

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	JP	<p><b>* Continued 3/3*</b> Not all of us have the moral courage or conviction it takes to show up every day to work to protect and serve elected officials, who clearly want to punish them with budget cuts and paint them as the criminals, and still do their job. They have one of the most difficult jobs today and it is amazing that they still show up at all. I want to congratulate KSL as well for their courage as they followed and broadcasted these demonstrations in real time. This KSL broadcast is also a representation of how Law Enforcement came together and conducted themselves with such professionalism. This broadcast should be mandatory for City Council members to watch as they navigate any decisions that effecting any type of emergency responders. Now as a constituent, I expect that from my elected official to represent "we the people" and consider all people. I expect that in City Council decisions are not based on rhetoric which promote fear and inject anxiety back into society. I expect them to support and uphold all existing laws and ordinances that you have sworn to and promote a safe environment and example to the people of Salt Lake City. There are some that use public scrutiny, rhetoric, or personal agendas to serve their purpose in punishing honorable Law Enforcement Officers. This is a disservice to them and any citizens which uphold and support the very laws you created. Again, it is your responsibility and duty as a Elected Officials that you represent all people of SLC and provide protection for all, including the officers, that give all, in order to protect you. If you have not done so, it is imperative not to let a specific dialog dictate how are decisions are based. We need to set a precedence that our priority is to protect the good people of SLC and show support to Law Enforcement. They need to know that we have their backs even in troubled times such as now. Do Not give in or support those that use this type of tragedy for gain or entitle themselves in any form of criminal activity. Their agenda is not to promote peace but to instill chaos and fear and call it good. Do not promote bad behavior. Thank you, JP</p>

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6/12/2020 12:23	Mio Hino	<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, Mio H.</p>
6/12/2020 12:28	Joe Zeidner	<p>Council'man Dugan, Thank you for serving our community. My name is Joe Zeidner. I am writing to let you know we support the protests occurring. If not for Covid, we would be there in person. But just because we are not there in person doesn't mean we are silent - that is why I am writing to you. We applaud the recent announcements re the cessation of tear gas use by police and the removal of choke holds by police. However, much more must be done. Among those things I am asking for your support in doing the following: 1. Banning of hiring officers with any history of serious misconduct anywhere in their past 2. Requirement that there is complete transparency of internal police records so that we can see what - if any - misconduct has happened while working in our city. 3. A redirection of funding away from more arms, more military equ'ment and instead use of those funds for further training of police and for use to support underserved communities - especially those in need who live in communities of greater diversity and color. We read the city council minutes when we can?t attend virtually. We want to know that our voice is heard. Please let me know if you agree and if so, what action you will take. Sincerely, Joe Zeidner jzeidner@gmail.com</p>

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6/12/2020 12:31	Rachael Newkirk	<p>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, Rachael</p>
6/12/2020 12:32	Richard Guymon	<p>Please don't make any major changes to the budget that will jeopardize the public safety . We cannot allow our police department to suffer, otherwise we are in trouble.</p>



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6/12/2020 12:33	Rick Sorensen	<p>Dear Mayor Mendenhall, My husband and I have lived in Salt Lake City for 42 years and we have always been happy here. We have also felt safe here. At this time we would like to voice our opinion about the situation our wonderful city is now facing. We support our brave men and women of the SLC police force wholeheartedly! We are appalled that they are facing loss of funding and possibly their jobs because of the demands of a small minority that does not represent the wishes of all the citizens of this city. These officers place themselves in dangerous situations everyday to protect our community. Their families never know whether they will walk back into their homes at the end of their shift or not. They see the worst of the worst our city has to offer on a daily basis. Yet they continue to show up everyday. I can only imagine how they must feel at this time when the people they serve do not support them and our elected officials threaten to defund them. Quoting from Debbie Dujanovic "Our municipal leaders must remain unbiased and calm so they can help the community heal, take a collective breath, bring PEACEFUL protestors to the table across from police officers and initiate thoughtful discussions about realistic suggestions for change." These issues should not be debated and resolved through the loud voices of the media. The facts are not represented though the media channels. Media often sensationalizes situations without proper representation of all the facts. Our officers do not glory in the taking of a life. Quite the opposite. They are affected for the rest of their lives and so are their families. As our elected mayor PLEASE represent ALL the citizens of Salt Lake City and not the loud, unruly demands of the few. There are many who feel the same way we do but do not know how to get their voices heard in a peaceful way when they are drowned out by the few that take over the council meetings. Sincerely, Concerned Citizens Richard and Dixie Sorensen</p>
6/12/2020 12:35	Scott Sly	<p>Do you think that if Palacios-Carbajal hadn't just committed an aggravated robbery that the police would have been after him in the first place. How about the person or persons who he was robbing?do they matter to you at all. Why don't you shed a few tears them?? Did you ever think about the brave men and women that put their lives on the line to protect the INNOCENT PEOPLE?who are people too and are just trying to do their job?? What kind of twisted mind and values do people like you have that stick up for the criminal and want to damn those whose job it is to protect us??? You and your kind are evil!</p>

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6/12/2020 12:34	Scott Brinkley	Hello, My name is Scott Brinkley and I am a 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. This is important to me because that money can be better spent improving our city and hiring mental health, homeless, and addiction specialists, not investing in increasingly militarized police to handle all of these kinds of problems. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in improving SLC's services for those who need them most. Sincerely, Scott Brinkley
6/12/2020 12:39	Stacy Semborski	Hello, My name is Stacy Semborski 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 come from the small town of Price where it seems racism is normalized. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in education. We severely need this money for our health workers and teachers. You want to teach rural America better? Then invest the money wisely. The police should not be acting like a catch all system, because they are not even trained to do so. Sincerely, Stacy S.
6/12/2020 12:36	Shala West	I'm a very concerned citizen, we as a city need a solid police department and defunding it will further weaken an already necessary entity in a extremely hostile economic environment. We need a strong police department in times of peace, but even more so now with the economic depression that has and will continue to occur.

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6/12/2020 12:38	Sheila O'Driscoll	<p>Councilman Dugan, I have wanted to address issues and concerns I have in District 6 with you ever since you were elected. I have not done so, because I'm smack in the middle of the sandwich in the sandwich generation!!! I have actively participated for decades in my community, in schools, churches and other neighborhood activities. My husband and I moved into District 6 when he was in medical school at the U of U. I taught Social Studies at _____ for about 6 years. Jeff has recently retired from a career in Emergency Medicine. Circumstances have allowed us to remain in the same area for the last 34 years. We stayed in our neighborhood because it provided the eclectic and stable environment we thought would be a great place for us to raise our family. It has been just that! Our neighborhood has always been a bit more transient than some other residential neighborhoods because it was developed with duplexes and smaller single family homes next to each other and has easy access to the University of Utah. We have had a number of medical students, undergraduate and graduate students live here over the years. Maintaining the quality of life, in this well established residential neighborhood, has always been a high priority. We have encouraged the mayor and city government consistently to upgrade and increase the number of police officers available to mediate crime and offenses against city ordinances and to help keep the peace in our neighborhood when residents and property owners have conflicts. The ?community policing? effort has been an effort to have a better relationship with the community and those in law enforcement employed to serve us. Members of our community have petitioned the city officials to have open houses that allowed the community members to participate in proposed new development. I have picketed more than once ( in a respectful and peaceful manner) to create awareness of a concern that did not seem to have the public input or response from elected and appointed city officials we felt was necessary to protect the quality of life and property values of our residential neighborhood. It was with a profound sorrow I witnessed the streets of Salt Lake turned into a war zone by protesters that invited a number of disrespectful people to destroy and deface public and private property and bate police officers ( who had nothing to do with the tragedy of George Floyd's death) <b>*Continued 1/2*</b></p>

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	Sheila O'Driscoll	<p><b>*Continued 2/2*</b> and insight violence. It made me mentally, emotionally and physically ill. I cannot remember a time in my life when I did not believe all people regardless of their differences needed to be treated fairly and with common courtesy and civility. A mob mentality does nothing to improve, but actually destroys, the opportunity to address grievances to the political powers we have established in our city, county, state and federal government. I sincerely hope neither you or the other members of the City Council or Mayor Mendenhall will bow to the passions of a couple of thousand protesters to defund our city police dept. with ordinances that may be perceived as politically correct, but compromise our neighborhoods, our city at large and the safety we have worked hard to sustain for decades. I learned many things over the 20 years I represented my neighborhood in the Dilworth District on the SHCC. One of the most memorable was this: Regardless of the differences the residents and property owners in my district had they always wanted two things: 1. To be safe in their homes. 2. To have their personal and residential property respected. We rely on our police officers to help maintain that peace and safety when passionate differences of those in our neighborhood conflict. A well thought out, public supported effort to further train those who are employed to help keep the peace in our city should not be exchanged for a knee jerk reaction to the noisiest of our city residents. I look forward to the time when our community councils and other community events and organizations can meet in person again. Being together face to face is an amazing opportunity to connect and learn and appreciate why the differences we have as human beings makes for a varied and eclectic and interesting community. Respect towards one another, especially when we disagree, may take longer to create a long lasting outcome that is beneficial to the most people in our community and city, but it will be worth it. It will allow us to understand why others feel the way they do. I am grateful for your willingness to serve on our city council. I look forward to getting better acquainted. If you feel inclined to speak with me please feel free to contact me. Regards, Sheila O'Driscoll</p>

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6/12/2020 13:13	Nikki Pendley	<p>Hello, I am writing today to ask you to please not defund the Salt Lake City police department. My family and I live in Kaysville, UT but we spend a lot of time in Salt Lake for sports tournaments, work, shopping, and entertal'ment. I have witnessed so many wonderful police interactions that happen in down town and I personally bell've that they are doing a wonderful job supporting the community and keeping the streets safe. Defunding the police department would be a tragedy and I think it would negatively affect the number of visitors that come to the city each year. Currently, one of my biggest concerns with bringing my children into the downtown area is crime. Many years ago my father was the victim of an attempted mugging/robbery on the streets of Salt Lake and I always think of how close he came that night to being harmed. Defunding the police would not solve the problems we are all currently aware of right now. Increased officer training could help alleviate racial discrepancies. Thank you for all you do and have done to keep Salt Lake City safe. Sincerely, your concerned citizen, Nikki Pendley</p>

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6/12/2020 13:15	Hanna Clements	<p>Council member Chirs Wharton, First of all, I would like to acknowledge your thoughtful reply to my previous email. I still feel that some of the issues raised by me and others in prior sessions have not been addressed. I'm sure you are aware of these deficits and continue to reflect on ways that you can use your power to address them. Since things have changed rapidly since our previous correspondence, today, I'll just be weighing in on issues I care about that were discussed at today's work session. I highly support moving programs like park rangers and social workers outside of the police department. This action makes these programs safer and more accessible to Black people, non-Black POC, and people experiencing crisis. While this step is in the right direction, police departments in the US are inherently racist, so I hope that the council and council staff continue to consider additional programs that can be separated from the police budget. I think this is especially pertinent to services for constituents experiencing homelessness. While I understand this may feel like "rel'venting the wheel," what is being demanded is that the council begin dismantling oppressive systems in our city. As long as ANY public services (especially services designed for people in crisis) are under the umbrella of the police department, they are not equitable. Perhaps this has been lost in translation in the requests for police defunding. I also support the council's interest in using the appropriate authority to limit the use of public funds for the purchase of militant equipment. However, you and councilperson Johnson mentioned that while the implementation of "military-grade" tactics and weaponry is against your values, that training exercise needing munitions is somehow less violent to the citizens of SLC. I want to voice my concern that training centered on violence, rather than de-escalation, perpetuates the use of violence before alternative tactics. The death of Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal should remind all of us that SLCPD is not focused on community safety in times of crisis. Finally, I would like to voice my agreement with several council members (especially Council members Mano, Valdemoros, Johnson, and Dugan): this is the first step. The proposed adjustments are not enough, and as the council proceeds with all budget considerations in the future, the interests of our Black and non-Black POC neighbors should be regarded as the highest priority. Respectfully, Hanna Clements she/her/hers SLC District 3 Graduate Research Assistant, Chemistry NSF STEM Ambassador, 2020 University of Utah</p>

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6/12/2020 13:23	Jamie Reeves	Hello Mayor and City Council of SLC, I am calling for the defunding of the police. Defunding the Police > Policereform The way to reduce police violence is to reduce the scope, size, and role of police in our communities. Why would we continue to throw money away at something we already know is not working? We need those resources in schools, toward our health, and for our futures. Signed, Jamie Reeves
6/12/2020 13:18	Isabel Hudson	Dear Salt Lake City, Utah City Officials, My name is Isabel Hudson, and I am 20. I am writing to demand justice for the citizens of Salt Lake City, Utah who have been made victims to police brutality while exercising their first amendment rights during peaceful protests. Your constituents require your immediate action to make reprimands for the excessive use of force and unjustified use of rubber bullets and tear gas demonstrated in the videos linked at the end of this email. Moving forward, we call for the implementation of the five following points: (1) The creation of an independent body to investigate police misconduct. (2) Increased training requirements for police officers with an emphasis on de-escalation and community-building. (3) Allocating police resources towards the aforementioned emphasis. (4) The adoption of the "absolute necessity doctrine for lethal force". (5) Revising the current processes and checks in place regarding the evidence chain of custody. As an elected official, you took an oath to serve the people and defend their constitutional rights, the same rights which are being violated by members of your city's police department. We need you to address this situation, correct the injustices that have occurred, and initiate change to create a criminal justice system free of racial bias. It is your responsibility. This is the time to use your position to fight for your community. Regards, Isabel Hudson INCIDENTS: "Police shove an old man with a cane to the ground" (1) <a href="https://twitter.com/bubbapro/status/1266908354821206016">https://twitter.com/bubbapro/status/1266908354821206016</a> "Police shoot man on the ground in the spine with a beanbag point-blank" (1) <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/nextfuckinglevel/comments/gtv4co/downtown_salt_lake_city_may_30th_2020_unarmed/">https://www.reddit.com/r/nextfuckinglevel/comments/gtv4co/downtown_salt_lake_city_may_30th_2020_unarmed/</a> "Police shoot tear gas canister at man from close range, striking him in the chest" (1) <a href="https://twitter.com/greg_doucette/status/1268333029526843392">https://twitter.com/greg_doucette/status/1268333029526843392</a> (2) <a href="https://www.instagram.com/p/CA148-0B14t6mQZqJZYzwq25KdoPzZ5CJmV3oQ0/">https://www.instagram.com/p/CA148-0B14t6mQZqJZYzwq25KdoPzZ5CJmV3oQ0/</a> "Police push and tackle man that is being vocal" (1) <a href="https://v.redd.it/fl4y919v1q251">https://v.redd.it/fl4y919v1q251</a>

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6/12/2020 13:14	Peggy Shadel	<p>Dear Council Members, It is my understanding that you have received many calls and emails calling for the complete disbanding of the Salt Lake Police Department. As a former resident of Salt Lake City and a registered nurse at the University of Utah, familiar with the need for a well trained and compassionate police department, I would like to express my concern at the idea of "de-funding" and dI'mantling the force. That seems rash and irresponsible at the very least. Yes, there needs to be additional training and accountability. Yes, they need to ban "chokeholds" of all types. But completely eliminating it without something better in its place is not, in my opinion, safe or responsible. I urge you to come to a safe and appropriate compromise wherein the citizens of the city and county are kept safe from criminal activity, but also are NEVER abused by the police in any way. Regards, Peggy Shadel</p>
6/12/2020 13:17	Natalie Thompson	<p>Dear City Councilperson: I am writing to share my opinion on the Salt Lake City Police Department. I know that there have been demonstrations, phone calls and emails asking to defund the police force. I feel this is very misguided and dangerous. The vast majority of police officers in this department work very hard and do a fantastic job at protecting our rights and liberties. They should not be punished due to the current whim of some public opinion. Policemen are tasked with a job that is mentally and physically exhausting, while never knowing what the day will bring or if they will come home. In order to be successful, they need a healthy budget for training in combat and deadly force situations. Taking away money from this department will only hurt the quality of the department and its people. It will also directly affect the safety and security of we, the citizens. How is that a good thing? We need well trained and well payed policemen for our own protection. I am amazed that we are even having this discussion in our city and our country right now. Please stand up for the right thing of supporting our first line defenders. It is the only way we will continue to enjoy the freedom from crime and evil that exists in our world today. Thank you, Natalie Thompson</p>



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6/12/2020 13:19	Natalie Bagnell	Hello, I am unable to attend the meeting today but would like to share my concern with the overall budget, focusing on the police portion. I would like to see changes to the duties we ask of our officers. We need to take away responsibilities they are not trained in, no exclusive to the following; mental health, welfare checks and our homeless neighbors. By addressing several of these duties I think you will find the police department is over budget and staffed, while our community support team is lacking (non existent). I would like to see budget be reallocated to community outreach, mental health care and other social programs. Thank you for allowing the community to have input, although we may be arriving late I think we can all agree we would now like a seat at the table. Natalie Bagnell
6/12/2020 13:17	Nichole Willoughby	Greetings, My name is Nichole Willoughby 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 have never had a positive interaction with a police officer. I have never felt served or protected and I bell've the money they receive every year could go towards so many better ventures. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million in taking care of the many people who call this wonderful city home instead of the select few that carry badges. Sincerely, Nichole Willoughby

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6/12/2020 13:18	Peter Brownstein	<p>Not sure how city politics works, and what are the roles of the mayor's office vs the City Council, so I thought I would share this with both groups. I'm fortunate to have met a number of you in the past. I appreciate all of your efforts to work to improve the quality of life in Salt Lake City. I first became aware of Chris Burbank about ten year ago during the Occupy movement.</p> <p><a href="https://archive.sltrib.com/article.php?id=18630911&amp;itype=storyID">https://archive.sltrib.com/article.php?id=18630911&amp;itype=storyID</a> In my opinion, this article speaks to the issue of creating a culture within an organization that must start from the top. Chris is still living in Salt Lake City, raising a family, while working for the Center for Policing Equity <a href="https://policingequity.org/">https://policingequity.org/</a>  <a href="https://policingequity.org/">&lt;https://policingequity.org/&gt;</a> <a href="https://policingequity.org/about/executive-team/chris-burbank">https://policingequity.org/about/executive-team/chris-burbank</a>  <a href="https://policingequity.org/about/executive-team/chris-burbank">&lt;https://policingequity.org/about/executive-team/chris-burbank&gt;</a> This is not to say that the people we have running SLCPD now are either good or bad. I'm simply suggesting that to have highly respected, and experienced resources living in our city, and to not invite them into the conversation represents an opportunity loss for all of Salt Lake City. I hope you will consider reaching out to Chris Burbank and at least asking him for input. Thank you all for what you do. Peter Brownstein Resident of Salt Lake City</p>

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6/12/2020 13:19	Natalie Gust	<p>Dear mayor Erin, 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, Natalie Gust</p>

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6/12/2020 13:21	Sandra Lucas	<p>Dear Ms. Valdemoros, My name is Sandra Lucas and I live in your district. I am writing you to make it known that I am absolutely AGAINST defunding the police. It is frankly one of the most asinine ideas I have ever heard. To judge the great majority of police officers by the horrible actions of a small minority is illogical. Yes, the death of George Floyd and others is absolutely inexcusable. We are in a country where race, religion and gender must not matter and where everyone is equal in right and dignity. I have no problem with peaceful assembly, and in fact, feel proud that so many Americans are exercising their Constitutional Rights. However, let's not move forward with chaos and anarchy by defunding the police. They are the brave men and women who are willing to put their lives on the line for the rest of us, people they have never even met. When the protest turned violent on Saturday, I wonder what would have happened if the police weren't there. How many innocent civilians, businesses, and property would have been vandalized and destroyed. That day, men and women put their uniforms on, left their families and came to confront a few out-of-control looters and rioters, put themselves in harm's way for no other reason than they made an oath to protect the public and because they believe in that oath. They must be rewarded for their heroism, not punished by making it harder to operate due to a lack of funds. Civil society is made of law and order and the police is a necessary component of that civil society. May I count on your to stand against any defunding of our police department? Kind regards, Sandra Lucas</p>

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6/12/2020 13:20	Jade DuBon	<p>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, Jade Dubon</p>

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6/12/2020 13:22	Jade Walton	<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, Jade Michelle</p>

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6/12/2020 13:22	Stefanie Schulz	<p>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, Stefanie Schulz</p>
6/12/2020 13:34	Jenny Shadel	<p>To whom it may concern: I am very grateful for the hard work, protection and service offered by SLCPD. I admire the professionalism I've seen in the past few weeks and the efforts made over the years to keep our community safe. Continued funding for this admirable force is important for the future of our community. Jenny Shadel</p>
6/12/2020 13:23	Naomi Pacheco	<p>Hello, My name is Naomi Pacheco and I am an independent business owner 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 small companies owned by people of color. Sincerely, Naomi Pacheco Naomi Pacheco</p>

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6/12/2020 13:24	Sydney Maves	<p>Hello, 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, Sydney Maves</p>



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6/12/2020 13:25	Addie Esperson	<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, Addie Esperson</p>

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6/12/2020 13:38	Joe Harris	<p>To all SLC Council Members, As a resident of Salt Lake City, I was distressed to learn today that the SLC Council is considering an action to defund the police. This would be a colossal mistake, and an action I bell've the overwhelming majority of SLC residents would oppose. If anything, our police need increased funding. They need them to be available to provide assistance for home invasions, burglary, domestic abuse, traffic control, reckless driving abuse, crowd control, 911 calls, DUI violators, armed robbery response, shoplifting abuse, and many other things that the police do on a daily basis. On crowd control; when rioters are wielding weapons, throwing incendiary devices, overturning police vehicles, and displaying other such violence and lawlessness it becomes akin to a combat zone, the police are essential for the safeguard of life and property. This council should never cave in to the demands of a minority group of people who make the most noise and make such radical demands of our elected officials. If you want to respond to the will of the people, find out what the will of the people are. This is not it, by a long shot. The average law abiding citizen which make up 99% of the population of this city are not in favor of defunding our police force. I don't know anyone who is okay with racl'm, abuse of power, or corruption. Defunding the police addresses none of those concerns. it's my position that the unintended consequences of such an action would only make matters worse and create others which may have a far more devastating effect on our populace. . An illogical and emotional reaction from our elected representatives is the last thing we need. I would say to those minority groups who are making such demands is this; "don't break the law and the police will leave you alone". I will encourage my friends and neighbors to contact you as well. It is my hope that you will listen to all of your constituents - not just the ones who are loudly protesting and rioting. Sincerely, Joe W Harris</p>

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6/12/2020 13:36	Jillian Herman	<p>Hello, My name is Jillian Herman and I am a student, worker, and long time 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 Utah is a place I love and would love to spend many years here. Unfortunately if this does not happen will not feel safe in my home city. I'll feel the need to live in a place that cares about the health and safety of their residents over not upsetting their police department. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in affordable housing, affordable health care, minority resources, housing for homeless, food for the homeless, and there?s 10000 other things that the money could be spent on to better our community. Sincerely, Jillian Herman Sent from my iPhone</p>
6/12/2020 13:26	Patrick Bruce	<p>?Dear SLC Council Members, As a resident of Salt Lake City, I was distressed to learn today that the SLC Council is considering an action to defund the police. This would be a colossal mistake, and an action I bell've the overwhelming majority of SLC residents would oppose. If anything, our police need increased funding to address PTSD, to provide satisfactory riot gear, and perhaps even hazard pay when officers are placed in a riot type situation where their lives are endangered. When rioters are wielding weapons, throwing incendiary devices, overturning police vehicles, and displaying other such violence and lawlessness it becomes akin to a combat zone. I don't know anyone who is okay with racl'm, abuse of power, or corruption. Defunding the police addresses none of those concerns. it's my position that the unintended consequences of such an action would only exacerbate current problems while creating others. An illogical and emotional reaction from our elected representatives is the last thing we need. I will encourage my friends and neighbors to contact you as well. It is my hope that you will listen to all of your constituents - not just the ones who are loudly protesting and rioting. Sincerely, Patrick Bruce</p>

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6/12/2020 13:27	Paulette Russon Bierwolf	<p>Mayor and Council Members, As a concerned Citizen whose family has owned a business in Salt Lake for over 50 years and who frequently comes to Salt Lake City for entertal'ment and business dealings, I ask you to reconsider cutting the Salt Lake police force budget. During these times of uncertainty we need education and understanding not rash acts. Defunding or cutting back on the police force budget only will accentuate many problems. We need the finest women and men on our police force. They need support in training, education and counseling. If anything, I think these amazing people need pay raises for what they are expected to do and endure on a daily basis. Without their professional care, I am afraid for what Salt Lake City will become. Do not be politically motivated for something that needs to be people motivated. Please make your decisions wisely! With respect, Paulette Russon Bierwolf Sent from my iPhone</p>
6/12/2020 13:27	Jared Ford	<p>Hello, my name is Jared Ford. I am a Utah resident. I have a lot of respect for government officials and all law enforcement officers who do there best to protect our communities every day. I know I couldn't do it and the vast majority of those trying to pull them down couldn't either. I support our officers. I am not going to "demand" keeping a budget or anything like those who "demand" you cut and abolish the police. That isn't my call. However, I would like to be marked down as a supporter of the current police budget. Thank you. Jared Ford.</p>
6/12/2020 13:49	Ryan Meyer	<p>Hello, My name is Ryan Meyer and I AM 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 because we can be better. We expect police to be everything in every situation. They are not trained in enough circumstances or needed. We do not need a person with a gun showing up to ever situation. It only escalates and creates fear. We need people who are passionate about people not people who need to carry a gun and are ready and willing to kill if needed. Most people are good, so why in the hell do we need someone to show up with a gun in all 911 calls. ?Policing? needs a rethinking. Let?s find good I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million in community programs period. Lets l'vest in education. Let?s make this a community thing not a military thing. Please do not keep the status quo. We can do better Sincerely Ryan Meyer Sent from my pocket computer</p>

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6/12/2020 13:28	Jason Lee	Hello all, I am a concerned citizen, writing about the news of budgetreform and possible dl'mantling of the SLCPD. I am a nurse working in the department of corrections, I see law enforcement everyday, and I bell've the Deputies are a branch of that law enforcement. We cannot succumb to the pressures of the mob who are being rallied by emotion and partisan politics. Policereform is the way to go. Slashing the budget would take a department, already stretched thin, to dangerous levels and we would not be able to protect our wonderful citizens. The idea of completely dl'mantling the SLCPD is ludicrous! Who would protect the people? The same people chanting for "defund the police" are the same people who will yell the loudest when no one is around to protect them. We cannot fall victim to the mob. Please stand together for the SLCPD, stand together for the safety of the citizens. Stand together for Utah. Stand together for America. Thank you, A concerned patriot.
6/12/2020 13:29	Jeanine Senecal	My name is Jeanine Senecal. 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, Jeanine Senecal
6/12/2020 13:30	Jeff Longson	Salt Lake City Council Members: Please think of where we are at currently as a city, our projected growth and the facts in this letter. I appreciate your consideration and service to our city.

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6/12/2020 13:32	Anonymous Constituent	<p>Dear Salt Lake City Council, I received word that the council met yesterday (June 11, 2020) to propose a new police budget. At first, I had hope that the Salt Lake City Council had listened to many of the demands and concerns of the Salt Lake City citizens in relation to decreasing the police budget. The budget that is being given to the police force can be used for so many different areas (education, homelessness, etc.) that can be handled by nonviolent people whom are more trained in education, drug counseling, and social work. However, instead of defunding the police, the council has decided to increase the proposed budget. I heard the council "discussed some changes to the Police Department budget that would increase transparency and allow additional time for further evaluation." However, this money will still be used for policing. So, I (and many others) demand 1. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology; 2. NO spending on de-escalation training; 3. NO new hires in the police department for the next year; and 4. \$30 million budget cut. Thank you for reading this and please consider making the necessary changes to make Salt Lake City a better, more comfortable place for people of color to live in. Sincerely, A Salt Lake City citizen</p>
6/12/2020 13:32	Jeff Winnie	<p>Hello, My name is Jeff Winnie and I'm a Auto worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before this 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 Police Need retraining. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in unnecessary things, you I'vest into retraining officers. Sincerely, Thank you</p>

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6/12/2020 13:37	JoAn Escandor	<p>Hello, My name is JoAn Escandor and I am a 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. This is important to me because the safety of the community, specifically our black community and people of color are being disproportionately objected to police brutality. My friend is a cop and the one thing I found absolutely terrifying when he went through academy was that he didn't think the majority of the people who graduated with him should have been asked to leave after the first day. It breaks my heart that it took the largest civil rights movement in the world to force our government to take notice. It breaks my heart that change hasn't been implemented yet. It breaks my heart that if there isn't change then our state will remain racially biased and the unity we have within Utah will be further diminished and our state leadership will continue to be broken. Sincerely, JoAn Escandor</p>
6/12/2020 13:35	Jeremy Hurst	<p>Hello, I wanted to voice my opinion to all of you that I feel reducing the police budget is a terrible idea. Taking funds away from the people who serve and protect us is the worst decision that you could make. don't use the shooting of Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal to further your political careers. It is tragic that a man was killed, but this person was in the process of committing a crime by holding up people at gunpoint, and had done this before, and would likely do it again. This man was running from the police to avoid going to jail again, and was not willing to pay for the crimes he was committing. If he had gotten away he would have done the same thing until an innocent person got hurt. Turning the public against those who protect us to further your political careers is a cowardly act, and puts police lives in danger. I have family who have served and currently serve as officers in Utah, and your cowardly and unsupported statements are putting their lives at risk. Please stop spreading hate targeted at police officers who are trying to protect us, and don't give into undue pressure from uneducated people who don't know all of the facts, and don't care that this criminal wasn't willing to accept the consequences of his poor choices and was putting innocent lives at risk. Jeremy Hurst</p>

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6/12/2020 13:40	Josie McCarter	<p>To Salt Lake City Council Members, I am a concerned citizen of the great state of Utah, and I am a proud supporter of the amazing men and women we have in all of our Law Enforcement Agencies. While my heart too, aches, for the racial injustices that citizens in the minority communities have endured for hundreds of years, the problem does not lie within our police departments. Anyone who lives along the Wasatch front also considers Salt Lake City part of their home. All of our biggest events, the best retail and cultural markers are in Salt Lake City. This city is a part of all of our daily lives, and the reason it has been so great to be in close proximity to this beautiful city is because we feel safe celebrating our lives, friends and family in the wonderful experiences Salt Lake has to offer. None of these things would be possible without the fantastic job that the SLCPD has done to keep our city streets safe. I have a unique take on Law Enforcement, as I am considered a Social Worker WITHIN the justice system. I am a Victim Advocate, and I know how heavily I rely on our officers to do all of the groundwork to ensure that our victims are safe before I am able to plan with them for long-term safety. This requires long hours of training, trial and error, and experience that cannot be continued if funding for these critical calls is taken away from them. Our officers need all of the support they can get to become the BEST department in the country that can set an amazing example to the rest of the world on what it means to be a police officer. Taking away funding, and in such a large amount, will offer no room for the growth that the world wants to see in Law Enforcement. Less money for a department means that money can only be spent on the absolute necessities, and leaves little room for the critical training and improvements that are being demanded from Law Enforcement. I would think we would want to equip our officers with every bit of quality training we can, and pay them what they are worth. I can definitely say that since the protests have started, I have no desire to return to Salt Lake City until it feels like a safe place. This will never happen if we don't allow the SLCPD to grow, both in officer numbers and in strength of service. Allow them to spend more time with the citizens they serve, become their friends, and truly connect with them. The more time we spend around people, the more we care about them. The change starts in the hearts of every man, woman, and person in this world. Defunding feels hateful and manipulative. I plead that you will keep SLCPD fully funded, and let them show our great state how much they truly care about their wonderful city. Kind regards, Josie McCarter</p>



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6/12/2020 13:41	Justin Andersen	<p>Do no defund the police I have been around law enforcement professionals my entire life. I have had nothing but great experiences and respect for each of them. They have also been some of the best examples of intelligence, respect, understanding and patience in my life. It pushed me to start my own career in law enforcement where I try to treat everyone I interact with respect, dignity and patience. Then I also do whatever I can when they're in my care to protect my fellow officers and citizens. I serve with the least amount of force necessary. I would support a turning of the budgets to great hand to hand training for officers so they are confident in their skills to defend themselves and others without use of firearms. Also in great de escalation training that is always needed. I would never support the defunding or disbanding of any city's police force but I always support greater training and high expectations for those that choose to wear the badge.</p>
6/12/2020 13:46	Ruby Walker	<p>To Whom It May Concern, I am saddened that the actions of the past months made you feel the need to cut the police dept budget by 30 million dollars. If anything this last month has proved the importance of police officers. Instead of cutting the budget, increase their training and add to their resources. If you cut the budget this will lead to loss of jobs, public security/safety and slow response time to emergencies. Cutting the budget will be one of your biggest mistakes. And if you do, it will take many years for us to recover from this huge mistake. Thousands of people will suffer, not a couple, thousands. Sincerely, Ruby</p>

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6/12/2020 13:43	Justine Cornwall	<p>I am a resident of Bear River 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, Justine Cornwall</p>
6/12/2020 13:44	Robert Buker	<p>Hello, My name is Robert Buker and I am a resident and taxpayer 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 our financial support of these brutal and unchecked police officers is absolutely disgusting. This is our money, and it's being spent to l'vest in people that are lawlessly murdering the people they're sworn to protect. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million in education, public housing, our homelessness problem, healthcare, or literally anything else that benefits the public. Sincerely, Robert Buker</p>

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6/12/2020 13:44	Robert Dahle	<p>Hello, My name is Robert Dahle and I am a worker 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 our police policies, training and culture, both locally and nationally, actively harm our society, impeding it's progress. Our police actively and subconsciously uphold and continue rac'l'm and violence. They cite vague demons to instill fear in the people to justify militarized budget increases and escalation/violence-bound training methods. Then they claim those demons are the very citizens they pretend to protect, with staggering and demonstrated prejudice towards people of color. They do not serve the people. They serve to protect their own interests. We cannot enable this injustice. We cannot accept the status quo. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million into programs that will positively affect the lives of our communities. We need to l'vest in our ability to educate our children. Education is the very first step in improving the future. We need to expand resources available to teachers and increase their pay. We need affordable access to mental health care and housing. We need vastly expanded public transit. Most importantly, we need for these and other resources to be available to everyone, but specifically people of color and homeless populations. We don't need to contribute to the prison industrial complex. The streets will not crumble into disaster while we l'vest in the future. We don't need mega cops with superiority complexes. We need to enrich and improve the lives of our people and our society. Sincerely, Robert Dahle</p>
6/12/2020 13:47	Ryan Kemp	Thank you Ryan Kemp

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6/12/2020 14:01	Laurel Clayson	<p>Council, I am resident of Salt Lake City. I am reaching out regarding the proposed police budget for the upcoming fiscal year. I have been following this issue closely and I bell've the Council has misunderstood the numerous citizen requests for a drastic reduction in the police budget. We demand change. We demand the police force is reduced. Last year, fully one quarter of the City's budget went to the police. Approximately the same proportion is proposed this year, despite the deaths of 60+ people at the hands of police in Utah since 2015. The changes to the police budget that the council proposed this week are not enough. It has been proven that body cams do not significantly change officer behavior, and deescalation training is only marginally helpful.reform has not significantly changed the way any police department operates nationwide. We demand defunding. I demand you reconsider the \$30 million cut to the police department that Decarcerate Utah and thousands of private citizens have already called for. I demand a hiring freeze on the police department and the l'mediate firing and prosecution of any police officer who has killed a civilian. I demand the funds removed from the police be reallocated to social services, including homeless shelters, public transit, rent relief, and our public schools. Please listen to the people. Sincerely, Laurel Clayson Salt Lake City resident</p>

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6/12/2020 14:06	Caitlin Johnson	<p>I am a resident of Salt Lake 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.</p>

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6/12/2020 14:15	Caitlin Lutsch	<p>Thanks for your willingness to engage on this issue at our community council meeting last night. I appreciate your openness to learn more about reimagining public safety and the role of the police. I wanted to follow up on my comments last night with some additional thoughts. To be clear, I'm writing this as a resident and not as a member of the LWCC board. I've seen our community council push for more police patrols of SLC parks and was vehemently opposed to that idea. The specific instances that led to that push were almost exclusively interactions with people experiencing homelessness. Specifically, there was an incident at Liberty Park during our Friday night farmer's market where a man threw a glass bottle at the ground and was yelling obscenities near the booths. I know that city employees were expressing fear that when they went into park bathrooms in the mornings, they would have confrontations with people using the bathrooms for shelter. I'd like to see our city council take a long look at whether the police department is the best resource for dealing with this issue. I don't believe they are. One model I'm particularly interested in is "CAHOOTS", a crisis assistance program that started in Eugene, OR and now handles 17% of calls to the police regarding people who are mentally ill, homeless, or addicted to drugs. I'm also interested in seeing SLC divest resources from the police and invest these resources in reducing homelessness, supporting youth and alleviating poverty. When I saw the proposed budget amount for the additional police patrols in parks, I couldn't help wondering how many people we could house with that money, so they didn't have to use the park bathrooms for shelter. I know these issues are complicated and nuanced, and I am not proposing a perfect solution. I am asking you and the council to reimagine how we could use part of the \$85 million police department budget to invest in addressing the very issues that lead residents to ask for more police patrols in the first place. One last thing, and it's something I heard repeated at our meeting last night. People often think that divesting in police departments will compromise public safety. They think that if we reduce the budget for the police, we will be less safe. I would argue that freeing up the police to focus on violent crime would have the opposite effect. I would also encourage the council to look at how places like Camden, NJ have refocused the police department's efforts to reduce violent crime and solve rates for major crimes, all while reducing police violence. Appreciate your thoughtfulness and happy to engage further on this topic in the future</p>
6/12/2020 14:14	Whitney Wright	PLEASE DO NOT VOTE TO DEFUND THE POLICE. We need they need their resources and we need them!

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6/12/2020 15:17	Caleb Josiah Felicetti	<p>I have been a resident of Salt Lake City since 2011. I am writing this letter in regards to the proposed 2020 - 2021 recommended budget. I have no background in Policing and therefore do not understand the fiscal requirements of running a department, however I was stunned by the numbers in this report. The proposed plan will allocate roughly ~26% of the funds to the Police department, while only 7.5% of the funds will be distributed to the Department of Community and Neighborhood Development. What is the justification of such a disparity? I bell've the public needs to be fully aware of the rationale behind such a plan. I would request two things. 1. A description of how the Police Department uses the proposed funding. 2. Justification as to why this funding would not better serve this community in a different department (e.g. the underfunded Department of Community and Neighborhood Development ) . I would also like to point out that total misuse funds subsidizing Golf courses. Golfing is not an inclusive activity (i.e. only those that Golf can participate). These Golf courses or at least a subset of them should be changed to Parks similar to Liberty Park. Though this data is not yet available I would assume the per person cost of a Golf course far exceeds the cost of a park like Liberty Park. There are also numerous unquantifiable metrics of how a park improves neighborhoods. Please consider this in your budget. Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>

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6/12/2020 15:43	Felicia Pollard	<p>Hello, my name is Felicia Pollard, I want to voice my opinion against the police budget cuts proposed. I bell've that doing so would be counter productive in making sure officers have proper training and staffing. We need police for many jobs the general public does not have to worry about, therefore they are not considering. I bell've with the cut in budgets and police force, crime rates will increase. Which will force law abiding citizens and businesses out. Please consider economic and safety impact before making a decision based off of a quick reaction. Thank you</p>

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6/12/2020 15:47	Gabe Urzua	<p>My esteemed council members, I write you today in support of reducing our police force in situations that don't require a badge and a gun. I understand my request is a bit vague but I figure that?s where you come in :) I don't know exactly where the council is on this as I've heard in the news it's being considered by you folks but I want you to know I support this. Will it fix everything? No. But I think it's a start to a better future. If there?s anything you need from me please feel free to reach out. Thanks, Gabe Urzua Salt Lake City UT 84105</p>

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6/12/2020 15:50	Gail Watts	<p>To: askthechief@slcgov.com Dear Chief Mike Brown I send this email with a great amount of sincerity and a deep respect for you and the job you do. I love and appreciate all the police officers, firemen, ambulance drivers and all those that make our community a safe place to live. I love living in Utah. I wouldn't live anywhere else. We are sort of sheltered compared to a lot of other states. The freedom we have in the United States of America is beyond measure. I am a grandmother of seven and I want them to to feel and be safe. I have seen many things some good, some not so good. I have seen Salt City grow from a small city to practically a state of it's own. Crime and violence has definitely gone up to numbers I wouldn't even know how to calculate. Well you know what I'mean. My point is it could have gone up exponentially if it weren't for dedicated, honest, hard working, loyal and so on police officers who sacrifice beyond measure to serve our city/state/country. This is what the media needs to be acknowledging and reporting instead of feeding the people the police violence and their mistakes. Some people are posting some sweet interactions for people to see. I am happy to learn you are making changes such as not allowing the choke hold, tear gas and rubber bullets. I do bell've that police officers need to be held accountable for crimes just like anyone else. And as far as I am concerned it's not my place to be the judge. To me you are humble man that is willing to make necessary changes to make things better. I think your doing a great job because everyday we are safe. Thank you for all you do. Please express my appreciation to the Police Department.</p>
6/12/2020 15:51	Garth Gagnier	<p>Hello, My name is Garth Gagnier and I 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 the police have abused and misused their authority and no longer treat us like people. Also, Black Lives Matter. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in Education and other services that will benefit humanity, not hurt it. Sincerely, Garth Gagnier</p>

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6/12/2020 16:35	Amory Gao	<p>Dear Salt Lake City, Utah Officials, My name is Amory Gao, and I am 17. I am writing to demand justice for the citizens of Salt Lake City, Utah who have been made victims to police brutality while exercising their first amendment rights during peaceful protests. Your constituents require your immediate action to make reprimands for the unjustified use of excessive force, tear gas, and many more intimidation tactics demonstrated in the videos linked at the end of this email. Moving forward, we call for the implementation of the five following points: (1) The creation of an independent body to investigate police misconduct. (2) Increased training requirements for police officers with an emphasis on de-escalation and community-building. (3) Allocating police resources towards the aforementioned emphasis. (4) The adoption of the ?absolute necessity doctrine for lethal force?. (5) Revising the current processes and checks in place regarding the evidence chain of custody. As an elected official, you took an oath to serve the people and defend their constitutional rights, the same rights which are being violated by members of your city?s police department. We need you to address this situation, correct the injustices that have occurred, and initiate change to create a criminal justice system free of racial bias. It is your responsibility. This is the time to use your position to fight for your community. INCIDENTS: "Police shove an old man with a cane to the ground" (1) <a href="https://twitter.com/bubbaprog/status/1266908354821206016">https://twitter.com/bubbaprog/status/1266908354821206016</a> "Police shoot man on the ground in the spine with a beanbag point-blank" (1) <a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/nextfuckinglevel/comments/gtv4co/downtown_salt_lake_city_may_30th_2020_unarmed/">https://www.reddit.com/r/nextfuckinglevel/comments/gtv4co/downtown_salt_lake_city_may_30th_2020_unarmed/</a> "Police shoot tear gas canister at man from close range, striking him in the chest" (1) <a href="https://twitter.com/greg_doucette/status/1268333029526843392">https://twitter.com/greg_doucette/status/1268333029526843392</a> (2) <a href="https://www.instagram.com/p/CA148-0B14t6mQZqJZYzwq25KdoPzZ5CJmV3oQ0/">https://www.instagram.com/p/CA148-0B14t6mQZqJZYzwq25KdoPzZ5CJmV3oQ0/</a> "Police push and tackle man that is being vocal" (1) <a href="https://v.redd.it/fl4y919v1q251">https://v.redd.it/fl4y919v1q251</a></p>

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6/12/2020 16:42	Anton Thomas	<p>To think that y'all want and or might decide to defund the police department due to a bad apple, shame on all. Where will that money go? Your pockets? That's where everyone will assume. If you defund the police.... you really think that all these problems will go away???? NOOOO ITLL GET WORSE. holy cow, defund the policeHow dare you even consider to defund the police. So defund the police means no in-depth training, no required training, no one on one training to experience how to handle themselves, defund the department so they can't be safe and go home to their families. You want to defund the police force to the point where they are unsafe and then they get ambushed, jumped and shot at, more will happen, more officers will get murdered and more families will be broken up due to the fact that they wanted to keep this city safe for me, you, and everyone one that comes to visit here. Do not defund the police force. yes a bad situation happened. The media blew it out of proportion and now everyone has to suffer. I can't even imagine life without the police department. Salt lake has a great department and I feel like they are all well trained. What happened to Mr. Floyd is not right and the example of what not to do. Train the upcoming officers how not to be that bad apple. We learn from our mistakes and progress....Isn't illegal to defund or take away the police, and by taking a vote? Isn't it illegal? You just can't vote on this... I don't want you people to make other innocent People'suffer. crime will go up, drugs will increase, break ins and robberies will happen more is that what you want Is Utah a Mormon state a religious state??? *Continued 1/2*</p>

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	Anton Thomas	<p>*Continued 2/2* If so, how come there are so much drugs in this state and city... Be a good leader, enforce a strict rule and train for this, if it happens again, we know what to do In Ogden the TracA gang was confined to one area in the city, all was well. Then they decided that it was not right, so they lifted that ban and after that happened crime in Ogden shot up 15%..... Please don't do this to the people trying to make the American dream, don't make it where the city isn't safe because y'all think it's in the best interest of you. This isn't about you, it's about all of us that doesn't have body guards and don't have a gated community. If you do this, you better fire your body guards, take down those gated communities.. and expect the worse to happen to your city....We don't want to suffer, and we don't want our city to suffer. I like visiting the capital, I like walking downtown and giving back to this beautiful city, but if you do this, your town will loose a lot of money and people. This isn't right and fair. You all know this, please do not defund the police department! They are amazing and great people! They want to help their community and go home to their families!</p>



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6/12/2020 16:38	Braden Jenks	<p>I work with a social service agency working with individuals who are experiencing homelessness in the city of Salt Lake City. I have tuned in to part of the closed-session city council meeting this evening (06/11/20) and wanted to inform you of my thoughts regarding the city's police budget, the role of police, and homelessness. I would highly encourage the council to move a significant portion of the proposed \$84 million police budget into social services, homeless services, services that assist racial justice causes and support marginalized communities, etc (I recognize some discussions are being held about such potential diversions, though I am not yet familiar to what degree). It is cheaper and far more productive to put money directly into homeless services and related services than to provide the police department with money to police the homeless. Housing first, not policing first. I do not believe police should be asked or assigned to be overseers of social problems such as homelessness, addiction, poverty, etc. in our city. They do not have the education, training, or resources to do so. The city needs more social workers, nurses, doctors, therapists, treatment beds, shelter beds, housing vouchers, etc. Every time the police park a patrol car for the day at Library Square, Washington Square, Taufer Park, etc., just to make sure individuals don't spend too much time there or sleep there, it costs the city hundreds of dollars and diverts potential funding away from the individuals they are monitoring. I see interactions every single day between the police department and the homeless community. I am nearly always discouraged by what I see, both in the interactions the police have with individuals who are homeless and the lack of help / resources police officers are able to offer. Often the officers I have conversations with express resentment that they are even asked to fill this role and shrug their shoulders in reference to what else they can do to help these people other than ask them to move along. I would like to introduce a term to this conversation: human shuffling. Police around this city are turned into professional human shufflers, shuffling individuals from place to place to place to place to place to place. For example, many of the individuals who were staying out on the lawn of the downtown SLC Library are now shuffled into various parts of the city (such as in front of the episcopal church on 100s). <b>*Continued 1/2*</b></p>

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	Braden Jenks	<p><b>*Continued 2/2*</b> The library lawn looks better, but these individuals have nowhere to go, and they are now simply in front of different businesses and parts of town. The episcopal church in this instance has had to shut down their food pantry for the month of June because of all the individuals on the front lawn and related problems. The police could come along and shuffle the individuals to a new part of the city, or make arrests, but this would only be a counterproductive action that would make it difficult for other parts of the city and only make it more difficult for these individuals to get housed (additional criminal records, etc.). The human shuffling needs to cease. If we can directly reduce the number of individuals on the streets, the police will have less people to shuffle into different parts of town and different business front lawns. The police need to have their budget reduced, we need to reform what we ask them to do, and new efforts to tackle these social problems need to be put into place. Doing so would be a significant win for everyone involved in the community. Given the heightened awareness and conversation surrounding this and related issues, now is the time to take such bold and unprecedented reforms. Salt Lake City can take practical further steps to continue to become one of the revolutionary cities in America on this issue. I have not included further discussion, numbers, specifics, etc. in the interest of making my thoughts short and concise. If you have questions or comments, feel free to reach out. Thanks you for your time.</p>
6/12/2020 16:39	BraeLynn Sheppard	<p>As a resident of Salt Lake City, I was distressed to learn today that the SLC Council is considering an action to defund the police. This would be a colossal mistake, and an action I believe the overwhelming majority of SLC residents would oppose. If anything, our police need increased funding to address PTSD, to provide satisfactory riot gear, and perhaps even hazard pay when officers are placed in a riot type situation where their lives are endangered. When rioters are wielding weapons, throwing incendiary devices, overturning police vehicles, and displaying other such violence and lawlessness it becomes akin to a combat zone. I don't know anyone who is okay with racism, abuse of power, or corruption. Defunding the police addresses none of those concerns. It's my position that the unintended consequences of such an action would only exacerbate current problems while creating others. An illogical and emotional reaction from our elected representatives is the last thing we need. I will encourage my friends and neighbors to contact you as well. It is my hope that you will listen to all of your constituents - not just the ones who are loudly protesting and rioting.</p>

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6/12/2020 16:43	Aubrey Mortensen	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.

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		<p>I am a resident of North Carolina. Although I am not a resident of Salt Lake City, I strongly believe that defunding the police in cities and towns across the United States will benefit everyone in the country. Furthermore, I have several close friends and family members living in this area who I care about. 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. People are demanding that their 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. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion across America is with me. Thank you for your time,</p>
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6/12/2020 16:52	Brandon Moore	<p>don't defund the police. This would be stupid! A very concerned citizen.</p>
6/12/2020 16:57	Carson Barlow	<p>Erin Mendenhall, Out of respect for your time, I will be as concise as I can. There is 3 weeks left to form the upcoming annual budget, and a high demand to reallocate \$30,000,000 away from the police force and towards other social programs. While I understand the wisdom of taking an incremental approach to this transition, I'm afraid that doing too little in this budget may have political repercussions come election season. I would recommend the following. - Reallocate \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000 in the upcoming budget - Utilize those funds to offer training and transitional help to police department personal who lose their job as a result of the budget cut. - Lay out a concrete long term plan for the next 3 - 5 years for reallocating the remaining \$20,000,000 to \$25,000,000 Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.</p>

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6/12/2020 16:54	Carrie Black	<p>It has become unavoidably apparent that the funds being spent on the police and the scope of their work both need to be restricted. Guys with military gear are making for horrible crowd control. We already knew that they don't have the training or culture to be a good resource for a mental health crisis (data and personal experience here). And the data says this set up isn't working for marginalized communities either. Time for an overhaul, not a band-aid. Spend at least 75% of the Salt Lake City Police Department budget on social services, social workers, housing aid, mental health, etc, etc, etc. Then take 75% of the things we've been asking police to take care of and give those jobs to people who are actually trained in those fields and aren't fighting the police ethos. The time was over a hundred years ago, but today would be good</p>
6/12/2020 17:03	Anneka Cimos	<p>I am a resident of Salt Lake City and am a full-time mechanical engineer. 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.</p>
6/12/2020 17:00	Andrew Shadel	<p>Please do not defund the SLC PD. They do great work. While there may be a need for change taking funding from the police force isn't the right thing to do. I'm sure a better solution can be reached by working to gain greater understanding.</p>

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6/12/2020 17:01	Anne Halverson	I'm 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 I'vest \$30 million in the countless homeless people who call Salt Lake City home. it's an embarrassment that our city and state have failed them. it's long overdue that we provide resources and housing for them. Action needs to happen now.
6/12/2020 17:02	Amanda Jackson	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.
6/12/2020 17:04	Eve Rickles	I am a resident of 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. 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.



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6/12/2020 17:04	Alan Coughlin	Dear Members of the Salt Lake City Council, Law enforcement protects the innocent from the wicked. Defunding the police would be irrational and would only let evil reign over the righteous. Do the right thing, please.
6/12/2020 17:17	Emily Reeder	<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,</p>

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6/12/2020 17:06	Alicia Rice	<p>Dear Representatives, I am a resident of District 2 and am writing to demand a decrease in police funding and a reprioritization of resources to those that actually support people of color and marginalized community. Recently, a woman in my neighborhood has seemed to suffer from some severe mental distress. She can be heard roaming around and screaming at the top of her lungs. One night, there seemed to be two men aggressively responding to her and ultimately causing more distress. My first thought was to call the police to see if they could help her, but I didn't. I realized that by calling the police, I could be endangering her. Instead, I let her scream, alone and without the support she needed. I felt helpless. As someone new to Utah, I hope to feel safe in this place I am coming to call home. Salt Lake City's public would be better served by dedicating resources to improving education, increasing affordable housing, addressing health disparities, strengthening mental health resources, addressing homelessness, and improving other community services. I call on you, our representatives, to defund and restrict the police budget and instead use these resources for programs that actually support your constituents. Please be an example of how a city can truly use resources to promote programs that are more effective at promoting safety and social equity than policing and incarceration.</p>
6/12/2020 17:07	Brent Russon	<p>Please don't short change the Police Department. We want to feel safe when we come down town... or we will dine, shop, and entertain elsewhere. WE NEED TO RESPECT OUR POLICE FORCE AND IT NEEDS TO RESPECT US!!</p>
6/12/2020 17:08	Brenda Judkins	<p>I am a citizen of Salt Lake City. I live just down the street from the state capitol, and the only comfort I have at night is hearing the national guard's helicopters above me, because I do not feel safe having angry protesters so close! A safe society needs police! I ask that you do not cave to people who have your attention at this emotional time! We do not want to become a city like ones lead by democrats-they are going down the drain!</p>

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6/12/2020 17:10	Aagya Basnet	<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.</p>

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6/12/2020 17:11	Emily Rogers	<p>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.</p>

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6/12/2020 20:07	gary harding	<p>I would prefer that we use the budget process to de-militarize our police. I attended the Police Community Outreach seminar given at the 10th S 7th W station maybe 7 years ago. I was most impressed with how focused it was on justifying police use of guns. The speaker presented Supreme Court language supporting police in the use of extreme force with little consequence: then the next day, an officer presented, as irrefutable fact, that they had to shoot quickly because " they only have a second to decide." Even at the time, I concluded that the choice to emphasize these points to the principally I'migrant and minority leadership audience revealed a true underlying attitude of the police. And it was not to 'Serve and Protect' the people of those in the audience! I toured the then new Police and Fire Safety Building when it opened. Here again the same self image emerged, the tour guide chose to 'highlight' the equi'ment and operation of the SWAT team. I am also alienated by the continual string of incidences in Northern Utah where police kill people absent a real treat and get away with it unscathed. The police force doesn't even take those officers off the streets, ... not even a minimal response. Then of course the City or County attorney ends up saying 'what ia tragedy it was' but he does not have legal authority or evidence to dicipline or charge the officers. Even in Salt Lake City and County there are too many blue apples that cave in and look the other way whenever a bad apple shows rotten spots. So again, I would like to see the city and county use the budget process to reduce the heavy weaponization of the force and also to pressure the organization to change until it can deal with excessive actions in a fashion that serves the people not the police staff.</p>

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6/12/2020 20:55	Linda Caywood	<p>We feel it is deplorable that you would consider cutting the funding for the Police Dept. It is hard enough to get an officer now when you need one. In my line of work, I have to call for an officer more often than I care to think and often we have to wait far too long for one to arrive. Are any of you putting your lives on the line every day? Do you leave your family when you go to work wondering if you will live another day without being attacked or killed? What kind of message are you sending to these men and women? The message you are sending is that you have no backbone and will cave to pressure and that the police men and women have no value. Next time someone is breaking into your house, has raped you, your spouse or your child, your child is missing, your neighbor is once again beating his wife and children, are you going to politely ask those protestors (who did not peacefully protest) to come and help? We had dedicated police officers in our family who were shot on the job and were never the same but continued to serve to protect others. I was a nanny to a police officer family and I know first hand what they sacrifice to protect our community. I am ashamed that you would consider budget cuts. Why don't you do something about the unions that protect the bad apples instead. What you are considering doing is like punishing all your children because one of them broke a dish or punishing the whole class because one student did something wrong, throwing the whole basket out because there is one bad apple . Please involve those whose lives you plan to destroy, get feedback from the police officers. Cutting them will just put more vulnerable people at greater risk. It is shameful enough that our state is the lowest for per pupil spending, let's not add to that. And where is the outcry for the black police officers who are killed while on the job? All the fanfare and news coverage for Floyd and no mention at all about Dorn who was killed in St. Louis by the "Black Lives Matter" protestors. Where is the outcry for the murders being committed in Chicago or other cities? While the murder of Floyd was disgusting and tragic and never should have happened, there are so many more happening that deserve just as much attention. Money for training and de-escalation would go much further in making a difference than cutting budgets/defunding the police. Finding a way for those officers who are in that group of bad employees to be reprimanded or fired would be a better choice than cutting budgets.</p>
6/12/2020 21:54	Mallory Hendricks	<p>I would like to express my concern for over funding the SLPD. As a resident and student of Utah, I would like at least 30,000,000 US dollars from the police department budget to go towards low income housing, equal access public education, and the BLM movement.</p>
6/12/2020 21:57	Anonymous Constituent	
6/12/2020 21:59	Anonymous Constituent	<p>we needreform. do not defund. The police needs more training to avoid fatal situations.</p>



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6/12/2020 22:35	Anonymous Constituent	The majority of Utahns AND Americans do NOT support or want the poloce to be defunded so if you do this you are choosing the loud minority and going against what the people that you represent actually want!
6/12/2020 22:41	ElenI'maroudas	I would like to say, that we support our Police officers. I vote against defunding the police department.
6/12/2020 22:47	pam paulsen	please let's not be dumb here. not all cops are bad just add not all black people are bad... we need the good cops of slc to protect our city..... don't make rash decisions.
6/12/2020 22:48	Anonymous Constituent	I do not participate in large social gatherings aimed at influencing governmental decision and fanning the flames of public opinion. I am not going to scream to make sure that I'm heard. I would, however, like my voice to be recognized and considered. My thoughts and feelings resemble many others in our city. We do not support any initiative to defund our police department. They are Heros. They are our protection and souls that are willing to put their lives in danger in many aspects in order to serve and save others. The court of public opinion has attempted to villify police due to the actions of select individuals that are also police but not the same honest hardworking type that we have in our city. I understand that there are many loud voices right now demanding that we abandon our SLC police but to do so is irresponsible, short-sighted, and just a thin response to unjustified public outcry. don't fall for it. don't do whats wrong against better judgement. Dont exascerbate societal unrest in order to appease angry loud voices. Its not right. I stand behind our police. They are by and large amazing and honest. they don't deserve this. Stand behind them like governement should. We are a land of law and order and if you decide to remove police from that equation, where does it leave us? Do whats right and support our Blue.
6/12/2020 22:49	Robert Henson	I do not support defunding the police department. A independent oversight committee would be appropriate for incidents that need to be addressed but those guys are doing a tough job for not much pay as it is so defunding is not the answer.
6/12/2020 23:08	Whitney Graviet	Hi, I'm just a gal in Sunset, that is wanting to make a difference. People need to realize that our police,our men in blue will die on the daily for US but WE shouldn't be pulling the trigger and FORCING them to lose funding over some cop in another state... There are Bad people,bad cops,bad judges,bad everything. Regardless, these blues should NOT BE DEFUNDED or REDUCED it's such a hard society to live in. please, let my 1 voice be heard. Give our men and women a good chance at SURVIVING and not needing a 2nd job, or losing equ!ment that is needed daily to keep us safe. thank you!

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6/12/2020 23:13	Tambra Nelson	<p>I have to say I'm deeply saddened to see what is happening to our own police officers! they are NOT ALL BAD!! Not every one person is bad. Because of the few officers that have made very poor decisions and have hurt individuals in an unappropriate ways, does not mean they are all bad. I'm quite sure there are people at higher levels in government that have also failed us, does not mean they will all follow suit. At this time, I am so deeply saddened to see that all of our officers are being thrown under the bus!! I personally have been helped by our police departments and I am forever grateful. I do not bell've that it was because of my ethnicity! Because of the few, does not mean they are all bad and should not be given a fair chance! I was raised to not see color but just the individual. we all bleed red. One day, no matter how rich or poor, we will all be buried in the same size box. I am so tired of this horrible fight. I would like to see each indivuals police records to see if they fall into the category of failing our people and the police departments they represent!! Unfair to pool them all into a category of being bad!!</p>
6/12/2020 23:14	Rachel Hirschi	<p>I am in favor of defunding the SLCPD and reallocating those funds to help improve public healthcare projects (such as rehab and mental health clinics), public education, and social work. We expect our police force to be a one size fits all solution to all of society's failures. Most situations that people call the police for are better handled by specialists who emphasize in de-escalation. So please consider defunding the SLCPD. Thank you!</p>

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6/12/2020 23:17	Anonymous Constituent	<p>Defunding the police is not the answer. There has to be a better answer to regulating who may have the opportunity to be a police officer, and who may not. Pointless police brutality is not okay, and something should be done about it. HOWEVER, is it okay to defund police officers and leave it to dangerous citizens to contribute to brutality of other citizens? With no one to be there to stop it? Because dangerous people will still be roaming the streets, causing chaos and havoc and all kinds of hurt- whether or not we have police officers. This does not apply to heartless police officers, but if we have people who are risking their lives every day to protect their fellow citizens because they truly CARE, and we defund them, how disrespectful is that? The decision to "defund the police" is a lazy way out of the issues we are currently facing. It may take some time to figure out a good solution, but taking that time is a so much better option rather than doing something so disrespectful to those police officers who DO honor and protect- and all with integrity. Because those police officers DO exist, whether some see it or not. Also, let's not confuse "police brutality" with police officers simply doing their jobs. And not only that- trying to protect others LIVES, including their own. There is so so much more to this story than just "All police officers are cruel and heartless."</p>

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6/12/2020 20:53	April McCoy	<p>Please do not defend our police department. I understand folks are looking to remove some funds and apply them elsewhere, mental health workers, homelessness..... We need to remember what these law enforcement officers do for us. Remember the unibomber? remember Columbine? what about Las Vegas, Sandy Hook and 9/11? Do you really bell've mental health workers and the homeless would have jumped in and pulled bodies out? Do you bell've they would have climbed through debris, digging, listening for the faint cries of children? You may be thinking, well that didn't happen here. It doesn't apply. We never thought a riot would happen here either where an officer would have to be rescued from her vehicle by her family in blue. Then her car lit on fire. Do you all realize just how much ammo was inside? That vehicle could have blown up. Where were you? Where were any of you when all these things going down? I am guessing you were watching it on the news for hours, which turned into days. Our officers stood there while people threatened them, threatened their families, their children, and injured them. These men and women still went to work the next day and did it all over again. Again? where were you? I have minimal say in what you do with my tax money. I pray you listen to me today and do the right thing by the men and women who serve and protect this city day in day out. I'd spend every damn tax dime I have for their armored car over another stupid ten year construction plan on I-15. I'mean, that never stops! Well guess what? neither does our blue. They deserve every bit of our love and support.</p>

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6/12/2020 13:17	Hannah Pedersen	<p>I grew up and 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, Hannah Pedersen</p>

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6/12/2020 13:26	Jan Bigelow	<p>I am a resident of Salt Lake City and have been shocked and upset by the recent events involving protests and riots against the police. I feel strongly about this and appreciate you taking the time to read this email. The police officers that serve our communities are generally exceptional individuals and are willing to put their lives on the line for our citizens every day. A police officer may make a mistake in the line of duty (as all of us do), but this does not mean he/she is racist. Most officer involved shootings are found justified when all the evidence is examined, contrary to initial public opinion. While racI'm still exists in the world today, I take our Police Chief at his word that he has not seen racI'm in the SLC police department in his 29 years of service. Although some individuals may feel that officers have been racist to them or targeted them because of the color of their skin, this does not make it reality. The SLC Police Department track record reflects this. Certainly any confi'med cases of racI'm (I am unaware of any in SLCPD) should be addressed and appropriate training continued, etc., but to assume that the whole department has a problem with racI'm is unfounded and an insult to the men and women that serve our community in this vital role. We ask our police officers to be the first line of defense and respond to the most dangerous situations, and yet you are considering cutting their funding (or reallocating some of it). This does not make sense especially in the midst of asking them to respond to all of the protests and riots that have been happening lately. There are many more people that feel the same as I do. Many of the citizens of SLC are busy with families and jobs that take most of our time and are not able to be as involved or make our voices heard as much as we would like. That is why I felt so strongly about reaching out and sharing my opinion, and that of many others in SLC. Please support our police officers in the essential work that they do for our community! Thank you for your service on the SL City Council and for taking my comments into consideration. Jan Bigelow Sent from Mail &lt;<a href="https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkId=550986">https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkId=550986</a>&gt; for Windows 10</p>

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6/12/2020 13:28	Parker Giebelhaus	<p>I am a resident of District 24. 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, Parker Giebelhaus</p>

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6/12/2020 13:39	Johan Sanchez	<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, Johan Sanchez Sent from my iPhone</p>
6/12/2020 15:35	Caleigh Venetis	<p>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 I'vest \$30 million in our education system and treatment centers for citizens struggling with mental health/addiction.</p>



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6/12/2020 16:56	David Mansell	<p>Of all the things to be done to help all the citizens of SLC, reducing the police presents has got to be one of the poorest decisions one could make. We already struggle with crime of all kinds going on with no real effort to control it because we don't have enough police to do the job. So if you get robbed what you get is a poice report so that you can file with your insurance company. No one is sought for or held accountable now. So lets reduce the force that keeps what peace we do have and increase the issues we already have. A knee jerk reaction to the protests is not the correct answer. Its not ok to attack police officers is it? or is it? When you need a cop and no one comes what will you do? Our poice department is one of the best in the US. Could it be better sure, everytning can be better. But putting more responsiblity on less manpower is a fools game. The best thing we an do is train police to deal with various issues they will face and how to best help those in need. Then if there is a issue with on officer deal with the officer not the entire force and put the population you were elected to protect in danger. Be wise and act prudently and remember that all lives matter.</p>