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6/17/2020 12:31	Dave Reeder	don't defund the police.
6/17/2020 10:45	Lynda Ruiz	DO NOT defl'd the police department! that would be the most dumbest and ignkrant decision you all would make! You all need to actually gube them a damn raise! This shouldnt even be a topic...
6/17/2020 11:42	Barbara Fredrick	I am not in favor of defunding the police. I am grateful for their service and protection. Why are we not protesting the number of police men who put their lives on the line each day and are killed. The lives of all people matter and the lives of police officers matter also.
6/17/2020 11:53	Jessica Carter	its time that money is used for good and not evil! lets defund the police and put it into the school system
6/17/2020 11:56	Nathan Kearsley	There is no need that our cops should be wearing millitary garb to "keep the peace" with peafcul protesters. Police officers that are violent and kill people need to be held accountable. Police Chief Brown should be removed or resign. There needs to be more citizen oversight so cops don't l'vestigate their own murders. There needs to be a big change. Take some of that money we spend millions on for cops and actually l'vest it into the communty.

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6/17/2020 12:07	Dixie Casasola	<p>I am a resident of Salt Lake County. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a budget for the people, that prioritizes community well-being 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 lethal force against residents of color. Empty gestures and suggestions of reform? are unacceptable. I am demanding the voices of this movement be heard, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for marginalized communities is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, while social services and education--proven to better promote community safety than policing--stagnate. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, when too often paid out to officers responsible for harassing unhoused, Black, Indigenous, and Latinx residents, is deeply insulting. I am demanding that the City Council defund the SLCPD. I demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of impacted Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. I demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowering the police forces that tear us apart. Although City Council has thus far 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 care, not criminalization and incarceration. You must adopt a budget for the people. Public opinion is with me.</p>

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6/17/2020 12:17	Christine Weston	I respectfully request that the police in Salt Lake Cit are not defunded.
6/17/2020 12:20	CyDore Dennison	Please DO NOT defund or lessen the budget to law enforcement. If anything, it'should be increased. If you really in your hearts bell've there to be a problem, and not just a political stand to appease the wheel that is loudly seeking at this time, then you will support law enforcement by ensuring there funding is sufficient to meet the needs of greater training and equ'l'ment. Ensure they are outfitted with cameras for not only their accountability, but that of the public, as there have also been many instances where officers are falsely accused and the footage shows the person making false allegations. By the same standards that you want law enforcement to be held, the public also needs to be held to those same or equivalent standards and personal ramifications.
6/17/2020 12:22	Dawn Boss	Please continue to fund our local police department, unless you want SLC to be another Seattle or Portland. The Salt Lake City Police department is an "essential" business. Please keep it that way

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6/17/2020 12:24	Calvin Ross	Please do not give a bunch of money to cops! Even a tiny bit of their money could go to other departments that would make a difference. Imagine how much violence we could prevent.
6/17/2020 12:26	Lohanne Packer	to the members of the slc city council- as a lifelong resident of salt lake city i am disappointed in the proposal for an increase to the police budget. the people have spent the past weeks demonstrating only for our voices to fall on deaf ears. history has proven that more police training and reform makes little to no difference. in utah black people are killed at 10x the rate of their white counterparts, the largest disparity in the nation. knowing this we must act with extreme urgency and work to dismantle the forces who oppress the most marginalized among us. I demand the slcpd be cut by at least 30 million dollars and in addition to reallocating the money to increase our teachers wages, it also go to services that will provide rent relief, medical insurance, free mental health services, and food for those who need it and families who are food insecure. there are too few resources for those in need and using the police as a fix for all of our society's failings has only resulted in blood shed and lives taken from our communities. it's time to take a collective step forward and seek a world that doesn't rely on heavy policing and instead focuses on creating conditions in which the police are not needed at all by investing in schools and youth programs, removing police from schools, repealing laws criminalizing survival and investing in community self governance. thank you. -lohanne packer
6/17/2020 12:25	Lauren Nielsen	I believe defunding the police would be a huge mistake. The crime and mayhem that would cause is a major effect that would cause many including myself to find else where to shop, eat, do my business. Yes you could say on many calls we could send social workers but I believe most times they need a police escort and would be in a very dangerous situation. Let the other cities put themselves in harms way by defunding their police and watch as they fall apart. Thank you for your time, Lauren Nielsen Sent from my iPhone

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6/17/2020 12:35	Ira Hinckley	Hello, I bell've that in Salt Lake City, we have become accustomed to having law and order on our streets and allowing the rule of law prevail. I understand that with all of the attacks on police, both physical, and in written messages from our City Council, that it will be increasingly more difficult to attract and retain good Peace Officers. Therefore I am requesting that you increase the police budget by \$30 million dollars over the next year. best regards, Ira Hinckley resident
6/17/2020 12:27	Lohanne Packer	hello, im a resident in your district. i am disappointed in the proposal for an increase to the police budget. the people have spent the past weeks demonstrating only for our voices to fall on deaf ears. history has proven that more police training andreform makes little to no difference. in utah black people are killed at 10x the rate of their white counterparts, the largest disparity in the nation. knowing this we must act with extreme urgency and work to dl'mantle the forces who oppress the most marginalized among us. l'demand the slcpd be cut by at least 30 million dollars and in addition to reallocating the money to increase our teachers wages, it also go to services that will provide rent relief, medical insurance, free mental health services, and food for families who are food insecure. thank you. -lohanne packer

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6/17/2020 12:33	Heidl'manwaring	<p>From: approvedheidi@gmail.com Message: Please don't defund our police. Dear Mayor and City Council, I am a resident of your city, and I want to let you know that I appreciate the heroic efforts of our police force. In the current climate of hostility towards the police, I am concerned that the silent majority are not being heard ? only the vocal anarchists -- but We, The People are grateful for the services our police force provides. I'don't want our law enforcement defunded! This may be a ploy by certain factions to ?militarize? the police, and to justify martial law. My family and I do not want this, and we want to stand up FOR the police! There?s a bad cop here and there, but we know they are the rare exception, rather than the rule. Law enforcement is necessary, and worth the money we spend for our own security against crime and lawlessness. We know that 99% of cops are good people who want to do a good job. Please do not defund our police force. Thank you. Heidl'manwaring Salt lake city Utah</p> <p>&lt;<a href="https://u13947325.ct.sendgrid.net/wf/open?upn=-2F2kE4d6zW-2FK3bcRbEpDszpBhMjRkXSq1TroYRxmptEdI9nJl18v9-2F96Gd7RICnf7B7f2J-2BG7yFzEzwYMVA7TCn4ikEkIIHIVLeyS2ufPS-2B87GIEnDNZCOur56D-2BLVtBbPz-2BD-2BQaUY4Ub1TVNgMNSXrgEhJQ8KxJmAeNWevD4MASuHU5hGbAq7NJOqyKOI'dWcRuiZQiFFAv0mUQAaumGR8vCZybn6hKm4eZxHL3CFn0-3D">https://u13947325.ct.sendgrid.net/wf/open?upn=-2F2kE4d6zW-2FK3bcRbEpDszpBhMjRkXSq1TroYRxmptEdI9nJl18v9-2F96Gd7RICnf7B7f2J-2BG7yFzEzwYMVA7TCn4ikEkIIHIVLeyS2ufPS-2B87GIEnDNZCOur56D-2BLVtBbPz-2BD-2BQaUY4Ub1TVNgMNSXrgEhJQ8KxJmAeNWevD4MASuHU5hGbAq7NJOqyKOI'dWcRuiZQiFFAv0mUQAaumGR8vCZybn6hKm4eZxHL3CFn0-3D</a>&gt;</p>

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6/17/2020 12:30	Gracie Leon	<p>I am a resident of District 4. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a budget for the people, 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 lethal force against residents of color. Empty gestures and suggestions of reform? are unacceptable. I am demanding the voices of this movement be heard, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for marginalized communities is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, while social services and education--proven to better promote community safety than policing--stagnate. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, when too often paid out to officers responsible for harassing unhoused, Black, Indigenous, and Latinx residents, is deeply insulting. I am demanding that the City Council defund the SLCPD. I demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of impacted Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. I demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowering the police forces that tear us apart. Although City Council has thus far 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 care, not criminalization and incarceration. You must adopt a budget for the people. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Gracie Leon Sent from my iPhone</p>

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6/17/2020 12:31	Halie Bahr	<p>Dear Darin Mano: My name is Halie Bahr; I am a constituent of yours in District 5 of Salt Lake City. I am reaching out, as so many of my fellow citizens, to express my concern and frustration over the increase in the SLC police department's budget. I especially am disappointed that after so many phone calls and emails asking for a decrease in the police department's budget, the council has decided on an increase. I echo the demands for a \$30 million decrease in the police department's budget, and I question in particular \$780,000 going to body cameras, tasers, and car technology. Body cameras did not stop police officers from shooting at Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal more than 20 times while he was running away. It has become more and more evident to me that pastreform ideas do not prevent police brutality; they only document it. This funding will not enact impactful change. I urge you and your fellow governing officials to reduce the SLC Police Department's budget by at least \$30 million--and/or commit to a continual decrease for future police department budgets--and instead I'vest into programs that will franchise our most vulnerable populations, including our Black and Brown communities. As a dance artist, I'd like to advocate in particular for better funding for art programs in education and after-school programs, alongside social work programs, housing initiatives, and mental health advocates. Best, Halie Bahr</p>
6/17/2020 12:34	Heidi Orton	<p>To whom it may concern: We need law enforcement. We don't need to reorganize the police department. SLPD is one of the finest police departments in the nation. Due to recent events it's clear we need them now more than ever. I feel that defunding the police department is giving into the demands or those who don't understand what this moment is really all about. We are citizens of Salt Lake and we need the police department as it is. Heidi Orton</p>



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6/17/2020 12:40	Jan Hendrickson	<p>You are absolutely correct about people being mad over the new defunding of the police department. You are going to have many officers leave and leave the city in a bad position. I guess my question is who do we sue when we are not protected and we need to be? Ridiculous. Sent from my iPad Begin forwarded message: From: Jan Hendrickson Date: June 16, 2020 at 7:41:35 AM MDT To: chris.wharton@slcgov.com Subject: Police ? I am writing this email because I feel as though you guys are folding to politics. I absolutely bell've that there are bad officers out there but for the most part are underpaid, under appreciated and over worked. I'don't disagree That'some different training may be a good thing, anything we can do to prevent the death of one of our officers is a good thing. I'm so concerned that we will start giving up policies one piece at a time until slowly we no longer have a police department. I think a better idea is to train the people our officers are coming in contact with. I am so sick of hearing the black population on tv saying ?We have to teach our kids how to act when an officer approaches them? I'm sorry but what is wrong with teaching them respect for all authority all the time? I'm old but we were taught to respect all authority or suffer the consequences. We live in a time now where this entitlement generation has zero respect for anyone and that is what gets them in trouble. That goes for all races. I think there should be a law where if the person being approached by the officer, resists, tries to escape, or pulls a weapon, the punishment is harsher, kl'd of like fines double in construction zones. I really think every person who has a hand in making decisions on what is going to happen to our police department, should be required to spend a month on the force, up close and personal and on the job, with these amazing people that get up everyday to go out and protect us at all costs. Maybe if you see what they have to go through and how they put their lives on the line everyday, you may have a change of heart. A better idea is to do something about this younger generation that respects nothing and expects everything. Just an FYI, I'do not have any family or friends on any police force, so I'm not basing my email on that, I'm just tired of the way they are being treated. Jan Sent from my iPad</p>

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6/17/2020 13:27	Steve & Kristy Hill	Ronald Reagan broke the Air tragic controllers and it has been an important. The police Union needs to be broken up. You need to break the system in order to get systemic change for the better. Please vote to do so! Steve and Kristy Hill Sent from my iPhone
6/17/2020 12:32	Hannah Wolfson	<p>I am a Salt Lake City resident. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a budget for the people, 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 lethal force against residents of color. Empty gestures and suggestions of reform? are unacceptable. I am demanding the voices of this movement be heard, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for marginalized communities is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, while social services and education--proven to better promote community safety than policing--stagnate. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, when too often paid out to officers responsible for harassing unhoused, Black, Indigenous, and Latinx residents, is deeply insulting. I am demanding that the City Council defund the SLCPD. I demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of impacted Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. I demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowering the police forces that tear us apart. Although City Council has thus far 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 care, not criminalization and incarceration. You must adopt a budget for the people. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, but your time will soon run out.</p>

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6/17/2020 12:33	candace gundersen	<p>It has been brought to my attention that you are meeting tonight to discuss defunding our slc police department, and I would like to voice my thoughts and opinions. I support our law enforcement officers. I also love back people! And if they feel raci'm from police, there should be anti-raci'm trainings and they should absolutely be held accountable if they are being racist. However, to make cops the bad guys and defund or tear apart our whole system is ridiculous. If we make policereform so strict and hard to abide by, then good police officers will resign and we will be left with nothing but the bad ones. And why would we feel safe dl'mantling our law enforcement? We need law &amp; order! Does nobody remember that this is one of the things Hitler did before he took over...? Remember ?brown shirts?? Hereformed the police system and then eventually took over the law enforcement. I do not trust a strict government run law enforcement. I support the law enforcement we have and our community is a safer place because of them.</p>

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6/17/2020 12:36	Erica Bl'das	<p>Was listening to the working group and heard you mention That'sLC taxpayers don't want fewer police officers, but that is precisely what I (and many others) are asking for right now. We have sent countless emails, left voicemails, and attended public hearings and have made this very clear. We are not asking to defund the police ignorantly. Those funds can hire workers that have more training in specialized areas and can more broadly support SLC taxpayers without the use of violence. "Defund the Police" may have become a bit of a rally cry, but it comes with a lot of intention behl'd it and I ask that you trust that. I'don't know if you'll see this before you vote tonight, but I figured I would try anyways. I'do appreciate you spending your time and effort on city council and fielding thousands of emails - that is an undeniable amount of work and dedication to the city. I just also hope that you listen to them next and make an anti-racist statement on behalf of Distrct 4.</p>
6/17/2020 12:36	Jeffery Marchant	<p>The Silent majority supports the police. The Police are needed more than ever as crime increases and criminals use protests to cover and justify their criminal actions. The police need increased funding and support. All statistics show that most police are good and sincerely care for those they serve. don't allow a small number to dictate a policy that will give criminals a freer reign than that which they already have. Jeffery Marchant Rose Park Resident</p>
6/17/2020 12:39	Cecilia Prieto	<p>Hello, I'm sure I'm not the only one to email you about this but before you make your final decisions today, we need to reduced the police department's budget by \$30 million. This money should be allocated to resources that will actually help our community.</p>

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6/17/2020 12:39	Jamie Reeves	<p>Hello Mayor and City Council, We need to change the way we view public safety, and move away from the era of policing. The modern law enforcement system is directly bred out of the slave patrols in the early 1700s. The attempts to reform, or improve, the racist institution of policing may never be sufficient, and therefore I am calling to defund to police. I would also like to ask you what you are personally doing to reduce police brutality, and if you are on the boat to defund the police? Sincerely, Jamie Reeves</p>
6/17/2020 12:41	Janelle Kaul	<p>Dear City Council, Please so not Defund the Police. Infact, I would highly recommend you ADD money to the Police Training. Especially in the training of MENTAL HEALTH cases. Families need support HELPING their loved one, not HURTING them, when their loved one is not in their right ml'd. As our community is experiencing higher suicide, and many other mental health problems. I'don't want to share my story at this time. But I STRONGLY recommend not to DEFUND the Police. By DEFUNDING the POLICE you WILL IN FACT be telling our community that you DO NOT CARE ABOUT OUR SAFETY AT ALL. And PUT us ALL in more DANGER. No one wants a ticket, or to go to jail. But we as citizens know that we must obey the law, and we won't. But when we get HURT in a car accident, who is called, THE POLICE. They help SAVE LIVES. When a chl'd goes MISSING, who do we call, the POLICE. When you have been ROBBED, who do we call, the POLICE. When we need protection from a violent person, who do we call, the POLICE. PLEASE GIVE THE POLICE more training. Offer mental health screening for officers. Offer massage for helping keep stress down. Offer free gym membership for officers. Have a POLICE GREEN HOUSE GARDEN area that they can destress in. let's BUI'd OUR COMMUNITY FAMILY STRONGER NOT WEAKER!!!! NO TO DEFUNDING THE POLICE Sincerely, Janelle Kaul</p>

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6/17/2020 12:42	Chriss Nikolishen	<p>I am writing to you out of concern for tonight's council meeting discussing defunding our police force. I feel that our police department is doing a wonderful job protecting and servicing our community. I bell've they have one of the hardest jobs even on good days and during the last few months they have had even more pressure appll'd to their positions. Our cities need law and order and we need our police force to handle these situation's. Just like with any other office or company there is always areas of improvement. I feel that Police Chief Mike Brown is an incredible leader and will continue to serve our community with strength, admiration and morality. Our police forces are already running on budget cuts and any reductions could be detrimental to our community. Police officers are called to situations that no one else would like to go to. They are trained to keep our communities safe by protecting and serving our communities that they are a part of with law and order. I want to know that I have a trained policy officer that knows our communities who will be there when I need someone to help. I pray that that day won't come but do want to know that our police force is there and willing to assist when I need them. I am pleading that you look at our communities best interest and continue to let our police force do the incredible job that they have been doing.</p>
6/17/2020 12:44	Doral Vance	<p>I work in your district in Salt Lake City. I support the police department. I'm grateful for the service and protection they provide. They have the most difficult, stressful, and underpaid job in the city and they deserve more respect and support than they are getting. During the riot and protests they have handled themselves with dignity and professionalI'm despite being abused by rioters and protesters. Of course they can improve. Any organization can. But the move to defund police is at best misguided and at worst, anarchist. let's look at both sides. What are the police trying to do? I bell've they have a clear mission and vision. On the other hand the protesters want change, change to what? What is their motive? I've not heard it clearly articulated. I urge you to stand up for the men and women who protect the city and those who live and work there.</p>

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6/17/2020 12:47	Dustin George	it has become clear, that not just SLC, but the country as a whole has lost faith and trust in our officers. I am asking for direct swiftreform. Law Enforcement nonlonger looks like the person you run to for help. the amount of tactical gear and militarization presents them as an oppressive force. I know LEO's personally. and I know many of them also want to see a change. Please reallocate funding to help our community, lower the burden on our officers and lower the threat level for all involved. Lets put more money towards social work, education, substance counceling and work programs. so that less crime begins. Remove tanks, and tactical gear from our law enforcement. Focus on quality officers over a large quantity. pay those officers better so we have officers that really care. require more training before they are allowed to become officers, and a minimum of training per year moving forward. Ditch our ridicoulous drug laws and get people help instead of jail and fines. Open up a citizen review board. lets make this city and our world a better place for EVERYONE. thank you

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6/17/2020 12:47	Jeffrey Kenney	<p>Dear SLC Council, Here are a few thoughts regarding the budget updates. 1. Complete Trainings at a Faster Pace ? I strongly disagree with this approach. We hear often that police have too much to do, so why are we paying over time for them to take a course? This does not set them up for success with learning and implementing the practices in this course. 2. Victim Advocate ? I support. Can we have more of this? 3. Policy Manual Updates ? a. Thank you for updating for chokeholds and compressed airways. Chokeholds seem prevalent across police culture, what are repercussions if someone does use one? b. Can we instill accountability policies for the use of Oleoresin Capsicum if used for groups? 4. Body Cams ? I don't really know the answer to this. I bell've body cameras are important and I would imagine most so to first responders. However I bell've myself and many others have been calling on the council to defund the police. So I'm not sure how we came to such an increase in their budget. 5. I support the other budget discussions topics including the 1.7 million for TBD projects within communities of color. 6. Is it still in the budget to hire 8 new police officers this year? How about we cut those positions and use that for body cameras. I am all for replacing employees who leave, however it seems like we could use this funding for the victim advocate, other roles that are more community based, or body cameras. Thank you Jeff Kenney</p>



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6/17/2020 12:50	Jenni Julander	<p>To Whom It Concerns: I'm writing to express concern over tonight's meeting discussing defunding the police. The United States needs law enforcement. Police departments need educational programs, enforced accountability, and anti-racism training, including teaching officers how to respond &amp; prevent a fellow officer from committing a racist act. I don't see how programs like these can be implemented or enforced without funding. If the Salt Lake City riots are proof of anything, it's that law and order must be enforced. I'm concerned that if we were to de-fund the police, citizens would feel the need to take things into their own hands. I would much rather have trained professionals ensuring our safety than random citizens with guns. If we think the police taking the law into their own hands is a problem sometimes, imagine what would happen if civilians started protecting themselves from crime. Thank you for taking the time to hear my concerns. Jenni Julander</p>
6/17/2020 12:51	Dave Iltis	<p>I'm writing to ask that you make sure to keep in the budget this item: Maintenance of Multimodal Infrastructure? \$300k. This is for maintenance of bike lanes, particularly the Green Lanes in downtown SLC that have been neglected for 12 years. This is a result too of disputes between Transportation and Streets, but this budget item will help a ton. Please do keep this in the budget.</p>
6/17/2020 12:51	Jenny McCarthy	<p>We need the police. We cannot defund them. It terrifies me that this is even an option. We need more training and screening . If you defund the police we will lose the great cops. You get what you pay for. Please don't let those hideous cops ruin our state. I love Utah Thank you Sent from my iPhone Jenny</p>
6/17/2020 12:52	Jessica Gustafson	<p>Please vote to keep funding for our police department. We need them. Our neighborhoods are not safe without them!</p>

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6/17/2020 13:22	Kr Lag	<p>Greetings, In regards to current events. The response of Salt Lake City to recent events us outright shameful. You talk if systemic bias really? What about systemic bias of Law Enforcement? The media is flooding the public with defunding police. In order to make an educated solution to a perceived problem each and everyone of you, starting with the Mayor needs to complete a course in scenario training, this would include being sbit with pellets,escalating situations followed or proceeded in lie level encounters and everything in between. let's see you all defecate yourselves in these real life scenarios and then you can have an opinion and join in an educated conversation involving the future of Law Enforcement. The media is out if control and selectively shows repeatedly what fits their agenda. They need to be held personally responsible for their biased and inflammatory coverage if events. The media fails to l'vestigate in an unbiased manner and are complete failures of their profession. They need to be held personally responsible for their slander of l'dividuals and organizations. If Law Enforcement can be sued on a personal level, then the media is no different. Bob Evan's reported yesterday regarding the shooting in the Wendy's drive through as an l'ncent man who had simply fallen asleep in his car and was shot by white officers fir no reason. That us a complete lie, he was passed out in a drunken stupor, had been released from prison due to Covid and had prior DUI'S, he instigated a fight to the death with 2 officers, who had been completely professional and polite with him. <b>*Continued 1/2*</b></p>

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	Kr Lag	<p><b>*Continued 2/2*</b> There needs to be an understanding that there is a firearm in every fight with an officer, Their firearm. This criminal disarmed the police officer and was fleeing, can anyone guarantee he would not have committed crimes against an innocent person and hijacked their car and then driven it potentially killing someone? He was well beyond the legal limit. He fired at an officer, if that officer becomes incapacitated, that firearm can now be taken by this criminal. This inflammatory speech by the mayor needs to cease immediately! She is a disgrace! I have been a female Law Enforcement Officer for 15 years, not Once have I EVER pulled my vehicle over when dispatched to a call for service and asked: wait a minute I won't respond unless I know this callers political affiliation, their religion, their gender preference, and physical descriptions are fir callers report if suspect information! I respond immediately to save and render side to ALL..hie dare anyone of you claim otherwise and spew lies out when you basically know Nothing as evidenced by your actions.</p>

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6/17/2020 12:53	Abby Schroeder	<p>Hello, I am writing because I am very passionate that the SLC Council reallocate police funding to necessary parts of the community - including social services, homelessness, education, etc. Especially in areas with higher percentages of minorities. it'should also ensure that funds towards policing more specifically are allocated for police oversight (non-departmental funding), such as mandatory body cams in police vehicles and on police officers, outside l'vestigation into police misconduct and use of force cases (especially in the case of shootings and killings by police), ensuring that all police use of violence is accurately reported, enhanced police de-escalation training, and bias screening. Allocate counseling and social workers towards not only community efforts, but inside the police departments to meet the emotional needs of police officers to reduce use of force and violence. I greatly wish to see policereform in Salt Lake City, as a direct response to recent events, and continued stories of use of force by SLC PD that are coming out. I bell've the only way to do this is by reducing funding that goes directly towards the police department, and reallocate it towards the services which will help reduce police bias, violence, killings, and hold police accountable for their actions. Thank you for your time. Sinerely, a passionate SLC resident, and Black Lives Matter ally.</p>
6/17/2020 12:55	Jolene Kniffing	<p>Never defund local police, firemen. For the most part, they keep their oath of office in defense of our rights to freedom, liberty and free agency to do as we choose as long as we aren't infringing on anybody's rights. For the most part, they are God's heros! Certainly the rioters are not.</p>

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6/17/2020 12:57	Jordan Mills	To whom it may concern. I feel like our police force has done an exceptional job. They always have! I feel way more safe knowing they are around. I've had some instances in my life where they have helped me out so much, and even saved a loved ones life. Please please please consider this! If anything, more funding needs to be placed for them! They put their lives on the lines day in and day out. No matter the situation. They do it for us. They don't do it for the pay, the pay is pathetic. If anything you discuss, give them more for what they deserve! Thanks for your time! Sent from my iPhone
6/17/2020 12:58	Josh Fullmer	I cannot fl'd where you put a vote in for the police department defunding. it's wrong to defund those who are protecting us.
6/17/2020 13:12	Kalvan Sears	Learning that you want to increase the budget for body cams and tazers - why haven't they spent the ridiculous amounts of money theyve received over all these years on that previously? Your lack of making substantial changes properly defunding the police since they have failed in their duties is offensive. Give the police a fourth of their current budget and have them actually work for it and put the rest of the money into the community. If you have to ask me where in the community then I think you have also failed to do your job in learning where money can best be sent to improve the lives of all citizens. Also theres a guy talking from downtown. I live a block away from the downtown library and across from the police station. The protesters have never been a safety concern for me -what is is the police flying helicopters to terrorize people and cops showing up with large rifles. - Concerned Citizen
6/17/2020 13:10	Kalvan Sears	You said yes instantly, had a script planned after saying you would listen to more comments. This is absolutely insulting and shameful. You can bet I'll be working diligently to get you out of there and get people on the council that will genuinely listen to the people. Shame. Kalvan Sears Lived downtwon in Salt Lake for 10 years and watched That'stupid police station get built. YOU ARE SHAMEFUL

Date/Time Opened	Contact Name	Comment
6/17/2020 13:15	Kate Steinicke	Hello Chris, My name is Kate and I just bought my first condo at capital hill. I'm writing to you because I need to voice my opinion that we need to lower the proposed police budget for 2021. We need To Divest from the police and instead I'vest in our education and our mental health resources as a start. If people have resources, crime will go down. I would also like to see the 8 can't wait guidelines implemented for our police force. These are researched strategies for successful deescalation that every city needs to adopt. Again, THIS IS A STARTING POINT. If you don't thinkreform needs to happen then you are not paying attention and as a citizen under your district that concerns me. I'dare you to impress me with your compassion and action regarding this matter. Best regards, Kate Sent from my iPhone
6/17/2020 13:13	Kandice Bair	Police officers already don't make enough. Increasing the police budget can ensure that there are funds for trainings and increased wages. Decreasing funds with discourage good people to desire entering into the law enforcement field.
6/17/2020 13:16	Katherine Ewing	I am writing to you today to implore you to not defund the police department's. We need our officers patrolling and looking out for our safety etc. Imagine the crime and terrible atrocities that will occur because the bad guys will know they have no consequences! Who would we call if God forbid there was a home invasion? Who will you call?? The citizens we be forced to protect their own without the support of our police officers. You do not need to follow bli'dly to the cries to defund. You can stand up for the great citizens of this state and keep our law enforcement intact. Sure there are things that need to be changed but defunding or dl'mantling the police will only create more problems. -Kathy Ewing Herriman, Utah
6/17/2020 13:18	Kent Thompson	I would like my voice to be counted as one who thinks the idea of defunding the SLC Police is ludacris. Over reaction to a loud minority voice is behl'd this endeavor and I would hope rational thought would prevail in this matter. Kent Thompson

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6/17/2020 13:13	Kara Cornia	<p>Dear Salt Lake City Council, I am writing to you today concerning the issues of police funding here in Utah. I have heard the arguments from both sides and personally, I don't think reducing funding for police is going to solve any problems, in fact, I think it will only make things worse. I do think there needs to be some reform with certain department policies but cutting the budget for people who are already overworked and underpaid won't bring about the abolition of 'systemic racism'. No one will be willing to work as a police officer and the ones who do will be the same ones who are causing problems. People aren't born racist, it's something that is learned. I think there needs to be more education about police and how to respect authorities and also about inclusion and humanity. I'm willing to bet that the majority of protesters that are fighting for defunding the police are the ones with records who would take advantage of the lack of police presence. I fully respect and support those who fight for their civil rights and liberties but I have zero respect for those who threaten the abolition and abandonment of our brave men and women in blue. Police often have to deal with things that are emotionally and mentally scarring and they do so in order to protect us from those things. I suggest that you go on some ride-alongs with the SLCPD and maybe get a taste of their everyday lives before slashing their budget. I am an assistant manager at a small business and I know that if there were less or no police, we would definitely take our business elsewhere for fear of looting, robbery, or attack. This is true for many other businesses in Salt Lake and if it happens, it would result in a massive loss of tax revenue for both the city and the state. I'm sure That salt Lake can't afford that right now considering the massive toll COVID-19 has taken on the state and nation's economy. I am speaking for the silent majority, and I hope you hear our voices over the loud minority. Sincerely, Kara Cornia</p>

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6/17/2020 13:14	kassidy koch	I emlore you to stop the madness of defunding the police and instead ask you to consider what you may do as policereform. Help them deescalate the situation. Have a strict program of disciplinary actions if things go badly. Those who cannot defend themselves need our amazing law enforcement officers, badly. What about those victims of robbery, rape, domestic violence. Crime will skyrocket and we will no longer have a good ability to defend our cities. Tourl'm? It will plummet. People don't want to travel to an unsafe place. Defund is madness. PLease stop listening to our "cancel culture" and the very small minority even if they are loud and obnoxious. Consider safety for the masses. Sincerely, Cassidy
6/17/2020 13:17	Kellie Wheeler	Hello, I would like to know if SLC city council is on board with defunding the police? Thank you, Kellie Wheeler
6/17/2020 13:25	Kristen Shelley	I am appalled it has even come to this. Why is this even a discussion??? Why are we considering defunding the very department who protects society?? Yes there are a few bad apples in our law enforcement, just like EVERYTHING else. There will always be bad apples in every department, and group of ANY kl'd. The answer is NOT to defund the police. That is clearly detrimental to society. If anything should happen at this time, it would be to raise the funds for our police department. Our country NEEDS law ans order! Utah can stand out like San Diego and take better care of our police officers. We NEED them, and they NEED our support! Sincerely, Kristen Shelley Sent from my iPhone
6/17/2020 13:47	Mark Christiansen	No - I'dO NOT want to defund the police. We need our police force. Sent from my iPhone



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6/17/2020 13:32	Lauren Callaway	<p>Hi, Citizens have pleaded to decrease funding for the SLCPD, and instead, proposed funding has been increased to accommodate measures that, at best, produce questionable results in terms of efficacy at minimizing acts of excessive police force and violence (specifically, body and vehicle cameras and de-escalation training). Only a few days ago, former Officer Garrett Rolfe was fired in Atlanta for the killing of Rayshard Brooks. He had recently received de-escalation and cross-cultural training and was recorded in his act with police cameras. I demand an explanation, and this community deserves it. I will not vote or provide future support for representatives of any party or affiliation who will not take meaningful action in reforming SLC's policing system, particularly while affordable housing, homeless, and mental health services remain drastically underfunded. Instead, I'll fund your opponents who DO support measures that will uplift our community and support meaningful change. Bye, Lauren Callaway</p>
6/17/2020 13:19	Kierazleah B	<p>Hello, I am contacting you to inform you that my family, myself, and many others in my community are outraged by the lack of respect our police officers are receiving and we support our law enforcement 100%! We do not support ANY defunding or ANY other measures that would put our officers at risk or would disrupt their jobs (INCLUDING the banning of use of chokeholds or tear gas). There are many excellent officers that go above and beyond the call of duty for their communities and they deserve our communities support and leaders that are willing to stand behind them and support them during this time. And so I ask you DO NOT DEFUND OUR POLICE. I would also like to know what you will be doing to support our police officers and to keep them safe so that they can continue to protect our communities? Thank you, Kierazleah B.</p>

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6/17/2020 12:28	Gabriela Knudson	<p>Good Afternoon, I received a message saying the state is thinking about cutting the fund for police officers. I bell've this is a mistake. I bell've police officers help maintain a safer environment and That's why I love living here in Salt Lake City. Please, I would like you to consider not cutting this funding and maintain Salt Lake city'safe. Sincerely, Gabriela Knudson Sent from my iPhone</p>
6/17/2020 12:37	Jackie Hinnen	<p>I am absolutely appalled that defunding a police department could ever be considered here in our great state. What our nation needs is not defunded law enforcement departments (or budget cuts). Our country needs to see INCREASED budgets. Increased public out reach budgets with focus on positive exposure to chl'dren. Increased budgets for continuous training for all law enforcement aimed at giving officers ongoing educational opportunities. We need budget increases supporting providing officers with ongoing training opportunities to increase their muscle memory in responding physically to violent situations, as well as deeper training with high stress situations including incidents involving l'dividuals with mental health issues or mentally/socially impaired l'dividuals, animals appearing to respond aggressively, incidents in which officers are out numbered, etc. Officers need increased and ongoing training in deescalation tactics as well as increased education in the human body and risks of force. The system needs increased budgets to support a system that allows officers the encouragement and support to speak up when fellow officers are out of line with out putting their own jobs at risk in any way (and maybe even consequences for those that do not). The system needs increased budgets and authority to look into complaints about officers or incidents and to initiate disciplinary action when necessary. Payroll needs increases too to help incentivize more l'dividuals to join law enforcement offices. Budget increases also need to be appll'd to mental and emotional support for officers at a level that keeps them from needing help instead of being available after trauma or stress takes hold. Participation in this needs to be required. <b>*Continued 1/3*</b></p>

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	Jackie Hinnen	<p>The goal needs to be to keep down the levels of stress vs treating the stress only once present to a certain degree. In addition to support available and recurved to maintain stress levels, increased budgets should also be appll'd to events for law enforcement and their families to help support that as well through decompression. The government also needs to be continuously improving legislation where education and local economy is concerned. MORE LOCAL JOBS and increased education for our society helps to get more people out of low economical classes which is a level of society with a higher level of negative police contact. We NEED less people in those groups. We also need less people to be on government assistance. We need to look at what our government assistance looks like and stop the long term use and abuse of the system. We need to stop generational dependency on these programs. I would think that none of this paragraph would need to be said to anyone involved in legislation at any level, and yet I have continuously seen the opposite throughout our state and country where these things are concerned. I've also seen theses budgets going to pay increases for high level l'dividuals instead of being appll'd where differences can be made. These failures to our people cannot continue to stand. With out a government that helps to raise up all of its people, crime will continue to increase and tensions between officers and minorities and lower economical class l'dividuals will increase. In short, I am heart broken for our nation. We are a young nation but we show more than inexperience to other nations. We show ignorance, in so many ways. We turn our head where we should not... often including from the chl'dren of our country that deserve better and from the people That'sacrifice for our country in hopes of making it better. It is a shame. I fl'd myself wondering how I will explain so much of our world to my chl'dren and am disappointed when I consider how these explanations will apply to our own soil. I wonder how I can encourage them to climb in a country That'shows no interest in the climbing of ALL citizens. <b>*Continued 2/3*</b></p>

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	Jackie Hinnen	<p><b>*Continued 3/3*</b> I wonder how I will teach them the difference in right and wrong when our own leaders set negative examples. The issue of defunding the police department arises from so many issues for which no police department is responsible and using them as the ones to take the blame will not help to fix, heal, change or grow our country. It will be detrimental to our society and even to our government. The need for law &amp; order will always be present in society. If the government cannot uphold law enforcement then what options are there? I would think that chaos wouldn't need to be pointed out and yet this is being considered. Are we considering privatized law enforcement? The level of disaster that would be involved in that option is one of which many citizens would seek shelter on federal lands living illegally off the grid in fear of many things and in an effort to keep their families safe. Because with out law enforcement or with privatized law enforcement you will create far more problems than our society has as it is. Sincerely, A resident concerned and disturbed by our society and our governments response. Ps I fought hard not to simply ask, "are you mad!?" Through out this email. I am hopeful that you will not cave to ill guided pressures. I hope you will consider bettering the situation through many efforts instead of allowing law enforcement to take the fall for greater issues.</p>
6/17/2020 12:49	Jen No Last Name	<p>As the wife of a salt lake county trooper who puts his life on the line each night to serve his community, I am heavily disappointed in each of you for taking \$5.3 million AWAY from police. You should be ashamed of yourselves and your decision. Who do you trust to keep you safe, a social worker or a police officer? Who do you expect to show up and help you when you call 911? Gee I hope they send a well trained social worker.... Do you think police officers are going to want to put their lives on the line with equipment that isn't up to date or less training etc. because you took away their funds? Black Lives Matter is a hate group and you've given them exactly what they want. I am disgusted. SHAME ON YOU Sent from my iPhone</p>

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6/17/2020 12:42	Joshua Todd	Good Morning, My name is Joshua Todd, I'm a Utah citizen living in Salt Lake County. I understand you are looking into defunding the police and I just want to say I support that, or at least some type of reformation that holds police officers more accountable for their actions. As officers of the law we the citizens grant them an incredibly high level of trust, and when they abuse their position of authority they should be held accountable. Thank you. -Josh Sent from Samsung Galaxy smartphone.
6/17/2020 12:45	Jeffrey Denning	If you want a better police department with better applicants and better training, you need more funding, not less. San Diego and Houston have both increased the budget for police. Please follow suit. Respectfully, Jeffrey Denning
6/17/2020 12:45	Jeff Sanderson	Council Member Fowler, Let me start by saying I am a Police Officer. Luckily, and at least for now, my department has not abandoned me for some progressive liberal agenda, cowering to pressure from outside sources that have very little to do with Utah. I am disappointed, and disgusted with the cuts to the Salt Lake City Police Department budget that you, and your cohorts voted for tonight. Cuts like the ones that are proposed will do little for lowering crime, and will destroy moral in the department. What is happening around the country, and in Salt Lake City as well, is a knee jerk reaction, with very serious consequences. In closing, unlike most of the "protesters" that you, and the council are pandering to, I do live in Salt Lake City, and I do vote. Both you, and the Mayor have lost my support, and my votes. Respectfully, Jeff Sanderson
6/17/2020 12:43	Jeff Later	I'd like to express my extreme support to uphold the law with a properly trained police authority. If anything they need MORE funding and more support, especially from our own government.

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6/17/2020 12:53	Jessica Sharma	<p>I am a resident of SLC. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a budget for the people, 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 lethal force against residents of color. Empty gestures and suggestions of reform? are unacceptable. I am demanding the voices of this movement be heard, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for marginalized communities is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, while social services and education--proven to better promote community safety than policing--stagnate. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, when too often paid out to officers responsible for harassing unhoused, Black, Indigenous, and Latinx residents, is deeply insulting. I am demanding that the City Council defund the SLCPD. I demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of impacted Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. I demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowering the police forces that tear us apart. Although City Council has thus far 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 care, not criminalization and incarceration. You must adopt a budget for the people. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Jessica S.</p>

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6/17/2020 12:56	Jonathan Workman	I am writing today to express my concern about the upcoming ?potential? budget slash of the SLCPD. As a Utahn and as a man who works IN Salt Lake City I feel that if you defund the police and take away their ability to properly serve and protect our community, that the City will be put in a dangerous position that it will have a hard time getting out of. Do I think reforming some of their training tactics is a good idea? Yes. But these officers are there to help. And by defunding them and taking away their ability to protect EVERYONE is putting us all at risk. ALL of us: black, white, brown. Please consider the actions that you are potentially going to take. don't give in to the movement of the other larger cities in America. SLC is a safe and wonderful place to live, so let's keep it that way. -Jonathan Workman Sent from my iPhone
6/17/2020 13:20	Krista Payne	We need law and order in the US! Defunding the police will not help our state of Utah, or our nation. We need to fi'd the ?bad apples? and remove them I'dividually. I am in favor of MORE funding for the police, to provide better pay for good cops, and better oversight and removal of I'dividually corrupt officers! Thanks! Krista Payne
6/17/2020 13:19	Kevin Watkins	Dear City Council, Please don't let the passion of the current moment overshadow the importance of the police department. We need these people to keep the peace! It would be a terrible idea to defund the police department. How would we possibly keep the peace this way? Thank you for letting Reason be our way of thinking! Kevin Watkins

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6/17/2020 13:23	Krista Brough	<p>I am truly disgusted by people who want to defund or even dl'mantle police departments. If anyone has been paying attention over the years they would know police departments need MORE money not less. Most of their budget is salary and that isnt even enough for the work they do. If it werent for the police from all over the valley stopping the riot in Salt Lake there would have been considerably more damage and you show your respect and gratitude by defunding them? That is disgusting! I understand the police need new better or different training. Taking away money to do that doesnt make any sense. How are you going to pay for that? With protester wishes? If you want to pull money out of the budget somewhere in the state why dont we cut the funding of your salary? Why do you need so much money when you are not out in a cruiser risking your life everyday? Or seeing atrocious death scenes? Or saving someones life? There are plenty of ways to figure out how to move money from one place to another and taking that from the people who serve and protect is not the right answer. I hope you all make good decisions today and stop negotiating with terrorists over this non issue. Whether there is an hl'den agenda or not you and others should be reml'ded Hitler did exactly this. He defunded the police so they wouldnt interfere with his own police "The Brown Shirts". Since when do we as America take orders from criminals?reform the police to be bigger and better. Dont defund them to help usher in anarchy.</p>



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6/17/2020 13:24	Krista Kacey	<p>Dear Council Members, I write with a plea for the Salt Lake City Council to consider increasing the funds and resources of our law enforcement officers and even providing further training and support in this time of crisis where anarchists threaten our peace. It is incredibly disconcerting to hear that there is consideration of defunding our force when we need it more than ever; I cannot imagine that our elected officials would succumb to the chaotic demands and forceful/violent tactics of rioters and emotionally-driven individuals. This is not the precedence we want to set for how to achieve change, regardless of issue. As a single mom, I rely on our strong community and law enforcement to help protect myself and family. By voting to limit and weaken the force, we perpetuate the problems we had during the peak of unrest where the other high-profile needs (domestic violence calls, home intruders, rape victims, etc.) went unanswered or responded to very slowly. I do not have the training or ability to fight off those who would do me harm (and I have been in that circumstance) or otherwise cause disruption to my safety or peace, as our specific department has an amazing track record of providing. We do not need to allow anarchists to create victims by irrationally targeting the department. Please consider instead, the devastating repercussions of bowing to violent demands and civil unrest as well as the inability for individuals to replicate what our officers are trained for. Sincerely, Krista Kacey</p>
6/17/2020 13:25	Kristy McKee	<p>I was told I could email this address my thoughts on defunding the police. Please do not do that! We need our police force and they do such great work. I believe most all of them are good people who do really well at their jobs and I appreciate knowing they are there ready to help when we need them. I can't see a reason to get rid of these wonderful people who do so much good for our community. We need to help them, but don't let them get down, and have their back! Kristy McKee</p>

Date/Time Opened	Contact Name	Comment
6/17/2020 13:29	Lacie Higley	<p>I have worked in downtown Salt Lake City for close to 12 years. I have seen such a decline in business and the surrounding area. I work in a restaurant where people used to come from all over the world (for events, conferences, leisure activities, and more). People used to love it here, but not as much the past few years. The homeless and drug problems are OUT OF HAND. We recently had to lock our bathrooms because of the drug use going on inside them. As have MOST if not ALL businesses in Salt Lake City. We have had to call the cops almost Weekly for disorderly conduct, threats, drug use, public intoxication, safety for other guests, public nudity, and so many other incidences I can't even remember them all. Police response time in Salt Lake is HORRENDOUS. It can't take 20-30 minutes or more sometimes to get the police to respond to a call. I don't blame the police departments as they have so much on their plate being in downtown Salt Lake. Before you think of defunding and dismembering our police force, please look at the turn our city has taken in the last few years. This is a horrible decision, and I will leave my job if I don't feel like my safety and the safety of other community members are not being met. I will be sure to voice my concerns to patrons of our restaurant so they can rethink the areas of the state they wish to visit. don't let salt Lake City become another crime-ridden city, if you can't even get the homeless and drug problems solved with fully-funded police departments, how can you possibly think defunding them will give the city any better results? Unless you can come up with a solution, do not buckle to the pressure of a few loud protesters. The majority of the state love our police officers, and we respect the difficult job they do. Unfortunately, we have families and jobs and can't spend every night having a temper tantrum in the streets. Just know, we are all watching the decisions this council makes, and you better make sure you make the best decisions for EVERYONE.</p>

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6/17/2020 13:27	Kysen Hall	<p>Hello, my name is Kysen Hall and I am a taxpaying resident of SLC. Please defund the police and redistribute that money to local communities and social services. To prevent crime from happening begins with providing communities (especially lower income areas) with more social services and better education. Giving the police the power they currently have only fuels the fire that has been going for centuries. Look at L.A., they just took the initiative to reform the police and create new jobs that actually help people in need. That's amazing and we need the same for our city. Also I would like to see the officers who murdered Bernardo Castile held accountable for their actions. Thank you, please take this seriously. People are dying because the police have too much power.</p>
6/17/2020 13:31	Laura Roy	<p>As a Utah resident, I have enjoyed living in a place where I can feel safe walking down the street, as opposed to LA. I am afraid that defunding police will lead to increased crime and gang activity, which will not only affect SLC, but the surrounding areas also- criminals don't just stay put on their own block! Much of the money spent in SLC comes from folks who go shop where there is a bigger variety of places to shop and eat then go home to smaller towns in surrounding areas. Many of us will not be willing to go spend our hard earned dollars in a place where we will not feel safe anymore. If the PD is defunded\downsized I will either order online or just settle for what is available in the area where I live. Gangs allowed to grow will feel emboldened to expand their territory to outlying areas. BLM and ANTIFA are anti-establishment groups who would like to make everyone fear them, as we should. I do not believe the people of Utah do not want to live in fear of gangs. Please do not cave in to terrorists. They are not about caring about anyone's lives, they want to set up their own rule of terror, just like Minneapolis. Give them an inch and they will rule the whole state. The common wearing of masks just makes the mission of criminals easier- they blend in easier and are harder to identify. Healthy people do not need masks, people hiding their identity, to commit crime do.</p>

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6/17/2020 13:30	Larry Anderson	I am not/ in favor of cutting the budget for the police department. I feel the police departments are doing a great job. Just because some special interest groups are making a lot of noise about the police service ,doesn?t mean the public at large are wanting the funding reduced. I am thankful for the service the police and other such organizations such as Fire and etc. provide. Do not de-fund the police departments. Larry Anderson
6/17/2020 13:30	Laura McInerney	Hello, I am writing as therapist and concerned citizen of SLC. I encourage you to reallocate a majority of the proposed \$84 million police budget to services such as housing, healthcare, education, parks, or anything that actually serves the community rather than harms it. I am extremely concerned about the militarization of the police force and the lack of accountability for improper use of force. Police should not have quotas to meet for tickets and arrests, and the police department itself should bear the cost of police misconduct. Thank you, Laura McInerney
6/17/2020 13:32	Lauren Tonetti	Hello, I am contacting you to demand that for the 2020-2021 budget, you re-allocate at least \$30M away from the Salt Lake City Police Department, and towards public services like housing, public transit, and community initiatives. I am also demanding that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new officers. Reducing police funding and police presence is critical to keeping our communities safe. There is no evidence that body cameras or anti-bias trainings reduce police violence. Lastly, the budget is funded by taxpayer dollars and therefore should be a reflection of the wants of the taxpayer. If the residents of Salt Lake City do not want to increase funding for the Police Department, it is your duty to comply. Thank you for your time, Lauren Tonetti
6/17/2020 13:51	Mary D	Dear SLC council- I regret the insults I flung at you in my last email because of my being upset. That is not the behavior I want to be known for. However, in an effort to provide you with feedback on this issue, I want to say in a more polite way that I will forever strongly disagree with your decision and bell've it was made in extremely poor judgement.

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6/17/2020 13:53	Matthew Harris	<p>You were literally robbing salt lake City people of security and law enforcement and giving it to body cameras That's what you're going to do that ought to save a lot of lives that are busted people that are beating up their wives or kidnapping their girlfriends or husbands this is ridiculous I don't know how you got this job but you're a disgrace to the salt lake City area and you should be ashamed of yourself 5.3 really I hope you never need the police at your house I really do I hope you never need the police in your lifetime ever because if you do I hope it's not social services showing up at your door because they've taken the place of the police force or a psychiatrist shows up your door because they're taking over the police this is ridiculous you should be ashamed of yourselves you the mayor and the governor all it is trace to Utah thank you very much for literally taking away people to sit home in their homes at night and not be afraid thank you so very much</p>
6/17/2020 13:54	Megan Anderson	<p>I want the police to be funded, and I support law enforcement. I do not want police budgets cut. Best, Megan Sl'verts Sent from my iPhone</p>
6/17/2020 13:33	Lew Hackford	<p>Good day. I'm not from or live in SLC but a Utahn who visits SLC and my opinion is for voting NO to cutting or defunding the police department. If anything it should be increased to give officers a raise and updated equi'ment. They deserve to know that they are appreciated. When I travel to SLC I want to know that I'm going to be protected. Thank you</p>

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6/17/2020 13:40	joslyn pust	<p>Hello Offices of the Mayor and City Council, SLC Consumer Protection received input regarding the Mayor and City Council's proposed budgetary changes regarding SLCPD funding. The funding changes in response to the nationwide protests. I'm attaching the text of the complaint below. The input was given via our Salesforce submission form and I can assign ownership of that input to a designated person in the mayor's or City Council Office if you all are on Salesforce. The constituent named both the Mayor and City Council in their input. I will be notifying the constituent that their response has been received and that both offices have been notified of it. I will leave it to your respective offices to respond to the content of the input. Apologies for the weird formatting. I just copied it out of Salesforce. Constituent Information Name: joslyn pust Email: Details of Incident Interaction I have attended the meetings. I have called and emailed. I have seen the sheer volume of those who stand with me. When a popular goal is abolition, I think defunding a corrupt system is a great and small starting point that will not negatively affect your careers and position. It's a compromise. We have compromised over and over, and it's our turn to stand our ground and demand some boundaries. We are growing tired of being ignored. Details of Complaint On the 15th, literally 19 hours ago from my writing of this, Mayor Mendenhall took to Twitter. <b>*Continued 1/2*</b></p>

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	joslyn pust	<p><b>*Continued 2/2*</b> She said, and I quote: "For those wondering if @SLCGov has heard your messages: absolutely we have. There are so many ways for the City to affect change when it comes to racial injustice. Budgets are one piece." However, I still do not feel heard, as her following points do not address the demands constituents have pleaded for over and over. Budgets may be one piece, but they are a KEY piece. Without budgets, we cannot begin to create sustainable change in other avenues. There's a reason why our education system is ranked last in the nation, and that reason is because we have thoroughly defunded education. So again, here are my simple demands. 1. 30 million reduced from the budget and redistributed into community social welfare programs. With 30 million, we could hire teachers and give all teachers a raise, provide rent relief, provide health insurance during this pandemic, give access to therapy sessions, or feed the hungry. 2. No new spending on body cams Body cams can be turned off, worn improperly, or simply not shared. They are ineffective and an impractical use of money. 3. No new spending on Training it's been proven ineffective, as well as the fact that there are non profits offering trainings for police forces that are FREE. I will link some options on the following page. 4. No new hires, extend the hiring freeze for the duration of the fiscal year. Aside from these things, I would also ask that we see accountability from our PD. Both from Mike Brown for his lies about the police cruiser fire, and of the murderers of Bernardo Palacios. Thank You, Morgan</p>
6/17/2020 13:41	Ll'da Green	<p>Dear Council members, Now more than ever in this time of uncertainty we need our police force to maintain the standard of Law and order in our County and State that we have been blessed with. Please allocate more funding to help us make our police force better trained and able to protect us and keep us safe from rioters that are breaking laws. Sincerely, Ll'da Green</p>

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6/17/2020 13:46	Marilyn Smith	<p>Why is it necessary to defund police and then ask them to do more? I am not from Salt Lake but because it is our capital city I feel that I can comment. If you defund and not defend the police I feel you are telling them they are not worth anything. You know the saying that you get what you pay for is especially true for officers if the law. They put their life on the line everyday and in numerous ways. My family and I will fl'd other cities to recreate in where we will feel safer if your police force is reduced. Utah is better than this. One of the things that UTAH is recognized for is that it is a safe place for families and businesses are protected. That will change and business will leave the state if they think that they will not be protected. Sent from my iPhone</p>
6/17/2020 13:51	Mary D	<p>Dear city council: You are THE biggest bunch of spineless morons I have ever seen seated in government positions. What in the actual hell is wrong with you?? Reducing police budget to bow down to the idiots calling for police to be defunded?? Really?? I cannot bell've I live in a world where this is actually happening. Jesus better come soon because I don't know how much more madness brought about by slime like you I can't take!</p>



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6/17/2020 13:41	Elisabeth Andersen	<p>Hi Chris, If this makes it to you before the meeting this evening, I would love to share a few points: I'm a resident of district 3, residing on I street in the avenues. I would like to propose that additional funds be allocated to services that better serve our community, such as: - more mental health professionals - more social workers - giving teachers salary 20% - medical insurance to those who don't have it - RENT RELIEF for those who are unable to pay due to covid-19 this year - meals to the homeless or areas in SLC that are in need I feel the list goes on where funds could be allocated instead of the proposed equipping of the police with hundreds of thousands of dollars in new equipment. I understand the misdirection of utilizing these funds for body cams and de-escalation, but I don't feel this is the answer to the root of the problem. There will be less crime if communities needs are met, and less deaths if the appropriate personnel for the job is called, rather than expecting police officers to wear all the hats. Please do your part to make Salt Lake City proud. Thank you, Elisabeth Andersen</p>
6/17/2020 13:43	Mackenzie Nelson	<p>My name is Mackenzie Nelson and I am a resident of district four. I am emailing to voice my disgust with the mayor and city council. At this point I've watched all of you sit through hours, HOURS, of public comment and still you pretend not to hear us. You've received literally hundreds of calls and emails to defund the police department and your solution is to add more money to the budget? This is unacceptable. We are demanding that the council not approve spending for tasers, body cams, and de-escalation training because we KNOW that these methods do not make the police less violent and less lethal. The slcpd already had bodycams and de-escalation training and that didn't stop them from murdering Bernardo Palacios Carbajal. We demand, yet again, for a hiring freeze for slcpd and at least \$30million cut from the budget as a first step towards complete abolition and that those funds be distributed to organizations that actually serve the community.</p>

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6/17/2020 13:44	Mandy Madsen	Hello! It is my understanding that the city council will be meeting tonight to discuss and vote on the proposed city budget for 2021. After reviewing the budget, I think it is an extremely bad idea to increase police funding in the light of everything happening. As a proud supporter of the Black Lives Matter movement and a resident of Utah for almost my entire life, I think that the money being added to the police department would go a greater distance and create a positive change for the community if it was I'vested into the community itself. Preventing crime (education, affordable housing, healthcare) is always better than policing crime. "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." The militarization and overfunding of the police is a great concern of mine and many others. Please reconsider this budget and listen to the thousands of people in the street begging for justice andreformation of the police department. Thank you.
6/17/2020 13:43	Louis Kelsch	The police are an essential part of our government that allows the citizens of our state and country to enjoy amazing freedoms and safety. DO NOT de-fund the police! SUPPORT our police! IF YOU DO DEFUND THE POLICE YOU CAN EXPECT A LAWSUIT TO HEAD YOUR WAY FROM (WE THE PEOPLE)! Why oh why are you legislators constantly trying to break down our great U.S.A and State of Utah? Louis N. Kelsch Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone
6/17/2020 13:45	Marian Kelsch	Defunding Police! Please don't? Sent from my iPhone

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6/17/2020 13:48	Marlene Little	<p>I think cameras would help the situation more than anything. Having a way to review what is happening should help both the police or who they are interacting with. If there is any question then the video can be reviewed. I have found very little use for social workers. They always time out. I have had a little boy that was neglected by his Mom. They felt we were after the Mom. Luckily the judge knew my family. The social worker met the Mom when she trl'd fleeing with the chl'd. They had family meetings and then all of the sudden they said all better. Geromiah has not had anything to do with his Mom since he became a car driving teen. She had a life too full of drama and she wanted to load it on him. I had my dieing Father and me and the social worker disagreed on hospic even though they said it was flexible. Well it is as flexible as a 2X4 board! I should have realized my Dad wasn't dieing when the social worker called and told me he was dieing. If he was really dieing the nurse would have called. They just wanted to kill him. Then we moved him from the hospital to my sister's nursing home and the social worker said I wasn't taking my Dad's death very well. Well also the nurse said it would be get much worse. I was like no, I expect good and I got it. Dad's father took him on his Dad's birthday and they had fireworks at Dirks Field or what ever it is called that night, August 13, 2016. The social worker at my sister's nursing home always tries to act like she knows more about medical things than she really does and even insurance. I take that lady with a half a grain of salt. The only problem I have had with a policeman was babysitting his kids. He wanted his ex-wife to run that house like a mini'drill camp and his kids were off the wall sort of kids. <b>*Continued 1/2*</b></p>

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	Marlene Little	<p>*Continued 2/2* I have done Mobile watch before. I even took Geremiah to my meetings. His Aunt was a bit taken back because she had a house full of drug abusing former jail inmates. I would find letters from friends that were back in Jail. She wasn't excited her nephew was hanging out with police. Next month is my 34th year working for the Department of Defense. I was a peace loving soul. Back when Reagan was running again for president someone was trying to convince me to vote for him because of his military policy. I was like that was the least good thing I liked about him but that is where I ended up working. I went from a Medical Assistant who took the clerical test and became a mail file clerk and then a secretary and now a procurement clerk. I am also Mormon so I use Captain Moroni and how he had to protect his people from people who really didn't want to do anything but wanted to be in charge who was their relatives. They were from the older son so they felt they should lead. My big boss the Secretary of Defense wrote a letter lately that said we don't support any party. We support the constitution. Really he said it totally right. That is what rules and laws should be based on. Not anything else! So I have my bias and so does everyone else. We got to realize we all have to live together. We can't have people going around breaking things or spray painting on them or stealing things. We do have problems where a social worker could help but I find they are so short term that it doesn't matter or they take on things they shouldn't. Thank You, Marlene Little</p>
6/17/2020 13:52	Matt Prater	<p>Hello, I am strongly against defunding the police. I am, however, in favor of reform. One area to change could be the "internal investigation" such as a third party investigates the police department, rather than the police "finding" they did nothing wrong. I also support body cams on officers. Also, remind them who they work for, we the people.</p>

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6/17/2020 14:14	Tannice Jensen	<p>SLC Council, I never thought the day would come that I'd feel the need to contact the city Council. You are the people who are in charge of making big decisions for your city and those who live or work for you. I am disgusted by your ?unanimous? vote to lower the police budget. Disgusted. You just spat in the faces of those brave souls who are out there everyday protecting your city. They have spent the last few weeks working overtime to accommodate the clowns out causing problems over an issue that had nothing to do with them, ml'd you. When the violent riots started, my family watched our kin leave home and head to a city that was being destroyed. They headed in the direction of danger - knowing full well the people were there to hate on them, some to cause harm, and to be beaten down like no human being should. They left their families to deal with this mess. We watched as things were getting thrown at them, people swearing at them, and treating them like crap. And yet they stayed. And protected your city and it's people. You and your crappy mayor (who when voted in promised to support police) crapped all over their efforts and encouraged those protesting to come forward with any counts of police behaving inappropriately. <b>*Continued 1/2*</b></p>

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	Tannice Jensen	<p><b>*Continued 2/2*</b> That's fair, however, appeared that you did not care what these HEROS just did for you, and they weren't encouraged to report people being violent towards them. And they did this for your citizens. And you return the favor by slashing their budget. \$5.3 MILLION?! What the crap do you think is going to happen when these officers are overworked (when good officers decide to retire early, or resign because of the ridiculous working conditions you've now put them under) and make slip ups because they're tired and overworked and possibly underpaid? I do not live in your city. My family works for you, your city, and it's people. And in a way, I personally have sacrificed time, energy, mental/emotional health for your city. And you treat them like garbage. I am absolutely devastated by what is happening in our country. Is this all to get the support of the citizens for re-election? Is this to get the media's attention? I am just so disappointed. I expected those who are honorable were going to be Treated honorably. Good luck. You will be the start of the serious decline in quality of SLC. You will get the quality of officers that you put into that police budget. Hope the city doesn't burn. I have lost respect for those who are supposed to do right by the people. In this way, you have failed your people. I want to see accountability when this goes down the crapper. I want to see accountability to the men and women you've just hurt by making this budget cut. Sincerely, Disgusted.</p>
6/17/2020 13:54	Matthew Ryan	<p>SLC Council, I am truly disappointed that the council intends to raise the police budget by over two million dollars. This money (and that \$30 million requested in the call-in last week) would be better suited for funding social services like affordable housing and accessible mental health counseling. Those amenities will have a greater impact on our city's well being than its current intended use. Please take your constituents' voices into consideration. Thanks, Matthew Ryan</p>

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6/17/2020 13:55	Megan Harris	<p>Please do not defund our police. We have an upstanding police department here in SLC! Please ask yourself: who will protect our chl'dren from human trafficking? Bad people will look for cities that do not have the resources to combat crime and target those cities! We bell've in policereform and better training but this is not the answer for the people! Think of us, the people of SLC. Put US first- not the corrupt movements trying to destroy our country. Defunding the police will enable criminals!!!! Thank you for your time, Megan Sent from my iPhone</p>
6/17/2020 13:57	Jane Kelsch	<p>Hello, I am a very concerned citizen. For multiple reasons that I'm sure you?ve been hearing (I won't waste your time by listing them all) I urge you to PLEASE support our law enforcement. We the people need them. Please hear us and do whatever it takes to SUPPORT LAW ENFORCEMENT and WE THE PEOPLE. Thank you, Jane Kelsch</p>

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6/17/2020 13:59	Anonymous Constituent	<p>"No new officers and implemented a hiring freeze that doesn't fund replacing officers who leave or retire." Several officers have already resigned and the department already didn't have enough officers. How do you expect to increase diversity, and expect qualified good officers to stay if you're doing all of this? You want officers to be held to a higher standard but don't want to pay them accordingly? I heard from someone that teaches POST classes that there are some applicants now that are actually illiterate. Who will want to be a police officer anymore in SLC? \$2.8 for future conversations that will be informed by the city's first-ever zero-based budgeting exercise, and a newly created City Commission on Racial Equity in Policing. You absolutely MUST be transparent to show how you're funding this commission... Who will be on this commission? How much will they be paid? What are their credentials? That is a LOT of money to vaguely throw out there without more information. GIVE OUR OFFICERS RAISES. They serve and protect the capital city of the state. It is ridiculous that they aren't the highest paid department and EVEN MORE RIDICULOUS that they're not even in the top 10 highest paid in the state. And for what your chairman said on KSL radio-he sounded absolutely ignorant. STOP PANDERING.</p>
6/17/2020 13:55	Melanie Francis	<p>I strongly believe we need to keep our police departments in order to maintain the peace and enforce the laws. The men and women who sacrifice their lives to stand for the right need to be appreciated. I greatly appreciate those who keep our freedoms and lives safe! Thank you! If members of a police department are forcing their personal beliefs instead of upholding the law, they should be removed from their position in the public. Melanie Francis</p>



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6/17/2020 14:13	Tatiana Christian	Hello Chris, Although I know white people don't care about Black people, there's something really distressing seeing it in real time. Having meetings and asking for input is so clearly a red herring. Neither the Mayor nor the City Council cared about what we wanted. You are too cowardly to give a shit. What you have done here is in service to white supremacy. I'd tell you to be ashamed, but as a coward - I'm sure you think you did a good thing. You've done less than a good thing. You've done nothing. You are a coward. You, the Mayor and the entire city council.
6/17/2020 13:57	Michael Collins	Please do not succumb to pressure to change funding. Police in SLC are great and everyone thinks so. I have a close african american friend and we were both arrested for the same crime ? she got off easier! I'm not complaining. But I do believe that almost 100% of complaints for SLC police are highly exaggerated. Please do not put the safety of our entire city at risk in an attempt to satiate a mob who truly cares for nothing but POWER. Nothing you do for them will ever be enough! There is a ton of money behind these protests and it's not what it appears.
6/17/2020 14:20	alejandra reyes	defunding the police dept is not a great idea. these officers put their lives on the line 24/7 instead of under paying them and over working them, it is time. to train more and reduce stress and reduce work load. I do not want a social worker protecting me, this is coming from a minority that has seen racial and discrimination.
6/17/2020 14:33	Tuesday Kelsch	Please don't defund the police department
6/17/2020 14:45	Amie Kelsch	SL City Council, Please choose to support our local law enforcement. We need them and they need your support. Please don't give in to the radical wishes of those that think defunding is going to be the better idea. This will lead to contention and unchecked violence. Thank you, Amie Kelsch

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6/17/2020 14:34	n/a n/a	Sent from my it may whom it may concern, I am voicing my deep concern and adamant feelings and letting SLC know that defunding the SLPD would be a grave mistake! Any person running for office should think twice in supporting this! Police are putting their lives on the line daily!! And to even think about defunding them makes me lose all respect to anyone holding a position in The SLC Government will fl'd that they will be voted out! How dare there be even a question or consideration for this!! I am ashamed and disgusted!

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6/17/2020 14:35	Tracey Ashby	<p>As I sit and watch the chaos taking place around the country, it saddens me that the thought of defunding or disbanding our police force would even be on the table. Yes, I agree reform should take place. I agree that nobody, including a police officer is above the law and should be subjected to the same trial and punishment any other citizen would be subjected to. I don't think police officers should be held to a higher standard, but the bad ones should not be protected by other officers or unions nor do I agree they should ever be re-located to another department if they have been found guilty of abusing their badge. I also disagree that paid leave is warranted during any investigation. This seems harsh, but maybe they would think twice about taking advantage of their authority if they would lose pay and their jobs. I also think that additional training is always beneficial and should be ongoing and required. With that being said, I appreciate the blue for the safety they provide for my community and state at school, shopping centers, sporting events, concerts, accidents, robberies, abusive situations, and any other place they show up to serve as order?.. I do not wish to live in a place where criminals take the law into their own hands because that risk far outweighs the risk from a handful of bad cops.. I hope you take into consideration the images of entire cities demolished at the hands of the public and I personally want to believe that if myself, family or friends ever need it, they can call and get the help, protection or assistance that our law enforcement provides. I'm thankful for that piece of mind and wouldn't want it any other way. They deserve a raise, not a pink slip! thank you for your consideration!</p>

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6/17/2020 14:34	Teresa Cutler	<p>Dear Council members, As a lifelong resident in the state of Utah, I am very concerned about the lack of support our police officers. Though there are occasional incidents of inappropriate handling and even criminal behavior by law enforcement, the majority of those that are in those positions are honorable and courageous individuals to put their lives on the line every day. They are there to maintain peace and to see that laws are kept and if there is need to arrest or defend themselves or the public, they are under that ability. There may be ways to do further training to decrease unnecessary force and instances where law enforcement may not be needed to curb these incidents, but decreasing police staff and departments is not the answer. They are there to provide safety for you, me, and all citizens. Please be mindful that many support the job they do and appreciate their public service. Please do not defund. Thank you for your time,</p>
6/17/2020 14:36	Trevor Scott Richard	<p>Dear City Representatives, I am writing to indicate my support for 'defunding the police'. I agree with the voices saying that we ask too much of our brave police officers, and would be happy to see some of that money go to more social programs for mental health, etc. Although I am more privileged with safety than many in our community, I still find myself in fear of law enforcement more often than I would like to admit. I hope this time of transition can be one in which our community develops more trust and less authoritative forms of governance. Thank you for your diligent efforts and patient consideration during this difficult time. It is an honor to participate in the democratic process of the great city of Salt Lake. May the Force be with You</p>

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6/17/2020 14:42	Angela Wilkinson	<p>I am a resident of slc. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a budget for the people, 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 lethal force against residents of color. Empty gestures and suggestions of reform? are unacceptable. I am demanding the voices of this movement be heard, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for marginalized communities is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, while social services and education--proven to better promote community safety than policing--stagnate. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, when too often paid out to officers responsible for harassing unhoused, Black, Indigenous, and Latinx residents, is deeply insulting. I am demanding that the City Council defund the SLCPD. I demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of impacted Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. I demand a budget That supports community wellbeing, rather than empowering the police forces that tear us apart. Although City Council has thus far 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 care, not criminalization and incarceration. You must adopt a budget for the people. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Angela Wilkinson</p>

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6/17/2020 14:56	Reid Leland	Do not defund the police. The idea itself is absurd. I support training and improved tactics. The fact that defunding the police is even getting attention is concerning and could and may already have undermined the willingness of police to take necessary actions. Because of this concept of defunding the police, our communities may already be less safe. The police have served a vital purpose in our community, State, and Nation ? and in doing so day in and day out, they risk their physical and mental wellbeing. We owe them our appreciation and respect. We must commit to constantly improve our screening, recruiting, and training of new police so that bad cops are eliminated, terrible mistakes are minimized, and the trust between citizens of all stripes and the police is built strong. Do not defund the police. Sincerely Reid Leland PE President reidl@leanwerks.com <mailto:reidl@leanwerks.com> Cell 801-643-5725 Office 801-621-2134 LeanWerks.com <http://leanwerks.com/> AS 9100D and ISO 9001:2015 Registered
6/17/2020 14:38	Jill Dredge	For the first time in my life 64 years of living in Utah and around Salt Lake City, I was worr'l'd about my safety in Salt Lake this last weekend. My experience happened around the Little America vicinity. Please consider defunding the police carefully. All people need to feel safe. I'm not sure that taking away the police right now does that.
6/17/2020 14:38	Teila Green	Do not defund the police, We need their resources. If you feel you don't, please do not ever call 911 - regardless of the situation. If you take any money away from our law enforcement, refund all tax payers that money. No allocating it elsewhere.

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6/17/2020 14:56	Lisa Thomson	<p>I just read through the approved 20-21 budget and I could not be more disappointed in the city council. What a terrible, knee-jerk reaction to reduce the police budget. I'm disgusted by the celebratory tone in which the email was written. Have you studied these issues? Have you looked at best practices in other cities? Have you thought through which situations should have a social worker sent rather than an armed officer? Do you even have social workers to send? This was an emotional, virtue-signaling decision, and there is nothing about this budget that will solve any of the problems you seem to believe are rife within the Salt Lake City police department. Meanwhile, I see posts every single day on social media and neighborhood websites about break ins and stolen property. We have sex trafficking happening in Salt Lake City. We have child molesters and purveyors of child pornography in our neighborhoods. Reducing the police budget in response to two weeks of protests tells me this city council is not about reasoned, measured, and thoughtful care of our city. This city council is about appearances and patting themselves on the back for being woke. I will be voting to change my city council member at my very first chance.</p>

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6/17/2020 14:44	Albert Somoracki	<p>To whom it may concern, My name is Albert Somoracki. I have been a resident of the great state of Utah for the past five years, residing in both more affluent areas and more working class neighborhoods alike. Presently, I am a resident of District 4. I believe it is imperative that a decrease in SLCPD funding be passed by at least \$30 Million. A proposed increase in budget is absolutely unacceptable. Bodycams and vehicle upgrades will not solve issues of the SLCPD force being stretched too thin. Deescalation training is a resource that they have shown on multiple occasions that they have no interest in utilizing, choosing instead to use deadly force. Shifting funding from the SLCPD to community organizations that would serve those in need such as food programs, housing programs, rent relief programs, free mental health services, etc. would allow the SLCPD to function in their proper capacity, solving crimes and serving the community. Networks of support already exist and are critically underfunded, whereas the police have the budget of a small military force. Investment in the community is crucial in order to see a more peaceful, safe, and transformed Salt Lake City. Sincerely, Albert J Somoracki</p>



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6/17/2020 14:44	Alli'matyja	<p>Hello, I am writing to you on behalf of the projected budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. I noticed there has been a \$1,344,394 increase to Police funding in the newly proposed budget. I do not want any money going towards body cams, tasers, police car technology enhancement or de-escalation training. None of these measures will fix the racist system they work under. I want a defunded Police Department. I want the budget to be cut by at least \$30 million and the money reallocated to funding for homeless resource centers, schools, local business bailouts with an emphasis on BIPOC owners, social work and other aligning programs that can help to replace policing. It's important that the money be put into these resources instead so we can work towards a future where the Police Department becomes obsolete--because we have better, safer measures in place. In addition to this, I want you to be in support of repealing law HB415 so the public can create a Civilian Police Accountability Council that has control over the Salt Lake City Police Department and their actions. Utah Against Police Brutality has been fighting for this and it's time for you to get on board. This is important to me because until we can dismantle the Police, there needs to be a real way to hold them accountable. This isn't a new idea but now more than ever it's important that steps be taken for it to be implemented. Further, I want you to advocate for the dissolving of all police relations with schools. Please work to reformat a new budget that will reflect these values. Thank you, Alli</p>

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6/17/2020 14:40	Trevor Wheelwright	<p>it's easy to believe that police officers need more funding when you see the nationwide and local failures of the force. The truth is we need to boost our community, not promote violence and fear. We need justice, not punishment and control. It's economically and morally corrupt. Here are four tips from preventing a major budget blunder: 1) \$30 million dollar budget cut 2) No more new police hires 3) No funds for body cams, tasers, or police car tech 4) No spending on de-escalation training Funding must directly go into improving housing/shelters, food, medical care, mental health, and public transportation for EVERYONE. This is an easy win for us as a city on the rise. We don't want militarized police walking our streets. We want safety and peace. We want friends and allies who support our community. If you do too, do the right thing and decrease the police budget.</p>
6/17/2020 14:41	Annette Gregg	<p>To all the city council that voted to defund the police department, This is such a disappointment that you would vote to defund the police department that is there to protect YOU AND YOUR FAMILLYS and us the law-abiding citizens. When the crim rate, Murders, Domestic violence, Raps, Drug trafficking ect increases it will be on ALL your hands. We all need to support all are law enforcement. This is so sad for are young chl'dren to not be able to live in a safe city. I hope you and your family's feel safe. ❤️</p>
6/17/2020 14:52	Brian Tonetti	<p>Hi, My name is Brian Tonetti and I am a Salt Lake City resident in District 2. I am emailing to demand that you reallocate \$30 million or more from the SLCPD's proposed 2020-21 budget. Please put this money towards more critical and helpful resources, such as housing, transit, community services, and parks and open space. I also demand you maintain a hiring freeze on any new officers. Reducing police funding and putting these resources into other community services is critical to keeping our communities safer. Over the weeks, I've felt ashamed to live in a city that deploys military and riot geared-officers to squash free speech and protests. We must meet demands, not with increased policing, but with tangible I'vestments in our communities that uplifts our neighbors. Thanks for your considerations. - Brian Tonetti</p>

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6/17/2020 14:42	Amanda Theobald	Chris, Can you please advocate for the people of SLC who want to restructure the police budget. Additional technology and tasers will not make us safe. More rules and body cams will not make as safe as we consistently see footage of autracities on those cameras. Redistributing that to make a more complete web of care from social workers, drug rehabilitation and counselors, transportation, etc will help. Other large cities are starting to do this and Salt Lake should be one of them.
6/17/2020 14:51	Amy Schmidt	Hi, my name is Amy Schmidt and I want to be sure my voice is heard in regards to defunding the police even though my voice is quieter than the protesters. I bell've most police are true heroes. If anything, they deserve more money, not less. I understand That'some truly awful things have happened at the hands of some police and somereform is definitely needed. But I support good police and I want them looking out for us. And they have been treated so poorly over the last weeks. They shouldn't have to put up with that. They should not be defunded. They should have our support and your support. I know many people who share this opinion. Please listen to the quieter voices as well. Thank you
6/17/2020 14:49	Russ Jacobsen	I am NOT in favor of any budget cuts or reduction in the Salt Lake City Police Force. In order for society to survive, there must be law and order or there will be total anarchy and chaos. However, in light of recent events, the police, as first responders, need additional training in mental health and other issues in order to defuse potentially fatal situations, and citizens must learn to do as the police instruct them for everyone's protection. it works both ways. citizens cannot do whatever they want, and the police need to be kl'der and gentler with the citizens. not everything is the fault of the police. there is, as with all things, a happy medl'm out there. there are bad apples in every group, and they need to be weeded out.

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6/17/2020 14:49	Amy Ward	<p>Council of Salt Lake City, I cannot put into words how I feel about having to write such an email. Defund the police, really? I am reml'ded of a story I learned back as chl'd. A story that is worth repeating, a story That'should never be forgotten. Let me reml'd you. A man hungry with power was able to rise up and kill millions. How did he do it...it'started off with "its for your safety". Sound familiar? Once he was able to brainwash people into being complicant his next move was to dl'mantle the police force and remove all citizens of their guns. Still sound familiar? If not maybe you should pick up a history book to read about Hilter and the holocaust. This movement is a political war and you know it. If BLM cared they would be fighting for all those unjustly killed. Yet they are not, because it does not fit the far lefts narrative. Quit pandering to this farce and stand up for the citizens you were elected to serve. The defund movement represents a small group of people and not the majority. Police are our last line of defense against criminals. Taking it away will throw our city, state, country, world into utter chaos. Law and order is needed. You are willing to destroy all for a few votes, to be cool, to be liked by your peers because none of you have the guts to stand up for what is right. You know what will happen yet you continue to entertain this idea. I fully support our police. I fully support their actions needed to keep law and order. Have you ever gone on a ride along, probably not. I have, several of them. If you have, then you would know what this group of courageous people face everyday. They are willing to die for you and me. Are you willing to? I emprove you to stand up for what is right. Fight for the citizens you represent. Fight for our defense. Do not defund the police. Amy Ward Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android</p> <p>&lt;<a href="https://go.onelink.me/107872968?pid=InProduct&amp;c=Global_Internal_YGrowth_Android&gt;EmailSig__AndroidUsers&amp;af_wl=ym&amp;af_sub1=Internal&amp;af_sub2=Global_YGrowth&amp;af_sub3=EmailSignature">https://go.onelink.me/107872968?pid=InProduct&amp;c=Global_Internal_YGrowth_Android</a> EmailSig__AndroidUsers&amp;af_wl=ym&amp;af_sub1=Internal&amp;af_sub2=Global_YGrowth&amp;af_sub3=EmailSignature&gt;</p>
6/17/2020 14:47	Sheri Jenson	<p>Please do not cut funds from our police department. We need all our police! Sheri Jenson Sent from my iPhone</p>

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6/17/2020 14:47	Ima Lucambio	<p>My name is Ima Lucambio. I am a naturalized citizen originally from Venezuela. My parents are of African and Latin descent. I had a home in East Millcreek but sold it and moved downtown. I feel much less safe downtown than I did living in East Millcreek. I agree, like most of the country, on reforms that would make all citizens receive equal treatment when interacting with the police. However, as I have looked over the last few years, I agree with nothing else that Black Lives Matter stands for. I have noticed recently that Black Lives Matter has begun to take down their more radical policy positions that used to show up on the Internet. It is my wish that you will defend the police and their budget. From all I can witness living right downtown, we need more police assistance - not less. In fact, as you reduce the Police ability to help us, it may take things in a direction you do not want. For example, I have never thought before about buying a gun for protection. But I am now seriously considering that given That's Salt Lake City definitely seems less safe than it used to / particularly after the last several weeks. I would seriously hope you will not give into the demands of people who think that bullying and creating chaos on the street will work - That's giving them a much larger impact upon you and our American system of one person, one vote. Think back to parenting, this bullying should never work with misbehaving children and it shouldn't work here in our city in this latest series of incidents. These people can vote as well. Let them, like the rest of us, express their voice, in the end, through voting and let our elections be the final determination of how our city will go. Sincerely, Ima Lucambio</p>

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6/17/2020 14:50	Britney Beckstrand	<p>Salt Lake City Council Members, I am reaching out to you because I trust your ability to make change and advocate for your constituents. Thank you for your public service! Police are important and I'm asking you to please advocate for the end of police brutality. The use of deadly force and advanced tactics by police officers has taken far too many lives. In Utah, these excessive measures have led to the deaths of Cody Belgard in 2019, and Bernardo Palacio in May of 2020, a mere month ago. In addition, several hundreds more Utah citizens were injured during the Utah Black Lives Matter protest, on May 30, 2020, by those sworn to protect and serve. I am asking you to support citizen efforts to defund police forces statewide. This means, reallocating funds earmarked for providing police forces more weapons, and re-vesting them in social welfare programs. By providing more resources for; the homeless, education in public schools ? especially in lower income communities ? and to l'dividuals finishing their jail/prison sentences and re-entering society, you are l'vesting in programs that have been shown to increase racial equity, and reduce violence in communities. In addition, allocate resources to provide education about systemic rac'l'm in our country and state, and how it must end. We must utilize our state budget to help the community. If we don't step up and make changes l'mediately, our nation will not heal. Now is the time to take action. Black lives matter. Thank you for your time and consideration!</p>
6/17/2020 14:53	Brad Allenick	<p>Hi Ana As an employee in Salt Lake City and a resident in Summit County, please consider reallocating funds away from traditional policing and towards public services as you work through SLC Budget decisions. Policing needs to be cut way back and other social services for the homeless, impoverished, and all other l'dividuals need to be scaled up. Thank you, Bradley Allenick</p>
6/17/2020 14:56	Britany Boss	<p>I am very much against defunding the police. More training, yes. Defunding, no. Brittany Boss</p>

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6/17/2020 15:02	Sabrina Lowder	<p>To the City Council, I understand and respect your difficult position right now. You are faced with an opportunity to significantly change policing in Salt Lake, which may potentially backfire at the state level. Today, I am asking you to be bold. To forget the politics and do the right thing. To set a national example of how we can create change in our communities and save black lives. I am asking you to invest in social workers in our communities - trained professionals much better equipped to deal with issues of crisis, mental health, and injustice. Instead of hiring new police officers, use that money to pay for additional public defenders. Ensure a just transition for police officers, and provide an education allowance for them to pursue careers that can actually reduce crime and improve mental health. I am asking that you be bold and defund the police department. Recognizing that this cannot happen overnight and would be a process, I urge you to take steps for these radical policies to be implemented and show the nation that a city without police violence is possible. We are experiencing a human rights crisis and YOU have the power to do something about it. Regards, Sabrina Lowder A Salt Lake City Native &amp; Local</p>
6/17/2020 14:54	Brandon Winters	<p>Regarding the proposed budget: I demand that \$30 million be reallocated from the police budget to public housing &amp; health services. COVID-19 cases ? and deaths are climbing, unemployment is continuing to rise, and homelessness is rampant. Getting a handle on the public infection rate requires getting homeless people off the streets and into clean, safe housing with available medical services. Or you could just keep letting the police gorge at the trough while starving all other essential services. Good luck trying to bludgeon and pepper-spray a pandemic into submission. For that matter, good luck getting re-elected. don't be fucking stupid about this. ?Brandon Winters</p>
6/17/2020 14:59	APRIL THOMPSON	<p>I want my voice counted as one who is against defunding the police department. The police do a great job here in Salt Lake and it would be a mistake to listen to a vocal minority. Thank you</p>

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6/17/2020 14:54	Steven Judd	I think it is foolish to bow to the extremely vocal minority and have a knee jerk reaction to defund the police. If the police are defunded, then services will decrease. It would be impossible to do otherwise. Crime won't decrease but defenders of peace will not be able to police the city. Please think logically about this and consider the consequences of reducing the effectiveness of the police which is the only consequence of defunding the police. Sent from my iPhone
6/17/2020 15:05	Ryan Whetten	"Attacks on the police is an old communist tactic to eliminate law enforcement. The Bolsheviks successfully unleashed widespread attacks on the police in the run up to the October Revolution." Which side of history will you be on?
6/17/2020 14:54	Benjamin Iniguez	it's really discouraging we need to try and prove the truth. We need our police departments. They are very good people, and just like me they are not perfect but for the most part they do their job. Keep them, who will protect or answer to the need??? Crime is increasing not decreasing so who will help protect us?? The minority voice who the media?s cover and make it'sound like everyone's voice?? Come on!! This Is a joke. We moved from a 3rd world country to this wonderful and great country we love and now because of the media it's turning worts than where we came from?? REALLY! Please listen to the majority NOT THE MINORITY voices. Media and left they are NOT the Real voice for the majority. Utah is great we are not a blues state ran we have great state ran programs not perfect but we prefer what we know and is correct and NOT the controles like a robot told what to do and think KEEP OUR POLICE... GREAT MEN AT WORK AND KEEP US SAFE!



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6/17/2020 14:58	Stephen Enger	<p>To members of the Salt Lake City Council While I understand the reasoning and and respect the opinions of the massive outcry for defunding police department nation wide, it's my belief that is an action that would be sorry misguided and detrimental to the well being of allb residents in Salt Lake City. With all due respect to the protestors, I bell've many of their voices are absolutely irrelevant. Many of these protestors have never once had a negative run in with police in this city, and I'dare say lack a very important perspective on how excellent a shape the SLPD currently is in. I'm a recovering drug addict and alcoholic, and I'm also currently working to overcome the social and economic disparity of being a homeless citizen of this great city. I was homeless and on the streets for nearly 8 years. I'm my time experimenting homeless I had several interactions with the police department. At first they were on average very negative. The officers were extremely cold and insensitive. Real policereform had already taken place in Salt Lake City. At one time they felt like harassing, and threatening interactions with peace officers, but nearly four years ago the police in the downtown area began interacting more with the homeless population, they became very much more sensitive and caring toward the I'dividuals of that community, and I can safely say that the efforts of officers in the Salt Lake Police Department saved my life more times than I can say they ever made me feel threatened or harassed. More than several times I was woken up on the streets by police officers diligently and carefully their jobs, and on many occasions when I was clearly breaking the law by being publicly inebriated I was getting with care and empathy by police I'm sure have never been in my situation. The current narrative could paint this as merely a sign of my privilege, but it is my experience and I am witness to the FACT that police officers in the downtown area, and likely the surrounding areas operate with absolutely no racial motivation. On a daily basis even the shelter was located downtown and the surrounding area was a hotbed if crime and disorder, these brave professionals were helping a community that is largely marginalized and disrespected by so-called civilized citizens of the city they inhabited. These men and women were in my opinion, not paid adequately for the services they provided. <b>*Continued 1/2*</b></p>

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	Stephen Enger	<p><b>*Continued 2/2*</b> The truth of the matter is that very little of the people currently screaming for reform have any reason other than a herd mentality forced upon them that it's virtuous and important to do so. Any real law-abiding sensible person in this city should know beyond a shadow of a doubt that the men and women of the Salt Lake City police department work hard, care about the protection and prosperity of the people they serve. It would be a mistake to allocate city funds elsewhere. This city is one of the most positively progressive and truly wonderful places to live in the entire country. There is no systemic problem in the SLPD. And I can say this without a shadow of a doubt coming from one of the once most oppressed communities in the state. The homeless community is made up of men of every race, color, creed, sex, gender, and culture. In the 8 years I was a part of it, not one did I ever see cops treat any of them any differently due to any of those factors. At first they were all treated equally bad, and now they are all treated equally like human beings that need help. These men and women save lives and protect the public. I am proof of this. Thank you for your time, Stephen Enger</p>

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	Ron Draughon	<p>To whom it may concern; As a concerned citizen of Salt Lake City, I strenuously oppose defunding the police department (or even reducing their funding) for a number of obvious reasons. 1. Defunding the police will lead to increased lawlessness and chaos. There is a reason the police are referred to as "law enforcement". They enforce the law. Without law enforcement, who will enforce the law? Either rogue vigilantes with little to no training or absolutely no one. When a mass shooter shows up at a shopping center and starts killing people, AGAIN, who will be there to stop them from killing innocent civilians? Either no one, or rogue vigilantes. What part of That'sounds good to you? What part of That'sounds like it would contribute to a safer and more peaceful society? Keep in ml'd, your job is to protect the citizens of this city, state and county. If I'm not mistaken, you swore an oath to do so. Remember that. 2. Defunding the police will be giving in to mob rule. The United States has a policy never to give in to terrorist demands. That'should include those both foreign AND domestic. Giving in to the demands of rioters who destroy property and injure and kill people will only encourage them to do it more. It will be sending a message to the lawless that lawlessness is what gets results, and that those who enforce the law are too weak or too scared to oppose them. 3. Defunding the police will be throwing the baby out with the bathwater. Everyone knows there are problems with the police department that must be addressed and dealt with. Police quotas, where officers have to arrest a certain number of people every day or write a certain amount of tickets every day are both l'moral and unjust. A very very small percentage of police officers (not necessarily in Salt Lake, but in parts of the country) have been known to use deadly force when deadly force is not necessary. Police officers who engage in such behavior should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law, just like anyone else. <b>*Continued 1/2*</b></p>

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	Ron Draughon	<p><b>*Continued 2/2*</b> HOWEVER, those officers are few and far between and a large majority of police officers are good people whose guiding purpose is to protect and serve the community, even at their own peril. Defunding the entire police department because .0001% of them (if even that) are bad apples is asinine and will do more harm than good in the short term and will do irreparable damage to the nation as a whole in the long run. MY RECOMMENDATION: Instead of defunding the police department, I bell've we should do the exact opposite. My belief is that more funding should be allocated to the police department in order to provide for better training in de-escalation tactics and better screening in order to weed out any would-be police officers who wish to use their authority to take away the rights of others or inflict harm on others in order to make themselves feel tough or give themselves an air of significance that they otherwise wouldn't have and honestly don't deserve. We are a nation of laws. But, those laws are only as good as those who enforce them. If we abandon'those who protect us and enforce the laws in order to appease a small faction of arrogant and aggressive thugs who seek to destroy the country and replace it with fascl'm (which they pretend to oppose), those laws will fall by the wayside as will our great nation. Please do not let that happen. For doing so will ultimately ensure that no one's life matters -- not yours, not mine, not black people's, not anyone's. And that is not America. Please do the right thing and do not defund, disband or do anything else that will hl'der the police from doing their job to serve and protect the citizens of this great city, state, and nation. Thank you for your attention. God bless America, and every one of its citizens (with no exceptions). Sincerely, Ron A Draughon</p>

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	Suzanna Leland	<p>I know you are meeting tonight on the subject of DEFUNDING the police. I, and many others in this large surrounding SLC community, do not support any type of defunding of the SLC police or other police departments in Utah. While there may be some opportunities for improvement, giving in to demands based on pure emotion of events going on in other areas of the country could potentially have devastating effects to the security of our state in the near future. WE NEED OUR POLICE DEPARTMENTS in full force, fully funded, and ready to go NOW MORE THAN EVER!!! We do not want the safety of the citizens of this state compromised any more, because politicians are making decisions based on personal agenda and peer pressure. We do not want our police officers to be subject to new legislation that does not allow them to do their job without fear of repercussion of people that think they know how every situation should be handled in a life or death situation. There is no doubt reform is needed and some departments have levels of corruption and incompetence That should be dealt with on a case by case basis, but that is not how the Utah PD operates. The quiet majority is watching and hopefully becoming less quiet as each day passes, in regards to this most recent request?. PLEASE know you have a large group of people in Utah (much larger than the groups of young protesters who don't even pay taxes yet) who are hoping that Utah sets the precedence for the rest of the country in regards to how they are going to handle demands that may not be based on local issues. Thanks for your consideration in this matter?. Suzanna Leland</p>

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6/17/2020 15:00	Brennan Barfuss	<p>Council Member Rogers, Thank you for everything you have done for SLC and for District 1. I'm writing because I am concerned with the anti-police rhetoric that has suddenly become mainstream in our country. George Floyd's killing was a travesty, and I hope those that are responsible go to jail for a long time. The solution is not to defund or abolish the police. The police are an essential part of our community. The first people that will suffer in a city with no effective police force are the poor. Wealthy people on the East Bench are far away from most of the crime happening in the city, and they may be able to afford other ways of ensuring their security (tall fences, security systems, private security, personal vehicles, etc.) The working poor need an effective and responsive police force - they don't have other options. What the police need is training and resources. it's an incredibly stressful job - they need the training and tools to be able to deescalate situations, bul'd relationships, and get support when things go wrong. With that being said, we also need to hold the police to a high standard of conduct, and we should hold accountable those who cross the line. In an ideal world, we would need no police. Unfortunately, we don't live in that world, so we need to do the best that we can. Salt Lake City needs a well-trained, diverse, transparent, and well-funded police force. Thank you for your time. -Brennan Barfuss</p>
6/17/2020 14:57	Renin Peterson	<p>Hello City Council, I felt the need that it was very important to message you and state my opinion on defunding the police matter. I know with the recent issues people want to see change for BLM and one of those changes is to defund the police. In my opinion this is absolutely not the answer... We need to show support to our law enforcement more than ever. These are the men and women who put their lives in danger to protect and save us. We cannot lower their wages just because there are some bad apples within the department. If you lower wages you lower the standard of what it means to be a police officer protecting our cities and our states. I feel that this will cause a lot more bad than good in the future. Please please do not lower their wages. We need to show our love and support to the good and majority of our law enforcement and show that we are behl'd them and we appreciate them and everything that they do! Thank you Sincerely, Renin Peterson Sent from my iPhone</p>

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6/17/2020 14:58	Becca Westenskow	<p>I am a resident of Draper. 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> <p>Becca Westenskow</p>

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6/17/2020 15:01	Rebecca Johnson	<p>I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a budget for the people, 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 lethal force against residents of color. Empty gestures and suggestions of reform? are unacceptable. I am demanding the voices of this movement be heard, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for marginalized communities is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, while social services and education--proven to better promote community safety than policing--stagnate. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, when too often paid out to officers responsible for harassing unhoused, Black, Indigenous, and Latinx residents, is deeply insulting. I am demanding that the City Council defund the SLCPD. I demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of impacted Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. I demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowering the police forces that tear us apart. Although City Council has thus far 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 care, not criminalization and incarceration. You must adopt a budget for the people. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Becky Johnson,</p>
6/17/2020 14:59	Brittney Hoyer	<p>As a citizen of Salt Lake County, I'd be absolutely furious if you in the council decide to defund our officers. To do reform, you need that money to do the extra training, counseling and therapy those men and women on the force need. Everyone; the police, our citizens, deserve the extra work to be done for the force to ensure we are all safe and taken care of. Not all officers are bad. They deserve the chance to make things right.</p>
6/17/2020 15:01	Alex Gontcharov	<p>5 million Americans have marched in anti-police protests. 326,000,000 Americans have not. 2 percent of Americans regularly post on Twitter. 98 percent do not. ? 10 percent of voters want to defund police. 90 percent do not. I vote all the time. Alex Gontcharov naturalized citizen of US of A</p>



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6/17/2020 15:02	JeiCee Mendez	Hello, About a week ago in Buffalo, a seventy four year old man was peacefully protesting police violence. Two officers in riot gear shoved him down to the ground, leaving him bleeding in the streets. The officers claimed that he "tripped and fell". The man was hospitalized in critical care. When the video of the officer's attack were made public, the two officers were suspected. To protest the suspensions, all 57 of the Buffalo's emergency response team resigned. While Americans, including Utahns, choose to protest police violence. The police in Salt Lake City and all over the country have chosen to protest in support of our worst police. If a nurse can subdue an unruly 75 year old without shoving then to the ground, but two big men who we're equipped with bullet proof riot gear, surrounded by fellow officers are too weak and afraid to do the same, then we are wasting our money on police. What if all the money we spent on police went to improve our school system or towards drug use prevention or mental health services? Redirect funds from our broken and violent police force here in Utah, or we will vote you out. There is something terrible wrong in Utah We need to fix it.
6/17/2020 15:04	Bracken Hudson	Dear City Council: For the love of God, defunding the police right now is the absolute worst idea in the world. If anything, we should allocate additional funds to our law enforcement for specialized training and give them the support they need. Please, do the right thing and protect those who protect us! -- Thanks- Bracken Hudson
6/17/2020 15:09	Amber Tilley	This is a request to continue to fund police not just in SLC, but everywhere in Utah. Yes, changes do need to be made like trainings and higher standards/education of officers. But please do not defund. Crime will most certainly increase and with that, residents owning guns to protect themselves and families will increase. I know I'll be l'vesting in another one as well as practice shooting should something arise where a police officer cannot respond in a timely manner because the force has been reduced. These men/women in blue protect us. There are rare "bad apples in the bunch" but that can be remedl'd with several options. Please consider this plea from a regular citizen not having the privilege of a security guard on the regular. Sincerely, Amber Tilley

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6/17/2020 15:11	Robert Taylor	I do not live in your area, so I hope it is OK for me to comment on this proposal. While I do not have the details of what you want to do, this appears to me to be a VERY bad move. Do not fold under pressure from the Black Live Matter activists - they are hijacking what started out as a legitimate complaint and using it to bring chaos and disorder to our country. Stand your ground, defend your police department and the good men and women who work there. Thanks for considering my comments. Bob Taylor (Central, Utah, 84722) -- Bob Taylor
6/17/2020 15:12	Aleesha Marshall	DE-FUND THE POLICE???? If you have a school that has low test scores & low performance - do you de-fund it? Do you pay the teachers less and magically expect it to improve? OR DO YOU I'veST IN IT! Better teachers cost more, better programs cost more, better results cost more! Same goes for law enforcement. If you want true change on the police force let's I'veST IN THEM! They have a THANKLESS job that is way harder than most can imagine. Officers literally run towards the bullets for you and I on a DAILY basis. It is easy to play arm chair QB when we see a video of a cop in a life or death situation (I'm not talking about George Floyd's situation) but for them, it's not a video game - it's making it home to their spouse and kids at night! My Proposal: - Increased screening & evaluation BEFORE hiring - Pay police officers better - like MUCH better (average in Utah is around \$21.50 per hour) - Mandatory ongoing training on how to de-escalate & avoid racial bias - Bonuses for reporting racist & crooked cops - Heck - do a year end cruise for the whole department each year if they have no unjustifiable deaths - Last but not least - Get stabilizers on their dang cameras! I'm sick of watching shaky video footage! Get Outlook for iOS < <a href="https://aka.ms/o0ukef">https://aka.ms/o0ukef</a> >
6/17/2020 15:13	Crista Mendez	We, the people of Salt Lake, are screaming for justice. Eliminate the Qualifi'd I'munity That'shields them the police murderers killing on our streets. don't waste our tax dollars anymore on police bodycameras that don't work when they shoot us. You have a duty to serve the people. Listen to us! Defund the police now! No Justice, No Peace.

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6/17/2020 15:13	Don Hantla	Let it be known that myself or any others in my household, I'mmediate family, extended family, pretty much anybody and everybody that I know in NO WAY supports defunding the police. These last few weeks have been absolutely heartbreaking. Our police need our support more than ever right now. They need leaders to stand up and say enough is enough. If we truly want to make change then INCREASE the funding to police. I will gladly pay more taxes to do so. Give them more training, more tools, and more support. Can you imagine how stressful it must be to be a police officer right now? Please stand up for our officers. They are such good people. We need to take care of them. We need to stand with them and we need to provide the necessary support for them to do the job.
6/17/2020 15:14	Danielle Perez	You guys had better have the sense to realize that what we need it to NOT DEFUND OR REDUCE FUNDS to policing entities. There needs to be a complete review of all officers and their past complaints and a discussion as to whether they are right for what it takes to be an officer of the law. There needs to be an abolishment of any union if it exists so that bad cops are.not protected from firing if needed.
6/17/2020 16:52	Celeste Sellers	Please support those who stand for use between those who would like to do harm to persons and property. As a mother of LEO's I beg you to reconsider any idea of defunding our Police. If anything increase funding and increase positive training opportunities. I support fully the Blue Lives Matter rally proposed for this Saturday and hope that many of you will attend and show support for the great majority of Police Officers who strive to do their jobs with integrity and honor. I understand the need to address the very few officers who may not be good at what they do and use excessive force but defunding and defaming the vast majority who are excellent is not the best way forward. Thank you for taking into consideration my thoughts.

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6/17/2020 15:51	Cali Bulmash	For the six I'dividuals being charged with a host of first degree felonies, such a rioting, criminal mischief, and arson. In addition to gang enhancements, these charges (despite no damage to human life) are comparable to the first degree felonies of murder, rape and kidnapping. One, charged with one count of arson and now faces 20 years in prison along with a \$250,000 fine. His crime? Allegedly, he fanned the flames of the already burning vehicle with a piece of cardboard. Does such an act feel on par with murder and kidnapping to you? In the District Attorney's own words there "the way that the criminal justice system is appll'd, needs to be looked at in areform?. Start that process by dropping all criminal charges against these six I'dividuals.
6/17/2020 15:42	Camilo Latorre Caceres	I as a member of the Latino community want to express support to the Salt Lake City Police Department, their actions during the protests have been measured, as a taxpayer and member of the community, me and my family do not support the "defunding" of the SLCPD.
6/17/2020 15:45	Darlene Kelsch	Please for all of the people of Utah, do NOT defund the police. I enjoy my safety and knowing that in an emergency I can call the police and they will show up. I agree there are some bad police officers but we should not defund the police force because of it, instead clean out the bad police officers so we have good stand up men and women upholding the laws of our state. Please, do NOT defund the police!
6/17/2020 15:53	Elizabeth Boss	I respectfully ask you to continue funding our police departments. As a law abiding citizen and also a tax payer, I feel that the people of our communities deserve to have police protection. I'don't always agree with everything policemen do, but I bell've that most of them truly want to do good and keep our cities safe. I feel that, if we defund our police departments, we will end up having many more crimes than we do now and many more people will get hurt. I invite you to protect our rights and vote to continue to fund our police departments. Thank You!

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6/17/2020 16:01	Cari Thomsen	<p>don't rob Peter to pay Paul. don't make law enforcement feel worse than they already do trying to work right now with the whole world against them. Give them a raise!!! Stand with them. don't reward rioters. If this works for them, guess what will happen? With less law enforcement to deal with it. don't turn your backs on good. don't let trends and social media waves influence you. STAND by our officers or we won't stand by you. Wanna ruin our city? Become a city with a defunded pd. You're better than this. The majority of public understand that our officers are heroes, not villains. Other programs should have more financial backing but not by taking it from our heroes!!!</p>
6/17/2020 16:04	Evelyn Haupt	<p>As the vote for the budget nears, I would like to reiterate my desire to minimize the police department. I have read through the report and it seems like small actions are being taken including the zero budget exercise. While it is a good idea, I wish to see more immediate action, such as the city of Minneapolis or even something like Camden, NJ, (even though this was a deep reform, not necessarily a defund). I support the creation of an outside committee, but wonder how we will make sure it represents all those who have just concerns regarding the police, and again, seems more of a reform move rather than an action to minimize. The fact that the Chief of Police does not see racism in his department is a testament that reforms, transparency, additional body cams, police equipment etc will not be enough to change the climate here in Utah. I have never come in contact with a CIU officer, who supposedly bridges the community and the SLPD, and upon looking up those in this position, they are all white males, with at least one having faced trials for excessive use of force. I continue to strongly support the movement to freeze the hiring process for at least one fiscal year, downsize the entire staff, and allocate resources that will not benefit the police department, such as replacing police officers with different types of first responders that are trained outside of the police culture. It is not enough to address reform. We need to think outside the box, and make a drastic change.</p>

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6/17/2020 16:07	Charlene Chl'd	I want my voice heard. Please DO NOT defund the police department. I wish to keep our communities safe, support our front line defenders, while looking for ways to improve the system for the better. My respect and admiration goes out to all the police throughout the state as well as the country who put their lives on the line every day to protect me, my family and our communities. We are a better people for their service. Thank you for your time and for hearing my voice.
6/17/2020 16:17	Delina McCann	As a member of your district during times like these I feel it is important to express to you my views on the current conversation around policingreform. There is strong evidence that additional training and surveillance does nothing to actually deescalate situations and stop police misconduct. It just makes it easier to see. The police didn't worry about their body cams when they shot that man in the back in Atlanta. We need to redirect money from the police department to community programs that can actually help people. Instead of operation rio grand just criminalizing the homeless and dispersing them to new and different parks in the city we could have spent that money actually helping them. Funding methadone clinics and treatment centers, counseling and affordable housing. Please think on this when voting for the budget this week. We don't hate the police, we just want them to actually solve real crimes (no one seems to care when actual burglaries and car break-ins) we are too busy policing issues like addiction and mental health. Social workers for non-violent calls is a good step, but we need to rethink everything, not just throw more money at technology to "catch" police policing poorly. The whole system is set up to enable them, and encourage them to police poorly.

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6/17/2020 16:28	Anonymous Constituent	<p>I have been hearing rumors of defunding the police department. I think this idea is insane. those of you that dont think so have been very lucky to have not ever needed a police officers help or you are thugs. about 7 years ago i was pregnant with my fourth son. i ended up having placenta previa. a condition where my placenta covers my cervix. you can bleed out within minutes. I was home alone in the middle of the night when i got my first bleed. guess who was there to help me? a cop met me halfway and escorted me to the hospital. about 6 years ago my husband was an alcoholic. he got mean quite often. one night he was bad and the cops were called. I didnt tell them what all happened cause I didnt want my husband to go to jail. after the first responders left and everyone went home i noticed one cop stayed behind. he pulled away so we wouldnt notice him but he stayed watching over me and my boys the whole night. i think he knew that i wasnt giving him the whole story. that man probably saved our lives that night. and I dont even know who he is. all i know is he is a hero and shouldnt be getting all this hate over a few bad guys. there are bad guys everywhere. bad doctors, lawyers, teachers, church leaders. the list goes on and on. fast forward to a few years later. my son that i had pregnancy problems with has health issues. one day we are at the dentist office and he has a seizure and stops breathing. we had to do cpr to bring my little guy back. guess who comes to help? a cop! i cannot believe what is going on lately. these brave men and women put their lives at risk for us everyday and all they get is our ungrateful spoiled attitudes. this country is losing a battle. a battle within our own country and its losing fast. pretty soon it wont be safe to leave our homes. to go outside. to stay inside. why???</p> <p>because there wont be any cops left because we treated them as criminals. I am scared of the world we are creating for our children.</p>
6/17/2020 16:36	Crista Mota	<p>YOU CANNOT HAVE PEACE &amp; ORDER WITHOUT LAWS &amp; THOSE WHO ENFORCE IT. Consequences need to be CLEARLY EXPLAINED &amp; ALL PEOPLE in authoritative positions NEED to be held accountable for inappropriate behavior &amp; actions!!! DO NOT DECREASE ANY FUNDING</p>

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6/17/2020 16:46	Dan Krause Krause	<p>Out of respect for you and the rest of our citizens of this great state of Utah, we humbly ask the state to continue to support our fine police officers who are protecting our cities, our homes, our businesses, &amp; Our government agencies. It would be a huge mistake to discontinue Funding to our City, and state police departments. Many of us are concerned about the crimes that are starting to happen from the riots and violence in many cities around the country, and even in our own state. What would the outcome have been like from these riots if there were no police officers to help stop the violence, arson, property damage, and other disturbing behaviors? I hate to think of it! These rioters are threatening coming into our neighborhoods throughout the nation too. it's sad &amp; disturbing! We as Americans have the God given right through the second amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America to protect ourselves from enemies foreign and domestic. Having a police force is an important part of protecting ourselves in this country from those who will subvert and overtake it if they were given the opportunity. There are those that would gladly take over our cities if we were unarmed &amp; had no police force! The Second amendment in the Constitution of the United States supports our rights to protect ourselves. Many people don't have weapons to be able to protect their homes from rioters, Arsonists, Anarchists, gangs, break-ins, robberies, and every other disturbing crime that leaves the innocent at the mercy of these criminals. On the other side of the coin many also have arms to protect themselves from criminals too, just in case their lives are threatened by these dangerous criminals. Having the support of our police officers in our cities is a vital part of protecting those people from these violent criminals and rioters. Eliminating and decreasing our police force is like having no weapons in your home or business to protect your family or others when their life is in danger. <b>*Continued 1/3*</b></p>



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	Dan Krause Krause	<p>Words cannot express the sadness, disgust, and horror of what's happening to innocent people by these violent mobs of rioters taking cities under hostage! This is not what you would call a peaceful assembly where people are yelling and screaming violent remarks such as "kill him, etc." please support us as citizens of the United States of America, and also as citizens of the great state of Utah to uphold the bill of rights and the constitution. Uphold the rule of law for your constituents. Our nation cannot afford to go into utter chaos by letting criminals ruin the lives of the innocent. We care about every person, no matter what nationality they are, no matter what the color of their skin is. We are all created equal before God. What really matters is the character that is in each and everyone of us! The rule of law in the Constitution of United States was set up to protect the minority, to protect the innocent, to allow everyone to answer to their own actions. We are never going to be responsible for what someone else has done in the past. We will individually have to answer for our own crimes &amp; mistakes. That is what the law was meant to do. Each person here in the United States has the right to a trial to testify and to explain their case! There cannot be collective punishment in the United States of America. There are many good citizens out there in our state. There are also many other great police officers that have been doing a great job in upholding the law, and the constitution of the United States. We are sad that there are just those few who are corrupt people that the media loves to focus on. We don't hear enough of the good things that they are doing in our communities. Of course there's bad people out there too, but just know that there are many more good people than bad. We want to remind you that the law that is laid out in the constitution needs to be upheld, that every person needs to be responsible for their own actions, and not to punish the majority because of one or two bad people. <b>*Continued 2/3*</b></p>

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	Dan Krause Krause	<p><b>*Continued 3/3*</b> That's why the courts were set up. Even criminals have the right to a fair trial. It is completely unfair &amp; unjust to punish thousands and thousands of good police officers for the actions of a few bad ones in the recent days. These thousands of good officers did not get a trial, or to have their voices heard about these decisions that are being made to defund them. Those thousands of officers are having their jobs threatened, and are being punished for the few bad police officers. Just for the sake of our own city, and state, I warn you that chaos, anarchy, and lawlessness will increase if the criminals know that there is no consequence for their crimes, and their own sins. Criminals need to stop placing the blame on others for their own personal choices! I don't want our state, or our country to be in utter chaos, but evil will find a way to get their way when there is nobody in their way. We are saddened that there are people who have died in these situations with all of these riots. Please do not support groups who promote violence in any form! They are doing all they can with the dismantling of our liberties. Bringing violence to innocent people as a way to get revenge for someone else's crimes was never justified by the law &amp; is not moral justice! There was family in another state that lost children in a building fire caused by looters, rioters, arsonists that were blocking the way by keeping the fire department &amp; police back from getting inside to save the children. They died as a result! If they did not have those resources of those good men and women in uniform that were there trying to save those children burning in the building, then who knows who else would not have been saved if the firefighters, and police officers were not there deserve to protect those innocent people! Once again it's time to read the constitution of the United States. Please understand that we the people have hired &amp; elected you as our representatives to help our communities. You are there to represent us, your constituents. So please take our warning out of love and concern for the well being &amp; safety of our entire nation, and the entire state of Utah by helping our police officers have the resources they need to protect us, your constituents! We want them to have the funding &amp; resources for the benefit &amp; protection of our communities.</p> <p>Thank you for your time!</p>

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6/17/2020 16:47	Duane Dotter	<p>I am commenting here as a lifelong Utah Citizen to express my feelings towards the ridiculous and inconceivable notion to start defunding our country's Police Departments. I personally think this is a huge mistake and the fact that our Nation's Capital is even considering this Socialist ideology upsets me even more!! Everyday our Nation's Freedom's and Constitutional Rights are being challenged and even threatened by the opposing forces. I personally feel that our Nation is facing some very difficult times ahead. If anything our Police should be supported, properly funded, and honored by not only our State Officials, and citizens, but also by the Media (Who I feel are extremely misleading, corrupt, and biased!!!) In my opinion the media should be defunded and held accountable for only reporting news that only meets their Liberal, Fear Mongering, Race Baiting, Biased, and Country Dividing Agendas. The problems that our nation faces lie deeper than the actions of a few corrupt Officers (who by all means should be held accountable for their actions by the fullest extent of the law), but for our state of Utah to jump on the bandwagon and think that defunding our Police is a considerable solution is nothing but a huge slap in the face and shows so much disrespect for our men and women in blue and the majority of the people who honor and respect them!!!*Continued 1/2*</p>

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	Duane Dotter	<p>*Continued 2/2* Our State Officials should be the ones to lead by example, they should openly and publicly stand up for Law Enforcement, the Law Abiding Citizens, Our Nation's President, and certainly those men and women who Serve and Protect our Great Nation per!d!!! Start calling out the media for causing such hate and division in our country!!! Start honoring, rewarding, and giving credit to those heroes out there who are risking their lives, doing good things for our communities, and nation as a whole!!! Stop catering and giving the spotlight to the hate groups, Antifa, and domestic terrorists who are only out there to destroy personal and public property while causing havoc and disruption in our daily lives!!! Allow Law Enforcement to perform their jobs safely with any resources they need to stop these criminals dead in their tracks by any means necessary before they become a threat to people's lives and property, so long as those resources and privileges aren't being abused or used against the citizens in a manner that violates our rights and freedoms. I personally love this great state, and I feel like we should be sending a strong message to the rest of the country by putting our foot down and sometimes possibly going against the grain. We need to show America that we support our Men and Women of Law Enforcement and Those Who Have Served or are currently Serving Our Country, We Support our President, We Support our Constitution, We Support our Hard Working Law Abiding Citizens, and we ARE NOT going to tolerate the Biased Media, the Corrupt Government Officials (mainly in other states), and the Hateful and Destructive Criminals who are doing everything they can'to jeopardize our Freedoms while trying to divide and destroy our GREAT NATION!!! We need to publicly and unapologetically show more support for our Great Nation, we need more positivity, more American Flags, and more love for the Men and Women in Blue risking their lives everyday to make our Country, Cities, and Communities safe!!!</p>

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6/17/2020 16:50	Nikita Abraham	<p>Hello, my name is Nikita Abraham I am a resident of Salt Lake City Utah. I am writing in regard to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I cannot believe that after weeks of the community calling, emailing, protesting, and speaking out to defund and abolish the SLCPD, you all would take that information and increase police funding. This is unacceptable. We as the community put our trust in you to act in ways that represent community needs. You have violated that trust by not listening to us. It is so clear that the community the police to be defunded because our community needs housing security, better transportation, better education, and better social and welfare programs. We have told you over and over again that we do not want our tax money to fund the police. The SLCPD is a violent, racist, classist, and homophobic organization that has systematically reinforced the oppression of Black, Indigenous, and brown communities. They do not protect communities as they have murdered people during health and safety check-ins and as they themselves are perpetrators of sexual violence. We saw the horrific murder of Bernardo Palacios Carbajal by the SLCPD. We saw the footage, he was just a frightened 22 years old kid. The police had body cameras, the cameras did not prevent his horrific death. Police training will not stop the brutalization of Black and Brown people because policing is so deeply rooted in white supremacy and slavery. There is no fixing the police system, as the system itself is based on racism. We as a community cannot stand for this violence and we won't. Bernardo deserves justice. His blood and the blood of so many others is on your hands for complicity allowing the police to do this and you need to actively make changes to stop the SLCPD from destroying our community. By dismantling the police, more resources could be used to actively help the community. <b>*Continued 1/2*</b></p>

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	Nikita Abraham	<p><b>*Continued 2/2*</b> This money could be used for the education system, housing security, transportation, and many welfare programs. You have failed so many people and so many communities. For example, you have failed in protecting and serving the homeless population as you have actively ignored and siphoned resources from them. You have a chance to help better the community by dismantling the police. Like Minneapolis, we need to have conversations about how to make our community genuinely feel safe and protected without the police. There are so many creative solutions to community violence, and these solutions should not involve the police. You all have the power to actively try to defund the police. You all have the power to change this city's relationship with police unions and stop them from monopolizing budgets. We elected you, trusting that you will act in our best interest. So please, act in our best interest and defund the police and consistently make advancements and to eventually abolish the police. If you truly believe that Black lives matter, as so many of you have stated, then show us by defunding the racist police system that has repeatedly murdered Black people. Thank you</p>
6/17/2020 16:54	Natalie Robinson	<p>Dear City Council Members, I respectfully ask you to continue funding our police departments. As a law abiding citizen and also a tax payer, I feel that the people of our communities deserve to have police protection. I don't always agree with everything policemen do, but I believe that most of them truly want to do good and keep our cities safe. I feel that, if we defund our police departments, we will end up having many more crimes than we do now and many more people will get hurt. I invite you to protect our rights and vote to continue to fund our police departments. Thank You! Kind Regards, Natalie Robinson Sent from my iPhone</p>

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6/17/2020 17:44	Nathan Tyler	<p>Council members, let me start out by saying thank you to all in the council that work hard to keep our city where it needs to be. I'm sure it can be a thankless job at times. Our nation and our state are in some very trying times and this makes your job all the harder. Please don't make any rash decisions with our police departments. More transparency is always good, the ability to know what is going on in the department only helps people to be able to feel comfortable with the job they do. I have had many run ins with the police in this city in my younger years. I served 2 years in the state prison. I know how hard a job they have because I used to make it hard on them. I've run into a cop or two that enjoyed their authority a little too much, but the overwhelming majority of them were good decent men and woman doing their jobs. I know there is a lot of pressure to defund the police, please don't give in to social pressures. Stand with our police. Let them know we stand with them. That doesn't mean we can't admit there are some problems that need to be fixed because there are. So let's have real, open conversations about those things that need to change and do them. let's not throw the men and women, that do an honorable job, under the bus like so many other cities have done. They deserve better. Thank you for your time. My prayers are with you all as you have tough decisions ahead of you Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone</p>
6/17/2020 17:45	Nicolette Holferty	<p>I am a SLC resident! I am begging you, please DO NOT DEFUND THE POLICE!!!! We need to increase their budget to improve the situation, add programs and not take away. it's seems like a no brainer, I can't believe we are in this situation and faced with this ridiculous reality. Defunding is like shooting yourself in the foot. Bad idea!!! Our SLC Police go to work knowing they might not come home and they do it for the rest of us. I know a lot of police officers and Highway Patrol, some of the best people I know. I cried seeing familiar faces standing in front of the Capitol during the protest, I prayed in hopes they could be safe. Much respect and concerned citizen, Nicolette Holferty</p>

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6/17/2020 17:49	Natalie Mella	Hi there, My name is Natalie Mella and I live in the Liberty Wells area of your district. I wrote a couple of weeks ago about decreasing the budget for policing by at least 30 mil. Needless to say seeing a proposed increase to the budget has me taken aback, and prettay prettaay disappointed. I would love to see that money go into housing, healthcare, education, helping our ever growing houseless population, etc.. I hope y?all are listening to us and taking us seriously. I love this city and I know we can be trend setters and a shining example of how we can do more for our citizens without over policing them. Thanks, Natalie Mella
6/17/2020 17:50	Anonymous Constituent	Hard to bell've I even need to share my thoughts on a subject like this. If we have racist police then we need to figure out how to weed them out and we need to send a message that racists people need not apply to be police officers. However, defudning police departments is an act of insanity. Most people are decent, law-abiding citizens, but we have a small percentage of people that make up our criminal element. Tax payers deserve to be protected from this element. The vast majority of police officers are truly the best of the best among us. People who become public servants amaze me. They deserve our support, not our derision. I could ramble on, but I won't. it's time for the adults to regain control of this situation and tell the chl'dren it's time to stop acting up and they will not be rewarded for burning police cars and vandalizing bul'dings.
6/17/2020 17:51	Lorie Christiansen	Please put my voice in as one who Bell'ves we NEED our police force. We need support for law and order! DO NOT DEFUND THE POLICE ! Sent from my iPhone
6/17/2020 19:26	Tom Cook	To Whom it May Concern, I support our state and local law enforcement and feel it is very imperative to continue to fund them. As a very concerned citizen, I fl'd it difficult to fathom that this is even a debate. I refuse to give into the narrative that is being spread through the country that the police are racisit and are ?the bad guys.? I support our men and women who put their lives on the line for us!



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6/17/2020 13:42	Wes Odekirk	<p>Dear Salt Lake City Council, Do you see what's happening in Seattle? If you defund the police, guess what happens? Other police will merely fill the vacuum, and they will not be governed by laws. They will conduct vigilante justice, which means there is no justice. Aren't we trying to create more justice? There are plenty of reforms we can look at, that we all agree on, and are good common sense measures That should be looked at. But defunding the police is, in my opinion, the easy way out. It doesn't solve any problems and will only create more. The hard thing to do would be to have an honest conversation about these issues. Are you capable of having that conversation? Or are you going to snuff out any idea that is contrary to your own? A fringe group known as the Brown Shirts emerged in Germany in the 1920s. They started holding protest rallies. This led to intimidation of small businesses, local politicians, etc. By 1932 this group had renamed themselves the National Socialist German Workers Party (I'm sure you can guess what the acronym for this group is in the German language - I will not write that word), and had become the largest political party in Germany, although the majority of Germans were merely going along out of fear of reprisal, losing businesses, homes, etc. Does any of this sound familiar? Please, stand with the men and women in uniform. Defend them. Uphold them. Hold the ones who break the law and commit police brutality accountable. But do not defund the police. We will all pay a very high price if this were to happen.</p> <p>Warm regards,</p>

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6/17/2020 14:37	Bruce Weston	<p>Salt Lake City Council Members, I strongly request that you vote not to defund the police department. I know there is strong influence in the media and from other states and organizations to take such actions at this time. I urge you all to use good reason and not act on emotion. The police department is important and it can't function without adequate funding, don't say they can function on less, unless you and all other city departments will be defunded as well. It is a great injustice to treat the police department as though they are untrustworthy or evil because of the social excitement on this subject. Of course there are some bad apples everywhere, just as there are in your council, in other departments in your city and county and elsewhere. You aren't perfect why should any department that answers to you be, or rather how can't they be? The police department is vital for helping to uphold law and order and they cannot do so with an inadequate budget, nor provide a livelihood for the officers in its employ. Once again, I urge you to not defund the police department to appease the media, protestors (who do not represent the ml'd and will of the people at large), political leaders, or anyone else. Help the police department do their job well. don't throw the police under the bus as scapegoats to appease violent protestors and extremists as your mayor and our governor have done. don't follow a senseless crowd, but use wl'dom and good judgement in your decision and remember the golden rule. A fellow Utahn, Bruce</p>

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6/17/2020 14:16	Ryan Steele	If you defund the police, my family and I will no longer make any trips into SLC. We live close and make trips several times a month, and I work in the area, but I will no longer support any businesses in the area. I will go out of my way to bypass the city altogether. I already hate the attitudes of most of the council, along with the mayor, and even considering this move proves at how naive, ignorant, biased, ungrateful, and bigoted they can be. I am no longer proud to consider myself an American with the attitudes of I've seen the last few weeks, and less proud to call myself a Utahn. Be grateful for the great men and women in uniform who have families, are brothers, sisters, daughters, sons, fathers, mothers, grandfathers, grandmothers, granddaughters, and grandsons. They are people. The vast majority are good people. Stop pretending they aren't. Stop shaming this community. Stop shaming this state. Give the police what they need to do their job adequately instead of continue to take away and expect more. Pathetic. I would rather have them around than any of you. At least they are proactive people who do good for the world. You hide behind your desks and pretend you're important. R Steele
6/17/2020 14:48	Sarah Palmer	I fully support our local law enforcement. We need law and order in our communities. Do not defund the police. Thank you, Sarah Palmer
6/17/2020 14:55	Rachel Lunt	To whom it may concern, I am writing to stress the importance of having a police force in Salt Lake as well as express my support for our police. Defunding the police is a horrible idea, and I ask that you do the right thing and choose to keep the police force. Defunding the police will only bring chaos to Salt Lake, even cutting funding will be an issue because police officers already don't make enough money as is. Police officers are not evil, they risk their lives every day for crappy pay and judgement, yet they would willingly lay down their lives for each and everyone of us. don't let the actions of a bad cop make you hate all cops, because nobody hates a bad cop more than a cop. I choose to not judge people based off of one characteristic they share with a larger group of people that may contain someone who did something bad... whether that characteristic is the color of their skin or their profession. Cops are truly amazing people and they deserve our support... the police force is one of the very few things I'm ok with my tax money going towards. DO NOT DEFUND THE POLICE! Best, Rachel Lunt

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6/17/2020 15:10	Vincent Keller Carmine McDonald	<p>City Council members, We would like to echo and amplify the message of our son, and of protestors across the city demanding change. Below we have included his message, which mirrors our views as your constituents: "I appreciate your efforts to consider the concerns of your constituents relating to police brutality in our nation, state, and city. I am aware that you proposed some changes to the SLCPD budget during the June 11th City Council meeting (1). While I recognize that you made these changes with the best intentions, I still demand more from you. I have already written to you twice, both before the June 2nd, and June 9th meetings, demanding that you increase police accountability and make meaningful reform while simultaneously defunding our police department. I write in solidarity with my fellow citizens demanding a \$30 million dollar budget cut and a hiring freeze for all officers during the next fiscal year. I will address the budget changes in the order they appear on the City Council website below and outline why they are insufficient. Creating a commission dedicated to addressing police brutality and racial inequality in policing is a step in the right direction. I look forward to hearing more about this commission in the coming weeks, and I hope that it will truly have the power to hold officers accountable for their actions. However, "moving funds out of the Police Department for training and equipment purchases (body cameras and tech, tasers, etc.)" fails to meet the demands of your citizens. Defunding the police means reducing their budget. While reallocation of the police budget is important and should accompany police defunding, this change is not enough. The Police department is still receiving all of this funding for training and technology, so you're not really moving funds out of the department. De-escalation training is important but was ineffective in Minneapolis and other cities across the country. What proved far more effective in the case of Camden, NJ was a total dissolution of their police department, which was then rebuilt from the ground up. If you have not already studied this particular case, I urge you to do so (2).</p> <p><b>*Continued 1/4*</b></p>

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	<p>Vincent Keller Carmine McDonald</p>	<p><b>*Continued 2/4*</b> I bell've Camden more accurately represents the potential positives and negatives of how we are asking you to use your power. While I recognize that each city is unique, I'do not have total faith in training a department with an already entrenched culture -- a department led by a chief who can say that he doesn't think that the SLCPD has a problem with implicit bias and structural racl'm (3). This is the same department that arrested 46 protestors on May 30, many of whom were within their rights to peacefully protest injustice, and failed to arrest a white supremacist who threatened the lives of those very same protestors with a bow. This is the same department that killed Patrick Harmon and Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal even though those officers received "extensive training [...] on implicit bias" (3). Everyone has implicit biases to some extent, so to ignore the importance that bias plays in policing is dangerous. Certainly, Utah as a whole is not exceptional when it comes to a lack of racial profiling, can you honestly say the SLCPD is much better? Further, I'veesting additional funds in body cameras and tasers won't make a meaningful, positive impact. We have bodycam footage from the shooting of Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal. In that footage, we hear one of the three officers involved in the pursuit'say "Tase him, tase him, tase him!" before they shoot Bernardo approximately 20 times as he runs away (4). Tasers and body cameras didn't save Bernardo's life, even though the officers were evidently equipped with tasers and had the capacity to use them. If officers are going to preference lethal force over tasers, then supplying them with tasers is useless unless you are simultaneously disarming those officers of lethal weaponry. Bodycam footage has not led to accountability for those officers nor the officers who killed Patrick Harmon as he ran away. Note that the officers who killed Patrick also used a taser, but when guns are used alongside nonlethal force, that nonlethal force means nothing. If you can reallocate funds within the department towards tech that will have no positive impact, it is your duty to instead distribute those funds towards infrastructure and community improvement.</p>

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	Vincent Keller Carmine McDonald	<p><b>*Continued 3/4*</b> Holding \$2.8 million in SLCPD funding is again, a step in the right direction. However, this falls far short of what your citizens have consistently asked of you. This is a fraction of the \$30 million cut that we have asked for. The department can survive with that type of budget cut, That's the budget it had in 2013 (5). Crime rates have not risen dramatically in SLC over the last decade (6), and holding a portion of the budget is not the same as divesting those funds towards community improvements that will actually decrease crime. A rise in nonviolent crime has also driven much of the growth of crime in recent years, while serious crime has declined (6). It makes sense that we would have growth in non-violent, minor offenses when we criminalize homelessness and simultaneously remove resources that our homeless population depends on If the Council is considering "mov[ing] some [community response] functions out of the department," then we will need funding for new agencies of social workers, traffic experts, sexual assault nurse examiners, caseworkers, and more who can actually address the issues that pertain to their fields, leaving police to deal with the issues that their training primarily covers: violent crime (). The ban on chokeholds and the use of tear gas are good policy changes (3). Interest in an "ordinance requiring the public sharing of information collected by the Police Department that is of policy interest to the Council and the public" is promising (1). Setting aside \$1.7 million for investment in communities of color is promising. Support for the idea that "COVID-19 related stimulus dollars received be prioritized to address community programs" is promising. An outside audit of the police department provides hope. But hope is not enough right now, we need increased action. You have said that the police budget will be an ongoing conversation even after the budget has been adopted. We will continue to have that conversation week after week if you fail to represent us. Although I cannot find this information in your recap of the June 11th work meeting, I have seen some sources (7) indicate that increases in technology and training, as well as the hiring of 3 new victim advocates, will equate to a \$1,344,394 increase in the SLCPD budget.</p>

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	<p>Vincent Keller Carmine McDonald</p>	<p><b>*Continued 4/4*</b> If it is too hard to fl'd that money in the budget, my request would be that you l'mediately fire the officers who killed Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal and use their salaries for the victim advocates. In my last comment, I asked that you also address thereforms from <a href="https://8cantwait.org">https://8cantwait.org</a>. Many of thosereforms are policy changes That'should not require a budget increase. In the case of de-escalation training, I would like to make it abundantly clear that I preference police defunding over policereform based on the experiences of cities across the nation wherereform has failed. Has the City Council ever heard a more overwhelming response to any issue? You have received so many comments in recent council sessions that you've had to alter the timeline for publishing those comments so they can all be processed. Thousands of citizens are taking the time to write these comments to you or sit-in on meetings. Thousands more are out in the streets protesting during a pandemic. These are the citizens who will vote in upcoming elections and will not forget how you respond to this issue. If you fail in your duty to represent and advocate for your citizens, why should they trust you with re-election? Your duty is to your citizens, not UFOP. I know you're trying to appease a city with differing views, but consider the importance of this response. We have the incredible opportunity to address the root issues of inequality in our society, to bul'd something better instead of criminalizing those who suffer from systemic inequality. Now is a moment for real change. Please recognize how incredible, and essential that change will be.? Thank you, Vincent Keller and Carmine McDonald 1.  <a href="https://www.slc.gov/council/meeting-recaps/june-11-council-meeting/">https://www.slc.gov/council/meeting-recaps/june-11-council-meeting/</a> 2.  <a href="https://www.cnn.com/2020/06/09/us/disband-police-camden-new-jersey-trnd/l'dex.html">https://www.cnn.com/2020/06/09/us/disband-police-camden-new-jersey-trnd/l'dex.html</a> 3. <a href="https://www.fox13now.com/news/local-news/slcpd-will-formally-ban-use-of-chokeholds-and-tear-gas">https://www.fox13now.com/news/local-news/slcpd-will-formally-ban-use-of-chokeholds-and-tear-gas</a> 4.  <a href="https://www.deseret.com/utah/2020/6/8/21284209/salt-lake-city-police-shooting-unlawful-bernardo-palacios-carbajal-amy-fowler-council">https://www.deseret.com/utah/2020/6/8/21284209/salt-lake-city-police-shooting-unlawful-bernardo-palacios-carbajal-amy-fowler-council</a> 5.  <a href="https://www.sltrib.com/news/politics/2020/06/09/salt-lake-city-council-2/">https://www.sltrib.com/news/politics/2020/06/09/salt-lake-city-council-2/</a> 6.</p>

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6/17/2020 15:11	Alex Huntington	<p>Please be very careful in your determination today about whether or not to defund the police. Is our society growing more stable? More unifl'd? Into the type of society that can handle a smaller police force? In concept, I love the idea of a smaller police force and would whole-heartedly support that effort under different circumstances. But our society, even locally, has grown so iniquitous so as not to allow for such circumstances. John Adams said, "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." The same applies here. It would be a beautiful day, I'deed, if we didn't need as many police officers as we do. And I am absolutely a proponent of training in de-escalation techniques as well. But with our society having turned into what it has, we cannot afford to defund the police. With increased civil unrest, police being called on to stop rioting, to maintain civility during protests, who will respond when there is a home invasion, a rape, a murder? More importantly, who will respond to a prowler, so that the proper de-escalation tactics can'take place to PREVENT any of those grosser crimes from happening in the first place? We are entering a turning point in our country. If local law enforcement isn't available to handle the societal problems, then a more powerful form of government will fill the vacuum. If we don't get this under control, someone else will. And if it gets to the point where military intervenes, God help us. The military isn't trained to de-escalate. They're trained for victory. Victory in the battlefield is win-lose. We don't want win-lose. We want win-win. Please vote against defunding the police. Please ensure better training and stricter consequences for misbehaviors. Thank you. Alex Huntington</p>



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6/17/2020 14:40	Derek Ballard	<p>I live in Salt Lake City (currently Rose Park). From 2013-2019, Utah police murdered 82 members of our community. Many more were killed in 2020. Despite numerous attempts to provide body cameras, de-escalation training, and police-based mental health training and services, they have failed us. They have ripped away friends and family members from hundreds of grieving Utahns. Now we gri've collectively, as thousand, in the streets of Salt Lake City. Any attempt at rehabilitating this deeply broken system has been trl'd, and has failed. The time for new ideas and new solutions is now. When you vote Tuesday, we demand that you say NO. NO spending on body cameras, tasers, or police car technology. NO spending on de-escalation training. NO new police hires for the next year. We demand a \$30 million budget cut, redirecting to community-bul'ding services outside of the police department. A more just world is possible, and it's starts with your vote. Please be open to this. We need more compassion and empathy.</p>
6/17/2020 15:03	Cleo Ricks	<p>I am a Salt Lake City resident who is imploring you NOT to spend on body cameras, tasers or police car technology. Cell phone camera footage DID NOT SAVE GEORGE FLOYD. Body camera footage DID NOT SAVE BERNARDO PALACIOS CARBAJAL! We have seen camera footage of many people of color abused by cops all over the country as well as in our city and the lack of respect for their lives has persisted despite the fact that this behavior is being recorded. The same goes for de-escalation training. DO NOT spend our city's resources on training which has already proven ineffective. De-escalation training has been a band-aid on the problem of police brutality and incompetence for too long. Please answer the call to re-l'vest \$30 million which would have gone to the police to community-bul'ding services. This is what our city needs! We need affordable housing, we need social workers, we need programs for low-income youth. The "bad apples" argument isn't going to work any longer. it's too late to convince the people that the police can be changed into a friendly or trustworthy organization. The people of this city don't want to feel that they are controlled by violent force, and you the city council have an opportunity now to show your support for this new vision of communities in our country. Please don't miss it.</p>

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6/17/2020 16:19	Dani Ander	<p>The men and women That'serve our community as police officers are dearly valued. Because of them our streets and neighborhoods are kept safe and given order. Please do not defund or lessen the funds for our police. If anything more funds should be given to the police to be able to hire more policemen (which we are in need of), for better safety equ'ment, and more training where needed. The police leave their homes and families each morning not knowing what dangers they may encounter and for what? To protect all of us and to enforce the laws of this great country. We should show them our gratitude. Show all of us that you care for the people of Utah (the people you represent and work for) and in good conscience uphold all that is good in this great country and will not stand to be bulli'd by those that would stomp on the laws of our land. Keep us safe! Do not be swayed by people's anger and disguise of a just cause. There are better ways of dealing with the issues than taking much needed funds from those that protect us. People shall be known by their actions.....anger and violence has NEVER been the answer. Show us that you're capable of being good leaders and making good choices that will unite the people and not divide them. God Bless America! My prayer is that we all can be united and work together for a better tomorrow!</p>

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6/17/2020 16:21	Eve Payne	<p>I was extremely disappointed to read the official SLC City Council opinion on the Bernardo shooting as posted on SLC.gov. You failed to back up your law enforcement team on a justifi'd shooting. The body cam footage very clearly shows that Bernardo was given multiple verbal commands to stop and put his hands in the air, and that he then kneeled to the ground to reach for his hand gun which had dropped (and which he just used for an armed robbery). At this point, when Bernardo reached for his gun, the officers shot, as he was an immediate deadly threat to them. Your outrage at this shooting is a complete failure of your leadership. You are bowing down to the media's false and corrupt narrative of police brutality. You have hundreds of very well trained officers who deserve your praise, your respect, and most of all, your public support. I have followed the SLC police agency for years, and I have yet to come across an unjust shooting. In fact, there have been cases when a shooting would have been justifi'd, but the officer was able to safely detain the suspect instead. Your force has cleaned up Rio Grande and done amazing work dismantling one of the largest open air drug market in the USA. Your officers go christmas shopping with low income children, and so much more. The killer of George Floyd has been fired and will be punished for his crime. You should not be punishing your amazing salt lake city officers for the crime of another man. Every year, there is a teacher who commits the unthinkable and goes to prison for sexual assault of a student. Does this mean that all teachers are sexual predators? Absolutely not! The majority of teachers are amazing public servants, whom we owe our greatest appreciation and thanks to. The same goes for your police force. Stop treating them like the killer of George Floyd, and start giving them thanks for everything they do for your city. I am extremely disappointed in your lack of positive leadership. You should support the police force that protects your city. I expect so much more from you and your council.</p>

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6/17/2020 16:25	: Cody Hoyt	I am writing as a concerned resident of SLC. I would prefer that a majority of the proposed \$84 million police budget be reallocated to services like housing, healthcare, education, or parks and recreation as these services are a more sustainable way to improve people's lives than an increased police presence. The militarization of the SLCPD is extremely concerning to me and I do not want any more of my tax dollars going towards the department.
6/17/2020 16:40	Neil Weight	Just sending in comments about your meeting tonight. I personally can't understand people asking to defund police. They are absolutely necessary. Now ideas about better training and understanding for the police, fine. I'm sure you know as well as I do how important good policemen are. We voted you in and have to hope you do what's best for everyone. But please don't forget you represent the people. Thank you, Neil Weight
6/17/2020 16:41	Nataunya Kay	My name is Nataunya Kay. I live in district 7 in Salt Lake City. I just wanted to let you know how important it is for Salt Lake City policereform to be a high priority going forward. I know that the city can only do so much, as systemic racism comes from all levels of government and other organizations. However, I hope that you will think outside of the box in thinking of ways to change policing. Besides budget issues, there are many programs and avenues to consider. Here are a few I have looked into. 1. EPIC is a program from New Orleans that helps police officers police each other safely. 2. Finding ways to measure the behavior of the police and hold them accountable for their actions. 3. Letting city residents know what you as the city can do as well as suggestions for other avenues where they can ask for specific changes. 4. Interactive Trainings in which officers and members of minority groups gather together to spend quality time together: Enjoyable therapeutic interventions that lead to connection and understanding can be an easy way to change hearts and minds. Thanks for your time, Nataunya Kay, MA, ATR

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6/17/2020 17:44	Danny Alvey	I am writing today knowing that a decision is being reached over the proposal to defund police. While I readily agree that there are policies That'should be in place, and that a serious problem occurs country wide regarding racial discrimination, I'do not bell've that the defunding of the police force is the answer. I ask that the city refrain from such dangerous actions and instead work with our police force, government, and community in holding I'dividuals accountable for their actions, and not punishing a very selfless group which contains a few bad eggs. let's not punish the classroom over the poor behavior of a few students.
6/17/2020 17:48	Candace Watkins	I just wanted to write a letter and let you know how important our family feels local police protection is to our lives and safety. We feel very grateful for all of the sacrifices that the police department makes in our communities. The suggestion That'some make to defund the police is not a good idea, nor is it a popular idea. The voices shouting for this idea are the minority and they do not realize the great loss this would be to our communities. The police serve us by keeping order and enforcing the law. We need these valiant men & women in Blue.
6/17/2020 15:50	Carolyn Soetenga	We are vehemently opposed to defunding the police. We pay taxes for safety and security and you are responsible for keeping us and our businesses safe. You need the police to do your job that we pay you for. This is the absolutely stupidest idea ever. The men and women who wear blue are heroes. They deserve our thanks not this crap that the national media are feeding us. Do not defund the police!

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6/17/2020 15:57	Eve Cohen	<p>First I want to thank you so much for your continued dedication to making SLC the best it can be. I can't imagine how stressful the last few weeks have been, how many emails you and your team have read, how painful the anger and concern over recent events, both national and local, have been to witness. It has been incredibly painful for me, and I have said as much in my previous emails to you and to Mayor Mendenhall. I received the City Council email last night with the budget updates to be discussed at tonight's formal meeting. I first want to say, again, THANK YOU for taking action that demonstrates that you've heard the hundreds (thousands?) of citizens including myself who have reached out to you demanding that we take action to defund the SLC police department. I would like to once again take the time to ask for what I think SLC needs to be a national leader in the movement to defund police departments and rel'vest city dollars into services that will help the community flourish. I 100% support the plan to conduct a zero-based audit of the SLCP - as part of this process, can you please provide transparency into the types of city programs, both new and existing, that can be created and/or funded out of reduced spending on SLCPD? This is the most important part of this process. How can we rel'vest in our communities, in our overall community, to help bul'd a more resilient and safe place for all people, especially the queer community and communities of color, to thrive? Here are the specific changes that I would love to see come out of this audit process:*Continued 1/2*</p>

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	Eve Cohen	<p><b>*Continued 2/2*</b> 1. How can we establish resources for citizens in time of crisis that do not involve the police? Put another way, how can we establish programs that will send appropriately trained persons to assist with issues/conflicts instead of sending police officers? Ideas include establishing a team of trained mental health experts to respond to and de-escalate mental health crises when they occur. 2. Expanded housing and other services for people experiencing homelessness. This has been an area where SLC has led the nation before. How can we redirect police funds to support initiatives That's support 3. POUR money into our schools!!! Lead the nation in per student funding! Pay our teachers, especially in communities of color, the highest wage in the nation. Can we do it?! I bell've we can. As we have seen in the data from Campaign Zero and other organizations focused on harm reduction in policing, enhanced training, body cameras, etc. do nothing to stop the use of lethal force by police. We need you to hear us and lead us to the end of police violence and policing here in SLC. We need you to rethink what SLC can look like, what we can do with our budget dollars, and prove your priorities by approving a budget that moves MILLIONS of dollars away from our police department and back into the hands of our communities. Thank you for your time and attention,</p>

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6/17/2020 16:10	Erica Wood	<p>I am writing today to share my belief that true criminal justice change will come from a complete re-think of the system. This will not occur by increases in funding, even those that are well intentioned. Instead of increasing budgets on body cams, taser, and police technology - please divert money to community groups who best know how to support their communities. Instead of increasing budgets on de-escalation training, please divert money to mental health services who could be an impactful part of community response. Instead of increasing budgets on new hires - please look to the wealth of local non-profits who may already be doing the work you are looking for. Homelessness resources, food security, addiction services, unemployment, workforce training, mental health, Interpersonal violence - all these experts are currently working in our city. Utilize them! It will be a tragedy if you all do not listen to your community, you increase the police budget, and then the police force murders another community member with shots fired to the back. Do you truly feel that a training or another body camera would have saved Bernardo Palacios Carbajal's life? I think those solutions only go to pour money back into the same problematic system that continues to spit out the same results. True change is imagining a system where police don't even show up in the first place.</p>
6/17/2020 16:12	Emma LI'dow	<p>I am a resident of Utah Valley, but I enjoy coming to Salt Lake and my sister lives there. I am very concerned about the discussion of defunding the police department. They are generally very good people trying to do what is right. They serve a very important function in enforcing the law and protecting the innocent. I am sure that there will be very negative ramifications if they don't get the support they need. They need our support to support us!</p>
6/17/2020 16:15	Tatiana Christian	<p>Hello, You literally said nothing in this email and the fact that you're working with the police instead of listening to us is a disgrace. You don't give a fuck about about Black people, about murder victims, about anyone but the fucking police and giving them the power to do whatever they want. Fuck the city council. - Tatiana</p>



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6/17/2020 16:27	Christin Dunlop	I fully support our officers and I bell've we must keep at least the same amount of funding. There are many things we can do to support officers and prevent brutality. I bell've we could improve training and make the position a more desirable job by possibly even paying more for the job. They are putting themselves in harm?s way every day. A society without a police force is a grand concept, but it's simply isn't practical.
6/17/2020 16:33	Sandra K. Dennison	I am disturbed by the violence that has been seen in SLC, but am more disturbed that you would even consider defunding the police in any manner. First, the facts by the FBI and other l'dependent sources prove that there is not systemic racl'm in our country, let alone in our police departments. It would be a grave mistake to take any funding from the police and you should be doing quite the opposite, and give them more funding for additional training. l'myself am a LEO mom and my heart breaks for the stress and danger that these events of late have put our brave men and women into, yet they stand strong for you and ALL Americans.

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6/17/2020 16:38	Courtney Johnson	<p>In light of recent events I must urge you to NOT increase the SLCPD budget. The people of Salt Lake City are calling for you to defund the police and redistribute the funds to community based initiatives such as affordable housing, community development, and economic development. To use the words of Patrick Sharkey in his op ed for the L.A. Times, "Instead of relying entirely on police departments and the criminal justice system, we should be investing in the residents and community organizations that have always had the capacity to control violence, but have never had the resources to do so in a sustainable way." The body cam footage of the murder of Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal did not result in any actions against the officers involved. The body cams did not keep him safe or hold his murderers accountable. In addition, adding de-escalation training to be completed in one month for all officers, is not sufficient. reform is not a box to be checked. We cannot keep throwing money at an inherently racist and ineffective system. Continuing to invest, and adding an increase to the budget for the SLCPD, will not lead the lasting change our city needs. This can only be accomplished by increasing the resources to its people. Community and economic development for underserved communities must be at the top of the budget. it's time to nurture the systems that create real change, not a system based on control and punishment. Give people the resources and you will see change, the time to defund the police is now.</p>
6/17/2020 16:43	Andy Boyce	<p>I live in Draper but I am writing as I enjoy going to SL.....I am NOT in anyway in favor of defunding the police. I think they have done a good job in SL and just because other cities are not run well doesn't mean SL has to be the same. What a mistake that would be. Nothing in perfect but this would lead to many issues down the road in my humble opinion Thanks for listening and please do not defund the SL police department...I would let it go as is Andy Boyce</p>

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6/17/2020 16:45	Lisa Pascadlo	<p>Dear Council Members- Forgive me for writing this to you on the very day you make decisions on the budget, but I have been unable to write without becoming overwhelmed with emotion. I have learned over the years that while emotion has its place, writing in anger does not result in good communication. I acknowledge that I am angry with the incredible turn of events of late, and heartbroken to watch the city I love torn apart by conflict. I have served the citizens of Salt Lake City, including you, for more than 27 years. In that time, I've learned to love our people, residents and those who travel here alike. I don't look at this service as a job, but a calling, and I'm good at it. I'm here today to offer you something that I think has been lost in all the rhetoric and hate, which is perspective. I understand politics quite well, as I have served at the highest levels of the police department. it's a difficult job, playing politics, and one that has little gratification when no matter what you do, even in the best interest of the community, someone somewhere will be upset and ungrateful. Perspective is something we always need to remember when making any decision that is rooted in emotion, particularly anger. It is clear to me that you have listened and heard those that are angry, that are fed up, and that for whatever reason, have now made the police the bastard chl'dren of everything wrong with the world. That's not surprising, as society has decided that those problems should be solved by the police, rather than look at society itself. I get it. What I don't get is how that is happening here. I'm asking you to also listen to me for just a moment, because I'd like to encourage you all to consider what you have in this police department. I'm sure my co-workers have invited you to come ride with them on patrol and participate in the Citizen's Academy to see what we really do. I also think that is a great idea but I'm not asking that, I'm just asking that you listen. Are you able to hear me like you appear to hear others? Your police department has always been ahead of things in many respects, and is often looked to not just regionally, but nationally for our programs and policies. There is a reason our Executive staff have for many years ?sat at the table?*</p> <p><b>Continued 1/3*</b></p>

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	Lisa Pascadlo	<p>of organizations driving the profession at the national and international level such as the Police Executive Research Forum, International Association of Chiefs of Police, and Major Cities? Chiefs Association. We have always trl'd to critically think through and improve our service. I personally was involved in some of these discussions and can'tell you that our officers are some of the best in the business. I could go on for pages about this, but since these seem to be the hot topics, I give you the following to ponder: * Our department was one of the first in the state to start racial tracking on traffic stops to check for racial profiling. * The statewide CIT program as we now know it began with a pilot program in our department and is still widely regarded as one of the best training programs for officers to understand mentally illness. * We were one of the first nationally to test and outfit all patrol officers with body cameras, and drive policy and procedures locally and nationally regarding them. * We volunteered to be part of a pilot project for sexual assault l'vestigations, one which resulted in a national framework for better serving victims and holding assailants responsible. * We initiated a novel idea of embedding social workers within the police department to help better connect those people who struggle with homelessness, substance abuse and mental illness with resources. Our program has attracted national attention as a result. * We?ve had a civilian review board for years before other departments. We have had a CAG and CAB for years and maintain open communication and a presence at both. Training is another hot issue right now. I can'tell you that in the past 8 years, my annual training consists of more topics related to equality, bias and understanding than it does police ?tactics and militarization?. I'd like to recommend one for your consideration. it's sponsored by the Arbinger Institute, and is a very good course on empathy, understanding and communication, and how to step outside of your own little box in order to gain a wider perspective of others? in order to better work together towards coming goals. You see, That's all I'm trying to do here. Can you hear me out, too? Your officers are human beings that feel, and they are heartbroken, confused and angry. For the better part of the year, they have been told they were essential to the workings*Continued 2/3*</p>

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	Lisa Pascadlo	<p><b>*Continued 3/3*</b>of this great city and continued doing the fine work they have always done daily while faced with an emerging and potentially devastating virus that was declared not only a local state of emergency, but a global one. They left their families and responded to the call when the city was affected by with the largest earthquake to hit the region in decades. They continued to work through thousands of aftershocks as a second state of emergency was declared. Yet a few weeks later, everything changed and in one awful moment these officers, these PEOPLE became the enemy and are now being told they shouldn't exist at all. For the first time in my career, I was working under a thl'd state of emergency in less than 6 months and have never been faced with such open hate. I'm asking you to HEAR me and think, in the same way you appear to have heard others and are acting. Can you imagine what that felt like? Can you place yourself in the female officer?s car when she became surrounded and threatened? Can you understand what it felt like to be faced by thousands of people who made it very clear that they not only hate you but say they want to hurt you and then did so? Those same officers worked 18 to 20- hour days for nearly a week following. Since, every single day those same officers allow the protestors to do so safely while at the same time being called every name in the book and then some. They and their families have been threatened, both at work and at home. Do you think this is OK? Do you really think that every single officer in this department should have to live and work like this because of the bad actions of a very few in the entire profession? These are your EMPLOYEES AND COWORKERS. don't let this narrow view drive your decisions that will have an affect you might not be considering. Please offer the same courtesy to me, to your officers and the community as a whole to fully understand what you have in us and what defunding the police department will do. By the way, my name is Lisa. I'm a cyclist, an outdoorswoman and conservationist. I'm a daughter, a sister and an aunt. I'm a human being who just so happens to bell've in this community and chose to be a police officer. Do you see me? Can you hear me?</p> <p>Respectfully, Lisa Pascadlo</p>

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6/17/2020 16:47	PHIL Hansen	AMY YOU HAVE LOST MY VOTE IN THE FUTURE AND I'LL DO EVERYTHING I can'tO GET OTHERS TO DO THE SAME.. SHAME ON YOU FOR CAVING IN ON THE TINY MINORITY. VERY STUPID DECISION.. PS.. OPEN STRATFORD AVENUE BACK UP THEY HAVE HAD THIER PLAYTIME LONG ENOUGH.. PHIL HANSEN
6/17/2020 17:46	Paul Schiess	Even the thought of defunding the police department is the stupidest thought you can have. To actually consider it and have a meeting to discuss it is truly asinine and all of those in favor of this ridiculous brain dead action should resign I'mediately!! You have lost your ml'd!! Paul Schiess
6/17/2020 17:43	Nick Reynolds	Please do not defund the police. As a business owner in SLC I pay significant tax to receive the services promised by the city. I understand the concerns around the country and here locally.reform does need to take place. (Some) Officers need to be better trained. There is no room for racl'm. That'said there IS room for police. We need them and we need all the services they provide. Reducing police force will make SLC no longer a clean, safe city. Residents will leave and so will business. it's something I'm already making arrangements to do should police funding be reduced and the safety of my team and customers becomes compromised. Thank you. Nick Reynolds

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6/17/2020 17:47	Cheryl P	I have heard that today you are looking at voting on defunding our police. I would respectfully ask you to not do this. What are you hoping to accomplish? Are you wanting to please a small % of percentage of people. Who will you call when you need help? Defunding will not accomplish the goal that you hope. Support our officers not destroy them. Thank you, Cheryl < <a href="https://www.avast.com/sig-email?utm_medl'm=email&amp;utm_source=link&amp;utm_campaign=sig-email&amp;utm_content=emailclient&amp;utm_term=icon">https://www.avast.com/sig-email?utm_medl'm=email&amp;utm_source=link&amp;utm_campaign=sig-email&amp;utm_content=emailclient&amp;utm_term=icon</a> > Virus-free. <a href="https://www.avast.com/sig-email?utm_medl'm=email&amp;utm_source=link&amp;utm_campaign=sig-email&amp;utm_content=emailclient&amp;utm_term=link">www.avast.com &lt;https://www.avast.com/sig-email?utm_medl'm=email&amp;utm_source=link&amp;utm_campaign=sig-email&amp;utm_content=emailclient&amp;utm_term=link&gt;</a>
6/17/2020 17:52	Anonymous Constituent	have you absolutely lost your ml'ds.. what are you doing, giving into these rioters demands. try standing up behl'd our police officers only policeinstead. i am deeply disappointed in how all of you are handling this, I'm sorry the only police brutality going on here is the brutality being put upon our police officers and departments. I'don't bell've there is systemic racl'm it is all in their heads and they are using it to make demands and you are bending to their whims. why dont you ever support the majority instead of the minority social deviant life style groups. we dont have to accept their deviant lifestyles and they should never be glorif'd loje they are by you.. they can live how they want but we do not and will not accept their behavior as the norm... STAND UP PROTECT OUR POLICE, THEY PUT THEIR VERY LIVES ON THE LINE FOR YOU EVERY DAY. and ypu sure don't seem to care when they lose they're lives protecting and serving
6/17/2020 17:52	Deborah Bronson	I need to make my statement know that we should be supporting and funding our officers and men and women in law enforcement! Please don't take away a system that our country, and more so our city, needs So desperately at this time.
6/17/2020 21:50	Donald Lusko	To Salt Lake City Government: We support Police! No Police, you will have chaos in the streets, Chaos in the streets means no commerce, no commerce means no jobs, no people, no society. If you defund peace officers, you will not get any more of our business. Social workers and Psychologists will not keep you safe!!!! This notion of defunding the police is nonsensical!



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6/17/2020 16:09	Debbie Jo Harvey	Undoubtedly you have heard from many people suggesting the police department be defunded. This is a bad idea for many reasons. We need a well trained, adequately funded, and sufficiently equipped law enforcement agency to ensure the safety of not just the public but the police themselves. Baltimore experienced vicious riots during the Obama administration. They are still struggling with an inadequate police force and have seen a rise in crime throughout their city. But most especially in already high crime areas and vulnerable populations. Vilifying and withholding support for law enforcement has not gone well for Baltimore. Please don't follow their example. Please voice your support and confidence in the SLCPD. Give them the training and resources they need to be effective and safe.