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6/18/2020 14:18	DeAnne Thomas	<p>I have never been so disappointed in a group of people in my life. While I agree 100% that there is no room in this world for racism and that police brutality should not be tolerated cutting the police budget was not the answer. A bunch of children threw a fit burned, looted and destroyed the city and you'rewarded them with what they wanted while further hampering the people you expect to deal with them. Now they know they don't have to comply with any law and order just cry and scream because the police don't have the resources or authority to do anything about it. What an asinine move. Hopefully with the next election the adults can start to try and clean up your mess,</p>
6/18/2020 14:16	Diana Biles	<p>As a property owner in Salt Lake City, I am adding my voice to this apparent cry for a defunding of the police in Salt Lake City, which I believe is actually a cry to eradicate the police. I will feel completely unsafe in a city with a less robust police force. I will feel betrayed by the city; that elected officials only care about optics and appeasing the few, the loud, rather than the safety of actual citizens living in the city. An unsupported police department will become less effective as well. I'm glad you only took small steps to appease protesters with your budget decisions yesterday. Please don't embolden criminals and risk citizen safety by further crippling or demoralizing our police force.</p>

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6/18/2020 14:13	Mary L. Snow	<p>I have met you in the past, but I do not know if you remember me. For my whole life, I have lived in Rose Park. Except for a brief stint living abroad, this has been my neighborhood and my city I call home. With the recent events and escalation on reviewing our police and their job performances, I have come to the conclusion that I must write today and let you know how I feel about the police budget and possible defunding of the department. In the past few weeks, I have been upset at how the demonstrations and protests have gotten out of hand and how they escalated on that one Saturday. I was frustrated our police did not confront those burning the police car and let it happen. After looking at how it was handled, I have to admit it probably saved many lives and made it easier to apprehend the protesters who would not comply and be peaceful and civil. In the coming weeks, we saw many come out to support the defunding of police and taking back some of their budget. While I believe to a degree this is a good tactic, I do not like just putting money back for future programs. *Continued 1/2*</p>
	Mary L. Snow	<p>*Continued 2/2* I support body cams on the police and feel that is appropriate, but why leave the money out there just because. Making change just to make change is not always the greatest idea and I hope this money will be used on widespread programs to help with the needs our community is in demand. Domestic violence sometimes can't be solved by suggesting a social worker shows up instead of a cop. My family has dealt with this many years ago and often the family member who is violent will only listen to the cop and not a social worker. These are my thoughts and as you and your colleagues use these monies to help the community, I hope it is done wisely and prudently and not just because a group demands this or that.</p>

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6/18/2020 14:11	Cooper Boswell	<p>I am a resident of House District 52 and Senate District 10, and 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.</p>

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6/18/2020 14:06	Ellison Snider	<p>I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform. We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me.</p>

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6/18/2020 14:03	David Casteel	<p>As a member of your district for almost 10 years now I wanted to pass along some of the issues that I've seen with policing in our city and across the country. There needs to be real consequences for officers that break the law/policy of the department. I get that cutting the budget for the police department isn't an easy thing to do. But I think there is plenty of things that can and should be done that don't involve cutting the budget. Instead of relying on the police department to make policies and enforce them, there needs to be laws created in Salt Lake city'so we as citizens can hold them accountable. Here are the things that I think should be made into law: - Any government official in the performance of their duties should identify themselves to a citizen on demand. Obviously there can be exceptions for under cover police work. - Make any airway restriction holds illegal, obviously including choke holds. - Make turning off a body camera a fireable offense. - Outlaw the use of chemical irritants except in case where there is need to stop serious bodily injury or destruction of property. Outlaw tear gas completely. I've seen to many times where police in SLC and across the country are too liberal in their use of pepper spray when a protestor wasn't doing anything illegal. Hurt feelings isn't a reason to spray someone with pepper spray. Remove qualified I'munity. I'm not sure about the legal ramifications if we are allowed to do this at a local level or not but it's worth trying. - Make it illegal for law enforcement to lie to a citizen. Too many times I've seen police officers tell citizens they have to ID themselves when they legally don't. Police officers shouldn't get too threaten to arrest someone when they don't have the legal authority to do so. This is an intimidation tactic that is used too often and disproportionately targets low income and undereducated members of our city. It's absolutely wrong that it's illegal for a citizen to lie to a police officer but not the other way around.</p>

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6/18/2020 14:00	Dave Iltis	<p>At the Salt Lake City Council meeting last night, Sen. Karen Mayne was up for appointment to the Salt Lake City Airport Board. I and others spoke out against the appointment noting that she voted to move the prison to Salt Lake City as part of the Prison Relocation Commission in 2015. While Sen. Mayne may be qualified for many other boards, she should not be on the Airport Board. Her vote in 2015 opened the flood gates for the Inland Port debacle. Additionally, her vote sent the wrong message to the citizens of SLC, and promotes incarceration. The Airport Board needs someone progressive that will take into account the needs of the NW Quadrant, not someone willing to sacrifice the area for development. It needs someone who will work toward making the airport carbon neutral. It needs someone who will look at the dovetail of the Inland Port with the airport, and who will keep the environment at the forefront of every decision. Councilperson Amy Fowler made a motion to approve the consent agenda, without approving Sen. Mayne's appointment. Please ask Mayor Mendenhall should withdraw her appointment and appoint someone better suited for the board. Please ask the Mayor to appoint someone progressive that can help guide the airport and surrounding region to be more sustainable. Background information on her prison vote is here: https://archive.sltrib.com/article.php?id=2826652&itype=CMSID</p>

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	Charlie Junkins	<p>*Continued 2/2* SLC government sees that Salt Lake is not free from systematic racism. Many are organizing and marching because of their personal experiences with the police here in Salt Lake; others march in solidarity. As you know, the issue stems far beyond four officers in Minneapolis (or Louisville, or Los Angeles...)and is more complex than just the police: systematic bias exists in classrooms, job interviews, and medical clinics. The Grassroots Law Project provides concrete approaches for reform to address the dimension of racism in police systems, through 6 main avenues: 1 Defund Police and Invest in communities 2 End Police Violence 3 Establish Independent Oversight 4 Hold Police Accountable 5 Decarcerate 6 Reform I'migration There are more details on the website, with concrete points and approaches. I hope you look into the GLP and incorporate some of these strategies into the steps the City Council takes to reform the police department. I also would appreciate if you can help me push these points to the rest of the Council and to mayor Mendenhall, as you and Council'member Wharton were the only two who responded on the mass email. I'm sure you're aware of the George Floyd case and public reaction currently happening around the country. I'm a black citizen living here in Salt Lake. I am scared, and I am angry. What actions are you taking to prevent police officers from unjustly killing me, my family, or others in the Salt Lake City community? What are you doing? Are you fighting to narrow the allowance of use of lethal force? Are you creating and fostering relationships between the police force and black and other minority communities? Are you calling for anti-bias and anti-racism training requirements for all police officers? Are you calling for de-escalation training? Are you fighting for diversity in government and police administration? Are you fighting to invest in minority education? You are in positions of power. It is your responsibility, and your job to protect your citizens' lives, even from the police. If you do not take action, this will happen in our city. Officers will (and have, I'm sure) kill unjustly, and there will be protests.</p>

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6/18/2020 12:51	Chamaine Nelson	<p>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.</p>
6/18/2020 12:46	Tiffany Cole	<p>Thank you for this follow-up email. I sent an email to city council because I was worried about the safety of the city's citizens/my current and potential future victims. I appreciate the thought that the city council and mayor have put into the many difficult situations happening in our city at this time. I'm pleased with the funding for additional training and social workers, etc. I have great respect for Salt Lake PD, and am confident that this funding will create an even safer and more inclusive example of positive community policing in our city. I know that no decisions have been easy or without criticism, and I appreciate the city council's willingness to listen and address the public as best they can. I will continue to do my best to serve the Salt Lake community, and am confident that you will as well. Please let me know if there's anything I can do to help in the future. Best regards!</p>

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6/18/2020 12:38	Debra Tueller Sauers	<p>Sadly I know they couldn't care less about my feedback. They have no desire to have a meaningful conversation with all parties when it comes to lawn force ment.</p>

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6/18/2020 12:28	Cyan Larson	<p>I am disappointed. A lot of us asked for a 30\$ million cut. This amount is not arbitrary. Closing homeless shelters is arbitrary, and continuing to fund 80 million to the police who imprison homeless people is arbitrary. The war on homeless is arbitrary. The lack of financial aid for COVID-19 is arbitrary. The idea that we all have to work jobs while risking our lives in a pandemic is arbitrary. 30\$ million cut is not arbitrary; as it seems cutting that much from everything else isn't to you all. We will still continue to demand the following, taking the streets until the following has been met: We Want the arrest and conviction of all killer cops in the department, including those officers involved in the murder of Bernardo Palacios. We want the defunding and disarming of SLCPD/ UPD -- Remove the ability of police to inflict violence on our neighborhoods and communities. We want the fund allotted for SLCPD/UPD to instead be reassigned for education, housing, healthcare and reparations for Black America. Might I add, social workers under the police department are just as harmful as police. Thank you for taking your time to read this, please consider our demands. We will not stop bugging you about these issues.</p>

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6/18/2020 12:18	Brianna Hadley	<p>Dear city council members, First, let me start by saying that the state of America is in a very unsettling place right now. America has always been seen as a leader to other countries, a country that many others look up to. But I can't say that that is true today. I am disappointed in the lack of leadership that you have shown in the past week. I don't want to be an echo chamber of what was said during last night's meeting, but you have made one thing abundantly clear. While you may be listening to us, you are not hearing us. As a city council board that is predominately white, it is your job to do the difficult research on police brutality and take an active part to make a positive change to the minority groups in this city. According to the Salt Lake Tribune's database from 2005-2014 on police killings (http://local.sltrib.com/charts/shootings/policeshootings.html), at least 12 of these incidents were called in on reports of suicide thoughts and mental health issues. The fact that these individuals were shot and killed by police officers when they should have received professional help instead, reaffirms that police lack the sufficient training necessary to keep our community safe. Keep in mind that this database is 6 years old, and police violence, brutality, and killings have been steadily increasing. While I do believe that not all cops are bad cops, this is a profession where a few bad apples does in fact spoil the bunch. This is a profession where we cannot afford to have a few bad apples. *Continued 1/2*</p>

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	Brienne Hadley	<p>*Continued 2/2* We in the community, myself included, are demanding more accountability and education of these officers who are meant to protect and serve us. I highly encourage you to not only defund the police department, but to consider requiring extensive training (I'm talking the equivalent of a Bachelor's Degree, 4+ years) for anyone who wants to become a police officer moving forward. And this should be on the individual's own time and dollar, not the tax payers. The fact that this isn't already required is shameful and incomprehensible. Again, I am very disappointed in the city council's lack of leadership in regards to police brutality and the concerns of the activist community. Salt Lake City could be at the forefront of this conversation, making big steps to create better systems for all of us, but instead we have seen weak leadership who has failed to not only hear the voices of the community, but to make positive changes in our city and abroad. Regards, Brienne Hadley</p>
6/18/2020 12:17	Brad Brad	<p>I did not inquire about the budget. I did inquire about a radio interview that a council member did that was very damning towards police officers and it was not based on fact- but simply sensational! I'm about an event in order for the police officers involved to look badly. Why in this time would a council member say such horrific things? Is it to further damage the officers' relationships with their communities? That seems like an offense of a weak minded, weak backed person. poorly chosen person to represent the city council at this time. Sincerely A Constituent. Your right, it is time for a change.</p>
6/18/2020 12:16	belle october	<p>How dare you ignore copious pleas from your citizens. This lack of action is disgusting.</p>

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6/18/2020 12:13	Amanda Theobald	<p>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.</p>

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6/18/2020 12:12	Alan Coughlin	This is a terrible course of action. Acting against the police is acting against the citizens they protect. And giving in to the demands of terrorists guarantees they will commit further acts of terror against the citizens to manipulate you, our weak leaders, until tyranny reigns over us, the citizens. The opposite action is needed?beef up the police and prosecute every act of terror?even as small as vandall'm?so that terror is deterred. Alan Coughlin
6/18/2020 12:11	Ariel Ford	Thank you for the recent changes, particular to moving social work outside police department. We ALL have to do better still, but I appreciate this start. Ariel C Ford
6/18/2020 11:00	Aonika Russell	What's the point? Y'all didn't listen to the public voice at all. You only cared about the minority barking the loudest, not about our safety.

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6/18/2020 10:59	Mrs gls	<p>I have never seen the government work so fast on any issue.. This is only telling everyone that if you want anything done you have to riot, burn down the city and bring harm to police officers and other people. This is saying to those who chose to talk to the city government offices that if we want a change, we should burn down the city, bring harm to others, and destroy property. Otherwise if we take the other route of talking to our city council members, senators and state and city representatives change may happen but it will take years. It is also communicating that how the rioters behave is an acceptable and effective way to get results. 1- The officer that killed an African American was in Minneapolis not in Utah. Why are you punishing Utah police officers? 2- You are also punishing those citizens that need the protection from the police 3- creating a fund for people of color is discrimination. You are neglecting white people. They also need help. They also are disadvantaged. There are some who have low income, have been victims of hate crimes by people of color and also been victims of police brutality. If you continue to seek this funding, I will bring this before the supreme court. Putting in social workers into a police department does not solve the problem. When someone that is dangerous and poses a threat to a potential victim. The victim calls 911 for l'mediate help. They do not want to sit and talk about the problem. They want someone to respond l'mediatly and protect them from harm. Not talk about their feelings. The real issue is gangs and some people of color do not believe they should be held accountable for their actions. Real problem is police officers have too much power and not held accountable. Some abuse the power. Defunding them will not stop the issue but will harm those that police should protect. You let people walk all over you, burn down the city, cars, destroy people and harm officers and other civilians and you'reward them by giving into their demands. The police officers need to be held accountable and reviewed by an independent citizen review board not by other police officers. Remove deadly anl'mation from their guns and use something that will not cause death.</p>

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6/18/2020 10:55	Molli Guthrie	<p>Chris, Because Erin and the city council succumbed to the pressures of this very Republican state, I am deeply disappointed. I have been on weeks worth of calls and spoke at the call last night. I gave stats on the disproportionate killings of Black people in this state. \$5 million is not even in the ballpark of enough defunding. The council says they need time to figure out a plan, but why are you not out at the rallies and protests, which I have been a part of? Why are you not holding seemingly any open forum with your community and district members? Many of my friends and neighbors are in support of defunding, and we have put in the work to understand what that really means and how a city can properly do it. The research and statistics are out there. Have you all put in the work? This isn't just a hashtag or a knee-jerk reaction. Moving forward, I demand the following: A response to my questions (sent June 9 to you, Mendenhall and Brown) on the transparency of SLCPD website (copied and pasted below for your convenience). The mayor recently tweeted, "Transparency and direct accountability is being demanded of police departments across the nation, and I will always demand it of ours as well as I know they have always demanded it of themselves." I am asking for more transparency regarding items listed on Salt Lake City Police's website, in their reporting of use of force: dotnet.slcgov.com/police/useofforce#/chartpresentation https://dotnet.slcgov.com/police/useofforce#/chartpresentation . * When police arrive at a scene, what is the protocol leading up to deciding "use of force" is necessary? *Continued 1/2*</p>

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	Molli Guthrie	<p>*Continued 2/2* How do they deem what type of force necessary? How do they hold each other accountable? * Under the 'Tools' tab, 'Fist or Hands' is used most often, but what exactly does that entail? Are chokeholds included in this segment? Are those permitted at all? * Under the 'Reactions' tab, what are the definitions or examples of each of the following: 'defensive resistance?', 'active aggression?', 'not complying with verbal command?', and 'passive resistance?'. These are the top four reactions listed. The I'mEDIATE firing of Mike Brown, who says in his 29 years of service, he has not seen ANY systemic racism. Maybe he needs Lasik. The I'mEDIATE release of the names of the officers who murdered Bernardo, and their I'mediate firing. Why is the city protecting these people? Who protects our POC in Salt Lake? Then they need to be charged. Nobody is above the law. A badge should not protect criminals. In the SLC budget from 19-20, under the police dept 'performance measures', it states officers must take a minimum of 2 elective courses. Did any of the officers involved in the murder of Bernardo take the course on de-escalation? Why have these not been mandatory? Who is putting these courses on? The I'mEDIATE demilitarization of SLCPD. I was out peacefully protesting and marching and got followed by absurd golf-cart-type vehicles outfitted for war and riots. Also, the community needs PROOF of this demilitarization. This needs to be documented with photos/videos, and we need to know where the gear is going. We need TRANSPARENCY. When does the current contract with the police union end? Regards, Molli Guthrie, Capitol Hill resident</p>
6/18/2020 10:53	michael beesley	<p>How sad. Be careful what you wish for. The police will not take being trashed for long. Thank you for your follow-up. Mike Beesley</p>

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6/18/2020 10:53	Melani Jackson	<p>Dear Salt Lake City Council, Thank you so much for NOT defunding the police. I applaud your efforts to demonstrate your attention to those who have been protesting, but I also applaud your attention to the silent majority. I am seeking to change the "silent" part by reaching out in thanks. I lived for 10 months in a different country that has a largely ineffective police force due to government corruption and defunding. I have witnessed first hand what happens when there is no law enforcement; law ceases to exist. I witnessed a man shot and killed by another civilian, was robbed at gunpoint, and witnessed fights and illegal drug use on a regular basis. All of this out in the open. "Normal" life. No police. People laughed when it was suggested that "the police could help." It simply wasn't true. Criminals controlled that society. I am SO grateful for our police force. I am so grateful to live in a country and a city where I feel safe and I know I can call upon local law enforcement for protection. I support the pursuit of harmony and respect between people of differing opinions, creeds and races. There is always the need to improve upon that! But I thank you with all the sincerity of my heart for preserving an essential piece of our community by maintaining the funding to our police force. Please keep up the good work. I certainly hope you are being flooded with many messages of thanks. I know I'm not the only one who is grateful for your actions. Sincerely, Melani Jackson</p>
6/18/2020 10:52	Megan Kratz	<p>Hello, you're spending a lot money on body cameras, yet the public has yet to see complete body cam footage of recent police executions, and across the nation body cams are frequently, mysteriously "not working". I think it would be good to adopt a policy of immediately dismissing officers, no questions asked, who fail to have body cam footage for any interaction with a civilian. In addition, the police department should face fines or other penalties for failing to release full-quality footage of the entire interaction to the public within a 10 day period. Thank you. Megan Kratz</p>

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6/18/2020 10:51	Maddie Dewnsup	Hello Salt Lake City council, My name is Maddie Kenney and I am a hairstylist at _____ in sugarhouse. In light of recent events on the news and with the city in general I wanted to write an email to express my viewpoint on these Matters. I feel that defunding the police would be more harmful then helpful And here?s one reason I have for this. ? With a crime rate of 73 per one thousand residents, Salt Lake City has one of the highest crime rates in America compared to all communities of all sizes - from the smallest towns to the very largest cities. One's chance of becoming a victim of either violent or property crime here is one in 14.? This is just one example of why we need police to enforce and uphold justice here in Salt Lake City. By defunding the police I believe we will see crime higher than ever and I will be taking further steps to ensure that I can prevent this from happening.
6/18/2020 10:50	Lynette Fackrell	I think it is terrible that a few people get to determine the protection of it's citizens without asking what the majority wants and cave to the minority. Defunding the police and jeopardizing citizens right to protection was something the public should have voted on, not you!
6/18/2020 10:49	Linda Bass	So what is the \$1.67 million going to be used for in Communities of color. I think.it so unfair that one group of people are given "handouts". I know many "people of color who have worked hard and made a good career for themselves with no "handouts" and some who have been afforded great opportunities of scholarships and grants to pay 100% of college but chose a life of violence and crime instead of making the effort to work!!! Yes discrimination happens I know a girl adopted from Africa that tried to commit suicide because of the way she was treated, but the same thing happens because people are overweight or come from the wrong side of town or because they are white - yes heaven forbid anyone will admit that discrimination goes the other way....are you going to give everyone a free hand out ? Instead let's make people accountable for their own choices. Now you have just told the criminals that is is ok to be uncompliant with police. That you can do whatever they please and then cry police brutality and discrimination when they are being stoped from their criminal activity. Salt Lake will not be a safe.

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6/18/2020 10:47	Laura O'Bryan	Hello, I heard comments were welcome. As an out of hospital midwife, I would request increased funding to the police. They do so much more than just fight crime. They help people who are delivering babies or give escorts to the hospital. They protect from domestic abuse partners that want to show up and interrupt the birth. They need additional training and support and essentially funding for the broad variety of work that they do. Thank you, Laura O'Bryan
6/18/2020 10:47	Ryan USA	Hello there, I am a gay man and my life was once saved by a police officer. you're actually considering de-funding our police? What insanity! How dare you defund the men and women who keep us safe! YOUR ACTIONS WILL LEAD TO VIOLENCE AND DESTRUCTION. Since Salt Lake is run by Democrats, I'm guessing this is your ultimate goal. Only someone who hates America would defund our police. If an armed robber comes into my apartment, I don't NEED A SOCIAL WORKER. All you're going to do is force citizens to buy guns and live in fear. You, Democrats in Salt Lake, hate gun ownership. Just so you know--all this is going to do is INCREASE GUN OWNERSHIP. Do you realize what this will cost in terms of violence and crime? Criminals do not want police. Police save thousands of lives every day across America. SHAME ON YOU. you're quite literally trying to destroy our safety and freedom. I will proudly be attending the BACK THE BLUE rally this Saturday in SLC. Sincerely, Ryan

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6/18/2020 10:46	Kyle Fuchsia	<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, Kyle Fuchshuber</p>

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6/18/2020 10:45	Kathleen Anderson	<p>Salt Lake City Council Members: Your actions and update are extremely disappointing. Worse, you make it sound as though no one within Salt Lake City opposes your actions. I know this to be untrue because I wrote last week to voice my objections. Last night's action seems to be a knee-jerk and illogical response that will only cause harm to our beautiful city, its residents, tourists and businesses. May I recommend that every SLC Council member spend the next month doing ride-alongs with the SLCPD? you've no idea what their job entails, and are making decisions based upon emotion and fear, rather than knowledge and experience. This is an arrogant recipe for failure. Why didn't you, at the very least, send out a survey like you've done with other issues? You claim to have heard from dozens of people? in a city of hundreds of thousands? That is wholly inadequate and utterly ridiculous. Please re-visit your actions, and more importantly, please listen to the feedback of your constituents whom I believe overwhelmingly oppose your vote to cut police funding, to initiate a hiring freeze and to eliminate military style equipment. We cannot, in good faith, ask law enforcement to go into riot conditions without adequate protective gear. Would you send a soldier into a combat zone with the inability to protect him/herself? Of course not! I believe you've entirely missed the mark, and that the unintended consequences of your actions will far exceed the problems you're claiming to address and resolve. Sincerely, Kathleen Anderson</p>

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6/18/2020 10:31	Jesse Kohn	<p>Dear Councilman Wharton, I am a resident of your district. I wrote to you on Saturday requesting that you not adopt the proposed FY20-21 budget without first much more boldly and progressively reallocating funds away from SLCPD and into community-led restorative justice projects such as those advanced by organizations like Decarcerate Utah and Utah Against Police Brutality. Like the vast majority of those who made public comments at last night's meeting, I am deeply disappointed and frustrated by the council's unanimous decision to approve the budget as is. Honestly, I haven't in the past been particularly active with my engagement in representative politics. I vote, remain fairly well-informed, talk to family and friends, etc. But, like many, am being drawn more deeply into the fray in response to the urgency of our intertwining emergencies?income inequality, the pandemic, police brutality, systemic racism and other pervasive forms of institutional oppression, climate catastrophe, etc.?emergencies which I can no longer delude myself into thinking I can survive and help my community thrive through without availing myself of every possible means of resistance and community-care. I'm new to the intricacies of the particular bureaucracies you move in, but, as a writer and teacher who has worked in the lowest tiers of the service and hospitality industries and navigated the hierarchies of academia, I come to you with a deeply-ingrained and well-developed understanding of how forms of discourse can permit routine acts of violence to continue to destroy and harm human life while leaving the perpetrators of this violence immune from the just wrath of the victims of this violence. The form of last night's public meeting was exemplary. After each courageous, passionate, well-informed, articulate comment from my fellow citizens, I watched you, Councilman, shirk responsibility?the responsibility we all have to respond to another human being who has addressed us, the ethical imperative we all face to not just bear witness to the other's pain, but to respond to it. "Thank you for your comment,"* Continued 1/4*</p>

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	Jesse Kohn	<p>you said to each wise, hurting human you have been elected to represent. "We hear you," you said again and again. This does not constitute an adequate response. We come to you because we cannot breathe. "Thank you for your comment." We struggle, choking?whether on our tears or your policemen's boots or on our own shameful history of complicity?we struggle to overcome our asphyxiation to gift you these remarkably cogent and poignant and heartbreaking expressions of our predicament, these astonishingly logical and practicable directives for how to alleviate our distress. "We hear you," you say and we watch you turn around to make laughable amendments, amendments calculated, it seems, to do nothing more than convince yourselves you have done all that you can for us: the bare minimum to appease only the most milquetoast pretenders among the uprising you face. You accomplish the bare minimum while continuing to respond whole-heartedly to the powers you are actually in conversation with, the powers to whom this budget actually constitutes a legitimate response: the police unions, the landowners, the white wealthy elite. The particular insidiousness of this type of discursive form?the kind exemplified by a meeting wherein hardworking public servants patiently subject themselves to the ire and pain of their constituents, thank them for sharing, and move on with their agenda?the insidiousness of this compared to outright authoritarian discourse, where there isn't even the attempt to feign responsibility, is that well-intentioned, kind-hearted, smart people can orchestrate and participate in it with little injury to their conscience. I'm quite confident, Councilman Wharton, that you are a thoughtful, compassionate, and courageous individual. I'm certain that you have very good reasons for having conducted last night's meeting according to the formal constraints that shaped it. I anticipate that I am being, in your eyes, incredibly unrealistic and naive?that if I had the insight you have into the machinations of your institution, *Continued 2/4*</p>

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	Jesse Kohn	<p>the intransigency of time-honored procedure, the impossibility of any representational governmental body actually attuning itself to the multifarious wills and needs of the people it represents...?that if I had your intimate view of our city government I'd know you're doing the best you can. But because of this confidence I have in you, I also believe that if the form of last night's discourse required you to actually respond to your constituents?to listen responsibly, reponse-able-y, to listen in such a way that you would have been able to respond?had you been required to respond, I believe you literally could not have made the same decision you made to vote to approve the budget. In a way, the form of the council meeting wrenched you out of the ethical context of being in community, in dialogue with your constituents, so that you could eschew responsibility to your most vulnerable friends and neighbors in order to passively serve the interests of the most powerful. I write to you not as your enemy, but as a fellow ethical being struggling to positively intervene in an l'mense power structure I am complicit in and benefit from, an omnipresent flow of downward violence I neither bear the full brunt of nor am powerful enough to arrest or redirect. I imagine that in the case of defunding the SLCPD, the pressures of political and economic power prevent you from taking the People's demand seriously. (That said, the fact that city governments like those of Minneapolis and Albuquerque, LA and NYC have more adequately responded to their People's demand for abolition casts doubt on my hypothesis.)*Continued 3/4*</p>

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	Jesse Kohn	<p>*Continued 4/4* Because you and I have failed to use our relative positions of power to adequately challenge the violence that this budget will exert on our most vulnerable friends and neighbors?whether through police brutality or by dearth of needed social services?I am using my power today to empower you to reflect on another, more subtle way you might be able to interrupt the flow of violence, make a crucial, lasting impact on our city's wellbeing, and improve the equity of its citizenry. I call on you to reflect on the various forms of discourse through which the public can attempt to engage with you?emails, phone calls, council meetings, even voting. I call on you to reflect on each of these avenues and whether the formal demands inherent to them require you or exempt you from personally responding. I call on you to reflect on whether your being able to not respond to even an email like this nourishes or subverts the vision of democracy I trust we both aspire to. Finally, I call on you to use your position of power to make that position more accountable than it was when you were elected to it. I challenge you to challenge the forms of discourse that protect you and your fellow councilors from being in genuine dialogue with the people you'represent. If any of this is unclear or too abstract or dense to be of service to you, I'd be very happy to try to articulate my point again. I'm very grateful for your dedication to the wellbeing of our community, and as someone aspiring to be of greatest service to the most vulnerable among us, I am at your service inasmuch as you are at ours. Respectfully, Jesse Kohn</p>

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6/18/2020 10:30	Neisha Lockwood	City Council, I am extremely disappointed in the response to the outcries of your community. Why did we elect you if you aren't going to follow the will of the people? In view of the country, in a time of unprecedented pushes for change to our justice system, you have shown you care more about your own well-being than those of us who are less fortunate than you. People with disabilities, people with mental illness, minorities - we are all at risk and will continue to be because of your lack of support. I hope you consider what you have done carefully and the impact it will have on the actual community you serve. You are not helping us. You are helping the police. Period.

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6/18/2020 10:30	Jack O'Neill	<p>Hello, My name is Jack O'Neill. I am a resident of Salt Lake City, UT and I am emailing to demand the restructuring of our city budget, so as to prioritize more social services for our community, and to drastically minimize spending on Police. It is unconscionable that 1/3 to 1/2 of the city's budget is going to the police department. This does not align with the values that I have as your constituent and I demand that you and other city officials work together to draft and approve a budget that diverts funds from the police department and reallocates them directly to benefit those in need. Defunding the police and restructuring the budget is an absolute necessity now more than ever. Police perpetuate a pattern of excessive violence and force, especially directed towards Black People and their communities. The police refuse to hold their own accountable and this is unacceptable. We are in the middle of a global pandemic that has killed 100,000 Americans and more than 40 million people have filed for unemployment. Healthcare workers are without proper equi'ment and essential workers are not being fairly compensated or protected for the great work they do. We don't need more police, we need more social safety nets. Funds intended for police would be better off being sorted to initiatives that Enrich our public schools and students Provide more affordable housing and mental health care initiatives Protect and bolster our parks Support small businesses struggling due to COVID-19 Provide cheaper and cleaner modes of public transportation Our nation is grieving the deaths of Black Americans that were murdered at the hands of police officers who have yet to be held accountable. While the police department has more funding than it knows what to do with, we have communities who desperately need funding and every day they don't receive it their quality of life worsens. Thousands have died who did not need to. You have the ability to change this, so do it. Email ID: ffppThkoAB Sincerely, Jack O'Neill</p>

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6/18/2020 10:29	Jess Perry	Hello, My name is Jess Perry, I'm a resident of SLC, UT. I sent an email in regards to opposing the initial increase of the police budget. I'm happy to see a decrease now, but it's not quite what we asked for. I have to say, seeing the end of the email I received from you notifying me of the city budget, was incredibly patronizing. "As the Council Chair mentioned last night, to fix 400 years of entrenched racism, it will take more than a \$10, \$20, or \$30 million dollar funding 'fix' and we've got a lot more work to do on a policy level." One one hand, I'm glad that you understand 400 years of racism is hard to undo. On the other hand, no one said that a \$30 million budget cut would fix 400 years of entrenched racism. We demanded \$30 million as a FIRST STEP. I'm truly relieved to see that the increase of the budget didn't pass. But this took so much energy from so many people of SLC to demand this as the first step. \$5 million is weak, nowhere close to what we wanted to see as the first step. I understand there's a lot more to do than reallocating budgets. I hope to see bigger, better change in the very near future. I also hope to see a less patronizing response from the city council when it comes to changes in the near future. Thank you -Jess Perry
6/18/2020 10:29	PHIL Hansen	Is the council to assume that the majority of the people they represent want these changes??.. KNEE JERK TO THE FULLEST.. Let things quiet down and then take a look at things.. YOU ALL SADDEN ME-- This will kick you all in the "A" one day.. Phil Hansen SLC
6/18/2020 10:28	Jamie Reeves	Hello, Here is what I have to say today: DEFUND THE POLICE! Sincerely, Jamie Reeves

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6/18/2020 10:28	Patricia Peterson	Hello, Reviewing the Utah.gov site and looking at the calendar for the council, if the meetings in the attached screenshot would have given any indication of deciding on SLC PD funding, or defunding, I would have been there. Please note the special focus of these calendar items. I feel I'mensely disappointed to have missed an opportunity to participate in the public commentary heard on the subject. I also feel the council did an extremely poor job of inviting public commentary. Sincerely, Patricia Peterson
6/18/2020 10:28	James Ryan	Council, Do not bring that up on a ballot. Ask yourself who will you call when you need help? What if your child, mother, brother, sister is hurt... Who is going to help? You don't want the average citizen taking the law in their own hands. You will have blood on your hands when people are pitted against each other, interpreting the law their own way. If you dissolve the PD, then that means YOU have given up on your job and the people. More education, more training, more public (internet, TV) city council meetings with police reps telling us what they are doing to eliminate discrimination and bias. More engagement from community leaders in those meetings, because they have an equal responsibility to end this, even from their own constituents. Do not disband!

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6/18/2020 10:26	Sherry Peterson	<p>Dear Salt Lake City Mayor and City Council, We are so saddened and concerned to read that you have decided to withhold millions of dollars from funding the police. This is a time when we need to attract the best men and women that we can get to protect and defend our great city. Salt Lake City is the epicenter of the state and as such it attracts people from everywhere. The police have the responsibility of protecting not just the Salt Lake citizens but the hundreds of thousands of people that frequent the city. This is a time when the city should step up and find more funds for police protection. We do not want to be a marginally protected society that attracts lawlessness, looting, shootings, fires, theft, and the anarchy that we are witnessing around the country, forcing our citizens to carry guns for protection. Salt Lake needs to stay strong. You owe it to the men and women who willingly put themselves in harms way to protect you and your families as well as me and my family and friends and all those that are able to be in Salt Lake whether for an hour, a day, or a lifetime. Please reconsider your decisions by strengthening our police force. Show more respect for our police force, and fund their needs. Please reconsider your decision before it is too late! -- Sherry Peterson</p>
6/18/2020 10:24	Ira Hinckley	<p>Hello, I have been hearing much about police reform lately from the mob that wreaked havoc on our city recently. Here is the Police Reform I am proposing. I propose that the Mayor, City Council and all city officials that exercise control or the purse strings over the police department be required each year to participate in 40 hours of police ride alongs. I don't mean Sunday mornings around Temple Square, but critical, sensitive, criminal engaging rides after dark in dangerous areas. Perhaps after having to put their lives on the line as well, they would have a better appreciation for the dangerous jobs our Peace Officers have to do day in and day out. sincerely, Ira Hinckley resident</p>

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6/18/2020 10:22	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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6/18/2020 10:22	George Hurd	You cowardly, pseudo-woke, POS?s!! I want my goddamn money back!! I pay my taxes, and part of what I expect for my money is a fully funded goddamn police force!! I hope every man and woman in blue walks off the fucking job and leaves you pieces of shit to answer the goddamn 911 line and respond to the calls yourselves!! Every one of you should resign... now! Before you fuck something else up! Sent from my iPhone

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6/18/2020 10:20	Gabe Redondo	<p>This comment is directed to Mayor Mendenhall- Let me start by saying thank you for your service as Mayor to SLC. I have never served in public office, but I imagine it is not an easy road to take. I'm sure it can also be wonderfully rewarding at the same time. Your influence as Mayor can have a significant impact on SLC, and it is that impact I wish to speak to you about. I would like to pose a question to you, or anyone who would like to respond, with actual facts/data around the seemingly popular term systemic racism. What proof can you provide that Salt Lake City/Utah in general, is systemically racist, and therefore, our city police delt should be punished by cutting millions from their budget?? Do you really believe it is just to punish all good cops, because of the crimes of a few?? This de-funding you support will have a NEGATIVE impact on the overall goal to fix this. Also, I do not believe the police in this country are systemically racist, despite the definite bad ones out there. I ask, how is this going to make things better in any way, other than for you all to virtue-signal and score political points?? This decision will have a negative effect on our cops' ability to improve their policing tactics, especially when it comes to use of force. Police need more support than ever, not less, They need more training now more than ever, not less! If our goal is to END injustice, then more financial support is needed, not less. We need to take more time to develop better cops, through better training and better decision-making...and that takes more funding, not less. Most cops are good, decent people who put their lives at grave risk each and every day, especially now., and given how quickly this decision was made, I doubt you, or the city council, have given much thought to this decision, and the negative impact it will have. As a concerned citizen of this state, I appreciate your consideration to my comments. Sincerely, Gabe Redondo Sent from my iPhone</p>

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6/18/2020 10:26	Jackie Daniels-Brown	you've got to be kidding me. That is nowhere near what we, your community, wants! Utah is killing Black folks at a higher rate than any other state and you are doing almost nothing to change what IS NOT WORKING. Figure it out or you're going to continue having the exact same situation on your hands. We won?t stop protesting and we will vote you out unless you do your jobs! We need real action not placation.

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6/18/2020 12:48	Carlos Quintana	<p>My comment where directed to Mayor Mendenhall, but I will just copy you my concerns. First, yes I believe police brutality must not be tolerated; Yes, there may be some violent or racist cops but not most of them are bad; Yes, I believe racist acts must be investigated and prosecuted and that racism exists and is wrong and must be suppressed. But defunding the police will solve absolutely NOTHING. It is the dumbest idea and shows weak and l'mature leadership from this Council. You just made Salt Lake City a little less safe. Defunding or cutting the budget for the police department in a city that is growing as SLC is, it makes absolutely no sense. You are doing exactly the opposite of what smart and mature management should be in a fast growing city. This nonsense action will not solve any issue regarding police brutality or to combat racism in our city. Less police budgets will do nothing to identify, isolate or correct any bad officer. You did nothing to prevent any future violent case of racism or police brutality. Council member Analia Valdemoros and I come from Argentina, a country devastated and ruined by angry, unlawful, out of control and violent protesters, and by politicians who will do nothing to restore law and order and set a safe and secure environment for all citizens. Almost every day the streets of Buenos Aires are disrupted and affected by nonsense demonstrations of all kinds. Some are violent, and as it happened recently in SLC, protesters will cause destruction, repression to non-demonstrators or people that don't agree with them, they will burn other People's properties, break windows, they are looters and committed several crimes and so on. Is disappointing to see that City Council member Analia Valdemoros have learned nothing of the results and the consequences of the wrong policies, bad politics, incompetent and corrupted politicians that lead our country *Continued 1/2*</p>

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	Carlos Quintana	<p>*Continued 2/2* (Argentina) to chaos and an unsafe environment where criminals, violent protesters, toughs, angry mobs and mafias rule the city and country and have more power than the good people of the nation. Sadly, I see now some communities and cities here in the US going in that path of degradation of society. I hope this is not the case of SLC. You, Mayor, can not just base your policies and changes by just listening to these small groups of crazy protesters, you must listen and try to do what's best "For All Citizens" and not just a few loud immature young adults demonstrators that don't understand much of the complicity of the situation and neither care much about what's truth. Now you just give in to some of their demands but not all of them, and now they hate you for that. So now your little defunding of the police did nothing good to satisfy the ridiculous demands of the angry left mob and neither did good with the good decent citizens and hard working class of Salt Lake City. You even disappointed, insulted, disrespect and did a disgrace to our good police officers and law enforcement personnel. Please, don't make of Salt Lake City another Seattle or Chicago. Cities that now are not safe, not peaceful nor pleasant to live in. Defunding the police only makes sense to criminals, drunk drivers, domestic violence criminals, etc. They are the ones that benefit from that nonsense policy. Even if we have few less cops don't mean there may be a bad apple. You don't solve police brutality just by having less police force, or less trained or not properly equipped. Gun sales will go up if politicians keep defunding the police...</p>

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6/18/2020 12:28	Tana Frechem	<p>Hi Council member Valdemoros, I'm writing not about the budget (though I am quite disappointed with the council's decision yesterday!), but rather about another thing that I hope would be a step in the right direction of undoing the white supremacy that is built into the very foundations of our government and city: land acknowledgements. I noticed last night that the meeting paused a moment for the pledge of allegiance, and I think that the council would do well to create a land acknowledgment to be read at those meetings as well. Our city is built on stolen Ute, Goshute, and Shoshone land, land that was never given as ours. If the council truly wants to work toward undoing the white supremacy that exists in our community, I think a critical first step is peeling back the layers of settler-colonialism to be honest about where we are and how we got here. I've found some links to explain more about land acknowledgments and how to create one. I'll also attach one that Westminster College has used. Native Governance Center <https://nativegov.org/a-guide-to-indigenous-land-acknowledgment/> Teen Vogue <https://www.teenvogue.com/story/indigenous-land-acknowledgement-explained> (don't laugh, they do good activism and reporting!) The Westminster College example is attached as a PDF I also want to emphasize that it's important for the council to work actively with existing indigenous people to craft that statement. Thanks for your time, and I hope to hear back on whether this is something the council can move forward with. Tana Frechem (they/them)</p>

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6/18/2020 12:15	Annette Jurecki	<p>Dear SLC Council Members, I am a recent transplant from Northern, California and we moved here to Utah to put down roots and to make Utah home for a long time to come. We came for the family values Utah carries. Please do not make such cuts, just to follow anyone else's lead, but please make adjustments for the lives and citizens, who call Utah home. Utah is one one of the very few cities and states where children can ride their bikes and young moms can push their babies in a stroller without the fear of being mugged, or that teenagers can walk to their friends house or to the local mall or theater without being harrassed. Police officers' presence brings order, safety and security to our community and to the lives of those who reside here. Please do not tie the hands of your officers, so to speak. They are doing an outstanding job! We love Utah and we don't want to move. Your officers are smart, strong and are incredibly nice and hardworking. Please, perhaps, put the money to more and hands on training and tactics. Please honor these brave men and women that put their lives on the line each and every day, so we can live peaceably, free and productive lives. You have been given l'mense privilege and responsibility with the decisions you hold. Please make good and wise decisions on behalf of those who trust you and voted for you. I know you will do the right thing on behalf of all Utahns. Thank You For Your Time, Mrs. Jurecki</p>
6/18/2020 10:44	Kasey O'Connor	<p>Just great, looks like SLC bent the rubber knee and sucked up to radical organizations. Just to have ONE PERSON with backbone enough to call things as they are. So, are we also going to fund a training group to teach people to do what an officer tells you and not argue, refuse commands, and fight back.. Who has the 90% of the good officers' backs? Our spineless mayor, Governor, City Council, anyone??? NOPE, not a one... Kasey</p>
6/18/2020 10:29	Pam Peterson	<p>I TRULY hope those of you that voted to take money away from the Police DO NOT get voted in again!!!! You are Deplorable!! Sincerely, Pam Peterson Sent from my iPhone</p>

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6/18/2020 10:24	Heidl'manwaring	<p>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><https://u13947325.ct.sendgrid.net/wf/open?upn=-2F2kE4d6zW-2FK3bcRbEpDszpBhMjRkXSq1TroYRxmptEdI9nJI18v9-2F96Gd7RICnf7B7f2J-2BG7yFzEzwYMVA7TCn4ikEkIIHIVLeyS2ufPS-2B87GIEnDNZCOur56D-2BLVtBbPz-2BD-2BQaUY4Ub1TVNgMNSXrgEhJQ8KxJmAeNWevD4MAsuHU5hGbAq7NJOqyKOIRdWcRuiZQiFFAv0mUQAaumGR8vCZybn6hKm4eZxHL3CFn0-3D></p>